The start of Autumn Term 2012 has, as always, been busy. During the vacation time life seemed just as busy with many students representing Macarthur in a variety of endeavours.

It was wonderful once again to see so many students representing the School at the Royal Easter Show. The hours are long and the responsibilities are large yet the students give of their time and put in extraordinary amounts of effort across the full extent of the show period. Special thanks must go to the Science and Agricultural Staff who also spent long hours both before and after the show as well as during. I know the students are very grateful to Mr Looyen, Mr Gower, Mrs Glover and Mr Czender for their effort and support.

The vacation period also provides opportunities for our Duke of Edinburgh students to experience the challenges of the overnight hikes and expeditions. These past holidays saw a group of Year 10 students complete the Six Foot Track from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves as part of the Silver Award. This is arguably one of the most challenging hikes and although it is difficult the rewards are great. Congratulations to the students who rose to the challenges of this expedition.

Monday night saw Parent/Teacher interviews for most of the year groups across the School. Apart from talking with parents with children in my own class it is always good to be able to chat informally with parents from across the School. If, for whatever reason you were unable to attend, could I please encourage you to contact your child’s teacher(s) to arrange another time or perhaps a phone interview.

Once again Macarthur is hosting the annual NASSA Cross Country Carnival today and in a few weeks we host the AICES Carnival as well. I am sure you join with me in wishing our students every success as they compete for places in the CIS Cross Country Carnival.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming the Mothers of the School to the annual Mother’s Day Breakfast held in the Junior School area on Friday 11 May 2012. I hope you will join me as we help your children acknowledge the wonderful work that you do.
Academic Honesty

Recently, there have been quite a few students who have plagiarised work or not properly acknowledged sources they have used. Plagiarism is the act of taking and using another person’s work but giving the impression that it is your own. Students in Years 5-9 who plagiarise work for the first time will be required to participate in a lunchtime course and given the opportunity to re-submit their work. There are different penalties for plagiarising, depending on what year they are and whether they have plagiarised before. Students in Years 10-12 who plagiarise will receive zero for their work.

It is important for students to submit original work that they write in their own words without copying huge pieces of texts from other sources, even if they do reference from where they obtain the information.

By researching and developing their own ideas on a topic, students are able to develop a deeper understanding of the topic. Original work demonstrates that concepts learned have been understood.

Students develop information literacy through the research they undertake. This is an important skill that students need for both school and university and is especially important given the growing amount of information that students have to navigate.

Mrs Low is available to help students who are confused about what constitutes plagiarism and there is further information available in the Student Diary to help students avoid plagiarism and reference appropriately.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents of students in T-4, Years 7 and 11 have recently had the opportunity to attend Parent Teacher interviews. The next session for Years 5-10 and Year 12 parents will be in late May. Parent Teacher Interviews allow parents and teachers to build a strong partnership to help students achieve academic success and value school. When parents and teachers work together, it sends students a clear, consistent and positive message that education is important. Interviews are opportunities for parents to find out how students are progressing both academically and socially. Parent involvement in education is vital and interviews are important for all students – for those who are not achieving their best and even for those who are constantly doing well. Feedback is a key factor in helping students improve and excel.

After the interviews, it is important for you to discuss what the teachers have said with your child and plan together to set future, realistic goals. Help your child recognise their strengths from positive comments that were made and help them work on any areas that the teachers suggested needed improvement. Keep in contact with the teachers and don’t feel that Parent Teacher interviews are the only time you can discuss your child’s progress with them.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley

From The Dean of Studies

Australia’s BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Women @ Macarthur host
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
When: Thursday 17 May
Where: Cafe Macarthur
Time: Straight after morning drop off
Cost: $15PP includes coffee and a selection of cakes
Lucky door prizes
For information email dbrinkworth@macarthur.nsw.edu.au
From The Dean of Students

OASIS Camp

From time to time, staff take the unusual step in thanking me for inviting them to be a part of an activity that they have needed to supervise. When this involves sacrificing the weekend after a busy week of school, it is even more surprising. However, in the case of our recent OASIS camp at Port Hacking, of which I also attended, I can concur with the positive sentiment expressed to me of how wonderful the students were and the success of the camp in general.

The opportunity for our students to meet together in such a beautiful location at Port Hacking with the purpose of simply enjoying the company of other Christian students from Years 7-12, was refreshing and collectively a unifying experience. For our students, mixing across the year groups over the weekend gives opportunity to encourage one another by sharing together experiences and in living out our Christian faith within the larger school community.

As a staff member I can sincerely say that the influence of these students within their peer groups is a quality that cannot be taught through any formal lesson. The outworking of the Christian life by these students will not always be without fault, however, the overall influence is a prospect that benefits the entire character of our school and in turn makes working at Macarthur a unique and fulfilling experience. I know that there were many Christian students that were unable to attend the camp, however, their prayerful support helped make the weekend a worthwhile and uplifting experience for all.

It was a privilege to have Tom French from Crusaders, speak to us about the challenges Jonah faced when called by God to move out of his comfort zone to tell others of God’s forgiveness. It is the same call we have as Christians in our school community. Living out the new life in which, as Christians, we have entered into - being salt and light. No wonder staff saw their role over the weekend as an enjoyable experience and how unique a situation to have students and staff learning and encouraging one another united by their faith in Jesus.

What a fitting name – OASIS. A relaxing and refreshing weekend away for staff and students alike and I look forward to our next getaway together next year.

Timothy Cartwright

What’s on at Talk Back?

Come along and find out!

Commencing a ten week study, “Renewing Love”

This course offers practical ideas to assist you with developing more meaningful relationships with both family and friends. Become the woman you inwardly have always wanted to be. This course will commence Thursday 3 May.

Pre school children most welcome.

Venue: After School Care

Time: 8.45am-10.00am

Leader: Jane Gray

email spascoethomas@macarthur.nsw.edu.au
Talk Back Thursday recommenced this week. A new study, Renewing Love, will run over the next ten weeks. All are welcomed to attend this group. Pre school children most welcome. This group is held in the After School Care room and commences at 8.45am.

The Headmaster’s Golf Challenge held during the School holidays was a great success. Everyone participating had a wonderfull day. Thank you Bernie and team mates for adding that little bit of colour to the day! It was great to see Community Partners, Matthew Daley from M.A.D Excavations and Landscaping and Matthew Chisholm from Chisholm and Turner Travel Associates join us for the day.

Please place Saturday 16 June in your diaries. Macarthur’s Annual Dinner will be held at The Camden Civic Centre on this date. If you have a business that would like the opportunity to sponsor this or any other event please contact me. Also let me know if you are able to donate items to the Auction.

Thank you once again to all who donate to Macarthur either in kind or financially. Your generosity is always appreciated.

I hope this finds you all settling back in for another exciting term at Macarthur.
Parents and Friends

All who attended the Women at Macarthur’s Annual High Tea last Saturday afternoon experienced great food, excellent company and an entertaining Fashion Parade. The High Tea was well supported with 110 women attending. Harrington Grove Country Club excelled once again by providing exceptional attention to detail during the afternoon.

A special thank you to Natalie Herd, “That’s Natty” for decorating the room. The tables looked gorgeous with lime green table overlays and vases of pastel cottage flowers. Thank you also to Trish Cartwright for performing her role as MC with such class.

It was great to be able to welcome Julia and Jacqueline from Chisholm and Turner Travel, a Community Partner of our School to this event.

Queenspark provided a quality fashion parade during the afternoon with two of our own Macarthur Mum’s, Jane Gray and Fiona Perich modelling in the parade. A special thank you to all who participated in this event and those who donated items for Auction and Lucky Door Prizes.

Members of the Men at Macarthur group held a very successful BBQ today at the NASSA Cross Country. We will be able to include photos in the next edition of The Bulletin.

Members of P&F are busy collecting gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall.

Please send your gift wrapped in clear cellophane with your child if you have not yet done so. At the Mother’s Day Breakfast we will once again have roses for sale and an opportunity to have your photos taken with your children. Thank you to Kylie Lyons, “Handprints Photography” for once again donating her professional services to us for the day. Thank you also to our School Photography students for also volunteering their services. I look forward to seeing the photos from this event, which will again be offered on line for purchase.

W@M are now planning for “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea”. This event will be held in Café Macarthur on Thursday 17 May. The Morning Tea will commence at 8.30am. Cost to attend this event will be $15pp. Proceeds from this event will be directed to The Australian Cancer Council. We will be providing the food for this event, however, if you would like to provide a plate please contact Diane Brinkworth at dbrinkworth@macarthur.nsw.edu.au

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

From Week 2 in Autumn Term (Thursday 3 May) the Mathematics Faculty will be running a homework/study help afternoon on Tuesday in Week A and Thursday in Week B.

All students 7–12 are invited to make use of these times from 2.50pm–4.00pm in Patrick 5. Students should be prepared to work on their mathematics homework, ask questions of a member of the Mathematics Faculty or use the computers to access Maths Online or other sites that might help with Mathematics.

As this is a drop in room, students will be required to make their own arrangements to be picked up from school at 4.00pm. Should you have any questions please contact Mr Bedingfield or your child’s Mathematics teacher on 4647 5333.

Benjamin McKenzie

Benjamin McKenzie of Year 12 was recently awarded his AMusA (Piano) Diploma at the annual presentation ceremony recently. Congratulations Benjamin!

Jonathan Nash-Daly

Jonathan Nash-Daly was fortunate enough recently to be interviewed by Mr Russell Matheson (Federal Member for Macarthur). Jonathan and Mr Matheson discussed the upcoming trip to the Global Young Leaders Conference Jonathan will be attending in July. This Conference will be held in Vienna. Jonathan’s community service and his recent exchange trip to Hungary were also discussed. Jonathan is currently enrolled in Saturday Community Language School studying Hungarian.

With grateful thanks to our Annual Community Partners
M@M Host
State of Origin BBQ
Family event
Watch the game on the big screen

When: Wednesday 13 June
Where: School Chapel
Time: 6.30pm kick off with a BBQ
Cost: Donation at door (no alcohol)
(Prizes for best dressed supporter)
Book online: www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au
Bookings close: Monday 11 June 10.00am
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WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome back to Autumn Term. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your families and had some time to reflect on Easter and its meaning.

I enjoyed visiting each of the T-4 classrooms and hearing the holiday stories. It seems we had quite a few of our families travel overseas or interstate which meant there were many interesting stories to tell. There was also mention of quite a few pyjama days and 11.00am sleep ins! It was fabulous to see the children return and so keen to get back into learning with their teachers.

I spoke to each of the classes about the importance of having goals. Students were encouraged to come up with one goal for the term. Some students expressed that they wanted to improve their handwriting, their writing, their reading, spelling or mathematics skills. We talked about the importance of working hard and practising to achieve our goals.

I look forward to visiting classes towards the end of the term to check in and see whether some of the students’ goals have been achieved.

Change to Winter Uniform

A reminder that students are required to wear their Winter Uniform from Monday 14 May (Week 4). This includes a blazer which is to be worn to and from school and at Chapel and Assembly.

MOTHER’S DAY

The Mother’s Day breakfast is approaching. Mothers are invited to attend a delicious breakfast on Friday 11 May 7.30-8.25am. The children are looking forward to spoiling their mums.

A reminder to bring in cellophane wrapped gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall on Tuesday 8 May for T2 and K-4 classes and Wednesday 9 May for T3 and 5-6 classes.

INDONESIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

Indonesian is an important part of our curriculum at Macarthur. Students love participating in Indonesian lessons with Mrs Lindgren (T-3) or Mr Blake (Year 4). As part of an initiative by Bu Lindgren and Bu Fenton the students in the Junior School will be treated to learning a different Indonesian word each week. The word will become the focus for the week and students will be awarded for using it appropriately. Look out for posters around the School advertising the ‘Word of the Week’.
AARON GREEN

Aaron Green (Year 1) was selected to join the World Football Academy in Macarthur after attending the Preston North End FC Holiday Programme. Aaron’s first session started on Monday 30 April in Mt Annan. Aaron will be attending Phase 1 which is a twenty week training period. Well done Aaron!
Year 4 had a fast and fabulous Summer Term settling into new routines and becoming more independent and responsible. Our Science investigations on ‘The Human Body’ were exciting, especially with a terrific website designed by our very own Mrs Relyea. Notetaking, quizzes, designing, reading and writing factual and creative pieces were a huge part of our learning.

Stunning artwork related to our unit was produced as well. A busy term of NON-IPSSO and IPSSO sport and relays for Fitness each Tuesday has kept our bodies in tune.

Across the grade, Mathematics learning is proving worthwhile.

Year 4 students have been excellent role models for the younger students and have accepted a lot of responsibility in Assemblies and special events at school.

In this Autumn Term Year 4 are looking forward to investigating State and National Parks and then insects. A highlight of the term will be sharing time with Mum at the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

A Neaves R Relyea
AFTER SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be invited to make an application to attend after school activities. The aim of these groups is to provide a broader, more varied educational experience for children who have a level of interest in a particular area.

Some of the activities on offer will include:
- Model Building
- Indonesian Mask Making
- Bicycle First Aid
- Music Mania
- Book Buddies
- GROWTH (Gardens Require Our Wise and Tender Hands) Group and more.

Each of the activities will be open to different grades. Students will be given an application form and an activities booklet will be given out shortly. Most of the sessions will run from Week 4 till Week 9 in Autumn Term.

LUNCHTIME - SO MANY CHOICES

Lunchtime is such a busy time at Macarthur. Junior School have many options to consider. Apart from playing on our fabulous new equipment students can choose to be a part of Junior Oasis (Christian Discovery Group), the Woolly Wonders (Year 3 & 4 Knitting Club), Lunchtime Club (Playing games on the computer and board games with student leaders), Froggies (Social Skills Programme) and Construction Club.

Some of these groups are restricted to certain grades but there is something for everyone. Some students choose to create their own games of fun, play handball with friends or visit the Library.

IPSHA TRAVELLING ART SHOW

The Independent Primary Schools Travelling Art Show is a collection of the premier art works from ten independent schools across New South Wales.

Congratulations to the following students who have had their artworks chosen to be a part of the travelling show:

Savannah Fuller  Riley Newman
Luca Bazdaric  Kennan Wallace
Paige Prpic  Caroline Psarris
Claire Cooper  Alyssa Tummarello
Rose Jansen  Mikayla Elling
Frankie Nesci  Rhiannon Marshall
Lauren Ward  Madeline Mingay
Emily Szalajko  Poppy Townsend
Dylan Offord  Emily Moore
Katelyn Relyea  Isabelle Browne
Elyssa Stevens  Jackson Buda
Timothy Gidiess  Samuel Egan

It will be our turn to host the show later in the year where the students families will have an opportunity to see the fabulous artworks.

CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students:

Transition
Amelia Krvavac  Jackson Neumann
Kindergarten
Nellie Jansen  Luca Bazdaric
Year 1
Jorja Baker  Joel Offord
Year 2
Sophie Ristancevski
**Indonesian Big Books**

We are currently developing the Junior School Indonesian Intranet page. We have already uploaded some Big Books that students may wish to read or listen to at home and more will be added this term. They can be viewed at [http://intranet.macarthur.nsw.edu.au/masnet/js_intranet/indonesian/JS_Indo/index.html](http://intranet.macarthur.nsw.edu.au/masnet/js_intranet/indonesian/JS_Indo/index.html)

**Indonesian Language Competition**

This term all K-6 classes will be creating entries for the Indonesian Language Teachers Association competition during class time. A number of our students have received awards for this competition in previous years so we are once again excited to be participating in this.

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**Johnson Easter Egg Competition**

As part of Johnson House fundraising efforts this year, students from T–6 were invited to decorate an Easter egg in a creative and imaginative way. The response from the children was amazing, with some very unique and clever entries from students across the Junior and Middle Schools. The students raised over $250 for St Michael's School in Tanzania – a job well done!

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**Headmaster’s Reading Awards**

Headmasters Reading Award begins again this term for Years 3–6. This year students will compete within their stage and entry forms are slightly different to cater more specifically to each group. Forms are available from class teachers or the Stoddart centre. Happy Reading!
Welcome Back

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone as we return for the start of a new term. I trust that all families had the opportunity to spend time together celebrating the Easter period and the important message this presents. It was wonderful to see the children so happily returning to school on Monday, joyfully sharing stories with friends of the events they enjoyed during the holiday period.

ANZAC Day

We commemorated ANZAC Day for 2012 at our School Service last Tuesday where Major Charles Whitton presented to the students a message outlining the importance of putting oneself before others in their service, as our Armed Forces have done and continue to do in their current service. This day of reflection provides a perfect opportunity to take a few minutes to give thanks for those men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in days gone by and to also think about those who currently serve our country in places beyond our shores.

It is overwhelming to consider the sacrifice that the original ANZACS made at Gallipoli almost 100 years ago - putting themselves before those they knew would come in the future. Lest We Forget.

Year 7 Study Skills and Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews for students in Year 7 have formed a main focus this week and I trust that those families who had the opportunity to meet with teachers on Monday 30 April 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. 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.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will be conducted for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on Tuesday 15 May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 16 May (Reading) and Thursday 17 May (Numeracy). Students in Year 5 will sit these tests in class during Periods 1-3 whilst Year 7 and 9 students will receive examination timetables. A ‘make up day’ will be conducted for students who were absent from one or more of these tests earlier in the week due to illness and the like on Friday 18 May.
A team of Middle School staff are hard at work under the leadership of Mrs Susan Byers, examining the question of “What Counts as Comprehension in Teacher Practice?”. Surveying, reviewing and analysing teacher and student perspectives of comprehension, the action research project will identify the understanding that teachers and students have of comprehension in the Middle School classroom. This links to key goals in the Annual School Management Plan of building teacher capacity to implement a school-wide approach to enhancing literacy and fostering a collegial learning environment in which professional dialogue plays a key role across the faculties and sub-schools at Macarthur.

Mrs Byers is currently working with Mr Peter Groves and Mr Timothy Clarke to use the data collected to develop a programme of targeted professional development to teachers to further develop their knowledge of comprehension and its application in their teaching practice, and subsequently enhance student knowledge and outcomes in comprehension.

Mrs Byers has gathered a range of artifacts derived from student work samples, lesson plans and interviews, in addition to an online questionnaire, which provide an insight of the knowledge and understanding of comprehension of staff and students. The team is now working on the task of developing and implementing a series of professional development workshops for Middle School teaching staff over the course of 2012 in response to the data collected.

The style of professional development closely mirrors recent research findings of a team of Stanford researchers who took a close look at education systems in Singapore and Finland, two countries that routinely top the charts in rankings of student aptitude in the OECD.

The study revealed that the average Singapore and Finland teacher had a lot more time away from the classroom. While North American teachers were spending 80% of their time in front of a classroom, teachers in Helsinki were able to spend as much as 40% of their time analyzing lessons, meeting with students and going over new teaching methods. According to the report, 50 hours of “well-designed content-specific” teaching instruction over the course of a school year can boost student performance markedly.

Much effective professional development was built into the school week with at-the-elbow coaching with “master teachers,” weekly collaboration meetings and programmes allowing teachers to step out of their classrooms to watch a more experienced colleague at work.

The Australian Literacy Educators’ Association Research Grant, awarded to Mrs Byers for 2011/2012, provides financial assistance for this project. Foregrounding Mrs Byers’ Doctor of Education studies, the project is additionally linked with the University of Wollongong, with Dr Pauline Jones of the Faculty of Education working as an ‘academic partner’ with Mrs Byers.
Students in Mr Hordern’s Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media class could not wait to come back to school and continue their studies in this exciting elective. Students are currently learning about methods of manipulating photographs in Photoshop to add greater depth and richness and have been experimenting with filters.
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Reminders...

326 DANCE
Dance 326 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. It is sure to be a fun and energetic social evening. Music is provided by a student DJ, with drinks and snacks available for sale. Notes were sent home last week in relation to this occasion.

NORTH QUEENSLAND OUTREACH
Deposits for those Year 6 students who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are due as soon as possible. Plane tickets will be booked very soon. Please contact Mr Wallace if you wish to be a part of the Outreach but have yet to return your Expression of Interest and pay your deposit.

IPSHA PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Rehearsals have already commenced each Thursday at lunchtime for students performing the Zumba routine at the Festival next term. Parents are reminded to purchase their tickets through Flexischools for the evening as soon as possible.
Welcome back to school for this the Autumn Term. I hope that all families had a restful Easter break together. This term in the Senior School there are a number of things to keep in mind most of which can be found on the ‘Significant Dates’ page in the back of the Bulletin. However specifically for the Senior School.

- Year 12 Examinations Week 1 and 2.
- Year 11 Examinations Week 6 and 7.
- Year 12 Luncheon
- Parent Teacher nights and Semester One Reports.
- Athletics Carnival and Photo Days
- Year 10 Subject Selection Evening 7 June.
- Year 10 and 11 Study Skills Sessions.

Another term of Assessment Tasks for all year groups. To support your child and encourage them to meet deadlines, these due dates can be accessed from the School Website in the Calendar Section.

To help avoid distractions and utilise the facilities at school, I would like to remind parents that Senior Study night is available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings here at school where students are supervised, dinner is provided and students have the opportunity to have a three hours of study or assessment time. Forms can be obtained from the Head of School Office or Administration Centre.

Year 12 students will have the option of Seminars during sport this term. Staff will be delivering a range of seminars that are aimed at engaging the students and equipping them for their Trial HSC examinations.

Year 11 students were expected to have their application in for Community Service by Friday 27 April. Remember that Universities and employers hold in high regard those students leaving school who demonstrate a commitment to the wider community.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country held on Friday 27 April.
STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR APRIL: MAKING EXCUSES NOT TO STUDY

It is very easy to come up with lots of reasons not to do your schoolwork. “I’m too tired”. “There is other stuff I’d rather be doing”. “It’s boring, I can’t be bothered”. But these are just excuses and the way students try to justify to themselves that it is okay not to do the work.

If you are having trouble getting started when you get home each afternoon, here are some tips to help:

1. As soon as you get home, unpack your bag immediately and lay out the work to be done in piles on your bed or the floor. Then walk away and have your break. It is easier to come back and start if all you have to do is pick up the first pile and begin.
2. Set an alarm in your mobile phone for when you will start work.
3. Start with something easy and achievable to get into a good rhythm and mind space.
4. Prioritise the rest of the work for the evening, what is most important? What is most urgent? What has to be done tonight?
5. Set yourself a reward for completing a certain amount of work.
6. Keep schoolwork and personal life separate, don’t do work in front of the TV or Facebook, instead do schoolwork in focussed half hour blocks.
7. Choose a friend to help keep you on track. Discuss before you leave school what you need to get done that night, then decide a time to check in eg 9.00pm. Even though it is just your friend who is ringing, it is amazing how much more motivated you will be to do the work when you know someone is checking up on you!

To learn more about working effectively visit the Dealing with Distractions and Overcoming Procrastination unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.
Our school's subscription details are -
Username: formasonly
Password: 27results

The School has further information and subscribes to other resources which are available on the Intranet.

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If you would like further information please contact Mr Davies.
This year on the 20 of April 2012, twenty Year 10 students set off to begin their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hike. We walked 45km from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves over three days. We arrived at school at 7.00am to be driven up to our starting point, Explorers Tree. We started walking at 9.30am and continued to walk for another 16.5km to the campsite. Before we got to the campsite we all needed to cross a swing bridge over a river. Many of us were nervous to cross the bridge not only because of our fear of heights but because the boys thought it would be funny to shake the bridge whilst we were on it. Definitely the highlight of the hike was when we got to our first campsite, Hannah Ebeling’s brother and Grandad came over in a plane and dropped Freddo Frogs onto our campsite. These were delicious although we did have to carry out the rubbish. That night we all sat around and cooked our dinner as well as having many laughs and performances. Including a hilarious routine by Mackenzie Edgington, Courtney Cross and William Clinton on the topic of Mr Horne’s beard. We also enjoyed a version of One Direction’s song “What Makes You Beautiful” by Mr Hughes which was sung many times over the weekend as well as Carly Rae Jepsen’s song “Call Me Maybe”. We were all told that the second day was by far the hardest day we would ever do on Duke of Ed. We walked 20km nearly all up hill. This was definitely the hardest part of the hike. Many of us struggled but pulled though because of all the encouragement by fellow peers. We all arrived at the campsite very thankful that we got to our destination after a really draining day. We enjoyed a very special surprise by the teachers, which we thought was well deserved. We all slept well that night but this was cut short by needing to wake up early to set off the next morning to complete our hike. We woke up bright and early, happy and excited to be able to finish what was a very fun yet challenging adventure. All eager to get to Jenolan Caves were powered through the other 10km to get there. We arrived at Caves House at 10.20am and went on the bus heading straight to McDonalds. Even though this hike was challenging this was one of the best experiences of our lives.

Hannah Ebeling and Emma Nockles.
Medicine Courses in 2013
If you plan to apply for medicine courses in 2013, you’ll need to sit UMAT on 25 July this year. Visit the UMAT website for more details.
http://www.umat.acer.edu.au/

Business Cadetships
A reminder that applications close on Wednesday 9 May.
Both the student Application Form and School Assessment are due by that date.
UBS will be providing cadetship opportunities for Year 12 students.
Cadets combine study at the university of their choice in Sydney with paid work at UBS in Sydney.
www.businesscadetships.com.au

University of Newcastle Information for Year 10 students
Find out why uni pays off; check out all of our degrees, our bonus points schemes and get subject selection advice.
Learn more about uni – what makes it different to school, how much it costs, what it’s like to be a student and the opportunities available to you.

University of Newcastle’s annual Open Days
NEWCASTLE CAMPUS OPEN DAY
University Drive, Callaghan
Saturday 25 August, 2012
CENTRAL COAST CAMPUS OPEN DAY
Chittaway Road, Ourimbah
Saturday 18 August, 2012
PORT MACQUARIE INFO SESSION
The Glasshouse - Corner of Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie
Thursday 30 August, 2012
http://www.newcastle.edu.au/campaigns/opendays/

Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo
Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park
Thursday 31 May and Friday 1 June, 9.00am-3.00pm
Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 June, 10.00am-4.00pm
Exhibitors with information and resources for the HSC career and study advice international exchange and GAP year programs Australia’s top universities, TAFE and training colleges Seminars on HSC subjects and study advice tertiary courses and careers.
Admission $10.00 per person and $25.00 for families (Three or more including one parent, children 14 and under free). School group discounts available. Valid for all four days, including seminars and The Sydney Morning Herald. Tickets available for purchase at the ticket booths at the venue on the day/s.
If you are interested see Mr Davies for further information and for free entry tickets (20 available)

APM College of Business and Communication Information Evening
Date : Tuesday 12th June
Time : 6.30pm
Venue : Level 4 and 5, 213 Miller Street NORTH SYDNEY
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