



From The Headmaster's Desk

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and this Bulletin is the last for 2013. Let me take this opportunity of wishing all families and supporters of the School a very blessed and Holy Christmas. Christmas is a fundamentally important celebration in the life of Christians as it is the time we celebrate God's amazing sacrificial love in becoming incarnate and taking the human form as Jesus Christ. It is an amazing thought to consider that the almighty God, the creator of the universe, humbled himself to become a new born baby born in a stable. We need to be careful in all the glitz and glamour of Christmas that we never lose sight of this tremendous gift shown by our loving God.

No doubt parents and students in the Junior School are looking forward with great anticipation to the Christmas Concert. This is always a wonderful time of celebrating Christmas as well as the end of another successful year. I pray that your family might be able to spend time in quiet reflection this Christmas season as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Tonight we have the joy of the Graduation Dinner celebrating the end of school for the HSC cohort. Of course at Macarthur we have the joy of these students attending Speech and Awards Night where I will present them with their Graduation Certificates. Tonight is a time of family celebration and an opportunity to thank God for the positive influence these students have had on the life of our School.

Next week we have the Sports Award Evening where we are able to celebrate the sporting success of our students. There have been some truly amazing achievements throughout this year. This event is wonderful because we have our youngest students in Transition alongside the oldest students in Year 12 all being recognised together. It is a true testament to the K-12 nature of the School.

Speech and Awards Night is of course the premier night in the life of the School and is attended by all students in the Middle School and Senior School. It is a night to celebrate the success of students throughout the year and to showcase the amazing ability of the students that make up this great School.

David Nockles

From the Dean of Studies

Developing a Culture of Thinking at Macarthur

'Developing thinking dispositions—whether it is a disposition to strive for understanding, to figure out the complexities of fairness, to seek truth, or hunt for creative solutions - occurs within a cultural context. It is within cultural contexts that we develop our patterns of behavior and thinking that become our habits.' http://www.old-pz.gse.harvard.edu/vt/VisibleThinking_html_files/VisibleThinkingI.html

In 2014, a number of teachers across K-12 will be engaging in classroom action research projects focussing on immersing students in a culture of thinking. Thinking will be taught explicitly with thinking routines becoming part of the students' daily learning. This is particularly important in this information rich environment in which students have knowledge at their finger tips but don't necessarily have the skills to evaluate them in a discerning and critical manner. There is a strong focus on developing students' critical and creative thinking skills in the new Australian curriculum in which students learn to use evidence to recognise facts from fiction, look at information from different perspectives, clarify concepts and solve problems. 'Critical and creative thinking are integral to activities that require students to think broadly and deeply using skills, behaviours and dispositions such as reason, logic, resourcefulness, imagination and innovation in all learning areas at school and in their lives beyond school.' <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/GeneralCapabilities/Critical-and-creative-thinking/Introduction/Introduction>

T-6 Reports

In the next few weeks, T-6 reports will be issued. Parents should be mindful that students are being assessed according to different and more complex outcomes than Semester One. It is important to evaluate your child's performance not only on their achievement grades but also on their effort.

K-4 Awards Ceremony

The K-4 Ceremony on Monday 9 December recognises selected students for their sustained endeavour. Best All Rounder and School Council Awards for academic excellence are also presented. The ceremony commences at 11.30am and concludes at 12.30pm at which time parents may take their children home.

Years 5-12 Excellence in Effort Assembly

On Tuesday 10 December, students in Years 5-12 will attend an assembly which will recognise exceptional effort displayed by one student per class for each of their subjects. Macarthur Green Awards will also be presented at this assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Years 5-12 Speech and Awards Night

Speech and Awards Night showcases student outstanding achievement in each of their subjects and recognises other students for excellence in leadership, the co-curricular programme and sport. Year 12 graduates also receive their graduation certificates and awards on this night. Attendance is mandatory for all students in Years 5 -12. Please read the Dean of Students' article outlining the details of this event including important information on parking.

Melissa Gould-Drakeley

If you have yet to return Camp forms or the pink Medical form, would you please do so at your earliest convenience.

From the Dean of Students

The venue for Speech and Awards Night is the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre at Homebush and the proceedings will commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 December 2013. Student performances and the display of works will be held in the Hall of Legends from 6.30pm.

Speech and Awards Night will recognise student achievement in 2013 across the Middle School and Senior School and is compulsory for students in Years 5-12. All Year 5-12 students will be dismissed from school on Tuesday at 12.00 noon in preparation for their attendance at this event. The various bus companies that service the School will **not** be providing bus services to transport students home once dismissed and parents are encouraged to make suitable alternate transport arrangements. After School Care closes on Friday 6 December and will not be an option for student supervision.

School Orchestra, School Choir 5-12, Concert Band 5-12, Preparatory Band and Preparatory Orchestra will depart Cobbitty at 12.30pm for rehearsals at the Sports Centre. Letters have been sent home to those participating performers indicating details of the day. Students will need to bring food and drink for lunch and dinner or money to purchase items from the Kiosk at the venue. Music students are permitted to wear their Sport Uniform for rehearsals but must change into full school uniform for Speech and Awards night.

Student Leadership Team and the Drum Corps will travel by coach at 4.30pm. Any award winners not involved in a performance should be at the venue no later than 6.00pm. Parents are reminded that students attending the rehearsal will be remaining at the venue until the conclusion of Speech and Awards Night. No transport will be provided to

return students to Cobbitty at the conclusion of the evening.

Students in Years 5-12 are expected at the venue by 7.00pm. All students are to report for roll call in the downstairs vestibule between the display centre and main auditorium. Students should find the following teachers to have their names marked as present.

Heber: Mr Groves	Johnson: Mrs Allen
Marsh: Mrs Stewart	Barker: Mr Clarke
Hassall: Mr Horne	Broughton: Mr Baker
	Year 13: Mr Hordern

Students who are not award winners are encouraged to sit with their parents and must not move around the auditorium during the proceedings.

Parking

The parking area to use is Parking Station P3 off Sarah Durack Avenue. It can be approached by turning into Australia Avenue from Homebush Bay Drive. Then turn left into Sarah Durack Avenue. P3 is a multi-storey carpark on the left, in easy walking distance from the Centre. Due to construction work at the front of the Centre, entry to the venue is via the Hall of Champions - please follow the signage or see staff from the Sports Centre who will be on hand to direct you.

Dress for Speech Night

Parents and students are reminded that proper attire for the evening will be full school uniform. Boys are to wear winter uniform including blazers. Girls are to wear summer uniform including blazer. Shoes should be clean and polished.

Parents & Friends

Thank you to all women who attended the annual Pink Ribbon Luncheon. The event was a huge success made possible by support from many. Thank you Helen Macklinshaw, Alison Rae-Darby, Diane Brinkworth, Yvonne Butler and Starr Fitness for your contributions. Funds raised at the event, along with ticket sales and Cancer Council merchandise raised approx \$1500. Funds generated were divided to support both the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Council. Thank you to OPI, Flipsters and Palmers for their support. Dr Jane Gray, thank you for keeping the audience thoroughly entertained whilst imparting valuable information regarding Breast Cancer diagnosis and treatment. Without the dedication of all the W@M this event would not have been the success that it was. Thanks one and all.

The Men and Machines Community event held on our School property recently was also a great day. The M@M and W@M team produced fine Devonshire Teas for those in attendance.

If you would like to use the P&F provided bus transport to Speech Night this year please fill out the booking form as soon as possible. Additional forms can be collected from the Administration area or Accounts department.

The Volunteers Morning Tea will be held next Tuesday 19 November. All who have rendered assistance to the School are warmly invited.

Community Chat

The Annual Benefit Concert was held at the Civic Centre during October. Thanks to all who supported this worthwhile event. Funds raised for the African AIDS Foundation reached \$2,000, well done everyone.

Macarthur will be sponsoring the Harrington Park Community Carols and Fireworks once again this year. This event will be held on Saturday 14 December. Please review the Harrington Park Anglican Church website for more information.

As the School year is drawing to a close I would personally like to thank all who have supported the growth of our School community through the many varied events held during the year. I wish you all a very special Christmas break.

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

Pink Ribbon Lunch



Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

Congratulations to our students who recently participated in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza along with over 700 students and 300 steers. Macarthur entered three steers and six students - Mikaela Micallef, Henry Cartwright, Abbey Glover, Ellen House, Nathan Lutiger and Sean McIntosh.

Results on the Hoof: 'Pugsley' - second, 'Dee Jay' - eighth and 'Teddles' - tenth. Parader's Competition - Nathan Lutiger sixth and High Commended and Sean McIntosh eighth out of 130 students in the 15 year old age group. All our students should be proud of their efforts. In the Carcass Competition the steers were placed seventh (Dee Jay), eleventh (Pugsley) and thirteenth (Teddles) in their classes - all creditable results considering the scale of the competition.

Macarthur would like to thank the breeders and supporters Michael and Maureen Rawsthorne and Ted Varvel for the steers.



Chaplain's Chat

Toys 'n' Tucker Collection has begun!



Each week in November students are invited to bring new toys (unwrapped) and food (that will last- canned/packet) for the annual Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker collection for families who are in need at Christmas time. This is our opportunity to 'go out to serve' others.

Last year the result was a massive collection of toys and food. We learn from Anglicare that "New research estimates 45,000 households using Anglicare Emergency Relief services don't have enough money to adequately feed their families. Of this group, adults in 22,000 households go without food for a whole day, most weeks." and that often parents in these families go without food so their children eat. (Anglicare web site Nov 2012).



Anton's Antics

Anton (a Frenchman), Stephen (the artist and story teller) and Skito (an American 'Rap dude') combined to entertain T-4 in a special chapel on November 4. Stephen Shearsby (who was all three characters!) delivered a creative message about the water, food and pollution and connected it to the Gospel. Jesus brings living water and is the bread of life and offers forgiveness for the mess that sin brings as we accept his grace and live for him.



Uniform Shop News

Vacation Hours

Last shopping day will be Monday 9 December, 2013.

Shop will re-open on Monday 13 January, 2014 as follows:

Monday	13 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday	15 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday	16 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Monday	20 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday	21 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday	22 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday	23 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Friday	24 January	9.00am – 2.00pm
Monday	27 January	Closed
Wednesday	29 January	8.15am - 2.45pm
Thursday	30 January	8.15am – 2.45pm

From January, Blundstone school shoes will be available through Macarthur Anglican School Uniform Shop

\$20 a pair goes to your school

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MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY

Tough by nature

A big thank you from Marilyn Rowe and Leesa Fairlie in the Junior School Canteen and Judith Golding in the Cafeteria to all our volunteers who have helped them during 2013. You are all very much appreciated by the ladies but also by the students and staff of the School for your time spent making lunch orders and serving at Recess and Lunch.

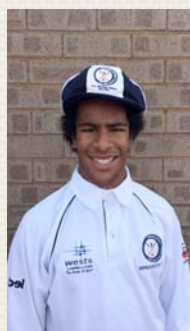
Student Achievements

Maire Playford (Year 12) has won a competitive and prestigious Australia Indonesian Association (AIA) of NSW / Commonwealth Bank scholarship. As part of this scholarship she will be travelling to Indonesia in January 2014 to extend her Indonesian language skills in an intensive immersion course. Miriam Tulevski (AIA) Director, Business Development Asia Pacific Market Development Pty Ltd commented that Maire is a highly capable young lady and will return with a deeper, practical knowledge of our neighbour which will benefit her school, her career and her personal development," added Ms Tulevski.



STANSW Young Scientists Awards

Several students selected to attend the Illawarra Coal Science Fair at the University of Wollongong. All of them are to be commended on their projects. Austen Perich was awarded second prize overall.



Congratulations to Ruedi Holbeck (Year 11) on his recent selections to representative cricket:

He will play for Camden District Cricket Association competing in the U16 C S Watson Shield (2013-14) and the Campbelltown Camden District Credit Club (Ghosts) competing in the A W Green Shield (2013-14).

Well done Ruedi and we wish you every success in both these competitions.

A WONDERFUL YEAR

As this is the final Bulletin for 2013 I do want to thank you for your support over the year and wish you all the very best for the holiday break where we remember the birth of Jesus. I hope to catch many of you at the various functions that are packed into the final weeks of Spring Term. The T-2 Concert, Sports Award Evening and the K-4 Presentation Assembly are always uplifting as we celebrate all that has been achieved in 2013. Thank you for the contribution you have made to a successful year at Macarthur. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014.

LET'S CONTINUE TO BE WASTE WARRIORS!

I have been most impressed by the decrease in the amount of waste that we are putting in our bins over this term. Students are really thinking about the packaging that they are using and urging each other (and their teachers!) to be waste warriors. As you think about purchasing

lunch boxes for 2014 please try to choose a lunch box with compartments that allows for waste to be reduced. I often say to the students, 'Imagine a day when you don't even have to walk to the bin!' For some students, this is every day. I would like to thank the parents who have supported and continue to support us in our war against waste.



THE LEARNING CENTRE MOVE

Many of you will have noticed (and heard about) The Learning Centre's big move. The Learning Centre has moved to the room next door to After School Care. The staff and students are enjoying settling in to their new home.

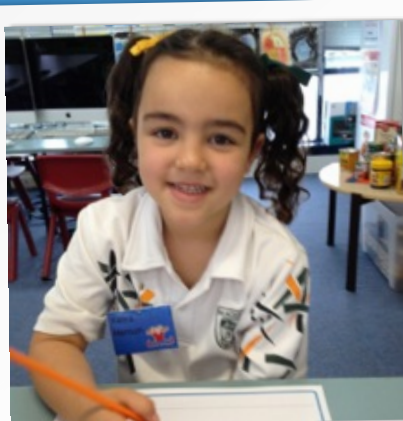
ORIENTATION DAY

Our T-6 Orientation Day was held on Friday 8 November.

What a joy it was to see all our 'new' students who will join us in 2014 and to see them settle in to their new school environment with ease.



KAITLYN BARRIE GETTING READY
FOR KINDERGARTEN 2014



KEIRA HENSON PREPARING FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2014



TANISH GAUTAM HAVING FUN
IN KINDERGARTEN ON
ORIENTATION DAY

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Inter-House Equestrian Challenge



On Monday 28 October, Macarthur Anglican School hosted its first ever Inter-House Equestrian Challenge.

Thirty-one students from Years T-9 mounted-up for a fun day of sporting and games. The skills of both riders and ponies/horses were tested in the barrel race, bounce pony, the bending race, the diamond flag race, an obstacle course, the three mug race and the boot race. There were smiles galore and plenty of cheering from the sidelines.

The final point scores for the day were :

Broughton/Heber	144 points
Barker	125 points
Johnson	85 points
Marsh	84 points

Mrs Kerry Jackson
Equestrian Team Manager



Congratulations to Lachlan Hey (4N) and Rowan Hey (3S) for achieving a credit in the NCSS (National Computer Science School) CHALLENGE 2013

The NCSS Challenge is a programming competition run for high school students by the School of Information Technologies at the University of Sydney. Each week for five weeks a set of Python teaching resources are distributed to participants, together with a set of questions testing this material. Participants have a week to submit their solutions to the challenge website where they are automatically marked.

What a fantastic achievement Lachlan and Rowan!



MORE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Caroline Psarris Year 2 - Writing Competition Winner



Read Caroline's entry at camdenadvertiser.com.au.

Ready for Christmas: Christmas in Narellan writing competition winner Caroline Psarris, a year 2 pupil at Macarthur Anglican School, says Christmas is about Jesus and sharing with others.

Picture: Luke Fuda

More than presents on kids' minds

CAROLINE Psarris thinks there's more to Christmas than just baubles, tinsel and presents.

The year 2 pupil at Macarthur Anglican School said Christmas was also a time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and an opportunity to give to others.

That's what she shared in her response to the question: "What does Christmas mean to me?" to take out the 2013 Christmas in Narellan writing competition.

The Camden-Narellan Advertiser is among the sponsors of Christmas in Narellan, with event partners Narellan Town Centre and Narellan Rotary Club.

including Brayden Bint, who is in year 7 at Camden High School. He wrote: "I love setting up the tree and making my house really bright to light up the world."

at the Christmas in Narellan event.

Hosted by Narellan Chamber of Commerce, Saturday's event will be held in the outdoor car park at Narellan Town Centre at 6pm.

Former *The Voice* contestant Brittany Cairns will be among the performers and there will also be free fairy floss and popcorn and face painting.

The event is free but guests are encouraged to make a gold coin

NASSA CRICKET GALA DAY - WINNERS!

Cameron Ha and Alex Frankum - Year 4

Congratulations to the NASSA Cricket Team.
They played Broughton first and won 51-22.

Secondly they played against Penrith Anglican and won 37-29 – this was the game that decided the overall winner.

Against TIGS, Macarthur won 68-46
A great effort by the whole team.

Congratulations to all the boys, particularly Cameron and Alex who are from Year 4.



INDONESIAN PERFORMANCE



On Monday 28 October K-4 students were treated to a beautiful showcase of Indonesian culture, in the form of music, dance and costume parades from eighteen young Indonesians, visiting Australia as part of the Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Programme. The Programme has been running since 1981 and gives participants a chance to experience Australia's culture and way of life, as well as undertaking a work placement.

The visit was arranged as a thank you to Macarthur Anglican School for its support of Indonesian language learning. Macarthur Anglican School is the only school in NSW that teaches Indonesian, giving our students wonderful opportunities and skills for the future.

The students were excited by the amazing costumes, the talented dancers and some lucky students even got to join in the final dance. We were very privileged to be able to enjoy this wonderful performance.

Ms J Fenton - Head of Languages



MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL TOYS'N'TUCKER APPEAL 2013

Anglicare is about changing lives and growing communities by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ in practical ways. They care by:

- ❖ *Doing good works that grow communities and address emotional spiritual, social and physical needs, and which are the fruit of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- ❖ *Meeting needs by bringing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to individuals, families and communities in partnership with churches and schools.*

'LIGHT AND SOUND' - YEAR 1

In recent weeks the children have been learning about 'light and sound.' The classes explored the school searching for light and dark places as well as sources of light and sound. We noticed it was quite dark in the sports shed and we heard the phone ringing when we visited the Heads of School Office. We thought it was interesting to find out that the moon is not a source of light but it actually reflects light from the sun. The children enjoyed the opportunity to participate in experiments and hands-on activities to learn more about light and sound. We tested tuning forks, telephones made from cups and string, made our own guitars and made spinning colour wheels.

For 'News' the students brought in objects from home that produce light or sound. There were many different and interesting items that came into the classroom and these were placed on our Science table.

Mrs Cowper and Mrs Williams



NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy time so far this term. We are studying 'Waste and Recycling.' We saved all our waste for one day at school and found that we bring a lot of packaging in our lunch boxes. We thought about what happens to all our rubbish and we learnt about landfill.

We collected all the rubbish from Transition to Yr 6 for one recess, then we counted and sorted it all. We decided to try and reduce the amount of rubbish by having a 'Nude Food Day'. It was a great success. The amount of rubbish we collected on 'Nude Food Day' was almost halved!

We also discovered that a lot of our rubbish can be recycled or re-used. We collected things from home that could be re-used in craft activities and then we spent an afternoon making some amazing objects. Well done Waste Warriors!

A big thank you to all the parents who kindly came in to help us tie-dye our t-shirts for the Christmas concert and for helping us create our junk craft objects.

Mrs Dench and Mrs Ha



LEARNING FUN IN YEAR 3

Year 3 having been studying 'History-First Contact' this term. The focus at the beginning of the unit has been researching Aboriginal history before European settlement. Some of our learning experiences have included creating an Aboriginal history timeline and discovering the significance of The Dream Time in Aboriginal heritage and culture. Many students have been surprised to learn that the many language groups and advanced hunting and farming techniques suggest that the Aboriginal life style was quite sophisticated centuries before European settlement.

Mrs Stassen and Mr Wood



Skito



A visit from 'Anton's Antics'



Stephen

SENSATIONAL YEAR 4

The maturity of Year 4 has been evident with the wide range of responsibilities they have accepted this term. As a staff we could not speak more highly of them as they mentored Kindergarten with the 'Skip For Bibles' initiative, visited the coast and performed at the String and Band Programme performance.

They have taken responsibility for sports equipment, helped Mrs Relyea in the Macarthur vegetable garden, supported the Headmasters' Reading Award and the University Competitions. Mrs Elling has called on them frequently to assist her.

As a grade they have ensured they were in the correct Macarthur uniform and arrived at school in impeccable dress with neat, tidy hair.

We wish them well in Middle School and value our time with them.

Mrs Neaves and Mrs Relyea



A Wonderful Year draws to a close...

Year 8 and 9 students have begun their new academic year after receiving their reports and reflecting on those aspects that could have been improved or pleased with the results and their application.

It has been a busy year for the Middle School students as they seized the many opportunities they were presented.

It is important over these remaining three and half weeks that the students maintain their application and effort - finishing the year as they began.

Year 5 and Etiquette

Students in Year 5 will participate in etiquette seminars conducted by Mrs Trish Cartwright of Winnow Down Consultancy on Tuesday 19 November. The boys and girls will learn skills that includes effective introductions and handshakes, table manners and etiquette for eating out and formal occasions, how to tie a tie and correct use of electronic devices. Our thanks to Mrs Cartwright for her enjoyable and engaging presentation style!

Assignments and Due Dates

As Year 8 and 9 have assignments due through the remainder of the term it is important that they meet the deadlines and if they are having difficulties that they communicate this to their teachers before the date that it is due. These dates can be viewed on our website under Calendars and is a way of helping the students maintain their organisation across their different subjects.

Sports and Awards Evening

This evening is an opportunity to recognise the many team and individual sporting achievements of the students throughout the year. This year it will be held on Thursday 21 November.

Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion

Year 5 and 6 students have been exploring the nations capital on Thursday and Friday and the students have been very excited.

String and Band Recital

Monday 4 November saw the String and Band Recital which showcases what the students have been learning in the String and Band Programme throughout the year. It was a most enjoyable evening.



LANGUAGES

YEAR 7 INDONESIAN DAY: Friday 13 September

Indonesia is a country renowned for its beautiful and diverse culture. On Friday 13 September Year 7 had the opportunity to experience different elements of Indonesian culture, in the inaugural Indonesian language day. Students rotated through a series of workshops, ranging from martial arts (silat), dance (poco-poco), and children's games, to badminton, cooking, and traditional musical instruments (angklung). We were fortunate to have members of the Indonesian community share their expertise with the students on the day, communicating in both Indonesian and English. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt that it enhanced their cultural understanding.



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AWARDS

Stage 3 Assembly and Awards

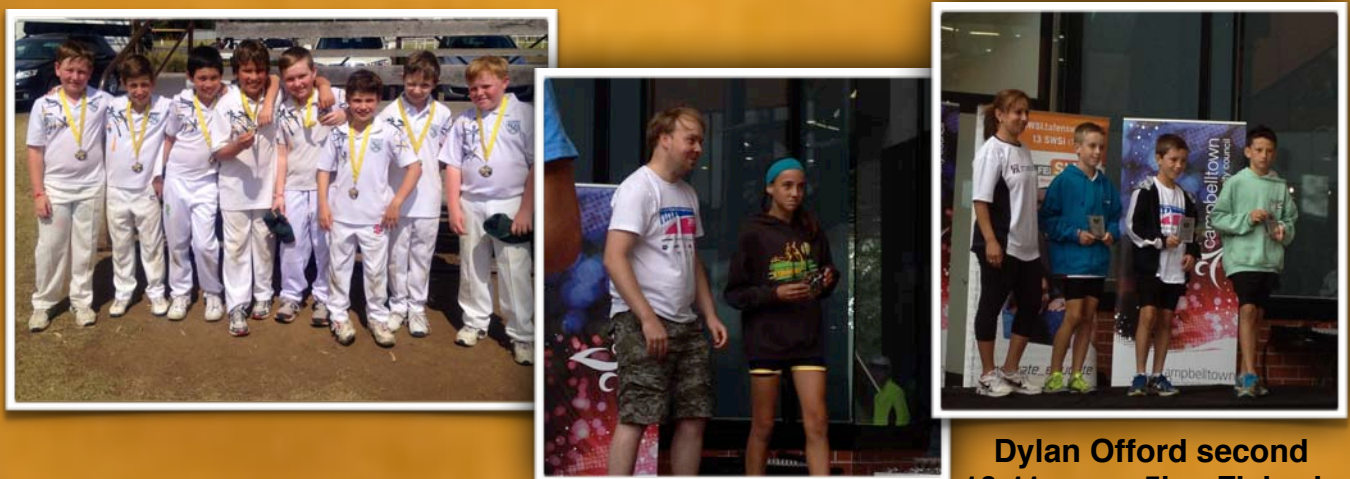
Congratulations to a number of students in Stage 3 who have been receiving Merits and Awards during our recent Stage 3 Assembly for application and effort in class and also for their participation in the Mathematics Olympics



SPORT

NASSA Cricket Gala Day

Congratulations to our Cricket team who won against Broughton Anglican College, Penrith Anglican College and The Illawarra Grammar School. We were the victors of the day with Jared Harvey and Harry Williams retiring with twenty runs in a game. All the



Matilda Offord first 15
years 10km Fisher's
Ghost Fun Run

Dylan Offord second
10-11 years 5km Fisher's
Ghost Fun Run

PHOTOS FROM THE LATEST EVENTS



Year 10 Harbour Cruise



6S working with Chickens



Year 10 Harbour Cruise



Strings and Band



Strings and Band



Strings and Band

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from Year 5 and 6 will be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia's history, culture heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of a \$20 - per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. The contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The students will enjoy experiences at;

- Electoral Education Centre
- Museum of Australian Democracy - Old Parliament House
- Parliament House
- Parliamentary Education Office / House of Representative / The Senate
- War memorial
- Institute of Sport - Sportex program



Spring Term – winding up!

For some, the end of the calendar year may mean a time to wind down to the end of the year. However, I have no doubt that students in the Senior School are thinking the opposite. Year 10 have been getting used to being a student in the Senior School, have enjoyed their cruise and are gearing up for assessment tasks that form part of their RoSA. Year 11 have been extremely busy this term with Connect, UWS Open Day, Study Skills Day and a First Aid Course held over the last two days. Still to come is the Water Safety excursion on 22 November and a visit to UNSW and the University of Sydney on the 28 November. Year 12 (2014) enjoyed the Macarthur Ball on 1 November and are now gearing up for their first HSC assessment tasks in many subjects. The one year group that may be celebrating a little is Year 12 (2013) I have no doubt they are looking forward to their Graduation Dinner tonight and the presentations at Speech Night.



**MACKENZIE EDGINGTON AND EMMA NOCKLES
REPRESENTING THE PREFECT BODY AT YEAR 10
CRUISE**

Studying in the break

As this is the last bulletin before the end of the year it is important to think about what students should be doing these holidays. The answer to this question depends on what grade you are in. For Year 12 it is important that these holidays are used as a foundation that can be built on next year. In order to retain information taught it is vital that students do a little bit regularly. In English, for example, the workload continues to increase and as such it is imperative that students use this break to read the texts that have been issued. The HSC is extremely competitive and one way to get the edge over students from other schools is to take the time to be up to date and complete additional work. Through doing this I have no doubt the HSC year will be much less stressful. For students in other years spending some time going over notes from this term would be wise.

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.



MACARTHUR BALL 2013

BEFORE



AFTER



THE PERICH FAMILY



ALEX WARWICK AND TEGAN BREMNER

YEAR 10 HARBOUR CRUISE



YEAR 11 - CONNECT



YEAR 11 - ALL MY OWN WORK

The Board of Studies requires all Year 10 students proceeding to Year 11 to satisfactorily complete the *HSC: All My Own Work* programme as a condition of entry to Year 12 and to satisfactorily complete the HSC. All Year 11 students were given lectures on the programme recently. The programme raises awareness of plagiarism and copyright issues and encourages students to be law-abiding and ethical in their research practices and in production of pieces of work.

Year 11 students will undertake small group sessions in House group under Mrs Low's supervision to familiarise themselves with the material. The course modules have been uploaded onto Moodle and students should spend time reading and familiarising themselves with the content and practising the online questions. At Macarthur we have created our own test, which students are required to complete by 30 November, and the pass mark is 80%. Students who fail to reach 80% will be required to do the test again in their own time under Mrs Low's supervision.

Parents would benefit from looking at the modules to increase their understanding of plagiarism and copyright and what is required of students, not only in their senior years, but when they go on to tertiary education.

Any questions may be directed to Mrs Gould-Drakeley or Mrs Low.

UWS OPEN DAY - YEAR 11



On Thursday 7 November all Year 11 spent the day at the University of Western Sydney, Paramatta Campus. The day consisted of learning what University is like, participating in lectures and a range of activities.



ALUMNI GOLD PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Jackson Bartlett, Benjamin Mackenzie and Nicole Smith (Year 12 - 2012) who were presented their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Their Awards were presented at a Vice-Regal ceremony at Government House in Sydney.

