



THE WEEKLY PINES

Manly Selective Campus

Northern Beaches Secondary College



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Principal : Mr Tony Rudd

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Ms Barbara Bannister

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From the Principal

Staff Appreciation Awards

On Thursday evening, we were able to pay special tribute to seven members of our staff and local community who have made a significant contribution to the students of our campus through the Northern Beaches Secondary College, Staff and Community Appreciation Awards.

Recipients from our campus included: Visual Arts teacher Amanda Tye, English teacher Kate Munro, Science teacher Meredith Legg, Technology Support personnel Chris Palmer and Michael Goodyear, parent and former P&C Vice President Meron Clark and Deputy Principal Cath Whalan.

Citations read out on the night detailed each person's significant contributions to our school and its students, all of which we are very grateful for. We have fantastic staff and community support in our school and awards such as these go only a small way towards recognising the dedication and professionalism of recipients. There are so many more who could have easily been nominated for similar accolade and, like in most organisations, do what they do seeking no recognition except for the goodwill and knowledge that they are helping our students.



Congratulations to our Northern Beaches Secondary College, Staff and Community Appreciation Award winners for 2014 and once again, on behalf of our school thank you for what you do for our students every day.

Orientation Days

This week we were able to welcome in to our school our new students for Years 7 – 11, 2015. Our new Year 7 students and their families attended their Orientation Day on Wednesday, while new students entering Years 8 – 11 visited on Thursday.

On each occasion, students attended an assembly with their parents, given information about the school, before students were taken on tours of the school by Peer Support leaders and mentors who will support each of the new students from day one, 2015.

It's always a very exciting time of the year for us to welcome new families to our school and we very much look forward to getting to know them all as we work together to provide the very best of opportunities possible for every student in our school.

Robotics

Best wishes to our Robotics team who will travel to Macquarie University this Saturday to compete in the First Lego League National Championships. No matter what result is achieved on the day, we are so very proud of this team of Year 7 and 8 students and their coach/mentor, Mr Carlo Manfredini, who have embraced the challenge of this competition so well in such a short period of time.

No doubt there will be bigger and better things on the horizon for these students as they gain more experience through competing at this level.

Looking Forward

Staff at our school are busily planning for 2015. One of the key aspects of this is the development of our strategic directions for 2015 to 2017. These will inform many of the programs which we will be running over the coming years.

There are a number of key aspects that we are looking at, including modifying the manner in which assemblies and pastoral care are conducted, so that there are fewer disruptions to class time through the need to run Year assemblies and assemblies for administrative tasks such as checking Board of Studies entries etc. We are looking at how best to incorporate teacher professional learning into our structures and also what can be done to enhance cross curricular learning opportunities for students such that they can apply contemporary skills and strategies to their learning.

Each of these, plus more, are in the early stages of planning and we will keep you informed of our progress throughout the planning processes.

Looking Back

We were very pleased through the week to be sent an email containing photographs of the school and its students from days gone by.

The photographs were sent in by Mrs Alison Tourle. They were taken by a friend of her son, Callum's grandfather, in 1953 when the school moved to the present site from Balgowlah. Some historians of the school may remember Jock Fraser. He is behind the boy in the front row of the far right hand side of the bottom left photograph. Jock went on to become a Deputy Principal of the school.

Other interesting things to note in the photographs include the difference between then and now of the front of the school (top left photograph) and the non-existent Library/Science/Canteen block in the top left photograph.

Lions Club Thank You

Recently, the school was afforded a donation of funds from the Lions Club of Manly. The donation was made available from the club's Circus Quirkus project from 2013, where the club was able to treat over 5000 disadvantaged and disabled children and



their carers to a very enjoyable and professional indoor circus performance.

We thank the Lions Club for their kind donation which will be used to support our students help in our community.

Tony Rudd
Principal

From The Deputy Principals

The week has flown by with the inevitable end of year processes. Current Year 7 students were spectacular in welcoming our 2015 Year 7 students to the school and Year 9 were treated to an outstanding presentation from Year 10 Individual Learning Projects (ILP). There certainly has been a high bar set for Year 9 as they mature into Year 10 students. The support of students from a wide range of Years for all our new students for 2015 in Years 8-11 was again a very proud moment. Praise and thanks also go to the students and staff who showcased some of the extra-curricular activities that are available at this school.

Year 11/12 are still immersed in assessments and are acquitting themselves with aplomb again and again. It really is an honour and a privilege to work with students from the school. In the early

morning of the Year 7 2015 orientation there was quite a bit of activity in the Hall. A quick peek revealed a group of senior students preparing the space for the event. They may have had to travel quite some distance but at 7:30am when many of their peers may just have been having breakfast, they were here already giving back to the community.

Barbara Bannister
Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11

This week I have been continually reminded of the outstanding abilities and achievements of our students at Manly Selective Campus. The instrumental, vocal and dance groups who performed at our Orientation Days showcased some of the extra-curricular activities available at our school and demonstrated the amazing talent of our students. Thank you also to the Year 9 Peer Support Leaders, the SRC volunteers, the Year 7 presenters and models and the School Orientation Guides for welcoming our new students and ensuring their transition to high school is an enjoyable experience. Thank you also to Ms Carolan, Ms Rixon, the Office Staff and the P & C volunteers for coordinating and assisting with these events and answering all the questions from the excited students and their parents.

The Year 10 Independent Learning Project Showcase was held today in the Hall, providing an opportunity for Year 10 to celebrate and share their success with Year 9 students. Congratulations to all students involved in what can only be described as amazing. The projects included composing music for a didgeridoo, choreographing and performing a dance, composing and singing a song, writing a book and music score, writing reports of up to a 20000 words, creating professional quality photographs, creating digital and scale models and researching a diverse array of subjects including happiness, LGBT and Hip Hop, language and culture and personality traits. Congratulations to Nick, Frank, Connor, Isabela, Ruby, Kristy, Maddi, Yelson, Will, Justine, Genevieve, Rachel, Charmaine, John, Kris, Jayden, Maddy, Sascha, Ondine, Jack, Alex, Catherine, Christina, Natalie, Koko, Margot and Betty for being chosen by your peers to present your exemplary work. Your efforts and achievements are a credit to each of you individually, your teachers and your wonderful Year group as a whole.

We look forward to printing some photos of these exemplary works next week.

Cath Whalan
Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night this year will be held on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7pm. Guests will be greeted in the forecourt of the Freshwater Senior Campus Gymnasium,

CAPA Report - Visual Arts

Year 12 Visual Arts students have received more good news about their HSC Body of Works. Thea Kable is to be congratulated on her film "Storm In A Teacup" being selected as a finalist in the digital animation section for the prestigious, national Robin Anderson awards. Also, two students, Eleanor Jones and Georgia Brown have had their impressive HSC Visual artworks selected for the prestigious "Artextpress" exhibitions in 2014 at the Art Gallery of NSW and The Armory at Homebush Bay.

Manly Art Gallery has now also selected six former students – Roanize Kruger, Michaela Turancova, Ella Bryne, Zoe Dingwall, Jamie Mitchell and Jessica Reise for their "Express Yourself" exhibition that showcases HSC artworks from Department, Catholic and Independent schools from the Northern Beaches. This is an outstanding effort and all of the students should be very proud of these results.

Junior Art Exhibition - Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th December 2014

We are holding an art exhibition to showcase artworks from Years 7-10 next week which is open on Wednesday 10 December 3.30pm-7pm and Thursday 11 December 2014, 9am-12.30pm. All parents, students and the general public are welcome to come and view the students' works and celebrate their achievements.

Below is a Year 10 mixed media artwork by Genevieve Wright and at the end of the newsletter is an invitation to the art exhibition.



Karen Blundell
Head Teacher, Creative and Performing Arts

Visit to Macquarie University

Last Tuesday, Year 7 ventured 3000 years into the past, by visiting the Ancient Cultures Gallery at Macquarie University. We wandered around the Museum, observing artifacts from civilisations such as Ancient Egypt, Ancient India and Ancient Rome. Each class was allowed to go into four sections of the museum to participate in different activities.

In the first section we were informed about Roman and Greek warriors and their battles. A few lucky kids were even allowed to try on the armour.

We looked at the artifacts from many past civilisations - Greek, Cyprus, Egyptian, Indus Valley, and Roman were a few.

Learning about Egyptian burial rituals was our next activity. One fact that intrigued us was that if a dead person's heart weighed more than a feather, he would be eaten by the demon-god.

Lastly, we were privileged enough to handle some historical artifacts, such as vases and amulets, that dated as far back as 3000 BCE. This was a great learning experience as we were able to visualise the types of tools, etc that were used back in ancient times.

The whole day was a great experience and you couldn't find one frowning face among the students. All of the instructors were nice and the whole aura of the place was wonderful.

By Alanna Manfredini and Maia Hopf of Year 7



A student handling a 3000 year old pot



Karl Van Dyke (from the Museum) teaching the students



*Dennis Mootz (Macquarie Uni)
placing a Spartan helmet replica on Lachlan Burnett*

Photos thanks to Steve Rutherford, NBSC

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to all the students who have been working hard to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Awards this year. The Bronze students have completed their expeditions and are now signing off their components to complete the award. The Silver students are participating in a qualifying pack and paddle expedition on the 5-7 December at Camp Somerset. Gold participants are heading to the Snowy Mountains to hike around Guthega and Perisher on Friday 5th to Tuesday 9th December.

All DOE students are encouraged to be completing their skill, fitness and service hours and asking assessors to sign off their progress by downloading a "summary for assessors" from the ORB. Bronze Qualifying Journey reports should also be finalised and submitted to Somerset for approval.

Year 8 (2014) are invited to attend a Duke of Ed Info Night on Wednesday 4 February 2015 5:30-7pm at the Freshwater Senior Campus Gym. Students and parents will receive information about the program and how to sign up for the Bronze award.

Thank you to Mrs Vicki Busse who has done an amazing job coordinating the program across the five campuses of the NBSC this year, while I have been on maternity leave. I am now working on Fridays and Vicki is working Wednesdays. For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award please contact us at the College Administration Office on 99397348 or email naomi.yorston@det.nsw.edu.au or Vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au

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BANDS OF MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS

String Ensemble and Big Band at Year 7 Orientation morning

Thank you to the Big Band and String Ensemble for your fantastic performances at the Year 7

Orientation held on Wednesday morning. For families and students new to the school it would be hard not to be impressed with such talent on display! Thanks also to Alex Pringle for conducting the Big Band while Craig is away on the Concert Band Tour. It was great to see many new parents to the school seeking further information about the band program for next year.

Symphonic Wind Orchestra at Presentation Night

SWO will play at Presentation Night on Thursday 11 December. Details will be circulated via a call sheet.

Big Band Bash 2

All MSC families are invited to the end of year Big Band Bash 2 on Friday 12 December in the Freshwater gym. Bring family and friends and enjoy all your favourite Christmas carols and some fabulous musical treats performed by the talented musicians of the MSC bands and vocal ensemble.

Italy Band Tour Rehearsals, Week 11

- Touring Wind Orchestra – Monday
15 December 8am-10am in the hall
- Touring Jazz Orchestra – Tuesday
16 December 12pm-2pm in band room.

Band Diary Dates, Term 4

- **Presentation Night- Thursday
11 December - FW gym: SWO**
- **Big Band Bash # 2- Friday 12 December -
FW gym: ALL ENSEMBLES.**

Band web site

For current information go to the band website at
http://manlypandc.org.au/?page_id=34

Band Names

Wind Stream

SWO~Symphonic Wind Orchestra; WE~Wind Ensemble; CB~Concert Band;

String Stream

SE~String Ensemble; CO~Chamber Orchestra

Jazz Stream:

JO~Jazz Orchestra; BB~Big Band; SB~Stage Band;
SwB- Swing Band
IS ~ImproShop



Lions Club of Manly

Outlets for Lions Christmas

Cakes & Puddings

Christmas Cake 1 kg \$12

Christmas Cake 1.5 kg \$16

Pudding 900g \$12

Helping Local Groups and the needs of the Community

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Brookvale

Westpac
National Australia Bank

Manly Vale

Manly Vale Pharmacy

Freshwater

Bendigo Bank

Dee Why

Northern Beaches Credit Union
National Australia Bank
Westpac
Bendigo Bank
St George Bank

Warringah Mall

Westpac
National Australia Bank

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Manly Selective Campus—Bushcare group

- Do you love working outdoors.....?
- Do you want to get your hands dirty.....?
- Do you have a any Monday mornings free each term....?
- Do you want to do something for the environment and the school.....?

WANTED

Join other MSC parent volunteers and Bushlink!!!

Email northsidenum2@pacific.net.au or call Cathy Hockey on 99055377 to find out more or register your interest www.bushlink.org.au

**Term 4 Monday's
20/10, 3/11, 17/11
& 8/12**

Find Bushlink on Facebook

'Bushlink'—Disability Bushcare Group invites YOU to join us in improving the school's bushland.

CALENDAR – TERM 4

Please note that these dates may change. You are advised to check closer to the time.

WEEK 10

- 7/12/2014 Gold Duke of Ed Qualifying Hike Kosciuszko National Park
- 8/12/2014 Gold Duke of Ed Qualifying Hike Kosciuszko National Park
Year 10 TI6 incursion P2-4
- 9/12/2014 Gold Duke of Ed Qualifying Hike Kosciuszko National Park
HSC Ext 1 Mathematics Assessment P.2
- 10/12/2014 Dance Showcase, Performance Centre 7pm
House Captain elections 11.30am-12.25pm
- 11/12/2014 Presentation Night
Languages incursion p3&4
- 12/12/2014 Big Band Bash @ Freshwater
Year7 Project Utopia All Day Incursion, Year 10 IST assisting
SRC Fundraiser TBC
- 16/12/2014 HSC Ext 2 Mathematics Assessment P3

WEEK 11

- 17/12/2014 Final day for students
- 18&19/12/2014 Staff Development Day

You are invited to:

MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS Junior Art Exhibition 2014

Wednesday 10 December: 3.30pm – 7pm

Thursday 11 December: 9am – 12.30pm

Showcasing:

- A selection of artworks from Years 7-10
- Year 10 Body of Works based on “Still Life /Objects”, featuring paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, printmaking and film
- Year 9 Sculptures
- Year 8 beach paintings
- Year 7 paintings, sculptures and a selection of cross curricula projects



Genevieve Wright –Year 10



Manly Selective Campus Dance Showcase 2014

*Featuring performances from the contemporary
and jazz ensembles, plus additional solos and
duets from some of our most talented
performers*

**Wednesday 10th December, 7pm
Performance Space
Free entry**





Big Band Bash



INVITATION

All MSC families are invited to the end of year Big Band Bash. Bring family and friends, come along and enjoy all your favourite Christmas carols and some fabulous musical treats performed by the talented musicians of the MSC bands and vocal ensemble.

Entry by gold coin donation with all funds raised going to the band program.

Fri 12th Dec, Freshwater Gym 7pm – 9.30pm

NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

2015 Information Evenings:

Students and parents are invited to an information evening to learn about the NBSC Duke of Ed program and commence the registration process.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a non-competitive, flexible, interesting and fun-packed program for *all* young people between the ages of 14 and 25 to participate in a number of activities over a set length of time. It is entirely voluntary and is structured so the participants can design their own unique program centered around their interests and passions over three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

BRONZE (year 9+):

(2 sessions available - Please choose 1 to attend)

Wednesday 4th February 2015, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre, Or

Thursday 5th February 2015, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

SILVER and GOLD (year 10-12):

Wednesday 11th February 2015, 5:30-7:00pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre



Bushcare at MSC – Term 4 2014

Apart from our usual bushcare work with parent volunteers, this term we had the pleasure of joining up with the Japanese Exchange students. We had a wonderful morning planting together and thank you Maria Feros and Linda Nord for organising a lovely morning tea.



We are so pleased that our contract will continue in 2015. We will advertise dates in The Weekly Pines next year.

Please consider joining the group, it's social as well as satisfying. No obligation to the number of sessions or amount of time spent as Bushlink are on site anyway. Find out more about Bushlink www.bushlink.org.au or enquire at info@bushlink.org.au.

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Thanks Cathy Hockey and the Bushlink team.