



From The Headmaster's Desk

As many of you know it has been a very sad fortnight in the life of Macarthur, particularly for the students in Year 12. A student, Aaron Fryer, who left Macarthur only a short time ago to take up a much sought after plumbing apprenticeship was tragically killed on his work site. Understandably this has had a devastating impact on the Year 12 cohort but as always I am very proud of the way that they supported each other during the week and especially at the funeral last Friday.

I am sure that you join with me in your condolences and prayers for Aaron's family. Please also continue to pray for the students and the staff who are grieving Aaron's death.

This week Year 12 were supposed to sit for their examinations but given the circumstances they have been rescheduled for after the Easter break. Years 8, 9 and 10 have been completing their examinations over this past week with Year 11 Half-Yearly Examinations scheduled for mid Autumn Term.

A few weeks ago we had the joy of another Grandparent's Day. It is always a delight to

welcome to the School grandparents who do so much by way of supporting the education of their grandchildren. I have no doubt that they enjoyed the day in the classrooms and were thoroughly entertained by the concert that the Transition to Year 4 students put on for them.

I would like to thank the Grandparents for their very kind donations over the past few years which has resulted in a wonderful set of new play equipment in the Junior School play ground as well as their support of the Book Fair to assist with raising money for additional literacy aids (Big Books) for our youngest learners.

The end of this term of course coincides with Easter. It is the time in the Christian calendar where we are encouraged to reflect on God's underserved mercy in sending his Son Jesus to die a most horrible death on the cross for our individual sins. In doing this, God could not have demonstrated his love for us in any greater way. Take the time over Easter to reflect on God's graciousness to you and your family and thank Him!

Grandparent's Day!



From The Dean of Studies

Australian Curriculum

Assessment is important in determining how much a student knows and understands. At Macarthur, we assess in a variety of ways. We recognise that it is important to assess the process of what students do as well as the product. In assessing the process, teachers are able to give students feedback so they can keep improving before having their final work assessed. Teachers use a wide range of strategies (both formal and informal) to assess student progress. These include recording observations, using checklists and classroom interactions. Some of the best ways to improve student learning are for the students to assess themselves and have their peers assess them too.

While we still test and examine our students, we recognise that this is not the only way to assess student understanding. This led to our shift last year in examining fewer subjects for the Half-Yearly Assessment periods. Years 8 and 9 students have completed examinations in English, Mathematics and Science. In addition

to these, Year 10 students have been examined in Australian History and Australian Geography. Results from these examinations will appear on the Reports which will be issued mid Autumn Term.

Progress Reports

Parents of students in T-6, Year 7 and Year 11 will shortly be receiving progress reports. This will provide parents with a snapshot into how the students are applying themselves in class. They are not meant to show achievement at this stage.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents of students in Transition to Year 4, Years 7 and Year 11 will soon be invited to attend Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday 30 April (Week 2 of Autumn Term). These are designed so that parents can touch base with their child's teacher(s) and discuss aspects such as their effort and behaviour.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley
Dean of Studies

Uniform Shop Hours during The Easter Break.

Week commencing Monday 9 April the Uniform Shop will be closed.

Monday 16 April, Wednesday 18 April and Thursday 19 April the Uniform Shop hours will be 9.00am-3.00pm.

If your student requires new winter uniforms now is the time to come for a visit.

Uniform change over will take place on Monday 14 May 2012.

From The Dean of Students

Thailand Outreach

The Thailand Outreach Team for 2012 arrived back in Australia on Friday 23 March after spending two weeks immersing themselves within the Thai culture and battling the thickly polluted atmosphere in temperatures around 30-35 degrees. Despite these difficulties, every student gave of themselves in different ways, either through their singing, drama, teaching skills or simply getting alongside children and playing with them.

The Thailand Outreach programme has been running for over seven years, and each successive year builds on the relationships established in previous years. It is this unique bond between the Varee Chiang Mai School and Macarthur that allows the Gospel message to be presented to students and teachers without compromise. The singing and skits performed by our students at the beginning of each day clearly articulate the love that Jesus has for the Thai children and often the same children return for years to come.

Throughout the trip, our students were given the opportunity to visit Jim and Linda Macintosh at the James O. Fraser centre in Chiang Dao. Linda is a past student of Macarthur and, with her family, has committed to training and discipling people from the Lisu tribe who in turn will pastor the villagers in their own language. For our students, seeing the commitment and the change of lifestyle of

'one of their own', broadened the concept of Outreach onto the world platform.

Our students were sadly confronted by the hardships experienced by children suffering from HIV while visiting the Agape Orphanage – the home for up to one hundred homeless children. It was during this visit that the

privileged and the underprivileged met and the fragility of life was seen first hand. This was an emotional occasion for all involved, and I am sure another aspect of this trip that influenced the worldview of our students. I am looking forward to continuing our link with

Agape and

encourage those students who

visited to remember these children when considering their own material well being.

There can be no doubt that this trip is an Outreach in every sense of the word. As a Christian Ministry, the Team expound the love of God through song and drama. As an Outreach to one another, the Team learn to live in close community and daily pray together and take part in bible reading and discussion. In giving of themselves, despite the cultural differences and weariness that sets in, our students reached out beyond their comfort zone into the lives of the Thai people. This trip was truly an expression of God's workmanship and life changing for all those who formed the Team.

Timothy Cartwright
Dean of Students



Macarthur Family Chapel

6 April 2012
8 April 2012
15 April 2012

6 May 2012
27 May 2012
1 July 2012

Good Friday – 9.30am
Easter Sunday – 9.30am
Jews for Jesus – demonstration of traditional Passover feast items - 9.30am
Confirmation with Bishop Hayward - 9.30am
Missionary Visit - the Vinks from Lightning Ridge - 9.30am
Missionary Visit - the Balls from Ireland - 9.30am



Community Chat

Talk Back Thursday finished the term with a visit to The Evangelical Sisters Of Mary at Theresa Park. The morning concluded with a morning tea provided so generously by the Sisters. All who attended had a delightful time.

The Camden Show, held last week, provided a great opportunity to showcase Macarthur. The School marquee attracted many people. The interactive display gave opportunity for the young and young at heart to try their hand at the violin and many other musical instruments. The smaller children were entertained with painting, bubbles and much more. The weekend provided great opportunity for staff and students to come together under the Macarthur banner.



The
Headmasters Golf

Challenge is being held next Tuesday. I wish all participants the best of luck. I am sure we will have some great photos ready for the next edition of the Bulletin.

Our Community Partner Programme continues to grow with another local business about to become an Annual Partner. I look forward to bringing you more information regarding this early next term.

Macarthur Anglican has also been offering support to our own local businesses and community groups recently. Macarthur has most recently offered sponsorship to The Camden Show Society and The Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society of Camden. I look forward to watching these relationships develop over the coming years.



W@M are busy planning the Annual High Tea. This event will be held on Saturday 28 April at Harrington Grove. Tickets are available on line. The group is currently seeking donations for this event that may be used as a lucky door prize or silent auction item. If you are able to assist with this request please contact me. You may have read earlier about the request for gifts for the P@F Mothers Day stall. This stall will be held on 8 and 9 May. Please send gifts wrapped in clear cellophane with your child to their classroom. This is a very special time of year for the Junior School children; they love to buy gifts to spoil their mum's. W@M will again be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Please watch for more information regarding this event.

M@M held their monthly BBQ breakfast on 23 March. It was a great success and great community building opportunity. It was good to see the rain stay away for this event. M@M is planning to host a BBQ lunch for the Cross Country event being held on Friday 4 May. A State of Origin big screen showing is being planned for Wednesday 23 May. Please keep this date free for this family event which will be held at the School. A Men's Health and Wellbeing Workshop is also in the process of being planned by the M@M.

Members of W@M, Diane Brinkworth and Vicki Scheffer assisted with the fundraising activities at Grandparent's Day this year. Thank you ladies for all your support once again. Funds raised at this event so far are in excess of \$800. Both Th. eBook Fair and bulb stall were a great success.



Thank you Kylie Lyons from Handprint photography for co-ordinating the roaming photograph opportunities for grandparents. Please remind your families to order their photos online using the password issued to them at the event. A special thank you to all students from the photography club who participated in this event.

Funds raised at Grandparent's Day continue to grow as we sell the last of the bulbs and funds from photo orders are generated.



For queries or information please contact Sharon Pascoe-Thomas at spascoethomas@macarthur.nsw.edu.au

Camden Show

Victoria Buda (Yr 9), Samuel Buda (Yr 6) and Ethan Perich (Yr 2) showed dairy cattle at the Camden Show for their family farm Leppington Pastoral Company. Great success was had with the family winning Supreme Champion dairy cow. Victoria, Samuel and Ethan did a great job in the junior handlers parade placing fourth, ninth and seventh respectively out of thirty five participants. Well done!



Swimming Achievements

NASSA and AICES Swimming

Congratulations to our swimming teams who represented Macarthur so well at the NASSA swimming Carnivals. At the NASSA Junior carnival we placed fifth overall and we were placed fourth in the Senior carnival. For the first time Macarthur won the intermediate division at the Senior carnival by just two points over The Illawarra Grammar School. Congratulations to the following students who progressed to the next level.

Years 3-6: Jackson Buda, Lauren Ward, Makenzie Kautz, Charlie Smith, Rose Jansen, Harrison Neumann, Callum Masjuk and Ruby Kennett-McLaughlin.

Years 7-12: Robert Alexander, Adam Ebeling, Brandon Lamb, Nicholas Masjuk, Lucas Messer, Aidan Oey, Andre Pearce, Austin Perich, Luke Perich, Alicia Alchin, Katrina Azzopardi, Amy Bartlett, Courtney Cross, Kaylie Ekinci, Ellen House, Abbie Jenkins, Lindsay Jones, Jessica McGuinness, Ashlee Perich, Bessie-Lucile Platt, Jack Roberts, Sophia Seton, Ashleigh Sherrell and Melissa Zenkis.

CIS Junior Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who represented NASSA at the CIS Junior Swimming Carnival. The Carnival is a huge step up from School and NASSA level. The competing students were Callum Masjuk (6H) Senior Butterfly - fifth in heat
Ruby Kennett-McLaughlin (6H) Senior Butterfly - third in heat
Makenzie Kautz (3W) Junior Butterfly - sixth in heat
Lauren Ward (3W) 9 Years Free - fourth in heat
Rose Jansen (2D) 8 Years Free - seventh in heat
Mackenzie Kautz (3W), Harrison Neumann (4R), Charlie Smith (4R), Jackson Buda (4R) Junior Boys Free Relay - seventh in heat
Caitlin Sendt (5G), Djannie Platt (5G) and Amelia Giakoumelos (GATEway) were also members of the 2012 NASSA team. This is Macarthur's largest number of students who have qualified for CIS in quite some time. CONGRATULATIONS.

With grateful thanks to our Annual Community Partner



Congratulations!

Sporting Achievements

State Little Athletics Homebush

Bessie-Lucile Platt (Yr 10) was placed seventh overall in the U16 400m final and fifth overall in the 200m final.

Matilda Offord (Yr 7) is the new State U12 3000m Champion.

Benjamin Tisdale (Yr 7) won a silver medal in the U12 1500m walk.

Lauren Tisdale (4N) won the bronze medal in U9 700m walk. Well done everyone!

Australian Athletic Nationals

Congratulations to Bessie-Lucile Platt (Yr 10) who competed in the U16 400 m Australian Nationals at Homebush. Bessie-Lucile came twelfth in this event.

Cycling

Maire Playford (Yr 10) competed in the ACT Cycling's Omnium and won the bronze medal in the U17 girls race. Maire competed in six different cycling events to win third place overall.

Girls Basketball

Emilija Jez (Yr 11) has been selected in the AICES Open Girls Basketball Team.

Junior Soccer

Liam Wright (GATEway) was selected in the NASSA Junior Soccer Team.

Touch Football

Maire Playford (Yr 10), Micah Dibella (Yr 12), Ainsley Bell (Yr 12), MacKenzie Edgington (Yr 10), Matilda Offord (Yr 7), Rachel Newton (Yr 9), Amy Perich (Yr 7) and Trent Sierra (Yr 9) have all been selected in NASSA Touch Football Teams.

At the NASSA Gala Day the Open and U15 boy's teams were placed fifth overall, the U15 girls placed third and the open girls won the title.

Hockey

Isobelle Offord (Yr 9) and Victoria Kennett-Smith (Yr 9) were members of the NASSA U16 girls Hockey Team that played in the AICES U16 Hockey Tournament at Bathurst. Four girls from NASSA were selected in the AICES team.

NASA Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to our senior girls Netball team. They achieved sixth place. Thank you Mrs Daley for all your time and effort as coach.

Success at Judo Tournaments

Janusz Prociuk (Yr 11) won the NSW State title in the U19 men under 60kg division.

Andrzej Prociuk (Yr 10) has been competing in the U81kg Cadet Men's division winning the Canberra International Open, The Brisbane International Open and the Shoalhaven Open Tournaments. Andrzej now ranks first in the Judo Federation of Australia (JFA) National Junior Rank for this weight category and has been selected to represent Australia in the Oceania Judo Union Championships in Cairns. We wish Andrzej all the best as he competes.

NASSA Netball Reps



Congratulations to Katherine Harris (Yr 11), Emily Newton (Yr 11), Courtney Cross (Yr 10) and Emma Houghton (Yr 10) who were chosen in the NASSA open team. Rachel Newton (Yr 9) and Danielle Glynn (Yr 9) were selected in the U15 team. Macarthur has the greatest number of girls selected. Well done.



**Women@
Macarthur
High Tea
Harrington Grove.**

**Saturday 28 April
1.30 for 2pm start
Cost:\$50.00**

**Fashion parade:
Queenspark.**

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QUEENSPARK



REFLECTIONS

It's been a very busy and industrious term. It is pleasing to see the students settled in to their new classes and routines and enjoying coming to school each day. Progress Reports will be sent home to all families this week. These are meant to show parents how their child is settling in to class and school routines both academically, socially and emotionally. Parent-teacher interviews will follow these reports on Monday 30 April.

I pray the Lord will bless you and your families over the upcoming Easter break and may your hearts be filled with thanksgiving and praise to God for all that he has done for us. Prayers are extended to you all for a safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back ready to commence Autumn Term.

DANCE 326

Dance 326 will be here again very soon for students in Years 3 – 6. Our annual disco will be held in the Gymnasium on Friday 11 May from 6.30 – 8.30pm. This is an event run by the School and Middle School Prefects with an aim to providing a fun and energetic social evening for the younger members of the School. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their special dance moves and take some advice from the older, more experienced dancers. Music is provided by a student DJ, with drinks and snacks available for sale. A note will be sent home early in Autumn Term outlining further details.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Our Mother's Day Breakfast will be held early next term on Friday 11 May. We will be having a Mother's Day stall again this year where students can purchase a gift for their mum. If each child could bring in a present for the stall we would appreciate gifts up to the value of \$10. Please wrap gifts in clear cellophane and give to your child's class teacher next term.



TIGER DAY

Many thanks to the students in the Junior School for raising over \$1100 to go to St Michael's School in Tanzania. The boys and girls participated in a colouring competition, guessing competition and purchased tiger cupcakes, orange jelly cups and tiger tail biscuits. There were several students who donated their pocket money on the day. What a wonderful way to show how we can serve others. A special thank you goes to the Year 6 student leaders who assisted as well as the many creative parents who made all the delicious food to sell on the day.



MAKING FRIENDS IN TRANSITION WITH MRS MORSE AND MRS PLESKUN



STUDENTS IN TRANSITION
ENJOYING EACH OTHERS
COMPANY

Making friends is an important part of children's early development.

Each day Transition children work and play with their friends. They are learning to be part of a class. The boys and girls enjoy experimenting with taking turns in the games that they play.

In Transition, friends share funny stories, make beautiful pictures, play games together in the playground and take care of each other.

FRIENDS ARE SPECIAL



MIKAYLA AND MATILDA



SAVANNAH AND TESS



ELEANOR AND DYLAN

GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2012



Mia Leckey and her Grandmother



Amy Fairlie and her Grandparents



Oliver Tyshkovsky and his Grandmother



The Macarthur Reading Quilt

On Friday 23 March grandparents were treated to a special concert in the Gymnasium as part of Grandparents' Day celebrations. Before classroom activities commenced the grandparents enjoyed some morning tea together. Many spent time visiting the book fair and constructing the Macarthur Reading Quilt. Our 'Share a Story' theme this year was developed to coincide with the National Year of Reading. There were many discussions about favourite literature - both old and new.

A bible verse from Luke reads 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' Macarthur is a place committed to growing God's kingdom, one child at a time. We are reminded in this passage that these children are God's children and our future and our hope lies in them. Grandparents' Day 2012 was a day of creating special memories together.



Jackson Neumann as 'The Bear' in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.'

SPECIAL TIME WITH GRANDPARENTS



Joshua and Caitlin Sendt and family



Caitlin and Zachary Fielder and family



Brian Shao and his family



Ethan Watts and his family



Lachlan and Rowan Hey and their Grandma



Sophie, Amelia and Thomas Patterson and family

Dr Vicki Patterson Visits Year 3 and 4

On Thursday 8 March local chiropractor Dr Vicki Patterson spoke to Year 3 and 4 students about the Human Body. Students were treated to a very interactive session and were given bone key rings as prizes. Students enjoyed being involved in the presentation and learnt many interesting facts about some of the muscles and bones in our amazing bodies.



Year 1 and Year 10 - Animations

Year 1 students had the opportunity to visit one of the Year 10 Information and Software Technology classes. Year 10 students created animations based on topics Year 1 were learning about. The younger students were able to watch, listen to and interact with the animations created. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for both grades. The students in Year 10 enjoyed seeing their animations being used by the younger students. It gave the whole task a real purpose. The Year 1 children asked many questions and are looking forward to more opportunities to visit classes in the Middle and Senior school in the future.



Senior Citizen's Concert

On Wednesday 21 March students in the Junior Choir travelled to the Camden Civic Centre to perform at the Senior Citizen's Concert. There was much excitement, particularly for our youngest participants, as it was their very first experience taking part in such a big performance. The Junior Choir delighted the audience of grandparents with a stirring rendition of *Feed the Birds* from *Mary Poppins*, followed by an upbeat traditional African spiritual song, *Amani Utupe*.

All of the students should be commended for their beautiful behaviour, wonderful singing and for such a speedy uniform change when returning to school.

Ms Fiona Coleman



What's happening the School Library - K to 6?

The Library has been a hive of activity this term with our new Transition and Kindergarten students enjoying the chance to come in and select a book to take home. They have been learning about library procedures and all students are doing well and showing an early love of great literature.

The most popular books for our younger students have been the Franklin books by Pauline Bourgeois and the Hairy Maclary books by Lynley Dodd. As always Where's Wally by Martin Handford and anything Star Wars related are perpetual favourites.

Our Stage Two students have been using books, encyclopedias and the internet to research the question 'What is the Strongest Muscle in Your Body?'. We have been surprised by how many of the students had never seen a set of encyclopedias before, a big change from previous years! Obviously the information age is changing things and we had a great discussion about how you would do your homework if the electricity was cut off!

The students were interested to find out that the school subscribes to Britannica Online Encyclopedia and that they can access it from home with their school username and password. The widget is on the top right hand corner of the Intranet home page.

We also learned about Wikis, how they are put together and how their collaborative nature means that we can't guarantee accuracy of information and so places like Wikipedia are not reliable sources. Britannica Online provides a great first stop alternative to Wikipedia for students.

2012 is the National Year of Reading and the library has many promotions running to celebrate. Grandparents Day has been a great opportunity to share a love of literature in families and support the school in purchasing resources for the T-6 students with the proceeds from the book stall run by The Children's Bookshop. The children had a wonderful time selecting books with their grandparents.

For our Year 3 students and above the Headmaster's Reading Award will start at the beginning of next term. What a great opportunity to find a book to escape into and enjoy. We hope you all have the opportunity to do that during the Easter break. Happy Reading!



From the Head of Middle School...

Parent-Teacher Interviews and Progress Reports

Parent/Teacher Interviews for students in Years 8 and 9 have formed a main focus in recent weeks and I trust that those families who had the opportunity to meet with teachers on Thursday 15 March found these sessions valuable. Whilst these evenings are very important in establishing lines of communication, they are a great opportunity for parents to find out how your child has settled into the new routines of new classes and subjects. Further opportunities are available throughout the year for parents to meet with teachers and engage in specific discussions relating to student progress. In saying this, every day is a potential opportunity for a meeting with staff should the need arise and appointments can be made by contacting the Administration Office.

Interviews will be held early in the Autumn Term for families in Years 5 - 7 and later in the year for families in Year 8 and 9, so the opportunity still remains for you to meet formally with your child's teacher.

Progress Reports were recently posted home for students in Years 8 and 9 and will arrive very shortly to Year 5 - 7 families. It was a pleasure to read through these reports and to note the pleasing progress and efforts being made by students. I look forward to seeing such a positive start to the year being maintained and further developed over the coming months.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day, a very special and significant annual event on the School

Calendar, was again a wonderful day of celebration and sharing. It was truly a pleasure to welcome such a large number of grandparents to the School to celebrate the unique contribution that grandparents make to the lives of our students and to share in the unique togetherness that was enjoyed on the day. Students really enjoyed sharing in the concert, spending time in the classroom and travelling to peruse the Book Fair with their grandfathers and grandmothers.



Study Skills

When summarising notes, it is important to use a range of styles and techniques. The use of mindmaps and charts can be an invaluable tool, especially for the visual learner!

Be sure to use a lot of colour in the mindmaps you create for revision and memorising as this can aid the brain to retain the information you are examining.

Endeavour to include an acronym or two in your mindmaps. There are a number of excellent computer programmes and apps available that you can also take advantage of to create some of your mindmaps electronically.

Please remember to devote at least an hour to homework and study each night to maximise your success at school!

ART GALLERY EXCURSION



Year 5 and 6 travelled to the Art Gallery of NSW on Thursday 29 March. They enjoyed perusing the ArtExpress Exhibition comprised of Year 12 HSC Major Works and viewing a range of modern and traditional art, particularly the pieces of a range of Impressionists.



JACQUELINE HARVEY VISITS



We were privileged to host best selling children's author Jacqueline Harvey last Wednesday. Students enjoyed participating in a seminar on her books and the manner in which she developed their storylines and characters as well as partaking in a writing workshop which enabled them to hone their writing skills.



Winter Uniform

Please be reminded that winter is just around the corner (as I am sure that you can feel with some cooler and foggy mornings already)! As we approach the change to Winter Uniform early next term, please be aware that students in the Middle School are required to wear the following:

Boys:

Mid grey trousers, black belt, short dark grey socks, white long sleeved shirt, Macarthur tartan tie, bottle green v-necked jumper with gold stripes, blazer.

The Blazer is to be worn to and from school during Autumn and Winter Terms. The jumper must NOT be worn without the blazer to and from school.

Girls:

Macarthur tartan pinafore dress which should touch the floor when kneeling, long sleeved white blouse with frilled peter pan collar, bottle green v-necked jumper, black opaque tights, blazer.

School hat to be worn on formal occasions where desired.

The Blazer is to be worn to and from school during Autumn and Winter Terms. The jumper must NOT be worn without the blazer to and from school.

May we draw your attention to the uniform requirements relating to jumpers and blazers. Students must wear a blazer and jumper, or blazer only, in public. This includes arrival and departure times. Jumpers only are not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Parents and Friends

A reminder that the Mother's Day Stall will be upon us shortly after the Easter holiday break. Please give some consideration to supporting this important event in the School Calendar through purchasing a Mother's Day gift for the stall up to the value of ten dollars. If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane and be brought in next term to your child's class teacher, it would be greatly appreciated.



CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Choral Ensemble who performed a superb rendition of 'Jesus will Reign' at the Senior Citizens' Week Concert held at Camden Civic Centre on Wednesday 21 March. The Ensemble also performed the same piece magnificently at the Grandparents' Day Concert. Our gratitude to Miss Fiona Coleman for the wonderful work that she has done with these students and to the boys and girls themselves who have practised well to reach such a high standard!

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UNIFORM AWARDS



Alexandra Hennings



Keegan Potgieter

Natalie Ristancevski



Harrison Barrett

GATEWAY QUEST



What a great day!

We were privileged to host almost sixty students for the recent GATEWay Quest enrichment day at Macarthur Anglican School. Students from Year 1 to Year 9 had a whale of a time designing and programming Lego Robots, building and flying rockets, performing amazing acrobatic feats, constructing superb, imaginative artworks, solving murders with Science, filming clay animations and developing computer programmes. As you can see from the photographs, the list goes on and on and a wonderful day was had by all!



Clockwise L to R: Three Finger Fabric Painting, Lego Robotics and The Kidnap of Jamie Lawson



ROCKETRY



AMAZING ACROBATICS



CLAYMATION

EDUCATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

What skills will the 21st Century Learner require?

CORE SUBJECT AND 21ST CENTURY THEMES

1. GLOBAL AWARENESS
2. FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC,
BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURIAL
LITERACY
3. CIVIC LITERACY
4. HEALTH LITERACY
5. ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

LIFE AND CAREER SKILLS

1. FLEXIBILITY AND
ADAPTABILITY
2. INNOVATION AND SELF-
DIRECTION
3. SOCIAL AND CROSS-
CULTURAL SKILLS
4. PRODUCTIVITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY
5. LEADERSHIP AND
RESPONSIBILITY

With the advent of a new national curriculum at the forefront of our minds, with implementation planned over the next few years in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History with a range of additional subjects to follow, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the changing nature of the world in which we live and the complex range of skills that students require to engage with their world. In *21st Century Skills: A Resource to Understanding*, the author Caroline Bucky argues that students require skill sets which encompass:

- **Core Subject and 21st Century Themes,**
- **Life and Career Skills,**
- **Learning and Innovation Skills,**
and
- **Information and Media
Technology Skills.**

LEARNING AND INNOVATION SKILLS

1. CREATIVITY AND
INNOVATION
2. CRITICAL THINKING AND
PROBLEM SOLVING
3. COMMUNICATION AND
COLLABORATION

INFORMATION, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

1. INFORMATION LITERACY
2. MEDIA LITERACY
3. ICT (INFORMATION,
COMMUNICATIONS AND
TECHNOLOGY) LITERACY

ROTARY CLUBS OF MACARTHUR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLACK DOG INSTITUTE AND AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Free community education and awareness seminar for parents,
teenagers and people who work with young people

NAVIGATING TEENAGE DEPRESSION

Come and learn about:

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- How to spot early warning signs
- How to communicate with a young person
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- Where to seek help
- How to build resilience



WHERE: Campbelltown Civic Centre, Cnr Queen and
Broughton Streets, Campbelltown

WHEN: Wednesday 18th April 2012

TIME: 7.00pm-9.00pm

Light refreshments provided

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Website: www.blackdoginstitute.org.au



BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

Summer Term Ends

Every school term at Macarthur is busy and this one has been no exception. Camp, University of Wollongong Discovery Day, Study Skills Sessions with Elevate Education, Swimming Carnivals, Thailand Outreach, Examinations and now Show Time. Just to name some of the goings on over this term.

Year 10 have been completing their Half Yearly Exams and looking forward to a break over the Easter period. Year 11 and 12 have their examinations facing them next term.

The progress reports have been sent home for all those in the Senior School now. These give parents a snap shot of how their child has progressed so far. For those who have children in Year 10 and 12 and missed the Parent Teacher night on the 15 March and would like to know more about how your child is progressing it would be worth contacting the appropriate Head of House. For those who have children in Year 11 you will have an opportunity to meet and talk to the teachers at the 7 and 11 Parent Teacher Night on Monday 30 April in the Gymnasium. A letter

about booking times should go home this week.

Over these holidays it is important for students to have a balance between their down time and preparing for the term ahead. Those in Year 11 and 12 especially need to be preparing for their examinations, consolidating what they have learnt through the term. For those who are completing subjects that have Major Works it is important that you keep chipping away otherwise your work load next term will be tremendous.

In this issue of Senior School Matters you will find information about the Europe Tour in 2013 and the upcoming Silver Duke of Edinburgh hike in the holidays. A report of what the Prefects have been up to this term and Careers News.

To all the families in the Senior School I wish you a safe and restful Easter remembering what Jesus has done for each of us.

Matthew 16:21



Students Preparing for Show

Other Information

Information Evening for the History Europe Tour 2013



Owing to the popular support of Macarthur families for the bi-ennial History Europe Tour, we are currently oversubscribed for the 2013 site study.

As a result we have increased the size of the group travelling to slightly over our intended cut-off mark of thirty.

The next stage of our planning and preparation will involve an information evening on Thursday April 26th at 7.00pm in the Chapel.

During this time we will outline the nature and purpose of the tour, explain the itinerary, and answer any and all questions which parents and their budding jet-setters may have at this stage.

It will also provide an opportunity to meet with the staff who will be travelling on the tour – all seasoned veterans of previous History European Site Studies.

Later in October this year we will conduct a final information evening with our tour operator, Educational Travel Service, who will speak to the group and discuss all the finer details of travelling overseas – what to pack, how much money to take, and what not to try to bring back!

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any enquiries you may have regarding the tour.

Paul Stevens
Faculty Head,
History and International Studies

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hike

In the second week of the Holidays thirty students and three staff will be undertaking a three day Hike on the Six Foot Track.

This classic walk takes you from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves via a historic horse route. The walk travels mainly along well-maintained service tracks and explores Nellie's Glen, Megalong Valley, Cox's River, Black Range, and Jenolan.



STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR MARCH: SEVEN COMMON MISTAKES IN APPROACHES TO STUDYING

Every time you have a test, quiz or examination this year, refer back to this list during your preparation to ensure you are not making these common mistakes in your approach to studying:

1. Not making study notes on a regular basis, instead, waiting till just before the test or examination.
2. Not finishing the study notes early enough before the test so there is not enough time to learn them properly or do practise.
3. Not making the study notes brain-friendly and structured in a way that makes them easy to learn.
4. Not testing yourself to see if you know the content or not, just reading your notes over and over.
5. Not using a wide range of study techniques, being lazy and just using the same old techniques, regardless of whether they are working for you or not.
6. Not doing practise for examinations under examination conditions (ie time limits and not looking at notes or answers).
7. Not doing questions from a wide enough range of sources.

The aim should be that by the end of the year you have eliminated any of those common mistakes that you are prone to.

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PREFECTS IN ACTION AT YEAR 2 & DADS CAMP



Prefects on the Job

During the past six months, the School Prefects have been putting together & running a number of events throughout the entire school. With a vast range of creative and organizational talents among the nineteen School Prefects, we have made the most of the opportunities presented to us.

The Year 2 & Dads Camp in Spring term was our first assignment, preparing and leading the various activities, including the theme “Amazing Race”, with many activities based from cultures all over the world. The year was concluded with the Anglicare Toys’n’Tucker drive which again was a great success. Hassall B, the House Group with the greatest contributions, were rewarded with a lunchtime picnic catered for and served by the Prefects.

A new initiative created by the Prefect group was the “Bin It” programme, which looks at new and creative ways to encourage our fellow peers to put

away their rubbish, and not to litter. With the use of creative jingles, catchy slogans like ‘Binners are Grinners’ & ‘You gotta bin it to win it’, a video advertisement as well as incentives, we were able to reduce the rubbish left around and create a cleaner environment.

The recent ‘Happy Day’ preparations have been very rewarding, with many students looking to spread the happiness to their friends and others by sending chocolates, flowers and in many cases, an encouraging message. With so many orders, the Prefects have a big task of putting together and delivering the gifts to the students on Happy Day next term. Also coming next term will be Dance 326 on Friday 11 May, an event specially organised for Years 3 to 6.

Joshua Sawyer
School Captain

Careers News

APM College of Business and Communication Sydney Information Evening

Date: Tuesday 12 June

Time: 6.30pm

Address: Level 4, 213 Miller Street NORTH SYDNEY

RSVP: Via our website as spaces are limited <http://www.apm.edu.au/about-us/events/sydney/apm-sydney-event>

Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak Information Night

ONLINE: 15 May 2012, 6.00pm - 7.00pm EDST
(Registration Essential)

<http://www.antipodeans.com.au/info-nights.htm>

School Holiday Programs:

William Blue College of Hospitality Management: Day in the Life...

Explore the exciting hospitality industry and the many career paths available.

Dates: Tuesday 17 April, Tuesday 3 July, Tuesday 10 July and Tuesday 25 September

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm (Registration before the event is necessary)

Contact: Crystal McLoughlin to obtain a registration form cmcloughlin@williamblue.edu.au or RSVP via our

website to download a form <http://www.williamblue.edu.au/day-in-the-life/>

"APM Alive" Workshop

Work on LIVE case studies and take a secret venue tour!

Date: Thursday 12 July and Thursday 27 September

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Address: Level 4, 213 Miller St NORTH SYDNEY

Cost: \$50 for the whole day, materials included

RSVP: Crystal McLoughlin cmcloughlin@apm.edu.au to obtain a registration form

AIE Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne: Industry Experience Day

Learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what to include and how to best present your portfolio.

Thursday 12 April, Thursday 28 June, Thursday 20 September 10.00am – 3.00pm each day.

A free lunch will be provided to students participating in the Industry Experience Day.

Cost: free

Sydney@aie.edu.au (02) 8514 8800 or

Canberra@aie.edu.au (02) 6162 5131

HSC Preparation Seminars

There are a number of HSC Preparation Seminars available, they include:

- **Sydney University** have some available on the 10 April and 16 April. For more details;

<http://cce.usyd.edu.au/courses/HSC+Preparation>

- **Camden & Narellan Library** Offer a range of lectures and workshops to help you survive your HSC. The 2012 lectures will cover: Legal Studies and English (Belonging) and more! Don't miss out on the study skills workshop presented by Rowan Kunz - bookings essential. More details soon.

<http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/whatson/whatsonyouth.aspx>

• **University of Western Sydney**

Students may choose the location or week to suit:

Week commencing Monday, 9 July 2012 at UWS Parramatta campus

OR

Week commencing Monday, 16 July 2012 at UWS Campbelltown campus

Enrolments will open in early 2012.

Enquiries to hscprep@uws.edu.au or phone (02) 9685 9713

For queries or information please contact Neil Davies at
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