



## From The Headmaster's Desk

This weekend, indeed commencing today, is a highlight in the regional calendar for Camden and for many of our students a highlight of the year as they represent Macarthur at the Camden Show. We wish them all the very best as they compete and perform in their various activities, some of whom will then progress to represent the School at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney later this month.

I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary work that the Science Faculty and particularly the Agricultural Staff put into preparing the animals and the students for the show. The Agricultural Show Team is one of the largest co-curricular groups within the School and the amount of time and effort the students put in as a team, as well as individually during the 'show season' is quite extraordinary.



and visit us throughout today and Saturday.

The end of this term of course is the end of the first semester of the Academic Year for

students in Year 7 to Year 12. For all but a few last remaining Year 12 examinations the Half-Yearly Examinations are now over and

students will begin work in preparation towards their Yearly Examinations.

No doubt many students will be pleased with their efforts and the resulting marks that they will receive. There will also undoubtedly be those who are a little

disappointed. It is important to remember that the purpose of examinations, and indeed any assessment, is not solely as a summative record of what has been achieved but far more importantly as a learning experience in itself. Assessment at Macarthur is very much treated as **assessment for learning** so that the teachers can assess student outcomes and plan for future work to improve those outcomes.

It is therefore vitally important that when students receive their examinations back that they read through them, look at the areas that need improvement and, if need be, spend time with their teachers in strengthening those areas. One of the greatest strengths of this school is the willingness of the staff to spend time with students beyond that allocated by the timetable to provide support and guidance for improvement.

As Easter draws near let me wish you all God's richest blessings as we dwell on the sacrificial love of God in coming to earth as a human in the form of Jesus and being willing to suffer and die on the cross in order to bring us eternal life in Heaven with God.

***Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen indeed!***



# From the Deputy Headmaster

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“We all possess knowledge. But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.” 1 Cor 8:1

Dear Teacher

I am a survivor of a concentration camp  
My eyes saw what no men should witness:  
gas chambers built by LEARNED engineers;  
children poisoned by EDUCATED physicians;  
infants killed by TRAINED nurses;

women and babies shot and burned by HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE graduates.

So, I am suspicious of your education.

My request is: help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters,  
skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns.

Reading, writing, arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human.

Haim Ginott (*Holocaust Survivor*)

Of what purpose is education really if we do not love our fellow man? There is an old saying that ‘Knowledge is power’ and it is. But the power can be used for good or evil as Haim Ginott’s letter demonstrates. Without love for our fellow man, in the wrong hands knowledge can be dangerous.

Academic results are very important to us at Macarthur. However, as a parent and as a teacher they pale against my desire to see children grow into good human beings and fruitful citizens. That is why I love such activities as our outreach programmes to North Queensland and Thailand and our many other service activities. The learning is enfolded by love.

It is no secret that Christian principles underpin our learning at Macarthur. The supreme value in Christianity is love; love for God and love for our neighbour. And in Christian belief the essence of our humanity is that we were created in the image of God. We have an innate dignity as human beings bestowed upon us by God.

From these two foundation points we can critique the culture in which we live and we can teach the students to do the same. Students are taught to analyse philosophies such as materialism, racism, nationalism, hedonism, elitism, Nazism, Communism, sexism and many other ‘isms’ and test them according to the principles:

- Do they demonstrate love for ‘the other’?
- Do they enhance our idea of what it means to be human?

And if we do this well, with God’s help we can avoid students becoming the ‘learned monsters’ feared by Haim Ginott.

Andrew Kokic



# From the Dean of Studies

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents of students in Years 5-6, 7 and 11 are warmly invited to participate in Parent/Teacher interviews, which will be held on **Monday 5 May** in the second week of Autumn Term. These interviews are timed to allow discussion on the progress reports that will be issued at the end of this term. It will also help provide Year 11 students with advice on how they can prepare for their half-yearly examinations. Should you wish to speak with teachers, it is expected that your son or daughter accompanies you, dressed in School uniform.

Interviews for T-4 students will be held on **Thursday 15 May**.

## NAPLAN Testing

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will sit the NAPLAN tests from **Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May**. Any students who are absent on any of the testing days will complete make-up tests on **Friday 16 May**.

Special provisions of extra time and a reader for the literacy tests will be offered to students with relevant needs.

Year 3 students will practise a NAPLAN style test so that they are familiar with the format and timing of the tests. For many of these students, this is the first time that they have sat an external test.

It is important to note that at Macarthur we do not spend class time teaching to the NAPLAN tests. Rather, we find it far more valuable to keep teaching our normal teaching and learning programmes which focus on developing students broad and deep knowledge and fostering their thinking skills.

If you have any questions regarding the Naplan tests, please contact Kylie Elling, Neil Davies or me.

## Year 8 Aristotle Presentation

Aristotle is a collaborative learning project for gifted and talented students in Year 8. The project has a deep learning focus with a sustained and positive approach and attitude to learning. This is the first year of the project at Macarthur and students have immersed themselves into a series of challenges and activities based around the theme "Ants". The Aristotle group has been meeting each Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Co-ordinator of Teaching and Learning Innovation during Spring and Summer Terms.

The project commenced with a series of deep thinking tasks and challenges communicated through a collaborative Google Drive document. This "live" document enabled all participants (including students and staff) to contribute relevant and thought provoking points. Once these initial tasks were completed students commenced working in pairs or groups to consolidate a personal focus/interest area applied to the "ants" theme.

The Aristotle Showcase will be held on **Wednesday 30 April** in the first week of Autumn Term from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Cranmer Room.

It is an exciting and valuable opportunity to observe the work completed by the Aristotle group. The aim of the showcase is to highlight the collaborative and critical thinking skills of all participants in the project. The showcase will include a variety of displays linked to the ants theme. Parents and students are encouraged to attend, especially those hoping to be involved with Aristotle or Socrates in the future.

**Melissa Gould-Drakeley**

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed for the School Holidays as renovations to the timber ramp will be taking place and there will be no access to the Shop.

Parents wishing to purchase Winter Uniforms for their children should do so before Friday 11 April or Week 1 of Autumn Term to ensure stock availability.

Winter uniform commences Week 3 of Autumn Term, Monday 12 May.

**Sue McKell**  
Uniforms Consultant



# From the Dean of Students

The Thailand Outreach Team for 2014 arrived back in Australia on Friday 21 March after spending two weeks immersing themselves within the Thai culture and battling the thickly polluted atmosphere in temperatures around 30-35 degrees. Despite these difficulties, all forty members of the team gave of themselves in different ways, either through their singing, drama, teaching skills or simply getting alongside children and playing with them. The theme for 2014 was 'Jesus is no Fairytale'.

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

Throughout the trip, our students were given the opportunity to visit the James O. Fraser centre in Chiang Dao where Jim and Linda Macintosh live and work. Linda is a past student of Macarthur and, with her family, has committed to training and discipling Bible students from the Lisu people who in turn will Pastor the villagers in their own language.



For our students, seeing the commitment and the change of lifestyle of 'one of their own', broadened the concept of Outreach onto the world platform.

Our students were sadly confronted by the hardships experienced by children suffering from HIV while visiting the Agape Orphanage – the home for up to 100 homeless children. It was during this visit that the privileged and the underprivileged met and the fragility of life was seen first hand. This was an emotional occasion for all involved, and I am sure another aspect of this trip that influenced the worldview of our students. I am looking forward to continuing our link with Agape and encourage those students who visited to remember these children when considering their own material well being..

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

**Timothy Cartwright**





# Chaplain's Chat

## Voluntary Christian groups at Macarthur

Mrs Wong (new Part Time Assistant Chaplain) writes...

**Senior Oasis** has had a wonderful term, focusing on *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan, as the basis of discussion for the Oasis groups. Students have heard talks (prepared by senior students) on what it means to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, discussed big ideas, played games, encouraged each other in prayer and run whole-school events. **Oasis's Eggstravaganza** involved a whole-school Easter Egg hunt and an egg-throwing competition. Both events were hosted by students from Oasis, who generously provided several hundred eggs (chocolate and yolky). Both events were a complete success, with over one hundred students getting involved in each. Oasis members hope that this event served the school in providing some Easter fun in the midst of a stressful term.

There are a host of voluntary opportunities for students to attend Christian groups at Macarthur.- all are welcome:

Yr 3-4 Jnr Oasis-Cru Friday lunchtime (St Paul (Kindy) room 3)

Yr 5-6 Oasis-Cru in the middle Tuesday lunchtime (Drama rooms GC6,7)

Yr 7-12 Hesed (morning devotions) in MCI each morning 8-8.08am

Yr 7-12 Oasis-Cru Monday lunchtime (Cranmer room)

Yr 7-12 Student ministry team – Wednesday lunchtime (Chaplain's office)

Yr 7-12 Bible studies (7/8 drama room GC6/7, 9 RR6, Sen RR5, Yr 12 boys PR 9, Yr 12 girls PR3)

**Reverend David Hayman**



## Junior School Canteen

New items: Mainland Cheese and Biscuit Individual packs \$1.20, small tubs of dip - French Onion/Corn Relish 50 cents (available at Recess), Cheese Sticks 60 cents. Yoplait Go Gurt Yoghurts in Strawberry and Fruit Salad flavours 80 cents each and Yoghurt Top Muesli Bars in various flavours 80 cents. Chicken Burgers will now consist of lettuce, tomato, cucumber and mayo or tomato sauce to make them part of the Green category \$3.00. Pear and Raspberry Breat \$2.50. Salmon is now available for sandwiches or in salads and is priced the same as Tuna. You can now create your own salad bowls from the following ingredients: capsicum, celery, Spanish onion, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, pineapple, grated cheese, ham or chicken.



# Community Chat

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Thank you to all family and friends who have contributed to the School Building Fund this year. It is both pleasing and encouraging to see the growing support. Thank you!

The Camden Show is only a week away; please call in to see our interactive school display whilst visiting. There will be plenty of fun for all and face painting will be available during Saturday. Whilst at the show, also call in and see our Agricultural team.

The Headmaster's Golf Challenge will be held Monday 14 April. It is not too late to get a team together and join in. This event is supported by our Community Partners;

it is a great opportunity to get to know some of them. When looking for businesses in our Community please remember our partners, past sponsors and companies who advertise in our School Calendar.

If you have a company or work for a company who may be interested in Sponsorship opportunity please contact me. I will be seeking sponsorship for our Annual Fundraising Dinner. Our School Musical may be something else you may be interested in sponsoring.

## Parents and Friends

Thank you to members of the W@M for all their efforts in making the tea towel drive for Grandparents' Day a success. A special thank you to Michelle Johnson for co-ordinating the drive. Thank you to all the ladies who assisted with packing the tea towels and Sarah Drysdale and Fiona Jones for assisting on Grandparents' Day. Thank you to all the mums who also volunteered their services to assist with the morning tea on Grandparents' Day.

W@M are busy preparing for the annual High Tea. This will be held at Harrington Grove Country Club on Saturday 17 May. Tickets are now available

online. Have you ever wondered what it takes to create a table centre-piece? A special interest Floral Workshop with Yvonne will feature at the High Tea this year. There will be a fashion parade by Sarita's, A Collective Emporium and French linen by Holalo-Paris will also feature.

What's on Thursday (WOT) are planning their Easter celebrations. The group will be visiting The Evangelical Sisters of Mary Thursday 10 April. If you would like to join them please contact me.



Playgroup has been seen enjoying the great outdoors!! Thanks Kylie Lyons for capturing this morning of fun on camera.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Easter break. Enjoy the family time and well-deserved rest from School life.

**Sharon Pascoe-Thomas**



*Women of Macarthur*  
**High Tea**

*Women at Macarthur invite you to an exquisite High Tea!*

When: Saturday 17 May 2014, 1.30pm for 2.00pm start  
Where: Harrington Grove Country Club  
Cost: \$55pp available online at [www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au](http://www.macarthur.nsw.edu.au)

*Be entertained with a Fashion Parade by Sarita's, A Collective Emporium, French Linen by Holalo-Paris!*

Bookings Close: Wednesday 7 May  
Enquiries to: Sharon Pascoe-Thomas on 02 4647 5333 or at [spascoe@macarthur.nsw.edu.au](mailto:spascoe@macarthur.nsw.edu.au)

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# Junior School Musical



Rehearsals for the Junior School musical have now begun. We have been busy rehearsing Scene I. The students have impressed me with their commitment and willingness to learn how to work with each other.

The main question that I have been getting asked is what is the musical this year and when I tell people that it is **Into the Woods Junior**, the main response is that they have never heard of it!

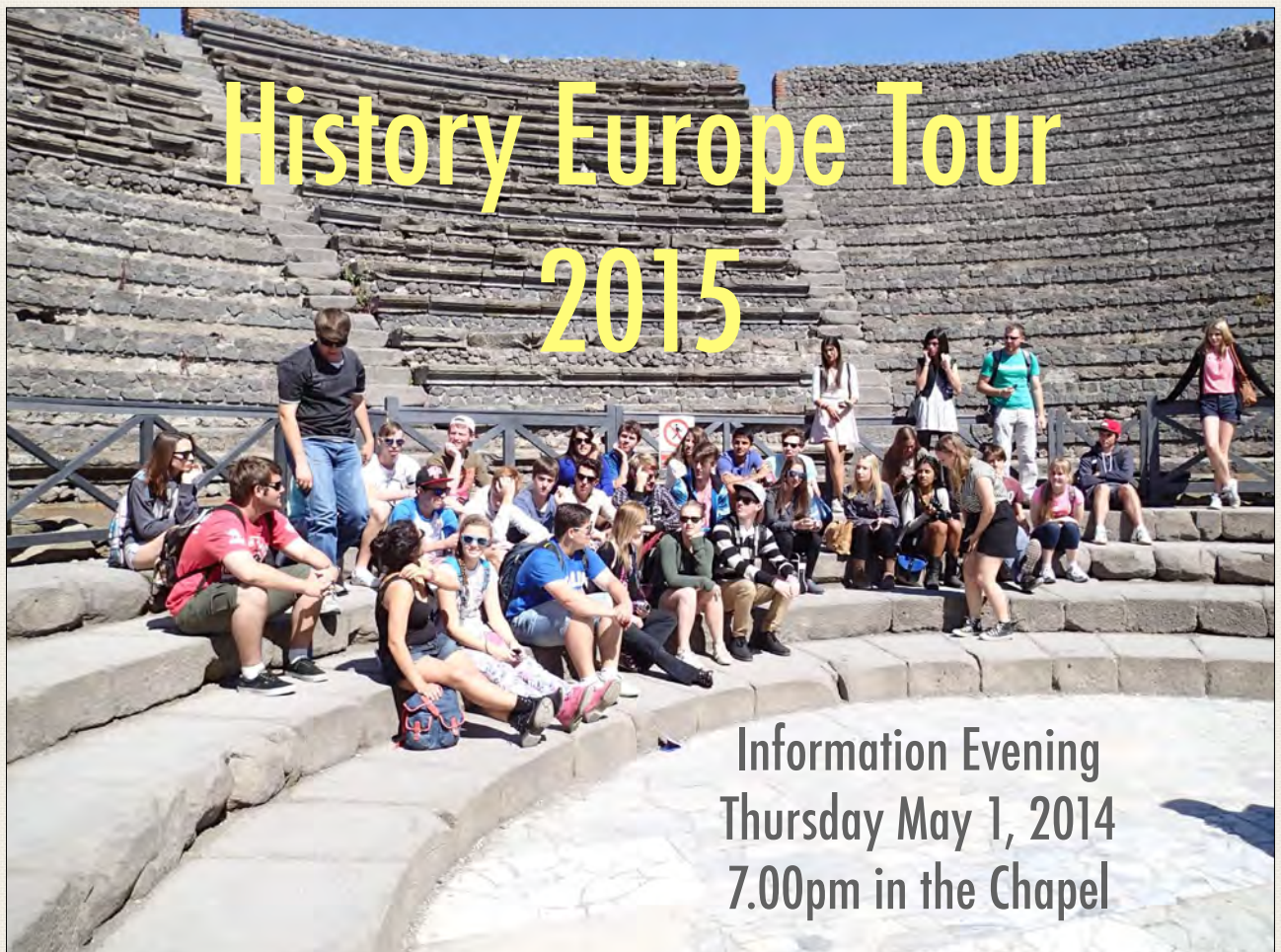
*Into the Woods Junior* is the authorised young performer's edition of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's cock-eyed view of everyone's favourite fairytale characters in this hysterical take on the Brothers Grimm.

*Into the Woods Junior* is an engaging and funny musical comedy that twists familiar fairy tales into a brand new story. When a Baker and his Wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the Witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell; swindling, deceiving and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (the one who climbed the beanstalk)!

Put the dates aside in your diary: 28 July – 2 August 2014.

Details about ticket sales will be available in early June.

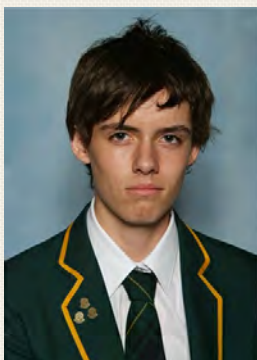
Mrs Nadine James  
Producer of Musicals





# Student Achievements

In the last Bulletin we congratulated Nicholas Masjuk on two records he broke at the 7-12 Swimming Carnival. Nicholas also broke the 50m Butterfly record at the same event. Congratulations Nicholas!



Congratulations also to Georgina Seton who broke the 50m Breast Stroke record at the recent NASSA Carnival.



Congratulations to Georgina and Sophia Seton and Nicholas Masjuk on going through to CIS for Swimming after this week's AICES carnival.

Congratulations to Stephanie Hennings, Henry and Richard Cartwright for their recent success at Castle Hill Show. In order to qualify for 'Parading' at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, competitors are required to enter selected shows to be awarded Qualifying positions within their age class

In the 14 Years Parading competition, Richard achieved First place and Stephanie Third. Henry qualified Fifth in the 17 Years competition. Stephanie, Richard and Henry gained automatic entry into the Under 25 Years competition in which the Top 10 are selected to represent NSW within their own age category.

Both Henry and Richard were recognised in the Top 10 and will be Parading at the Sydney Royal. This is an outstanding achievement and a reward for the dedication and commitment to their Agricultural interests.



With grateful thanks to our Annual Community Partners





## Reflecting on Summer Term Learning Goals

Congratulations to the following students for trying very hard to achieve their goals this term:

Brodi Bell  
Charlotte McNally  
Christine Sutton  
Zane Dickey  
Nathan Simpson  
Summer Herta  
Danilo Jovicic  
Jesse McDermott  
Bethany Davey  
Jonah Williams  
Ella Finn  
Paige Prpic  
Shay Jensen  
Makyah Darby  
Joel Offord  
Ellie Herd  
Mark Relyea  
Ella Turner  
Leah Macklinshaw  
Connor Dunbier

Each of these students have been invited to a special Head of Junior School Morning Tea in the Café next week to reward them for their efforts.

It is such a shame that the Café cannot hold all 193 K-4 students!

## Lunch Club Fun

Each Tuesday in 4R room a number of students attend Lunchtime Club to play board games with others, draw or play on the computers and iPads. There is always lots of busy noise!



## Important Dates

**Tuesday 8 April**  
Owl Day

**Friday 11 April**  
Last day of Summer Term  
T-12 Easter Service

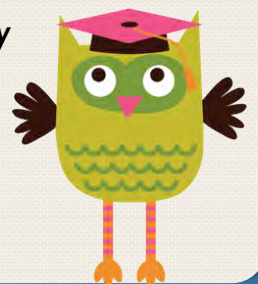
## Autumn Term Dates

**Thursday 8 May**  
T-6 Cross Country

**Friday 9 May**  
Mother's Day Breakfast

**Tuesday 13- Thursday 15 May**  
NAPLAN - Year 3

**Friday 13 June**  
3-6 Athletics Carnival



ETHAN WATTS WITH HIS  
GRANDPARENTS



'PLACES WE'VE BEEN' MAP  
FROM GRANDPARENT'S DAY



LUNCHTIME CLUB FUN



# GRANDPARENTS' DAY 'THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN'



TRANSITION - 'GREAT BIG GOD'



YEAR 1 - 'YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE'



YEAR 3 'DINOSAUR STOMP'



YEAR 2 'ON TOP OF THE WORLD'



3 GENERATIONS ENJOYING THEIR DAY  
TOGETHER - HARMONY PHILLIPS (YEAR 2)



GRANDPA WHITELAW -  
KINDERGARTEN



# PARENTS HELP US WITH OUR LEARNING

## Mr John Siemon Visits Year 2

Year 2 recently had a special visit from Mr John Siemon who works at the Australian Seed Bank (located at the Australian Botanical Gardens). Mr Siemon shared with us many interesting things about seeds including the importance of collecting and of storing seeds of endangered plants, how seeds can be grown in jars without soil using agar, how plants disperse their seeds and the importance of bush fires for seed germination. Mr Siemon brought a variety of seeds for us to look at as well as a microscope to look at the seeds more closely.

Mr Langley and Mrs Ha



## Dr Alexander Speaks to Year 3

Year 3 students were fortunate to have Dr Alexander (mother of Anique in Year 3 and Rhiannon in Year 5) visit last Friday to help them consolidate their learning about the Human Body. Dr Alexander presented many interesting facts and provided interactive activities that gave the students greater insight as to how the different body systems worked together to enable a healthy body. The students were of course enthralled with activities that illustrated the 'yuckier' bodily functions such as digestion, vomiting, the kidney filtration system and relieving the bladder. Experiments that demonstrated protecting your brain from becoming scrambled egg and beating heart rhythm, interspersed with body jokes were just as popular! The Year 3 students and teachers are very grateful that Dr Alexander took the time to prepare and deliver such an engaging interactive presentation.

Mr Wood and Mrs Stassen



MR SIEMON TALKS TO YEAR 2 ABOUT SEEDS



INTERACTIVE FUN - DR ALEXANDER PRESENTS TO YEAR 3



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Eden Kautz (Year 4) and Rebecca Dunbier (Year 2) who represented Macarthur at the CIS Swimming Carnival recently. Well done girls!



## Fun in Year One!

Year One have had a great start to the year and are already in an excellent routine with both Mathematics and Literacy groups well underway.

We were very excited to receive our new iPads and now have 18 iPads to use across the grade. They have already been used during Numeracy and Literacy groups.

The students are also learning about 'Australian Animals' and 'The Need for Shelter' this term. On Wednesday 26 February, Mr Coward, Mr Hooper, Robert Alexander and Renee Cowper (Year 12 students) visited to explain about and demonstrate the use of some mobile shelters. Mr Coward brought along a 'hootchy?' and a two person tent the same as our older students use when they camp out during the Duke of Ed hiking and camping scheme. The senior students set the tent up so that the Year 1 students could sit inside and have a look around.

Mr Hooper brought along his family camp trailer. This was a tent that folded out from a trailer. The students heard about and saw the small stove, gas bottle, water supply and beds.

It was a fun learning opportunity and we are very grateful to the staff and students who made this possible.

## Year 1 at Gymnastics

This term Year 1 are participating in gymnastics for sport. We are all enjoying improving our skills in balancing, jumping and climbing. We even had some races with a Winter Olympics theme, which was very exciting!

Mrs Cowper, Ms Rogers and Ms Donnelly





## Week 10

As the term draws to a close there have been a number of events and activities that have engaged and kept Middle School students busy - from those students involved in the GATEway Quest to Year 6 Student Leaders visiting the NSW Parliament House. Grandparents' Day was a wonderful day as grandparents visited and enjoyed a concert and visiting classrooms. As students finish activities or projects and reflect on what they have achieved through this term it is a good time to evaluate their goals and assess if they are working towards achieving goals they may have set earlier in the year.

### **Middle School Examinations for Years 8 and 9**

The students have just completed their Semester One examinations for 2014 for English, Mathematics and Science. As results for these and assignment results come back to the students it is worth sitting down with them and going through the feedback. This can be the most important time to build on and identify areas for improvement for the remainder of the year. I encourage students to seek the feedback that is specific and can give them greater understanding of areas for improvement. It may be more time in preparing or reading questions more carefully or simply re-reading your answer in the

examination. Whatever the feedback it is worth using this information in a positive way to help you to improve.

### **Year 6 North Queensland Outreach**

This event occurs in September and this year will be from Monday 8 to Sunday 14 September. Students are exposed to cultures and environments quite different from their own while they spend time engaged in activities that North Queensland has to offer. We visit remote Aboriginal communities spending time in the classroom and then playing games after school. The information for this event occurred on Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend but would like more information please contact me at the Heads of School Office.



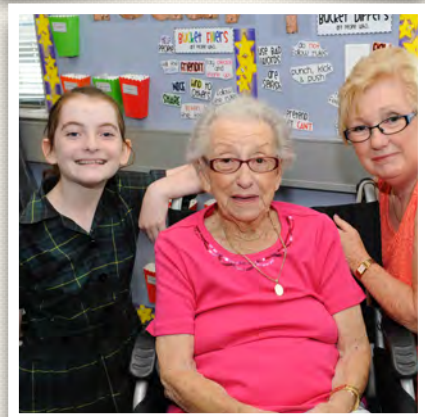
### **Some Reminders**

- Students in Year 5 and 6 are not permitted to go to the Cafe without adult supervision.
- Please check and sign your child's diary as this assists with communication to school and opens up the dialogue between parents and children with what they have happening at school.





# GRANDPARENTS' DAY





# GATEWAY QUEST 2014



This was a wonderful day with students engaged and learning lots in Graphic Design, Programming and Robotics, Forensic Science and design as they created in the world of Minecraft developing a Water Theme Park.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Congratulations! - Maddison Baker**

who has made the NSW CIS Softball Team as well as the U13 and U15 Representative Team for Macarthur in 2014.



### **Congratulations! - Benjamin Durman & Jonathan Kennedy**

Undefeated for the Macarthur Wanders Softball and winning the final 16 - 2 in the final.



### **'Mathlete of the Week'**

GATEway - Elyssa Stevens  
5G - Paige Medich





# OTHER EVENTS

## NASSA Primary Football Gala Day

Two squads comprising fifteen girls and fifteen boys, travelled to Ron Dine Oval, Camden on Monday 17 March for the annual NASSA Primary Football gala day against seven other schools. Despite the heat and tough competition, both teams performed and behaved with great determination and sporting spirit.

The girl's team have played a couple of IPSSO games this term and continue to improve with a win, four draws and two narrow losses to finish fifth out of eight overall. The boys managed some impressive wins, two draws and a close loss to come a worthy third out of eight.

The NASSA Gala Day is also a selection day for the NASSA boys football team that goes on to compete at the regional CIS tournament. The mature skill and energy of Isaac Sampson and Jackson Buda was recognised by the NASSA team selectors. Congratulations to these boys as they look forward to playing with the NASSA team later on in the year.

Special mention needs to be made of the wonderful support from senior students, Daniel Whittle and Lachlan Roberts. They vigorously involved themselves with refereeing and performing linesman duties continuously throughout the day. Our parent's enthusiastic encouragement was also greatly valued.



## Year 6 Student Leaders visit NSW Parliament House

The Student Leaders had a wonderful opportunity to visit NSW Parliament House. They toured the Legislative Assembly, participated in a Parliamentary role play and were able to meet the NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Chris Patterson MP Member for Camden.





## Summer Term 2013 comes to a close

As always there has been a lot going on around the Senior School at Macarthur this term and I am extremely pleased to see the number of students who actively look for new ways to get involved. Students are now well and truly immersed in their studies and the quality of work being presented to teachers has been of a very high standard. Outside of the classroom there has been a huge range of activity including: Camp, University of Wollongong Discovery Day, Study Skills Sessions with Elevate Education, Swimming Carnivals, Cross Country Carnival, Thailand Outreach, Peer Support, Assisting with Open Days, Happy Day, Eggstravagnaza, Examinations, Agricultural Shows and learning from our librarian U-Jean (a.k.a. Year 12's Robert Alexander).



YEAR 12 AFTER SCHOOL  
PREPARING FOR HAPPY DAY

### Half Yearly Examinations

Year 10 have now completed their Half-Yearly examinations and Year 12 are half way through. I am sure that all students are looking forward to a break over the coming Holiday Period. Year 11 will have examinations facing them next term.

### Progress Reports

The progress reports have been sent home for all those in the Senior School. These give parents a snap shot of how their child has progressed so far. For those parents who have children in Year 11 you will have an opportunity to meet and talk to the teachers at the 7 and 11 Parent Teacher Night on Thursday 1 May in the Gymnasium. A letter about booking times will be home soon.

### Holiday Break

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

**THEHSCAND  
CAREERS  
EXPO2014**

29 May-1 June 2014  
Royal Hall of Industries,  
Moore Park, Sydney

### Careers Expo

Once again we will be accompanying students who wish to attend the SMH Careers Expo or the Western Sydney Expo on the 30 May or 19 June. Students need to apply to attend by clicking the link on the Senior School Facebook page or Senior School Portal (under careers). Applications close early next term and these days are highly recommended. Students who went last year should only re-apply if they are currently in Year 12.



# SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL

## THE OASIS MINISTRY TEAM

The Oasis Ministry Team provides those students in the Senior years, who are committed to growing in their Christian leadership capabilities, the platform to do so. Students get together on Wednesday lunchtimes and plan Junior and Senior Oasis talks and activities, advertising and whole-school activities. The team aims to give Macarthur students opportunities to grow in their faith. This term, the ministry team has been focussing on Crazy Love by Francis Chan, as the basis of discussion for the Oasis groups. They have also worked together to host Eggstravaganza - a fun day of Easter activities for the whole school (including a massive egg hunt and an egg throwing comp!).

**Christina Wong**  
Teacher - Technology and Creative Design  
Assistant to the Chaplain



SAM WATSON LEADING THE EGGSTRAVAGANZA



ROBERT AND SAM LEADING AT OASIS



# SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL



MAIRE AT THE EGGSTRAVAGANZA



DISCUSSION TIME AT OASIS



DANIELLE LEADING AT OASIS

## SPORTING SUCCESS

### Athletics

Congratulations to Bessie-Lucile Platt (Year 12) who represented NSW at the recent National Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. She competed in the 200m and 400m events and finished a very respectable eleventh place in both.





# YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY

Jumping into a learning task feet first and immersing yourself in it is always a great way to ensure outcomes are achieved. Year 12 Geographers visited Jamberoo Action Park to study it as an economic enterprise on March 12 this year, completing a very thorough worksheet before engaging in some of the rides and attractions on offer such as the Funnel Web, Taipan, Banjo's Billabong and Surf Hill. This study also involved two weeks on in class preparation and follow up as part of the People and Economic Activity unit.

For most students, being able to participate in an on-site and interactive learning experience, they are able to remember the specifics more explicitly and this was certainly revealed in the quality answers on the assessment worksheet submitted.



After this activity we continued onto Minnamurra Rainforest to study an ecosystem at risk, which will be the next topic to be studied. This was achieved by walking along the lower falls track as one group, stopping for photographs and discussions along the way.

A very busy, long and rewarding day that will enhance the students' opportunities in the upcoming exams and ultimately the HSC. A special thanks to Miss Close who also came and assisted on the day.

**Peter Toovey**

**Faculty Head - Social Science**

