It seems odd to be writing my first Bulletin article for the term in Week 6, but that comes from having returned from Study Leave after the last Bulletin was distributed. I would like to thank Mr Kokic for stepping up in my absence and taking on the role of Acting Headmaster. It is very comforting to know that while I was away the leadership of the School was in such capable hands.

Apart from some refreshing time away with the family over the holiday break, I took the opportunity of making final arrangements for the publication of a book I have been working on for some time aimed at the University market. I am delighted that this went smoothly and that the book is now published and on sale. Enough about me!

Parents and students may recall at Speech and Awards night last December the Chair of School Council, Dr Allan Beavis announced he would be retiring from that position sometime in the new year. That time has now come and Dr Beavis stepped down from Chair of Council following the last School Council meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Beavis for his time as Chair over the past eight years. While he will remain on Council he intends not to submit his name to the Synod for re-election following his term which ends in October.

The School Council has elected Mrs Annabel Michie as the new Chair of Council. Mrs Michie is married to Alec and together have three young children, she has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics and lives in the Southern Highlands. Mrs Michie has been on School Council since 2006 and I look forward to working with her as the Council Chair.

David Nockles
Three men were working on the side of the road as a fourth man was passing by. ‘What are you doing?’ said the passer-by to the three men. ‘Can’t you see? I am digging a hole’ said the first grumpily. The second man answered wearily, ‘I’m earning $200 a day.’ The third worker looked up, smiled and threw his chest out proudly. ‘I am building a Cathedral!’ he said heartily.

In truth all three men were doing exactly the same task. But only one had a purpose and a vision to sustain him through the arduous task of work.

To gain real satisfaction from our work it needs to have purpose and meaning. Many students (indeed many adults) struggle in their studies or their work for a lack of apparent meaning and purpose. They are like the man in the story who simply saw himself as a hole-digger. If study or work seems pointless, it makes it very difficult to complete willingly.

Often the work we do does have meaning, but like the hole-digger we fail to identify or recognise it. Sometimes, we need the encouragement of others to press on. Students need the constant encouragement of parents and teachers to help them see the bigger picture of rewards that come from study and work. And I’m not just talking about money that can be earned (that was the second man’s problem). They need to see the Cathedral in their mind’s eye. They need to see a greater purpose beyond themselves.

There is a story from Greek mythology of a certain Sisyphus who for his crime against the gods was forced for all eternity to roll a heavy stone up a hill only to have it roll back down again. His punishment was to repeat this pointless routine endlessly. Pointless work feels like hell itself.

Faith helps us in our endeavours to study and work, because if we are ‘other-centred’ study and work will have greater purpose and meaning. We were designed by God to work and to provide for ourselves and others. In our society where leisure is valued above all, it is interesting that we have a God who worked for six days and rested only one….and the Scriptures tell us He found satisfaction in that work… ‘for He saw that it was good.’ (Genesis 1)

Our motto, ‘Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve,’ expresses the purpose of our studies at school….to serve. We work hard for the ultimate benefit of others. Ironically, the by-product will be our own satisfaction.

Andrew Kokic

WHOOPING COUGH- ALERT!
The School has recently had a couple of confirmed cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) in the Junior School. Immunisation does reduce the risk of infection but this fades over time and boosters are required. It is spread by coughing bacteria droplets into the air, which can then be inhaled by others. If not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious within the first three weeks of their illness. It is easily spread through families and schools.

Whooping cough usually begins similar to a cold, a runny nose, mild fever followed by a persistent cough. In children it can sound like a whoop as you gasp for air, but this is usually in very young children. It is not uncommon for bouts of coughing to be followed by vomiting.

We ask that if your child is displaying any symptoms of whooping cough to please seek medical attention as soon as possible. Also please notify the school of confirmed cases so that we may alert students or staff who may be more at risk of contracting the disease. Students must be kept at home until the completion of prescribed medication and your doctor provides a clearance for return to school. Further information is available from the NSW Health whooping cough website.
Australian Curriculum – educating our students for the 21st century
Macarthur teachers are working exceptionally hard writing rich and meaningful programmes based on the new Australian curriculum. K-6 teachers have commenced writing units of work for English as they will be implementing the this new syllabus in 2014. Some classes have even begun trialling some of these units. English, History, Science and Mathematics teachers have also begun planning for the introduction of the new curriculum for students in Years 7 and 9. This is an exciting period for educators as we are able to evaluate our current units of work, resources, pedagogy and ascertain best practice for our students based on the new curriculum. There will be a focus on implementing pedagogy that will foster the growth of students’ 21st century learning skills – creativity, collaboration, innovation, critical thinking and communication.

Engaging our digital students
Teachers in the Junior and Middle Schools have been incorporating a wide range of technology in their lessons to engage our technologically savvy students. Importantly, teachers are using technology, especially iPad apps to teach students thinking skills and foster deep learning – not just to inject a bit of fun or liven up our lessons. Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Co-ordinator of Teaching and Learning Innovation has been working closely with teachers of Year 7 and 8 to help them determine the best iPad apps that provide students with opportunities to foster a variety of skills such those identified in Bloom’s taxonomy such as remembering, understanding, summarising, applying, analysing, evaluating and creating.

Reports – Grade Point Averages (GPA)
Reports issued for this semester will include students GPAs. These will help students monitor their academic progression. ‘A’ grades have been allocated 9 points, ‘B’ grades 7 points, ‘C’ grades 5 points, ‘D’ grades 3 points and ‘E’ grades 1 point. The Heads of School and I will also use the GPAs (along with other information) to help track students’ academic progress.

Subject Selection
Students in Years 8 and 10 will be making choices online about what subjects they want to study in Years 9 and 11. These decisions should be based on what the students are good at and like. All students have been surveyed to see what their initial preferences are so that the best subject lines could be determined. Students can seek advice from their Head of School, Faculty Heads or me. In addition to making their selections online, students will need to submit a copy of their form, signed by parents and Faculty Heads for some subjects in Year 11.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley
From the Dean of Students

Robotics Achievements

Congratulations to the Robotics Team who travelled to St Louis during the school holidays to compete in the FTC World Championships after winning the Inspire Award in the FTC National competition. For any team to be selected to represent a national team is an incredible feat in itself and then to back this up with a result of forty-second in the world competition is an exceptional result. The team of eight students accompanied by Mrs Watson were held in high regard by other teams and received positive feedback from all judges during the competition phase. Robotics continues to be a popular co-curricular activity and it should not go unnoticed that the hours of parent mentoring and training provides our students with an opportunity to venture into an advanced use of technology through a shared interest in Robotics.

Oasis Getaway

Each Monday lunchtime, students from Years 7-12 meet together to enjoy a time of fellowship and listen to a talk given by another student discussing aspect of the Christian life and how this is lived out in the School. While this is a valuable time, of even greater worth is the opportunity for students to attend the OASIS Getaway held at Port Hacking over last weekend. This was a tremendous time for students and staff to enjoy the company of one another and listen to talks given by Tom French from Crusaders. It is always encouraging to see students moving ahead in maturity in their Christian walk and who are serious about learning more of what the Bible teaches regarding the way to live as Christians throughout our lives. Continually meeting together on Monday’s helps students form the connections across the Year groups in support of one another and is an ‘oasis’ out of the normal school day. Can I encourage you to look out for the OASIS getaway dates next year and make it a priority to attend what has become a truly uplifting experience for staff and students alike.

Foundation Day & Performing Arts Festival

Thursday 20 June is a big day in the life of Macarthur. At 10.30am we will be holding our Foundation Assembly to which all parents are invited (please be seated by 10.25am).

Then from 5.00pm in the Chapel and Rehearsal Hall the 2013 Performing Arts Festival will begin. This is a wonderful showcase of the talent of our students with both music from our various ensembles, orchestras and the Drum Corp from the Junior School, Middle School and Senior School plus drama performances from our Year 11 students.

From 6.00pm in the Courtyard there will be a spit roast with roast beef and pork on bread rolls with gravy - just the thing for dinner on a cold Winter’s night!
Parents & Friends

M@M held a successful BBQ again last week. Thanks to all the dad’s who braved the cold morning to assist. Thank you Michael Banks, RAMS Macarthur Home Loans for providing all produce for this event. The M@M are interested in hosting a fishing trip within the next month. Please email Simon Joel at sjool@macarthur.nsw.edu.au to express your interest in this event.

The W@M hosted a fantastic High Tea at Harrington Grove on Saturday 18 May. All women who attended enjoyed the experience. It was great to see our school mums and Alumni taking part in the Queenspark fashion parade and thank you to Cut it Out Hair Design for attending to the models hair. Thank you to all who donated lucky door prizes. A big thank you to the W@M for hosting. Trish Cartwright, you once again did a wonderful job as MC.

Community Chat

Please save Saturday 10 August for the Annual Fundraising Dinner. Watch this space for more information.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn programme is nearing completion. This will cease on Sunday 9 June. Please ensure all the stickers are in to the class teacher by the Friday 14 June. Alternatively please place them in the boxes in the HOS area or School Administration.

Our Playgroup children have been having fun creating artworks with the beautiful Autumn leaves that are around at this time of the year. If you are interested in finding out about our playgroup please contact me via email.

Talk Back Thursday has undergone change, hopefully for the last time for a while. The group has recently moved back to meeting on a Thursday and now has a new leader. The group will now be called Women on Thursday or W.O.T. The group has commenced a study exploring your life’s purpose. This group meets in the Café meeting room commencing at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Toddlers welcome. Welcome to new comers to the group, Katrina, Amanda and Janette. Welcome back to Leanne, Keina and Jane. If you are planning on coming along next week, Thursday 6 June the group will be travelling on an excursion to Koorong. They will be meeting at 8.45am at the Café.

The School had a display last Sunday at the Camden Council Community Play Day at Kirkham Park. Thank you to Amanda Thompson for all the hours put into face painting! Thank you also to Karen Alchin, Di Anne Pleskun and Terry Moroney for the help provided on the day.

Please support those who support us. Look to our School Calendar supporters and Community Partners when sourcing a business.
On Friday, May 10, I went to Symbio Wildlife Park and Austinmer Beach with other Thai students. We fed the kangaroos. They were very cute. We also saw many other animals. It was a great experience there. After we visited Symbio Wildlife Park, we went to Austinmer Beach. It's an awesome beach. We ate lunch there and took a lot of photos. It was a beautiful day - the weather was sunny. We really had fun.

On Wednesday, May 15, we went to Manly. We travelled by train first which took a long time. We arrived at Circular Quay at 10.30am and then we caught a ferry to Manly. Manly is a very beautiful place. I really loved it. At lunch the boys bought ramen noodles while the girls bought fish and chips. We ate lunch by the beach. The wind was pretty strong. The teacher bought us an ice-cream each, which I really appreciated. We got back to school at 3.30 pm. I enjoyed both excursions very much.

Jirapat (Oat) Luangsuree Year 9

I enjoyed these trips with the other Thai students. We had a nice time together. The first day we went to Symbio Wildlife Gardens to see many animals, and we took a lot of photos. The second trip was to Sydney Harbour and Manly beach. Firstly, in the car we talked about many stories and shared our experiences. I saw a lot of animals such as kangaroos, koalas, birds etc. After that we have lunch at the beach.

Secondly, we caught a train to go to the city and then a ferry to Manly beach. We had lunch and looked at the shops quickly and then returned to school. However, I will remember these excursions as I had a nice time with all my friends. I hope I visit the same place again.

Patchanon (Peem) Tungkiatslip Year 9
Student Achievements

Ruedi Holbeck (Year 10) recently achieved the following AMEB results:
Violin Grade 6 and Trumpet Grade 5. Well done Ruedi!

Cross Country Results

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Senior: Macarthur placed fourth overall, with our Senior (17 & 18 Years) runners coming first overall. This is our first NASSA Cross Country shield ever! In the Junior Carnival our runners placed sixth.

The following runners won a medal in their race:
Douglas Myers  Second
Emily Newton  Third
Kaylie Ekinci  First
Matilda Offord  First
Cate Ward  Third
Alexander Frankum  Third
Lauren Tisdale  First
Dylan Offord  Third
Caitlin Sendt, Madeline Eyles, Janusz Prociuk, Benjamin Bywater, Grace Murphy were just out of the medals in fourth place and Makenzie Kautz, Katherine Harris, Jeremy Lawless, Jordyn Snape finished fifth.

Years 3-6 NASSA Representatives at the CIS Cross Country to be held on 13 June are:

Eden Kautz, Lauren Tisdale, Laura Whitelaw, Alexander Frankum, Makenzie Kautz, Thomas Patterson, Joshua Sendt, Dylan Offord and Caitlyn Sendt.

Years 7-12 NASSA Representatives at the AICES Cross Country held on 6 June were:

Grace Murphy, Kaylie Ekinci, Matilda Offord, Paige Perich, Lawson Grant, Douglas Myers, Sebastian Myers, Janusz Prociuk, Cate Ward, Wesley Aguilar-Perez, Benjamin Tisdale, Keegan Potgieter, Benjamin Bywater, Samuel Nockles, Jeremy Lawless, Jacinta Kezelos, Jordyn Snape, Samuel Watson, Kaiden Darby, Sophia Seton, Claudia Kennett-Smith, Madeline Eyles, Katherine Harris and Emily Newton.
Recently we have seen a number of international students visiting our School. There have been many positive experiences had by both the visiting students and the host families from our School community. Our sincere thanks to those who generously opened their homes to these students.

We are still seeking families to host a student from Nihon High School in Japan from 6 to 19 August. Students are generally 16 years old however they enjoy the company of younger children. Families of our Junior School are also encouraged to consider this opportunity. You simply need to provide a room and meals for the student. They attend School each day.

At the commencement of Winter Term we will also be welcoming two new students to our school who will study here for Years 11 and 12. Opportunities exist for families to host a female student from July until the conclusion of the school year in December.

Any families interested in hosting an international student are encouraged to telephone Mrs Trish Cartwright on 4629 6229 to obtain more information.

“To Macarthur families who have given fleeting thought to hosting an international student, I would say that when you open your home to a student, you also open your heart. These students take away memories and experiences which they will have for the rest of their lives, and to be part of that is very rewarding.”

Di Brinkworth, 2013 Host Parent
President of Parents and Friends

On Friday 3 May five students represented Macarthur at the Unischool Steer Training Day. During the day students received instruction on a number of things associated with steer preparation including gentling, nutrition, clipping techniques, appraisal of livestock and parading techniques.

There was a lot of excitement from the students as Sean McIntosh drew out the tag number of our Poll Hereford Steer during the ballot. UWS Hawkesbury donated twelve steers to be prepared by schools in the Western Sydney region for the competition this year. Students will be responsible for feeding, gentling and teaching ‘Macklemore’ to parade before the judges at the Live Day final on 10 August at Richmond.

With the support of Mr Reg Scott, Winder Angora Stud, The Oaks - we recently introduced a stud buck named ‘Koorana Falcon’ to mate with our Angora does. Students have been checking daily and indications at present are we can expect new additions to our flock from early October.

We welcomed Mr Paul McCarthy to the School as our Farm Assistant at the beginning of Autumn term. He has been hard at work since arrival mowing paddocks and working on fences to ensure our livestock are secure. He is looking forward to being involved in all aspects of the farm and meeting students when they visit.

M. Gower
Farm Educator

With grateful thanks to our Annual Community Partners
**Parent Access to Grade Pages**

I am very aware of the number of notes that go home to families to communicate the many, many things that are happening in our school. I am also aware that notes can often be lost or misplaced, or even ripped in the bottom of a school bag. In order to enhance the links between home and school we have created a number of grade pages for students and teachers. Teachers will use these pages to place information that is relevant to the grade.

To access these pages please enter via the School’s website at www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au, and log in via the intranet. Parents are able to log in either using their child’s log in or by using jsparent, Password - cicak13. This log in will be changed each year. You will see a drop down box in the header titled ‘T-6 Curriculum’. Each grade page will vary, however, some examples of the documents parents will be able to find include Term Letters, homework sheets, assessment/assignment outlines and helpful links, library research links and excursion information. The information on these class pages will be altered throughout the term. I encourage you to explore these grade pages when you have some time.

**Pony Care class with Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Dobson**

Tuesday afternoon was so exciting! When we came out of our classroom, there was a trailer with two ponies for our Pony Care class. Mrs Moore set out a small arena with cones and showed us how ponies and riders work together. We formed a troupe line and were introduced to our new visitors – ‘Mo’ and ‘Bear’.

We were all able to pat the ponies and Mrs Moore showed us how horses love being in a herd and how they bond together.

Our group is going to learn how to groom and care for ponies and we are looking forward to seeing our visitors each week.

Written by Leah Macklinshaw Year 3
HEADMASTER’S READING AWARD
It’s that time of year again when the Headmaster’s Reading Award begins for our Years 3-6 students and lots of our keen readers have their noses firmly stuck in a book. The Award will run until the end of Winter Term so there is plenty of time for students to submit their entries.

You will notice this year that there have been a couple of small changes to encourage more of our students to become involved. Students will be awarded after each ten books that they read (up to fifty books). These books need to be of an appropriate level for each individual which is why we are asking parents to have a quick glance over the lists that your children submit and sign at the bottom to confirm that you believe the books are of an appropriate level for your child’s abilities.

Don’t forget to encourage your child and praise their efforts. Help them set a goal number of books that they think they can reach within the time frame and talk to them about what they are reading. Reading for pleasure has such benefits for children’s skills and general knowledge. Help us encourage a love for books that they can continue throughout their lives.

Entry forms are available from classroom teachers or from the library staff.

Mrs McGlinn

326 DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

TALENT ON SHOW AT THE YOUNG PERFORMER’S CONCERT
On Tuesday 28 May many Junior School students performed in our ‘Young Performer’s Concert.’ It was a wonderful afternoon and I would like to thank Mrs Marrable and the many tutors that assist and guide our youngest of students as they explore their musical strengths and talents. I would also like to congratulate the students on their hard work and dedication to music.
The Mother’s Day Breakfast is always a highlight on the calendar each year. God provided us with another beautiful morning to celebrate with our mums. The many games organised by Mrs Neaves, the flower wall, the decorations, the yummy food and hand made crafts made by the students meant our mums felt very special.
Since Summer Term we have had a worm farm donated to the veggie garden. A big thank you to the Siemon family for their kind donation. The children had lots of fun putting it together. It involved soaking and breaking apart a special base for the worms. The whole kit is recycleable and worm friendly, including the packaging! Food scraps from the students and the Canteen have been used to feed the worms, promoting sustainability.

Additionally, a compost bin has been added to the garden. This will be set up shortly.

The tomato crop is now finished and more winter veggies planted.

Each of the beds have had sugar mulch added.

Many thanks to the children who come along each Monday at lunch time to help out and get involved.

Something exciting is coming to the veggie garden very soon so keep your eyes and ears close to the ground.

Mrs Relyea
Autumn Term has been busy for all students as they engaged in the range of learning experiences. Year 6 Student Leaders were able to visit the NSW Parliament House. We have had a visit from Jacqueline Harvey, where the students had the opportunity to learn valuable skills in writing from this acclaimed author. Stage 3 students have experienced the enjoyment of Science practicals. This is just a very small sample of what the students have been doing.

In this edition of the Bulletin are some of the photos of the students and their experiences from this term. Information about upcoming events and recognition for some outstanding student achievements.

Semester One Reports
Half-Yearly reports for students in Year 5 and Year 6 will be available to parents by the conclusion of Week 7 and the opportunity will be available early next term for parents to speak with teachers to discuss these in more detail.

Year 8 Subject Selection for 2014
May I take this opportunity to remind Year 8 students and their parents that Subject Selection evening was held on Thursday 6 June at 6.00pm in the Chapel. If you missed this evening you should contact myself or Mrs Gould-Drakeley.

With the impending conclusion to Autumn Term, I trust that all children have the opportunity to spend some quality time with their family. I thank the staff for a terrific start to the first half of the year and encourage students to use the time ahead to reflect on their report and to re-evaluate goals and objectives to ensure the second half of the year heads in the right direction. I remind parents that school recommences on Monday 15 July.

Rugby 2013
Unfortunately due to a lack of numbers, Macarthur will not be participating in Rugby in 2013. However, we will review Rugby again in 2014.
Managing Screen time
Tips for Parents and Students

1. You're the boss: some parents are hesitant to lay down the digital law and limit screen time, but above the research shows that it is in your child's interest to set limits.

2. The two hour screen time grab: tell your child they have two hours per day and how they use that time is up to them so long as they don't go over the time limit (or set a lesser time limit if you prefer). This is similar to financial budgeting – you have $20, spend it as you see fit.

3. Have a plan: ask your child how they are going to spend their time so they get into the habit of planning their screen time, as opposed to just letting it roll on.

4. Watch the clock: have your child get in the habit of writing down when they started, and when they ended. Logging time helps everyone to see that the rules are being followed.

5. Food and drink free zone: eliminate food and drink in front of the screen. Family time in front of a movie together can involve a bowl of popcorn or other treats, but eliminate this element during solo screen time.

6. Physical time: make sure your child is getting regular physical activity, which can include an evening walk with the dog or scheduled sporting commitments. And even if your child opts to take their screen time in one two-hour hit, get them into the habit of getting up at the one hour mark and taking a 10-minute break.

7. Hobbies and other pursuits: busy kids are less likely to have screen time issues and, in general, report being more fulfilled and interested in the world around them.

Reference: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-
Lauren Tisdale
NSW Level 3 State Championships Gymnastics

On 17th May Lauren represented Castle Hill RSL in the NSW Level 3 Elite State Championships at Homebush. (There are three tiers of gymnastics competition State, National and Elite streams, Elite being the highest). Lauren managed to hold her nerve through some very difficult routines and performed extremely well. She competed in vault, bars, floor and beam.

Head of Middle School Uniform Awards
Logan Shepley
Holly Creber

Heber House Winning House Trophy for Summer
Congratulations to Kaitlin Taylor, Julia Kokic, Mitchell Biggart, Elise Driver, Tate Lindsay and Cate Ward who achieved Gold Awards in the Language World Champs and contributing to Macarthur being placed first in Indonesian in NSW and third in the world. Macarthur’s ninety-nine competitors collectively answered over 91,000 questions, scoring 277,661 points. Impressively, Kaitlin Taylor (Year 8) was placed fifteenth in the world for Indonesian. Other top performers in the Middle School include Emma Bywater, Patrick Dickinson, Dante Petrin, Samuel MacDonald, Laura Perich, Sophia Seton and Ashleigh Sherrell who achieved Silver Awards. In addition to Indonesian, students learnt and correctly answered questions in a range of other languages including Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Maori, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese.

Kaitlin Taylor - Year 8
Fifteenth in World for Indonesian

Study Skills - Effective Planning

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 had a Study Skills workshop on Monday 3 June, where they learnt about the following:

Year 7
The session for Year 7 is titled ‘Study Skills for Success’. Some of the areas covered are:

• Success checklist
• Classroom skills
• Listening skills
• Getting organised for school
• Managing your workload
• How to study in high school

Year 8 and 9
The session for Year 8 and 9 is titled ‘Improving Your Results’. Some of the areas covered are:

• Habits of successful learners
• Three steps to getting organised
• Strategies for studying
• Making study notes
• Introduction of studying effectively
• Making study active using learning styles

For more information contact the Heads of School Office.
As always it has been a busy term at Macarthur and with just two weeks to go this is the final Bulletin for the term. As such we look forward to the holidays and to the activities that are occurring throughout in the Senior School. Of particular importance for our Year 12 students is that this break is an opportunity to consolidate their studies and to prepare for the upcoming Trial HSC Examinations that begin on the 29 July.

Preparation for the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations

A range of teachers have made time available to Year 12 students during the holidays to assist in their consolidation of work or time to work on their major works. While these times are not compulsory they give the students that extra opportunity to ask questions and clarify their understanding of concepts covered. A list of those times known at the time of the publication of this Bulletin can be found on Page 8 of Senior School Matters. A reminder to students and parents to make use of the Board of Studies website that has a range of fantastic resources for students preparing for the HSC, particularly past papers and marking guidelines from the HSC marking centres.

Snowsports 2013

For some students in the Senior School (and myself) the winter holidays are our favourite. It gives us all an opportunity to participate in a range of snowsports activities or to participate in the NSW Northern Region Snowsports competition. I would like to wish Luke Kennedy (Snowsports Captain) and the team all the best as they represent Macarthur at the championships.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Walk

This weekend thirty students in the Senior School will be participating in their practice walk on the Six Foot Track and during the holiday break they will head to The Wild Dog Mountains for their test expedition. Please ensure you keep the students and staff in your prayers as they undertake these expeditions.
Autumn Term is well underway with only two weeks remaining and the holidays fast approaching! So far the term has been filled with many assessments for all: Year 10 who barely has a week without something due, Year 11 who sat their Half-Yearly’s – congratulations from Year 12 (we know what a struggle they are). And Year 12, who are beginning to realise how soon their major works are due, and thus trying to juggle those between the many other assessment tasks. In light of this, it may seem as though assessments consume the lives of all within the Senior School, however, there are many other activities going on – many of which are far more fun! Between the different drama groups, sporting teams, music groups and the musical, many Senior School students have roles and activities that help vary the load and make the week far more fun.

A week in the life of a Year 12 Prefect

For the Prefects, their week is always changing but never dull, with Mr Hordern’s jokes filling their meetings and the Love Doctor’s appearance always a welcome one. This term has been filled with both new and old tasks and it’s been a delight to be involved, particularly in some of the highlights below.

The Love Doctor

‘The Love Doctor’ began his new campaign, focusing on the transformation of the School’s ‘Most Wanted’ Simon Willhelms. Cleanliness seems to be the Doc’s favourite subject matter, with uniform and rubbish always a priority.
Uniform Checks
One of the new tasks for the Prefects was checking uniform in the mornings. We’re unsure of whether the great uniform was a result of the chilly winter mornings, or the Love Doctor’s encouragement, but either way we’re thrilled with the number of people demonstrating perfect uniform this term!

Trivia
DIS Trivia is always a welcome act at Admin Assembly each week, with chocolate enticing the taste buds of many and Emily and Adrian’s hilarity always ensuing.

Serving Mums on Mother’s Day
Some of our Prefect team were recently involved in serving mum’s on Mother’s Day by selling flowers for the Parents and Friends. I am sure you would agree they make a handsome crew.

Helping at the 326 Dance
The 326 Dance was a very welcome opportunity for the Prefects to let their hair down and enjoy their Friday night, with a bit of a Decades theme to inspire their dress! With our favourite Love Doc Duo taking on the 80’s sporty vibe, and Elias favouring the retro look.
SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

FROM THE OCEANIA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the last school break Janusz and Andrzej Prociuk competed in the Oceania Judo Championships representing Australia, their results are as follows:

- Andrzej won Bronze in the 81 Kg cadet men division.
- Janusz had some tough fights and did well considering he was hampered by a fractured rib which had not fully healed (sustained in training four weeks before the tournament!). He was only just beaten by minor scores, and lost the Bronze medal match to the New Caledonian Representative.

Congratulations Janusz and Andrzej for your efforts.

AICES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Kym van den Heuvel, Lachlan Roberts and Trent Sierra who were selected as part of the 2013 AICES Boys Football team. Their coach Mr Horne reports that the boys acquitted themselves with great distinction and maturity as members of this team. Their behaviour and attitude, as well as the pride they displayed in representing the region was not only a credit to the school but to the boys and their families.

Lachlan Roberts was also successful in making the CIS Football team which is a great achievement for a Year 10 student.
OTHER HAPPENINGS

ASSISTING CHESS CLUB

A big thank you must go to Darcy Brown, Jonah Gray and Nikhil Goyal who have been volunteering their time to assist at Chess Club in the Junior School.

The boys have been assisting the teachers in setting up each week and coaching the students through their moves. Their assistance has been very much appreciated.

JONAH GRAY (LEFT) AND DARCY BROWN (RIGHT) ASSISTING JUNIORS WITH MOVES

LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Nikhil Goyal in Year 10 who earned a prestigious Elite award as a result of translating over 10,000 words correctly in the Language World Championships. Nikhil came 230th in the world, among a field of over 103,000 competitors. Other top performers include Year 12 students Amit Dogra and Bianca Kangto who achieved Gold Awards as well as Year 10 students Grace Murphy and Chloe Hatzimanolis who achieved Silver Awards.

In addition to Indonesian these three students learnt and correctly answered questions in a range of other languages including Vietnamese, Maori, Japanese, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Italian.

NIKHIL GOYAL
YEAR 10
Students in Year 10 and 12 recently had the opportunity to attend the Sydney Morning Herald Careers and University Expo, held in the Royal Hall of Industries in Moore Park. This expo provided students with the opportunity to find out what courses Universities have to offer and to ask questions as they prepare for making University Applications or choosing their subjects for Year 11 and 12. All students came back with a greater appreciation of what is available beyond school and a little extra incentive to get through their HSC studies.
YEAR 11 EXAMS

Congratulations to Year 11 for their fantastic efforts during their recent Half Yearly Examinations.

As students receive their results back they should be encouraged to look past the mark and ask what the mark says about what they can and cannot do.

There is no doubt that the feedback provided by staff is much more valuable than the mark on the page.

Students should also be encouraged to not dwell on their results but to evaluate what they did well and what they could do better in preparation for future examinations and the HSC.

BLAST FROM THE PAST - HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS

Earlier this year, many Macarthur students from Year 12 2012 were awarded with certificates from the Mayor of Camden for distinguished achievement in the HSC. We once again congratulate their achievements and look forward to the successes from our current Year 12.

JAYDEN SIERRA, ARELENE DOWLING, BENJAMIN MACKENZIE, ALEKSANDRA JEZ, DANIEL INGRAM, STEPHANIE MANTZOURIDIS AND SHANNEN LILLIS - JUST SOME OF OUR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVERS FROM 2012.
Many students in the holidays will be involved with a range of activities to help prepare for the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations or be working on their major works. The following are some of the sessions that have been made available to students during the holidays.

- **Design & Technology** - Mr Cartwright - Thursday 27 June & Thursday 4 July 8.30am-1.00pm
- **Extension 2 Mathematics** - Mr Morgan - Wednesday 3 July - 9.00am-12.00pm
- **General Mathematics** - Mr Morgan - Friday 5 July - 9.00am-12.00pm
- **Legal Studies** - Mrs James - Monday 24 June - 8.00am-2.30pm
- **Modern History** - Mr Hooper - Tuesday 25 June - 8.30am-12.00pm
- **SDD** - Mrs Tor - Thursday 27 June and Thursday 4 July - 8.00am-4.00pm
- **Society and Culture** - Mrs Callender - Monday 24 June, Friday 28 June & Tuesday 9 July - 8.00am-4.00pm