Principal’s Report

We have reached the magic halfway point in our term. Students are consistently coming in full school uniform, for which we are very grateful, and we thank you for your support on this. We are getting very positive feedback on our uniform and our refined procedure, and it is a pleasure to see kids engaging in this push, which is part of our new School Plan, 2015-2017. The improvement in uniform has been impressive and immediate. Mrs Groat is reporting a large increase in calls to her in her role as Uniform Shop organiser. Thank you to all those involved.

Thank you for your diligence in support of Year 12 students. In general they were very well behaved, and attendance at exams was excellent. Major works have been completed, and drama trials completed, and this marks the fast approaching end of our time with Year 12. Please remind students to maintain the highest standards of behaviour so that they can participate in all the celebrations we have planned for them. Year 12s have celebrated the successful completion of their trials with a BBQ last week, and this was very well earned.

This week we will be hosting some Japanese visitors to our school. Jay Lim has done a fabulous job for us in building a great relationship across schools in our area. One of our students, Taylor Harding, will be hosting a Japanese student at her home. The SRC will also be hosting a BBQ for our guests. Our students have, in the past, gone to Japan with Mr Lim and this is the reciprocal visit.

We will be advertising this visit again for 2016, when our students will have the opportunity to visit Japan. The cost for fourteen days is around $3000, which includes airfares, bullet train trips, and three nights in Kyoto and ten days staying with a Japanese family. It is fantastic value for money, and it is a local Camden initiative in conjunction with CIFA. More information within the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of our school

Regards
Mrs A.M. Kovac
Relieving Principal

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 8 September at 7:30pm in the school library. Please come and support your P&C.

Upcoming Events

- Science Fair: Thursday 20 August 2015
- Year 10 and Year 11 UWS Steps Workshop: Monday 24 August 2015
- Leadership Luncheon: Friday 28 August 2015
- School Assembly: Wednesday 2 September 2015
- Silver Award Morning Tea: Wednesday 2 September 2015
- NSW CHS Athletics Carnival: Thursday 3 September 2015 till Friday 4 September 2015
- Year 11 Yearly Exams: Monday 7 September 2015 till Monday 14 September 2015
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Library: Tuesday 8 September 2015
- Smart Start for Year 10: Thursday 10 September
- TASTER day for Mount Annan Primary School: Thursday 10 September 2015
- Gold Award Luncheon for Year 12 students: Friday 11 September 2015
- Year 11 Crossroads: Tuesday 15 September 2015 till Friday 18 September 2015
- TASTER day for Currans Hill Primary School: Thursday 17 September 2015
- Year 12 Picnic Day: Friday 18 September 2015
- Last day for Term 3: Friday 18 September 2015
- Public Holiday: Monday 5 October 2015
- Staff and Students Return for Term 4: Tuesday 6 October 2015

Deputy Principal Report

I would like to thank all of our parents for your support as we focus on school uniform. It is important to remember that the school uniform policy has not changed in any way, the only difference is there is just new procedures for students out of uniform, as well as a coordinated follow up to maintain our high expectations. Our school P&C decides on our school uniform that the school enforces. Please continue to encourage your children to be in correct school uniform, and if your children need to be out of uniform for any reason, please help them by providing a note and this will ensure a smooth start to each day.
Year 12 have recently completed the Trial HSC examinations and are entering their final weeks of classes. Last Tuesday, Mr Stubbs and Mrs Wellington organised for Year 12 to be involved in some team building and stress relief activities with a BBQ and games of Laser Tag on the back oval. Year 12 (and some teachers including me) had a lot of fun working in teams to win the game. Year 12 have also received their invitation to the formal this week along with a code of conduct in relation to the event. We are looking forward to more celebrations with Year 12 as we move through the term.

Congratulations to Rachael Gibson of Year 12 who has just returned from representing Australia overseas in Squash. As well as sitting the HSC, Rachael is also representing Australia at the Junior Commonwealth Games and Mount Annan High School at the CHS Championships in the coming months. Good luck Rachael!

Year 10 have recently finalised their subject selection with the Careers Advisers now going through each of the selections and interviewing students to ensure that students have suitable study patterns. Later this month the Year 10 students who went to UWS in May will be involved in some workshops in our library run by the University. This is a great program that supports students in their endeavour of higher education.

Year 8 students begin the subject selection process for their Year 9 electives over the next 2 weeks. Students will receive a subject selection booklet and letter outlining the process, followed by a workshop on subject choices before making their online choice.

12 talented Year 8 students and Mr Murray will be attending a Mind Marathon competition on Thursday 20 August and we wish them well.

Kristie Harris
Deputy Principal

CAPA and LOTE News

The CAPA faculty is very busy preparing for this year’s HSC Practical Exams. Students successfully presented their performances and projects for School Trial marking in Week 5 of this term.

The HSC Drama class Evening Showcase was held on Thursday 13 August. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the students to perform for an audience and gain valuable feedback before the Board of Studies markers visit the school and mark the performances under exam conditions. This exam this year was on Tuesday 18 August.

The HSC Music class shall perform their pieces as part of our lunchtime concerts on Fridays, Week B. At time of writing this report, the date of the exam is yet to be received.

CAPA wishes all of our HSC students great success in these coming exams.

At the Whole School Assembly last week, a representative from The Smith Family attended to receive funds raised by our concert last term – A Night At The Theatre. Funds raised included door takings, money raised by Mrs Brice’s popcorn stall, the P&C drinks counter and the SRC ran a multi day. The total was $1480. The Smith Family were impressed and grateful for our efforts. They commented that it was unusual for a high school to fundraise for them and they were mostly dependent on corporate sponsorship.

A Theatre Visit was attended by Year 11 Drama and English students recently to The Bell Shakespeare Sydney Opera House production of Romeo and Juliet. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school and enjoyed this extra-curricular opportunity to see one of the world’s most popular plays performed onstage.

Kerrie-ann Ridge
Head Teacher CAPA

LOTE News

Mr Lim’s address to the Whole School Assembly on Thursday 13 August

CIFA Trip to Japan

Today, I would like to talk about travelling to Japan. Same as every year, at the moment, 12 students and 2 leaders from Japan are staying in the Camden area. From our school, Taylor Harding in Year 8 is hosting one Year 11 girl from Japan, whose name is Mornoko Nakada. You have probably already seen her around the school. She is coming back tomorrow and attending a couple of classes with Taylor, and will be having a chat or participating in some school activities with you guys. Everyone, if you see her, please say hello in English, or “ohayou” or “konnichiwa” in Japanese.

This group of students are coming to Camden from Japan every year, as part of the exchange program. This program has been going for 20 years, and both the Camden council and the Kashiwa city council in Japan have been great supporters during these two decades. CIFA is the Camden International Friendship Association, and KIRA is the Kashiwa International Relationship Association. These two committees, from both councils have been organising this excellent exchange program that is happening every year.

When you go to Japan on this trip, you spend 10 days with host families in Kashiwa and then travel down to Kyoto, where you will stay for 3 days. When staying with your host families, you spend night times with them, but during the day, you gather together with other students in the morning and do many different types of activities. For example, a one day trip to Disneyland, where you can enjoy all kinds of fun rides and entertainment. Another day trip to Edo Wonderland in Nikko, where you can experience the Japanese Ninja and Samurai culture. You also visit 2 primary schools, and one secondary school, and have the chance to meet the mayor of Kashiwa city and the council members.

With your host family, during each night and 2 weekends, they will take you out to so many exciting and enjoyable places, such as sumo wrestling matches, Kabuki, which is the traditional Japanese play, and other places you want to visit. All students who went to Japan last year with me, which included Dylan Delaney in Year 10 and Kaitlyn Grant in Year 9, said that they were treated like princes and princesses. If you don’t mind being spoiled for 10 days, it would be a great experience.
After spending 9 days with your host families in Kashiwa, you then travel down to Kyoto by shinkansen (bullet train) and explore the city, including Hiroshima. While you are staying at a hotel for three days, you can visit many interesting places, such as the Todaji temple and deer park in Nara, where you can touch and feed the deer, and the worldwide famous floating Tori gate on Miyajima Island.

Finally, I hope you remember that you can participate in this trip while you are studying at Mount Annan High School between Year 8 and Year 11. I truly recommend that you consider joining, as you do not want to miss this once in a lifetime experience.

Anyone who is interested in this trip, you can come and get a brochure from me, outside the hall. I have about 30 brochures which will give you more detailed information about this trip.

Jay Lim
LOTE Teacher

Japanese School Excursion

The annual student exchange between high school students from Camden and Narellan areas and students from Kashiwa City in Japan is planned for the October holidays 2016.

If you are interested in finding out more details about this exciting opportunity please contact Jay Lim from MAHS on 4648 0111.

There will be an information evening early in 2016.

Year 12 Report

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who recently completed the Trial HSC Examinations. Teachers are very pleased with the way in which you conducted yourselves and put your best efforts in. We understand that this has been a difficult and stressful time, and we sincerely hope you achieve the results that you were after. Remember to stay focused on your studies until the end of this term as many subjects still have important coursework to be completed and, teachers will be finalising preparations for revision in readiness for the HSC examinations.

On Tuesday 11 August, Year 12 students were treated to a post-exam, team building, stress relief activity on the school oval. Students participated in two hours of laser skirmish and a BBQ that was ably cooked by several students themselves. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed themselves, running around, diving behind obstacles and, launching raids on their opposing teams. It was great to see all the students having fun and working well together.

Invitations and notes for the Year 12 formal have been issued to students. Full payment of $110 and the code of conduct note is required to the front office by the end of Term 3, before students leave for examinations. Students who have fundraised money will of course have discounts so please see Mr Stubbs for further information about this.

Mr Stubbs and Mrs Wellington
Year 12 Student Advisers

Make a Difference Day

On Friday 24 July, I had the pleasure to accompany 4 Year 10 students (Emily Backhouse, Lauren Cisłowski, Derrick Luvuhze and Johnny Mitchell) into the Parliament of New South Wales in Macquarie St, Sydney for the ‘Make a Difference Day’. The event was designed to provide students with an opportunity to explore how Australian democracy works and how they can engage as informed and active citizens in their schools and communities.

In Australia we are fortunate enough to have a political system that values fairness and equity however, this is not the case for all citizens around the world. This year (2015) commemorates many milestones in the development of democracy worldwide, including the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta, the founding document of English constitutional law; and the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Rides that investigated race relations in NSW country towns and living conditions for Aboriginal people. It is also the 25th Anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, which led to the demise of apartheid in South Africa four years later.

The students all participated in small group discussions on developing their knowledge and understanding of democracy and the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizenship. The highlight of the day was the keynote address by Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO who has quite a distinguished career and was recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List in 2014 for her lifetime of achievement in the fields of psychiatry, tertiary education, indigenous issues, public administration and as the Governor of New South Wales since 2001, but most significantly her term as Governor of New South Wales that ended in October 2014.

Mrs J Savage
Relieving Year 10 Year Adviser
Year 8 Student Adviser’s Report

Term 3 has been a busy time for students in Year 8. Following the end of the first semester, a significant number of students changed their classes based upon their academic performances and educational needs. I am pleased to say that students have settled in well in their new classes, and are working steadily to meet course requirements for each subject area.

On the topic of subject areas, this week heralds the start of the process for subject selections for elective subjects in Year 9, 2016. This is the first opportunity for students to have input into some of the subjects they will study next year. During Week 5, students were issued with a Subject Selection booklet that describes a large number of subjects being placed on offer for next year. Students will be asked to take this booklet home to discuss the subjects on offer with their parents or guardians so that everyone involved in the process can make an informed decision about the best pattern of study for each student with regards to elective subjects. Students will also receive a more detailed information sheet outlining exactly what they have to do throughout this term to complete their subject selections for 2016.

With regards to the M.A.H.S. Merit Award Scheme, Year 8 has been making excellent progress throughout this year. Congratulations go to the following students who recently achieved their Bronze Level Awards:

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With a busy term only half way through, and many important decisions to be made with regards to Year 8 students, please feel free to contact me here at the school if you require any assistance.

Regards,
Mr C Murray
Year 8 Student Adviser

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NSW School-Link Magazine

Please find attached an interesting parenting magazine with information regarding anxiety apps, scholarships for students in community housing and other mental health information.

Macarthur No Interest Loan Scheme

Macarthur NILS lends up to $1200.00 for a variety of essential household items such as refrigerators, washing machines, household furniture and computers. We also lend for essential services such as green slips.

Our loans can also help families with children take part in school camps, major sporting representation, and to have complete school uniforms.

Repayments are tailored to suit your budget and start at around $30 a fortnight.

All of our loans have no interest and no charges.

You can apply for a loan if you have lived in the Macarthur area for the past three months, have a Health Care Card or a Centrelink Pension Card, and have enough in your budget to easily repay a loan.

To apply please call us on 4625 6487 or email us at admin@macarthurnils.org.au. We are located at 22 Iolanthe Street, Campbelltown.

We have also attached our service’s brochure for your information.

Book Week - Next Gen Trivia

The Camden Council Library Services are running a Next Gen Trivia afternoon at Narellan Library on Saturday 22 August to celebrate Book Week! The event will take place from 1pm - 2:30pm.

This is a FREE event and is for anyone aged 12 years and above. Book a table of 6 or join a table on the day.

There will be LOTS of prizes and giveaways!

Places are limited and bookings can be made by visiting http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/bookings

Bookings are now open!

Regards,
Jodie Dench
Community Project Officer - Youth
Camden Athletic Club

Camden Athletic Club was established in the early 1930s and has had a long history of producing fine athletes to represent our area across the years. 2015 has seen the club celebrate its 40th consecutive year of competition.

Camden Athletic Club meets on Friday nights at Onslow Oval.

We have our registration nights for this season on the first three Thursday evenings in August at the Narellan Town Centre.

Kind Regards
Andrew Hreszczuk
President Camden Athletic Club

Camden Youth Outreach

Please find attached information on an assortment of activities offered through Camden’s Youth Outreach program.

P&C Fundraising News

As a P&C fundraising initiative, we have joined the Quickbeds Grassroot Fundraising Program. For every hotel accommodation that parent’s book through Quickbeds, using our unique club code and link, our school will receive a percentage of the booking cost.

For more information, please collect a leaflet from the office or contact Brooke Groat on 4648 0111.

Michelle Delaney
Fundraising Co-ordinator

The Next E-Newsletter

The next E-Newsletter will come out on Wednesday 2 September 2015.
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