



THE WEEKLY PINES

Manly Selective Campus

Northern Beaches Secondary College



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From the Principal

21st Century ... Learning ... Skills ... Learning Environments ...

We have all no doubt heard of these terms in varying contexts over recent years. We are 16 years into the 21st century. Has it really taken us over 16 years – yes, we were speaking of this prior to 1999 – to understand these? Or, do we yet know what 21st century Learning ... Skills, etc really mean?

As far back as 1988 a joint federal, state committee was formed to examine and identify the links between school and vocational education. This committee was chaired by Brian Finn, the then CEO of IBM Australia. In 1991 the Finn Committee Report identified six competencies as being key to students successfully completing school/vocational education: Language and communication, Using mathematics, Scientific and technological understanding, Problem solving, Personal and interpersonal, and Cultural understanding.

At a similar time, Education Ministers from across the country appointed Eric Mayer, the CEO of a major insurance company, to chair a committee to further develop the key competencies concept recommended in the Finn Report. These key competencies were presented as: Expressing ideas and information, Collecting, analysing and organising ideas and information, Using mathematical ideas and techniques, Using technology, Solving problems, Working with others and teams, and Planning and organising activities.

There have been various iterations of these throughout the world in subsequent years. I won't go into all of these, but I think you can see the theme.

More recently across the world, and particularly within the Department of Education, it is generally accepted that 21st century skills include Creativity, Communication, Collaboration and Critical thinking. These skills are embedded in the general capabilities of the Australian Curriculum which many of our faculties are currently working from: Literacy, Numeracy, ICT capability, Critical and

creative thinking, Personal & social capability, Intercultural understanding and Ethical understanding.

Do these look familiar? Absolutely – another iteration of Finn and Mayer.

Back to my title for this article – *21st Century ... Learning ... Skills ... Learning Environments ...* Has it taken us from 1988 until now to really settle on definitions for these? Have we settled on definitions for these? I unequivocally believe that each of the skills and capabilities are important. But, will they still be important and/or relevant towards the end of the 21st century – in 80 years time. Who knows?

Should we move away from the term '21st century' ... Learning ... etc? Surely a more relevant term could be 'contemporary'. To me, 'contemporary' ... learning ... skills ... strategies ... are far more important. It implies current, up-to-date, relevant. Will our current 21st century skills be relevant in 2095 – maybe not, but I clearly hope that at that time, schools and systems (if they exist) are teaching *contemporary* skills and capabilities.

So what are we doing at Manly Selective Campus to ensure our students are developing these 'contemporary' skills and capabilities?

This week I had the pleasure of visiting a group of Year 8 students in their French class. Students had been assigned a task where they were required to present to an audience the benefits of participating in an exchange program to Francophile countries.

It was abundantly clear throughout the presentations I observed that students were 'ticking the boxes' of each of the capabilities and skills described above. While students demonstrated a deep cultural understanding of Francophile countries, so many other aspects were covered. The fact that students had collaborated in teams to develop a consensus on ideas and concepts ensured that learning was further enhanced.

French classes have not been the first to take this approach to learning. Others too have successfully applied similar strategies.

I also attended a drama performance presented by our Year 10 elective Drama classes. This performance was completely produced and presented by students. Each had at least one 'on stage' role and another development role – costuming, sound, lighting, set design and production, advertising etc etc. Again, each of the capabilities and skills utilised throughout.

Our student's learning needs to be authentic. It needs to be contemporary. Through these, it will be valued and valuable. Our teachers work hard to ensure that student learning experiences meet these qualities. Our students deserve the best and we will continue to strive to provide it. This style of learning will prepare our students to move well into the 21st century as successful, lifelong learners – and be flexible and resilient as they do it.

Our teachers are learners. If we as teachers cease learning, so too do our students. Learning opportunities for teachers are an important part of the process, and as a school, we are committed to continuing this learning journey.

Year 10 Drama

As stated above, I had the absolute pleasure of attending our Year 10 Drama class' performance of *Alice in Wonderland* on Wednesday evening. Under the direction of Ms Donna Colby, these remarkably talented students presented a delightful adaption of Lewis Carroll's tale. Not only were the student's performances beyond reproach, but each also had to take responsibility for another aspect of the production, be it staging, lighting, sound, costuming or the myriad of other intricacies that go to make a successful performance. Our Performance Space seating was fully utilised and the appreciative audience made up of family, friends, peers and staff certainly enjoyed the performance presented.



Congratulations to all who contributed and we look forward to seeing your development as you move into senior studies of Drama.



Road Safety Reminder

In recent weeks, I have been contacted by members of the public with concerns over the actions of a small number of our students when crossing roads close to the school. As you would be aware, both Harbord and Abbott Roads are very busy at the times when our students are arriving at, and leaving school. I have had reports of students crossing roads at times when the pedestrian crossing light was red and another when a student carelessly crossed the road at the crossing on Abbott Road without looking before moving from the pathway onto the road. In both of these incidents, it was reported that students narrowly missed being struck by vehicles.

Could I once again implore that students be especially careful when crossing roads. The last thing we want to have to do is contact parents notifying them of an injury. We are all very much aware of what we should be doing, please don't become lazy or careless and think that everything will happen around you.

Robin Anderson Film Award Finalist

Congratulations to Blake Lovely, our 2015 School Captain, who has had his English Extension 2 Film project officially selected as a finalist in the annual Robin Anderson Film Awards. The film will be screened as part of the judging process on 26 November at the Dendy Theatre, Circular Quay. Our school has had previous success in this competition and we wish Blake well in the final judging.

Tony Rudd
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

On Thursday, Year 7 students participated in a Global Environments - Wetlands fieldwork excursion to Sydney Olympic Park for Geography. Thank you to Mr Leung for organising the event and to the teachers who accompanied the students on this hot but enjoyable excursion.

All Year 9 students are participating in Peer Leadership training next Monday. Workshops during the day will provide opportunities for students to understand the key skills and attributes of being an effective peer leader. Students will also learn and practice communication and interpersonal skills, managing groups and problem solving. After the first day of training, students will then choose to participate in further training for the opportunity to be chosen as either a Peer Support Leader or Peer Academic Leader for Year 7 2016. This further training will occur next Thursday.

Congratulations to all students involved in the Schools Spectacular next week. I look forward to seeing you perform next Friday night!

Cath Whalan
Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11

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During the week it was pleasing to see so many Year 10 students present their Digital Learning Portfolio. The Year 10 Digital Learning Portfolio is an opportunity for our students to present a reflection on their work throughout the year. Each student who participated in this optional task selected pieces of work from the range of subjects studied, detailing two pieces of which they have been particularly proud and one piece that, upon reflection, could have been completed to a higher standard. It is also an opportunity for students to prepare for the expectations of the senior school. The Digital Learning Portfolio was presented in electronic form to a group of community volunteers, many of whom were Year 10 parents. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the dedicated parents who gave their time to assist in hearing the students' reflections.

Our Year 10 White Ribbon ambassadors (Flynn Barnard, Bridget Hudson, Dominic Collins, and Jess Moore) accompanied me to the special *Say No to Violence* assembly at Mackellar Girls Campus. This was a special event sponsored by the Zonta Club with a special speaker addressing the issues of

domestic violence and the impact on families and communities.



Today at the Year 8 assembly, it was wonderful to see so many students receiving certificates for outstanding achievements in competitions. Plus we heard about the fantastic results for our Year 8 Debating team who are into the State round in early December. Congratulations to the team members: Amelia Warde, Jamie Bell, Alanna Manfredini and Zoe Bakker. We wish them all the best. Year 8 has also been hard at work writing plays in English. I look forward to being part of the audience seeing them performed, along with students from Mona Vale primary school.

Deb Rixon
Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12 (Rel)

An Invitation to Everyone

Farewell to Bill Baker & Peter Dawes

The invitation to their retirement party is open to parents and to ex-students as well as staff members, present and past.

DETAILS:

Thursday 26 November
Upstairs @ The Deck (*note change of venue*),
The Strand, Dee Why, from 6pm onwards.
Cost: \$50 per head – includes food and gift.
Drinks are available at the bar.

Phone Margaret Taylor on 9905 3982 or
Margaret.taylor4@det.nsw.edu.au

Pay by direct deposit – BSB: 012243 Account:
386628844. Account name: Manly Staff Social Club.
Please include your name as reference.

If you can't attend the event but would still like to send your best wishes to them, please do so via our school email:

nbscmanlys-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

Located under the TAS Block

**Next open Tuesday 1 December
from 8.15 – 9.15 a.m.**

**Also open for Orientation Days
Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December**

Co-ordinators: Marg Martin and Chris Schaller
Please contact us if you can't get to the shop
and would like to place an order.

margaret.martin@optusnet.com.au

or 0404 865765

christins@ozemail.com.au or 0419 488 130

For second hand band blazers (buy & sell) and
new & pre-loved band polo shirts contact
Fiona Cantwell on fionamb@iinet.net.au

**CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH THE KIDS
HAVE GROWN?!!**

**WE NEED SMALLER SIZED UNIFORMS
URGENTLY FOR ORIENTATION DAY !!**

Donations of all uniforms are most welcome.
Please leave at the school office.

All proceeds go to the P&C for projects
around the school.



Science Report

Year 7, what a great day we had at the zoo! The weather did dampen us but not our spirits and we made the most of our day. The students were looking at animal classification, adaptations and behaviour, both innate and learned. We looked at how zoo animals are trained not just for our enjoyment but also for their health. The Seal Show was informative and allowed the students in the front rows to really experience the splash zone. During the gorilla keeper talk, we were reminded of an issue I thought I would bring to your attention. Each of our mobile phones contain a chip which is made from the mineral coltan. The main area where this is mined also contains the home of the Mountain Gorilla. Not only has mining reduced the available habitat for the gorilla, the poverty caused by the displacement of the local populations by the miners has lead to gorillas being killed and their meat being sold as 'bush meat' to the rebel miners and rebel armies that control the area. Within the congo as a whole, the U.N. has reported that the number of gorillas has declined by 90% over the past 5 years. We can help this situation by simply recycling our old mobile phones, because the chips in them can be reused. A simple thing you can do is bring your old phones into the science department and we will co-ordinate taking them to the zoo. Please have a look for any old phones that are just cluttering up your house, it would be very much appreciated, especially by the gorillas, if you recycled them.

Year 9, bring in your permission notes for the University of Sydney Science STEM activity day on Thursday the 26th November.

LOTE Report

Year 8 French PBLs.....Magnifique!!!

On Wednesday 18 November, Year 8 French presented their findings to the invited group of parents and friends. They were very persuasive! Special commendations to Sammy Perks and Jaime Bell!! Their persuasive discourses were outstanding! Well done to all!





PASS Gala Day

On Thursday 29 October, Year 9 PASS students went and helped to referee and run a touch football Gala Day. The day consisted of 4 different primary schools, with students from Years 3 to 6 playing touch football in order to make it to the Sydney North Finals.

We were given a shirt, a whistle and a sheet of rules before getting stuck in. The previous day we had a junior development officer from NSW rugby league come to our PASS lesson at school to give us some training in refereeing the game. Each person took turns at being the linesman or refereeing.

Altogether, there were about six games played before the finals. Although it was hot, everyone had lots of fun and gained a lot of experience from the day.

Volunteers Needed

A dedicated group of parents are again organising various functions for the upcoming Orientation Day on Thursday 3 December, such as providing morning tea for parents and students.

This is a call for parent volunteers. Time is from 8:50am until 12 pm.

Contact Anne Chiu: andromedachiu@gmail.com



Bands of Manly Selective Campus

Jazz bands wowed us!

A fabulous night of Jazz was enjoyed by all at the annual Jazz Night Out last Friday night. All four Jazz Bands performed superbly for the admiring audience. Our tireless and dedicated Band Director Craig Driscoll conducted the bands with a full range of jazz pieces with many well-known crowd pleasers amongst them. The accompanying vocalists were fabulous and the audience, much to the embarrassment of some of their children, showed their appreciation on the dance floor! The finale pieces, starring 95 jazz students, was very joyful and impressed on us all how robust the jazz program is at MSC! Professional performers Wayne Scott Kermond and his son Zan entertained the crowd with singing and dancing accompanied by the very capable Jazz Orchestra who sounded professional themselves handling music they had only seen in a brief rehearsal with Wayne that morning. And our own professional sax player, Craig, added to the energy with some amazing sax solos- a treat for all us all.

The new venue for the night, Events at Dee Why, worked well and the night ran smoothly. A big thank you to Antje Kaldor and Helen Dransfield for their detailed coordination of the event. Thanks to staff member Peter Dawes for his help at back of the room and Steve Rutherford for photos. Thanks, too, to parents Maggi Bennett, Hatsuyo Urano and Helen Davies and students Tom Dowse, Hannah Quinn and Isaac Arnold for moving and setting up all the gear on Friday. A *mighty* thank you to the five families who braved torrential rain with good humour at 11 pm returning it all back to school: the Suttons, Quinns, Dowses, Fays and Phil Watson.

Finally congratulations to all our jazz students involved in 2015 Jazz Night Out. We hear parents are already looking forward to next year's event!

BB/WE to play at Orientation morning at MSC Thursday 3 December

****NB Change from WE/SE. Dress: Performance Blacks.**

The committee still needs to fill two important positions

Treasurer

****If you are an accountant, please let us know**.** Treasurer requires accounting skills and about 4 sessions per term of 2 hours, plus phone calls and emails to president or parents as needed. Will be assisted any current treasurer Maggi Bennett until Sept 2016.

Vice President

President seeking a parent to assist her coordinate some discrete performances and tasks throughout the year such as Open Day and Presentation Night. Not expected to take on president role. Straightforward organisational skills and emails from home. Ideally able to come into school on occasion but not essential.

To find out more or to volunteer for these roles, please email Sarahdowse@gmail.com

Second Hand Blazers - Sell and Buy

Contact Fiona Cantwell if you would like to register to sell or buy a second hand band blazer.

Email: fionamb@inet.net.au

Band Diary Dates

- Junior Band Regional Tour to Dubbo and Katoomba - Monday 30 November - Thursday 3 December: CB/SB/SwB
- Year 7 Orientation Day- Thursday 3 December- MSC Hall: BB/SE
- Presentation night- Thursday 10 December - FWC gym: SWO
- Big Band Bash # 2- Friday 11 December – Freshwater Campus 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; SE~String Ensemble; CO~Chamber Orchestra

Jazz Stream:

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

Jazz Improvisation:

Impro ~Impro Workshop

JC ~ Jazz Combo

A picture gallery of our Jazz Night





Calendar Term 4

Please check all dates and times closer to the event

WEEK 8

- 23/11/2015 Year 10 ABW and Work Experience
- 23/11/2015 Year 9 Leadership Day, Day 1
- 24/11/2015 Year 10 ABW and Work Experience
- 24/11/2015 Year 7 Unity Main Event
- 24/11/2015 White Ribbon Day - Manly
- 24/11/2015 Robotics Training
- 25/11/2015 Year 10 ABW and Work Experience
- 25/11/2015 Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 25/11/2015 Toys and Tucker Christmas Charity pack up
- 25/11/2015 P & C AGM Meeting 7pm School Library
- 26/11/2015 Year 10 ABW and Work Experience
- 26/11/2015 Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 26/11/2015 Whole School Assembly
- 26/11/2015 Year 9 Leadership Training, Day 2
- 26/11/2015 Year 9 Spectacular Science at Sydney University
- 27/11/2015 Year 10 ABW and Work Experience
- 27/11/2015 Schools Spectacular @ Entertainment Centre
- 27/11/2015 Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 27/11/2015 Year 9 Commerce to ABW
- 28/11/2015 Schools Spectacular

WEEK 9

30/11/2015	Junior Band Tour
30/11/2015	Year 7 EAM Line Period 1
30/11/2015	Year 12 Legal Studies Test p4
30/11/2015	HSC Ext Music Performance
1/12/2015	Junior Band Tour
1/12/2015	Year 9 Forensic Science Workshop
1/12/2015	HSC Mathematics Assess 1
2/12/2015	Junior Band Tour
2/12/2015	Year 8 Debating State Final Camp
2/12/2015	House Captains Election Period 3
3/12/2015	Junior Band Tour
3/12/2015	Year 8 Debating State Final Camp
3/12/2015	Year 7 2016 Orientation Day
3/12/2015	Pastoral Care
3/12/2015	12 Modern History assignment due
3/12/2015	Milton Miao Piano Recital Lunch time Hall
3/12/2015	College Staff & Community Appreciation Night
4/12/2015	Year 8 Debating State Final Camp
4/12/2015	Years 8-11 2016 Orientation Day
4/12/2015	Year 10 ILP Show Case
4/12/2015	SOGS Years 8 -11(TBA)
4/12/2015	Year 12 Legal Studies Court Visit

WEEK 10

7/12/2015	Ext 1 Mathematics HSC Assessment
7/12/2015	Year 7 Project Dystopia tbc
7/12/2015	Visual Arts exhibition - set up
8/12/2015	CAPA Faculty Music planning day
8/12/2015	Year 7 Project Dystopia tbc
8/12/2015	Visual Arts exhibition - Years 7-11. Set up - all day - open 3.30-8pm
8/12/2015	Dance Showcase
9/12/2015	Visual Arts exhibition - Years 7-11. Open 9-4pm
10/12/2015	Rehearsal for Presentation Day
10/12/2015	Ext 2 Mathematics HSC Assessment
10/12/2015	Year Assemblies
10/12/2015	Presentation Night @ Freshwater Campus
11/12/2015	Chrismanly
11/12/2015	Big Band Bash

WEEK 11

14/12/2015	Year 7 EAM Line Period 1
14/12/2015	Year 10 Luna Park excursion
15/12/2015	Year 8 Activity Day, All Day, WetnWild
15/12/2015	Year 7 Activity Cinema
15/12/2015	Year 12 Well Being Event GP's in school
16/12/2015	Year 7-11 last day of school
16/12/2015	HSC Results released online

17/12/2015 Staff Development Day

17/12/2015 ATAR Morning Tea

18/12/2015 Staff Development Day

School term and vacation dates for NSW Public Schools, 2016

TERM 1	Wednesday 27 January to Friday 8 April
Autumn vacation	Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April
TERM 2	Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
Winter vacation	Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July
TERM 3	Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
Spring vacation	Monday 26 September to Friday 7 October
TERM 4	Monday 10 October to Tuesday 20 December
Summer vacation	Wednesday 21 December to Thursday 26 January 2017

Special calendar events:

Bushcare group The next days for volunteers at our school are Wednesday 25 November and Wednesday 9 December. Email info@bushlink.or.au to find out more or register your interest.

Orientation Day for Year 7 2016

Thursday 3 December from 9am
Welcome and concert In the school hall, followed by morning tea in the garden

Presentation Night

Thursday 10 December
in the Freshwater Campus Gym

ATAR morning tea in the library

For our Year 12 students
Thursday 17 December

Lions Club of Balgowlah



LIONS **Youth Of The Year** QUEST



Why should you participate?

- Character building.
- Develop interview skills.
- Public Speaking Skills -gives you a voice in community.
- Entering is a rewarding experience

State winners will participate in a Lions International Youth Camp in December 2015– January 2016. **Overall and Public Speaking winners** will also travel overseas to a Lions International Youth Camp.



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Judging Levels: Clubs: Balgowlah—Wednesday 17 February 2016

District Final:

By 29/30 March 2016

State Final:

By 12/13 April 2016

National Final:

During National Convention; Echuca; 2 – 5 May 2016



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DATES

FRI 20 NOV 2015 7:30PM
SAT 21 NOV 2015 7:30PM
SUN 22 NOV 2015 2:00PM
THU 26 NOV 2015 7:30PM
FRI 27 NOV 2015 7:30PM
SAT 28 NOV 2015 2:00PM
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TICKETS

\$35 ADULTS
\$30 CONCESSION
\$20 CHILD (U12)

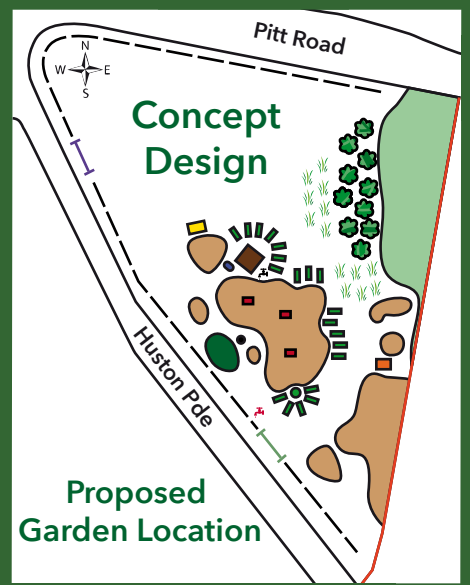
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more than just a veggie patch

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give input? ask questions?
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Get involved and grow with us!

Why a Community Garden?

- organic food production
- community building
- friendship & networking
- intergenerational connections
- learning & sharing ideas
- physical & mental well-being
- neighbourhood beautification
- environmental sustainability

Come to our on site
INFORMATION MEETING
to learn more!

Date: Saturday 5 December

Time: 10:00am

Place: Corner of Pitt & Huston
North Curl Curl



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www.curlycommunitygarden.org.au
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