



From The Headmaster's Desk

Last week Transition to Year 6 students returned and this week we welcomed back the Year 8 to Year 12 students as they commence their new academic year. New timetables, new classes, new diaries and new book packs have all been issued as the new Academic Year commences. The last academic year was a great success and I trust that the students will apply themselves to the new challenges with a fresh approach to their studies. Academic Reports for Year 7 to Year 11 2013 will be posted home in the next few weeks after they have been finalised.

I would like to take the opportunity of wishing our HSC cohort (Year 12, 2013) God's richest blessings as they now sit HSC examinations. Monday saw the HSC Chapel service and the first English Examination and several students have already completed a significant number of examinations in this first week.

This term we are blessed by Mrs Sarah Piggott joining the staff in the Music Faculty. Her teaching covers classes in the Junior School and Middle School with Double Bass and Voice

being her instruments of accomplishment. I look forward very much to Mrs Piggott's contribution over the years. Next year the music staff will be further expanded to include Mr Timothy Norman who will bring with him great skill in composition and choirs. Our Music Faculty continues to grow and go from strength to strength!

This year is Macarthur's thirtieth year of providing outstanding education to the Macarthur region and beyond. It is thanks to God that the School has been able to flourish over the years and we look forward to the next phase of the School's development. In 2014 we will have the opportunity to celebrate the completion of thirty years in our community.



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2013
Commencing
7.00pm
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Annual Benefit Concert



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From the Acting Deputy Headmaster

I recently read an article by psychologist Steve Biddulph explaining why children need good role models. <http://www.parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au/announcements/why-we-all-need-role-models> Biddulph outlines scientific evidence that demonstrates how children copy and learn behaviours through their observations and interactions with others. "We don't just learn knowledge, but we take in the whole attitude of the person we learn from - their enthusiasm for a subject can interest us in something we didn't really care about beforehand." Children look to their close environment for role models. It is, thus, very important for children to be exposed to a wide range of good role models who can help shape their desire to learn new things and acquire important skills and values.

Making positive behaviours explicit helps children copy them more readily. Parents can easily do this by taking some time out at the dinner table and sharing Bible stories about role models such as Jesus, Caleb, Barnabas, Esther or Ruth or relating anecdotes about people who can positively influence their children's lives. For example, sharing how Thomas Edison persevered until he succeeded in inventing the light bulb after over ten thousand failed attempts.

Exposing children to good literature can also provide them with characters who are

influential role models. For younger students there is a multitude of character-building books and stories. Some of my recommendations include the childrens' books *Wemberly Worried* or *Sheila Rae the Brave* by Kevin Henkes and *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. For older children, my favourites would include *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, *Alice Miranda at School* by Jacqueline Harvey and *Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery. For young adolescents, I would recommend *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt, *Kingdom's Dawn* by Chuck Black, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen and *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger. These stories can provide the antidote to negative figures they might encounter on television or in computer games. Why not ask for some suggestions from our librarians Mrs McGlinn, Mrs Laird or Mrs Low?

In addition to our teaching staff, Macarthur provides students with positive role models through formal programmes such as Peer Support and activities such as Bound for Books. Our student leaders in Years 6, 9 and 12 also play a major role in influencing others.

Of course, as parents, you have the greatest influence on your children as they observe every move you make and everything you say.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley

Junior School Canteen

Junior School parents please note there is no hot food available on Wednesday due to various sport commitments. We can only provide sandwiches, salads and noodles.

I would like to thank the parents who have donated their valuable time in the canteen this year. However, more parent help is required for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have a few hours that you can spare on either of those days please contact me on 4629-6244 on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. You would be required from 8.30am until approximately 1.30pm.

Marilyn Rowe
Junior Canteen Supervisor

From the Dean of Studies

Unlike other schools that are winding down in the last term of the calendar year, students at Macarthur are continuing an enriching and exciting learning journey. For example, students in Year 2 are studying an innovative unit of work called Retro Recycling, part of which they will focus on 'thinking routines'. In various subjects, students in Year 11 also have the opportunity to deepen their learning without the constraints of formal assessment.

The Year 11 Programme will also include a variety of other worthwhile programmes devised by the Head of Senior School. These include activities such as essay writing skills, discovering how to attain Band 6 results, learning First Aid and water safety as well as visiting universities.

Another exciting initiative for the term will be the introduction of the '*Aristotle Project*' for Year 8 students with high academic potential or who have demonstrated excellent academic achievement. Led by Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Co-ordinator of Teaching and Learning innovation, the Aristotle Project aims to foster a deep learning focus with a sustained, substantial and positive approach and attitude to learning. It entails:

- the use of higher-order cognitive skills (analysing, conceptualising, applying, synthesising and problem solving)
- partaking in critical analysis of new ideas and relating previous knowledge to new knowledge
- thinking meta-cognitively in order to construct long-term understanding and retention of knowledge
- a combination of autonomous and collaborative learning - harnessing collective intelligence
- exploring multiple perspectives

Other Matters

Textbook Return

There are still many outstanding textbooks for the 2013 academic year. It would be appreciated if parents encourage students to check at home as well as in their bags and school lockers for any textbooks. These need to be returned as a matter of priority as they are needed for new classes.

Reports

Over the next couple of weeks, parents will be receiving Yearly Reports. Parents should refer to both the academic achievement as shown by the A-E grades as well as the effort displayed by the students as it is important to determine whether students are working to their potential or not. It is beneficial for parents to involve their children in discussions about the reports and, in particular, ask them to note their strengths and weaknesses and note areas in which they need to improve.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN letters will be distributed over the next week as the School receives the results from the Board of Studies of NSW, the new NAPLAN authority. This year the results were delayed as ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average marker in the Year 5 and 7 NAPLAN student reports for Language Conventions. Pleasingly, Macarthur's NAPLAN results for Years 5, 7 and 9 indicate that the vast majority of Macarthur students have demonstrated growth in all skill areas.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley

Parents & Friends

Welcome back from the holiday! This term will be very busy as we all prepare for the end of the School year.

Women at Macarthur are preparing for the Pink Ribbon Luncheon. This will be held at Bistro Calavia on Monday 28 October. The guest speaker will be Dr Jane Gray. Please join with us in supporting the Cancer Council and the National Breast Cancer Foundation by attending this event. If you are unable to attend but would like to support maybe you could consider purchasing some merchandise. Please contact me if this is of interest to you. Thank you to all mums who have so far supported this initiative by booking their ticket to the event. Bookings are online via the School website.

W@M will also be hosting a Devonshire Tea marquee this Saturday at the Men and Machines event. Please pass by the Marquee at our School if you are attending. The day is sure to be a great family event with loads to do for all.

Parents and Friends will again be organising buses to transport families to and from the Speech Night venue at Homebush. The cost will be \$10 per person or \$30 per family. A booking form will be sent home with your children next week. There will also be booking forms available at Accounts, the Uniform Shop, the Head's of School office and in Administration. If you would like to support the Speech and Award night prizes by way of donation please contact me.

Community Chat

Thank you to all of you who supported the Relay for Life recently by performing, walking or sponsoring someone walking. Our School team came second in funds raised for the Cancer Council. The team raised in excess of \$11,000. A special thanks to Heartland Motors who matched team member Hans Ede, dollar for dollar. Well done Hans for the amazing effort! Children both young and old loved having their face painted. Thank you Amanda Thompson for the face painting on the day. It was a great twenty-four hours spent enjoying time with other members of our local community whilst raising much-needed funds. The School Choir performed at the twilight service on the Saturday evening. Thank you to this wonderful group of singers.

The School Calendar for 2014 is well underway. If advertising, please forward outstanding artwork as soon as possible.

The Annual Benefit Concert will occur on Friday 25 October. It will be held at the Camden Civic Centre and commence at 7.00pm. This will be an evening showcasing the musical talent at our School. Students ranging from the very young to our senior music students will perform. Orchestras, string groups, band and choir to name a few groups will entertain you. Proceeds from this concert will be directed toward the work of the African AIDS Foundation. This is a local tax deductible organization who support children living with AIDS. The evening will also feature a short talk from Mrs Jenny Hooper, a board member of AAF. The evening will conclude with a light supper. This supper will have a South African flavour. Entry is by donation at the door.



Hans with his daughter Alexandra

For more information please contact spascoethomas@macarthur.nsw.edu.au.

Drum Corp

Fourteen members of the Macarthur Drum Corp travelled to the Canberra Highland Gathering last Saturday to experience the rousing sights and sound of some of the best Scottish pipe bands in Australia.

As well as the opportunity to appreciate traditional Scottish culture, the students were able to spend some time with their side drum tutor, Mark Lambert, who is also the lead drummer of St Mary's Pipes and Drums band. St Mary's were competing at the ACT Pipes and Drums Championships. Several of the

Macarthur Drum Corp were thrilled at the chance to accompany the St Mary's pipers during their pre-competition tune up. The students were also privileged to meet world-leading side and tenor drummers, Jim Kilpatrick and Tyler Fry who were judging at the Championships.

It would seem the Drum Corp students were greatly inspired by the Pipes and Drums experience as the enthusiastic 'rat-a-tat-tat' that reverberated throughout the entire bus journey home to Macarthur, would suggest!



MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE STUDY TOUR

FOR STUDENTS YEARS 7 TO 11
23 SEPTEMBER TO 8 OCTOBER 2014



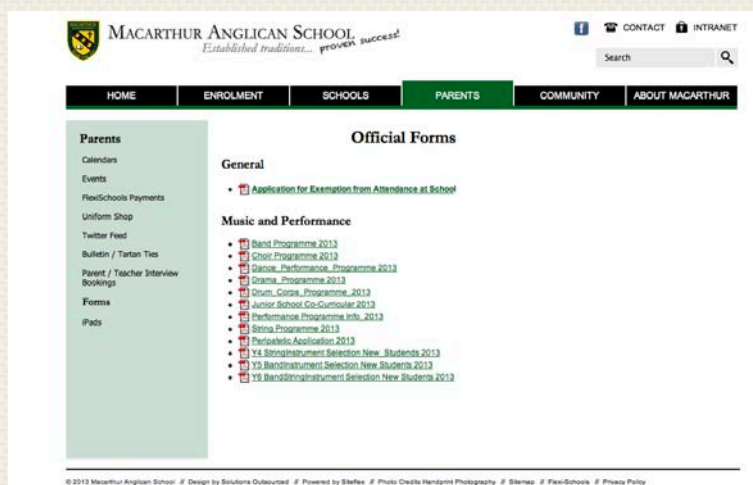
CONCERTS, WORKSHOPS, GUIDED TOURS, MUSICALS, SHOWS AND MORE will be experienced in:

New York, Nashville, Memphis, New Orleans and
Disneyworld, Orlando.

It is not too late to book a place for this exciting musical experience . Please contact the Music faculty or the School Accounts Department for further information.

Headmaster's Permission for Student Absence

Parents are reminded again that only the Headmaster may grant an exemption from attendance at school and only for a small number of reasons. Parents must apply directly to the Headmaster using the official application form for an Exemption from Attendance which is available on the School's website.



If successful in applying, the Headmaster is required to provide parents with a 'Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School'. The Certificate is only valid for the specified period and it cannot be issued retrospectively. Absences without this approval will be recorded as 'unexplained or unjustified absence' without the ability to change it retrospectively.

MEN & MACHINES 2013

Come and enjoy an exhibition of various cars, boats, bikes, trucks and lots lots more. Free attractions for all including the kids, food and drinks available and helicopter joy flights available.

Andrew Fisher and the Jesus Racing team will be there as well as Stan the Man Longinidis - 8 times world kickboxing Champion.

Contact us on:

1300 XTREME (1300 987 363) should you wish to add a vehicle of interest to the event.

DATE

Saturday 19th October 2013

TIME

10:00am - 4:00pm

COST

\$10pp or \$30 family

WHERE

Macarthur Anglican School
Cobbitty Rd Cobbitty

EXHIBITOR
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<https://www.facebook.com/Macarthur.Men.and.Machines>



Student Achievements



On Saturday night Jarrod Alchin was awarded Most Improved Junior Referee for the Western Suburbs District Rugby League Referees Association.

There are approximately twenty-five Junior Referees and Jarrod is one of the youngest. This year was his second full season as a referee. Congratulations Jarrod!



*Guest Speaker
Dr Jane Gray*

W@M
*Pink
Ribbon
Luncheon.*

Monday 28 October
'Bistro Calavia'
Tapas menu \$40.00pp

Bookings: www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au
*Close: Monday 21 October. Limited seats.
Book early to avoid disappointment.*

Reminder to Parents of Students in Year 7 and Boys in Year 9

On Wednesday 23 October NSW Health will be returning to Macarthur to administer the final vaccinations for 2013.

Year 7 girls and boys will have the HPV, Hepatitis B and Varicella(chicken pox) vaccines. Year 9 boys will be given the HPV vaccine.

Only those students who have had the previous doses at school earlier in the year and have returned the consent forms for Varicella will be vaccinated. This will conclude the NSW adolescent vaccination programme for these students.

Sister Cameron



With grateful thanks to our Annual Community Partners



Be Thankful!

It has been a seamless start to the term. All students were keen to come back to school and continue their learning journey for 2013.

I welcomed all the T-4 students back to Spring Term and asked them about their holidays. I spoke about my recent camping trip to Wiseman's Ferry. Whilst camping is not something that usually agrees with me I thought it was time I tried it out again with my family. Without my creature comforts I found myself lying under the stars one early evening (with nothing much to do), gazing up at the millions of stars that were lining the night sky. It was actually quite breathtaking, and for someone who doesn't lie still very often I found myself thinking about all the many things for which I need to be thankful. God has blessed us with so many things.

The boys and girls added that they were thankful for holidays, family, friends, a caring school, teachers and God's promise to us that we can live with Him forever if we trust in Him.

Whilst it is often easy to lose sight of the many things in our lives we can be thankful for, it is only when we are **still** that we can 'stop and smell the roses' - even if it is only for two nights!

Additionally, I spoke to each of the boys and girls about the idea that they should be starting to think, behave and work like the grade above them in this Spring Term. All our teachers work very hard to 'prepare' students for the next stage of their schooling. It is important to equip students with the academic, social and emotional skills they need.



I am most impressed with the work ethic of our boys and girls. It is evident that you don't have to be over one metre tall to have determination and a will to succeed and improve. At Macarthur our expectations of the students are unashamably high. Students are pushed to do their best and challenged to do that little bit more.

K-2 Swimming Programme - Our First Week!

It was a great start for the students in K-2. All the students were assessed in the first week and placed into appropriate groups. We were most impressed with the children's skills in getting dressed and undressed and caring for their own belongings. Thank you to parents for your support.

Significant Dates

Annual Benefit Concert - Friday 25 October

Equestrian Gala Day - Monday 28 October

Year 4 Excursion - Thursday 31 October

Year 4 Strings Evening - Monday 4 November

Sport Photo Day - Wednesday 6 November

T/K Orientation Day - Friday 8 November

Year 2 and Dad's Camp Over - Friday 22 Nov - Saturday 23 November (am)

T-2 Concert - Wednesday 4 December

K-4 Presentation Day - Monday 9 December

NUDE FOOD DAY

WE ARE BECOMING WASTE WARRIORS!



On Wednesday 16 October all students T-6 celebrated 'National Nude Food Day' by focussing on minimising food and packaging waste, which is the main component of school waste that has to go to landfill.

T-6 students tried hard to bring in a healthy, wrapper free recess and lunch to school.

Year 2 are studying a unit called 'Retro Recyclers' and as part of that unit they have been acting as 'Macarthur Waste Warriors'. Keep up the good work Year 2!



Year 3 Solar Ovens

Year 3 students made solar ovens from pizza boxes as part of their Science unit 'Heating Up'. Students can be seen placing their ovens in the best position to reflect the sun into the ovens. Students enjoyed eating the food cooked with the help of the sun. A big thank you to the friendly staff at Pizza Hut Narellan who kindly donated boxes to many of our students.

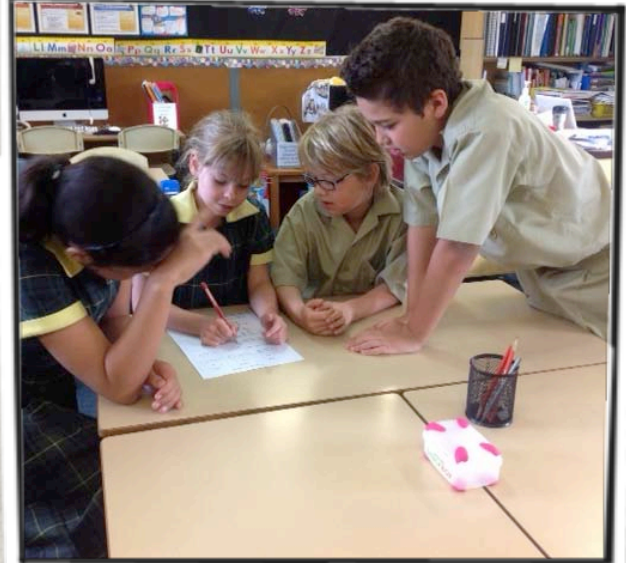
Mrs Stassen - Year 3 Teacher



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE



Students working co-operatively on the iPads. Year 1 creating stories.



Year 3 and 4 students discussing and recording ideas in the Learning Centre.



Year 3 and 4 boys discussing ideas during a game in the Learning Centre.



Students writing in the Learning Centre.

Year 3 Board Games

Year 3 students designed and made board games to display their knowledge of National Parks. Students had to choose a theme, workers, visitors or park rules, and build their game around it. On the last day of term they played each game and scored it according to park rules, game rules, park features, fun level and neatness. a Great time was had by all the students.

Mrs Stassen - Year 3 Teacher



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival

Three students from the Junior School competed at the Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival, which was held on Saturday 21 September.

It was a warm day, which tested both riders and ponies, however, despite the heat, Matilda, Emma and Grace all looked fantastic and rode very well.

The girls came home with many ribbons and yet again, were exceptional representatives of Macarthur Anglican School.

Well done girls!

Mrs Kerry Jackson
Equestrian Team Co-ordinator



Matilda Jackson, Kindergarten

1st in Best Presented
2nd in Best Handler
2nd in Best Hands
2nd in Best Exhibit
3rd in Pairs with Emma Tyson

Emma Tyson, Year 2

2nd in Best Presented
4th in Best Handler
5th in Best Hands
1st in Best Position
6th in Best Exhibit
3rd in Pairs with Matilda Jackson
5th in Bounce Pony
6th in Western Pole Bending Race

Grace Tyson, Year 4

2nd in Best Presented
1st in Best Handler
2nd in Open Rider
1st in Active Rider
1st in Open Show Hunter under 13hh



Spring Term

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Spring Term! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable holiday time together. I look forward to students in the Middle School continuing to be engaged and energised in classrooms as we undertake an exciting term – and the beginning of a new academic year for students in Years 8 and 9!

For students in Years 5 and 6 it is a time to reflect and finish the year well as they re-evaluate the goals they have set for the year and work to attain them, reflecting on things they have done well and things that could have been improved. It is also a time of preparation for 2014 as students prepare to move up a grade. Students in Year 5 are preparing to set an excellent example to the younger students, academically, socially and spiritually as they are soon to enter Year 6. It is also a time for Year 6 students to evaluate and work on their progress as they use this term to prepare effectively for their transition to secondary schooling.

For students in Year 8 and 9, a new academic year presents us with the opportunity to set new goals and further develop study habits and routines to achieve their best.

Spring Term promises to be busy and rewarding with the IPSSO Summer Finals for Year 5 and 6 to be conducted in addition to the Strings and Band Evening on Monday 4 November which will showcase the benefits of the music practice that students have undertaken all year.



The Canberra Excursion for Year 5 and 6 is coming up soon, on 14 and 15 November. Please return forms and payment promptly for this activity. Year 6 students are also looking forward to celebrating their traditional bush dance at the end of the term on Thursday 5 December.



Year 10 students celebrate their progression from Middle School into Senior School at their Harbour Cruise on Wednesday 30 November as they move into their senior years and commence working towards the HSC, university and beyond!

SOME GREAT EQUESTRIAN RESULTS



Shaylee Greener - Year 5 Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

Shaylee received a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. She was also awarded Reserve Champion.

5th - Bareback Riding
5th - 60cm Showjumping
2nd - Rider in Action
2nd - Sack Race
4th - Flag Flyers

Isabella Tyson - Year 6 Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

2nd - Best Presented
1st & Reserve Champion - Rider Class
2nd - Best Educated
1st - Hack Class
2nd - Versatility
4th - 45cm Show Jumping

Awarded the trophy for overall highest point score for Year 6

Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

1st - Pairs
4th - Hack over 15hh
1st - Handy Pony (three events)

Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival

5th - Best Presented
2nd - Pleasure Mount
2nd - Intermediate Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
3rd - Best Handler
3rd - Best Intermediate Rider
3rd - Active Rider
4th - Western Pole Bend
4th - Bounce Pony
4th - Three Mug Race

Arndell Anglican College Equestrian Carnival

3rd - Best Presented
2nd - Best Handler
6th - Open Rider
3rd - Active Rider
1st - Open Show Hunter, 14hh 15hh
Reserve Champion Show Hunter
2nd - Pleasure Mount
3rd- Pairs
3rd - Bounce Pony
4th - Mug Race
3rd - Western Bending

Diana Porter - Year 7 Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

2nd - Consolation Rider

Lucy Webster - Year 7 Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

1st - Pairs
4th - Rider Class

Taylor Drayton - Year 7 Tara Dressage & Equestrian Carnival

AWARDS...



Head of Middle School Uniform Awards

Harrison Neumann
Grace O'Brien
Holly Creber
Brooke Charlton
Olivia Evans

CONGRATULATIONS!

Apologies to Emily Moore, whose name was not mentioned last term when I announced the pleasing results for UNSW English Competition where Emily also received a Distinction. She was also part of the successful debating team. congratulations Emily on your achievements truly great results.

UNSW Mathematics Competition Results

Congratulations to Harrison Neumann and Thomas Mackie who both received a Distinction in this competition.

Congratulations to all these students in Year 5 and 6 who received a Credit in the same competition.



Students receiving their Merits



STUDY SKILLS

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR SEPTEMBER – Starting to Write an Assignment

In our last tip we looked at doing effective research for your assignments. This tip will focus on getting started with the writing.

1. CHECK REQUIREMENTS

So you have done all of your research, collected the information you will need and are ready to start writing your assignment. Before you begin, revisit the requirements, format and criteria for the task. Be very clear on what the assignment is asking you to do and any guidelines you have been given for the assignment. If you are unsure at all, check with your teacher.

2. PLAN A STRUCTURE

Your approach will vary depending on the style of your assignment (eg. essay, speech, presentation or report) but regardless of this, unless it is explicitly given to you, you need to decide the structure of your assignment. Have you determined the main points, the headings and sub headings? Have you made sure you have gathered information about all parts of the question? Have you found any diagrams, images, photos, quotes needed to reinforce any points? Before you begin the writing, create a structure for your work listing all of the headings and sub-headings you will write about. Keep checking back with the criteria or requirements to ensure you are answering the assignment questions.

3. JUST START WRITING

The best thing to do if you have no idea how to begin your writing, is to just start writing. Now this may sound a little strange, but many students do not start writing because they want what they write to be perfect or 'right' the first time. Don't worry whether your writing is up to standard at this stage. Instead concentrate on getting your ideas down onto paper or screen. Choose a section and start putting down ideas on the sorts of things you could include in that section. The hardest part of any writing is starting. Once you start putting down ideas this generates other ideas and before you know it you have some text to work with. So even if you have no idea where to start just write or type 'I don't know what to include here' and even writing this will get your subconscious thinking about what could be included!

4. USE YOUR NOTES

Once you have started, you can use your notes from the research you did to build your ideas and arguments for your assignment. This means that you integrate your own thoughts and ideas with the research you have done using this to help support your ideas. Make sure that you reference correctly, this means that when you use materials you have researched, particularly quotes, you

make it clear where this material has been sourced from. You may find holes in your research as you progress and have to then do additional research about those areas.

5. BE CREATIVE

Unlike an essay, you generally have a bit more scope in how you present an assignment. Think about how you can bring the material to life for the reader. Photos (appropriately referenced) are a good start and sometimes diagrams, tables, examples, statistics or flowcharts may be appropriate. You might use lists, bullet points or colour to make the material more user-friendly. Your teacher will be reviewing many assignments on the same topic, so what can you do to make yours stand out or have a unique angle.

6. REVIEW AND REVIEW AGAIN

Have you ever had that experience where you write something, leave it, come back the next day and read it again and find a whole heap of errors you didn't see the first time? This is why it is important to space out your work on your assignment over a number of weeks and days. You need time to edit your work and you need space between edits. When you come back with a fresh eye, you will be able to look at your work from a different perspective and get ideas on what you could do to improve your work. As you review your work, look for spelling and grammar errors, possible repetition or unclear areas. Reading your work out loud is surprisingly a great way of locating errors or things that don't make sense.

You can learn more in the Research Skills unit on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and our new unit coming at the end of this year on Assignment Skills. Our school's subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -

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Spring Term – A New Academic Year

The beginning of Spring Term marks a number of exciting changes and events for students in the Senior School. A new academic year brings with it, not just a new set of teachers or a new uniform, but an opportunity for a fresh start and to get further involved with the life of the school. Of course, moving from one year group to the next also brings with it increased responsibility. I would like to encourage all students to take up the opportunities and responsibilities as they are presented to them. I have highlighted below some of the events happening for each year group below.

Year 12 - 2013

Year 12 - 2013 have now completed the first week of their HSC and are looking forward to their final two formal events at the school. The Graduation Dinner on the 15 November and Speech Night on 10 December. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the more than ten students who have already been accepted into the University of Wollongong through their Early Admission Program.

Year 12 - 2014

Our new Year 12's are busily working through what their yearly examination results mean for them and are seeking advice as to their patterns of study in the HSC year. Many students are taking up the challenge of extension subjects and I wish them all the best for their studies. This term seventy-four of our new Year 12 students will be participating in the Macarthur Ball on the 1 November and I am sure that this will be a wonderful event for these students.

Year 11

For Year 11 this term marks the beginning of their Preliminary HSC courses and with it a range of opportunities including:

- Connect at Kiah Ridge - 31 October
- UWS Open Day - 7 November
- First Aid Course - 14/15 November
- Water Safety Excursion - 22 November
- Sydney and NSW University Visit - 28 November

Year 10

For Year 10 the new academic year marks with it the beginning of the RoSA and students are encouraged to try their best in all aspects of the courses as they work towards achieving this credential. An information session regarding the RoSA will be held in the new year. The big event for Year 10 is the Cruise to be held on 30 October.

Senior School at Macarthur.

To stay up to date with courses and happenings in the Senior School may I remind parents and students to keep tabs on our Senior School Facebook page. The purpose of this page is to keep our students up-to-date with what is happening in the Senior School as well as with information regarding careers and tertiary information.



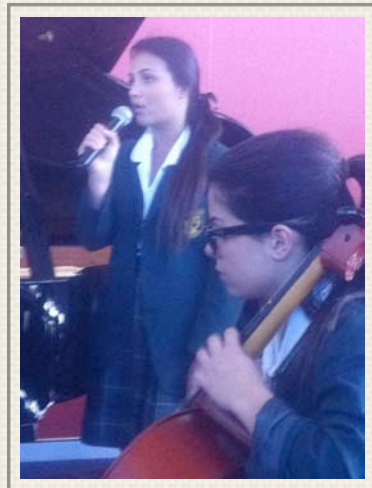
MUSIC IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL

A PHOTO JOURNAL

Music in the classroom.



NICHOLAS MASJUK AND DANIEL WHITTLE



JUSTICE MASSAAD AND CAROLYN FERNANDEZ

From Create 2013



JESSIC D'ALI



DAVID MORGAN



LINDSAY JONES



AMY BARTLETT

MUSIC IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Other Recitals.



JOSHUA CONDELLO



JUSTICE MASSAAD



CAROLYN FERNANDEZ



NICHOLAS MASJUK

More photos from these events can be found on the Intranet

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Bessie-Lucile Platt for her Second Place in the 400m at the recent NSW All Schools Championships. Bessie also placed fifth in the 200m. She achieved PB's in the 100m, 200m and 400m. Because of these excellent results Bessie has been invited to participate in the National Championships in the 200m and 400m.



LEADERSHIP CAMP 2013

As Prefects of 2014 we were required to bring enthusiasm and willingness to work as a team - plus plenty of good jokes - to our leadership training camp, attended during the holidays. The team brought all of these, except for a few who were lacking in the good jokes department. Through the week, we began to understand our roles and responsibility, not just as Prefects, but like all of Year 12, as student leaders. We also expanded our leadership skills and bonded as a team.

To the staff who attended we thank you for the help and guidance that you gave us during the week. The Student leaders of 2014 have entered to learn and now we are ready to serve.

Robert Keane
School Prefect



CHAMP CAMP 2013

During the first week of the recent school holidays Year 12, 2013 were involved with Champ Camp at KCC - Katoomba. This camp gave students the opportunity to participate in up to eight hours study per day. Staff from all faculties were in attendance and conducted seminars and consulted with students individually to help them maximise their HSC results. This was a fantastic camp and the mature way our Year 12's participated in the programme is to be congratulated.

