



# The Weekly Pines

## Manly Campus



### Northern Beaches Secondary College

*Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community*

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Relieving Deputy Principal: Ms Deb Rixon

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## From the Acting Principal

### Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening

Parents of our Year 7 students had their first opportunity to attend Parent Teacher Interviews at school on Thursday evening. This was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to meet with parents and discuss the progress of students during their first term at Manly. In speaking with many of the parents on the night, it was encouraging to hear how well parents feel that students have settled in to the school; a feeling that is also sensed by the staff.

We look forward to the ongoing alliance in learning between the home and school for our Year 7 students over the next six years and invite parents to contact the school at any time should they have concerns about their child's progress.

### Hall and Library Upgrades

Many thanks to the families who have made donations to the School Building Fund and Public Library Fund through voluntary contributions. Your support is very much appreciated and we are pleased to report there has been some progress with both projects.

The library extension and refurbishment proposal has been approved by the Education Department and a project manager has been appointed. The next step, the tender process for an architect to draw up the detailed plans needed to appoint a builder, is underway. We hope to start the actual building work in October.

As to the progress on our hall, an engineer has completed a site inspection and has signed off on

the proposed scope of the project. We are working with an architect and technical specialists to finalise the plans while we wait for official approval from the Department to proceed.

### Senior Band and Strings Camp

Last Friday evening, 74 students returned tired but very happy from the three-day Senior Band and Strings Camp held at Kurrajong. The students were very grateful for the opportunities to strengthen and extend their musical skills through the workshops provided. Thank you to our wonderful Band Directors Mark, Craig and Brian and to Naomi, our enthusiastic Music teacher, for ensuring the camp was such a success.

The Jazz Orchestra will have the opportunity to demonstrate these skills when they perform at the Generations in Jazz Festival at Mt Gambier this weekend. We look forward to hearing all about their musical adventure early next week.

### Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Bligh House for winning the Cross Country Carnival held last Friday afternoon. Thank you to all students and staff who made the event such a success and a special thank you to Ms Cowan and Mr Blanch for their organisation.



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### NSW Senior Ultimate Frisbee

Congratulations to our Boys Ultimate Frisbee team who competed in the State Senior Ultimate Frisbee Competition held at Merrylands on Thursday. Under the outstanding leadership from the team captain Dominic C, Callum J, Dillon Q, Riley B, Joshua H, Rohan A, Rylan B and Charlie W, along with Tom and Caleb from NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus, played with sportsmanship and enjoyment to achieve 3rd place in the competition.



### P & C Grounds Day

A reminder that the P & C Grounds day is on **this Sunday 7 May from 9am to 1pm**. If you are able to assist on the day please come along and join other parents in further improving our school grounds. Thank you to Heather Sheldrick for her organisation of this event.

**P&C WORKING BEE**  
**This Sunday 7 May**  
**9am – 1pm**

### Congratulations to:

- James L who was selected to participate in the UBS Finance Academy in the July school holidays. The Academy provides an opportunity for students to explore and learn about a wide range of career opportunities in finance and further develop their leadership skills.
- Oisín D competed in the EU Nations Cup in Brno, Czech Republic during the April holidays as a member of the Irish National Waterpolo team.

In this regular feature we like to recognize students who have achieved highly in school and community events, competitions and activities. Demonstrations of the school ethos of *academic excellence, personal best* and *giving back to the community* deserve to be recognized. Parents are invited to phone or email the school any achievements we may not be aware of for inclusion in *The Weekly Pines*.

**Cath Whalan**  
**Acting Principal**

## From the Deputy Principals

This week, Year 8 students studying Food Technology have been preparing for Critics Day. This is an authentic opportunity for students to prepare and cook a meal for teachers and family members. Year 8 students are very excited about this task and I have heard that Thai Beef Stir Fry and Sticky Date pudding are two of the meals on the menu.

Year 10 students received the subject selection booklet with information about courses they may choose to study in Year 11 next year. Students are encouraged to have discussions with family, friends, staff and other mentors to ensure they choose the best pattern of study for their individual needs. Year 10 students and parents are reminded to attend the Year 11 2018 Subject Information evening on Monday 8 May starting at 6:30pm in the Hall.

Year 12 students now have all results back from the Half Yearly Examinations. It is very common for students to be fixated on numbers and percentages, however it is important for students to focus on the feedback provided by their teachers. Feedback is a crucial part of the assessment process as it influences practices that

enables strategies for improvement and consolidation. I encourage students to reflect on what went well in these exams as well as areas for improvement. Parents / Caregivers will have an opportunity to discuss their child's progress at the Year 12 Parent / Teacher night on Tuesday 23 May.

**Kathy O'Sullivan**  
**Deputy Principal – Years 8, 10, 12**

Our Year 7 Parent/Teacher Night held yesterday was a great success. These nights are very important for parents as they have the opportunity to meet teachers and discuss their child's academic progress. From the smiles on the faces of many parents, Year 7 students are making fabulous progress.

Year 7 and 9 students will be involved in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing during periods 1 and 2 on the following dates: Tuesday 9 May, Language Conventions and Writing: Wednesday 10 May, Reading: Thursday 11 May, Numeracy. Friday 12 May will be the 'catch-up' day for any students who missed a test/s.

Year 7 tests will be in the Hall and Year 9 in their English classrooms. Students are encouraged to read the timetable and information provided this week to ensure they have all the required equipment for the individual assessments. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please contact me.

The Year 11 Half Yearly examination timetable will be finalised and distributed early next week. Students are encouraged to use the next two weeks to prepare for the Half Yearly Examinations in Week 5. Enjoy revising and studying as you consolidate your knowledge and understanding in preparation for these assessments of your learning.

Year 9 students were busy this week with various activities including the Visual Arts camp at Bundanon and Project Penguin (30 student mentors) started, with a visit to the Zoo and the fairy penguin habitat at Manly. Many thanks to the teachers who organised these activities: Ms Blundell for the camp and Ms Brien (Year 9 Year Advisor) for Project Penguin.

**Deb Rixon**  
**Relieving Deputy Principal - Years 7, 9, 11**

## GRATITUDE

*Multiple thanks to the sharp-eyed parent who found my car keys at the Cross Country Carnival last Friday. Your kind, thoughtful action of depositing them at the school office just made my weekend for me!*  
**Sue Fortescue**

## Urban Challenge

And the Winner is.....

Last Term, Year 11 embarked on their Urban Challenge adventure. The day was full of new experiences, team bonding, physical and intellectual challenges, and the development of communication skills, but most importantly a lot of fun for the whole cohort. This week, the organisers from Urban Challenge returned to announce the winning teams from the day and present a slide show of photos. I would like to congratulate all Year 11 students for their enthusiasm and contributions they made throughout the day.

Photos and videos from the day are now available online. To access the photos, students and parents can log in using their original urban challenge login and password.

First place was Team 5  
Sophie D, Oliver E, Louis F, Bennett F, Ellen G, Daniel G, Jacqueline H, Mitchell H, Emily McT, Jack P, Natalie P, Jordan S, Phillip S and Michael X.



**Team 5**

Second place was Team 9



**Team 9**



Third place was Team 8



Team 8

**Jen Walker**  
Year Advisor

## Year 11 and 12 Vaccinations - Meningococcal

All Year 11 and 12 students received an information packet regarding the meningococcal vaccination this week. NSW Health is offering this vaccine to all students as part of the school vaccination program. This vaccine is being offered because cases of meningococcal disease have increased rapidly.

The scheduled vaccination date for all students is 27 June, Week 10, Term 2.

Please read the information carefully and complete the consent form. The consent form must be returned to the front office by the end of Week 4, Friday 19 May.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the school vaccination program, please inform the school in writing by either sending a letter or email to the front office.



## Japan Tour 2019

### Vocal, String and Dance Ensemble Members

Reminder that we have an important meeting regarding the tour to Japan on Monday night 8 May at 6pm in the library. Please be advised that this meeting will start at 6pm sharp, as there is also the Subject Selection Information session for Year 10 students in the hall at 6:30pm and some members will need to move from the library to the hall by that time. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the coordinator of the relevant ensemble to receive the information you have missed.

- Lucienne Herft (Vocal Ensemble)
- Chloe Woodward (Dance Ensemble)
- Naomi Leviton (String Ensemble)

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

## Calling all Green Thumbs

**It's time for some  
gardening!**

*Enjoy the winter sun and get to  
know your school community.*

**The P&C Working Bee  
this Sunday 7 May  
9am – 1pm**

***Come for an hour or the whole  
time!***

*There is a job for everyone;  
weeding, mulching, pruning...  
Please bring gloves, secateurs and  
wheelbarrows if you can.*

***Coffee van available from 10am  
Please text your RSVP to  
Heather Sheldrick  
0414 818 380***

## Career Matters

Year 12 students are encouraged to be very proactive during Term 2. We are running a series of lunchtime workshops. In addition, students should be researching university courses and scholarships, attending university information evenings, career's expos and applying for a School Reference.

### Events this Term

#### Manly Campus Year 12 Careers Night

Wednesday 14 June 6.30-8-30 pm  
Careers Night for Year 12/11 students and their parents. School hall. More information regarding this night will be distributed later in the term.

Guest Speaker will be Rowan Kunz the CEO of Art of Smart Education. Rowan has spent 8 years researching the key strategies used by Australia's top students to help them excel academically at school.

His Presentation 'How Technology is Disrupting the Future of Careers and what this means for young people' will be an informative approach on exploring practical ways to support the in-demand skills and take advantage of the rapid changes to develop rich and rewarding careers.

#### Macquarie University Undergraduate Evening for Parents and Students

Wednesday 17 May 5-8pm. Register on their website.

#### Western Sydney Careers Expo

Sydney Olympic Park, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May 9-3pm, Dome.

#### UMAT Registrations

Registrations close 2 June. UMAT Test 26 July. Workshop 20 May 9-5.30 UNSW.

#### Year 10 Students Information Evening for Sydney University

Held at Queenwood School Tuesday 9 May, Book on Sydney University Website.

#### Scholarship Applications for Year 12 Students

Universities are now starting to update their websites for undergraduate scholarships for 2018. Online registration and applications.

#### UNSW Coop Scholarships

Now open online.

11 May create your career evening and 7 June Scholarship Information Evening

#### UNSW High School Engineering Day for Year 11/12 Students

Wednesday 17 May. Register online at [hsid2017.everbrite.com.au](http://hsid2017.everbrite.com.au)

#### Garvan Institute of Medical Research

Thursday 8 June for Year 10 students.

#### Career's Workshops at school during Term 2 Guest Speaker Seminars for Years 10, 11 and 12

These workshops are at lunchtime in Room 209.

Tues 9 May	UNSW
Tues 16 May	UTS Accounting Scholarships UTS Women In Engineering
Tues 23 May	Australian National University
Thurs 25 May	Sydney University
Thurs 1 June	Defence Forces
Tues 6 June	Coop Scholarships UNSW
Thurs 15 June	Institute of Actuaries

## Bands of Manly Campus

### Term Two

#### Term 2 Band Meeting

Monday 22 May, MSC Library: All Welcome

#### NSW Band Festival

Saturday 27 or Sunday 28 May, UNSW: JO

#### Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival

Saturday 17 June, Pittwater High School: CO

### Term Three

#### Wind and jazz band workshop (pupil free day)

Monday 17 July- at MSC (Compulsory)

#### NSW Band Festival

Saturday 22 July at UNSW: SWO

#### NSW Band Festival

Sunday 23 July at UNSW: CB/WE/SwB/SB/BB

#### Australian Schools Orchestral Festival

UNSW- Sunday 27 August: SE/CO

**Musicale** at The Independent Theatre, North Sydney, Saturday 16 September: SWO/JO/SE/CO

#### Band web site and Band Names

For current information go to the band website at [http://manlypandc.org.au/?page\\_id=34](http://manlypandc.org.au/?page_id=34)

#### 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; JC- Jazz Combo



## Calendar Term 2

Please check all dates and times closer to the event

7/05/2017	P & C Grounds Working Bee 9am-1pm
<b>Week 3A</b>	
8/05/2017	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
9/05/2017	NAPLAN Year 7 and 9
9/05/2017	Year 11 Study Skills
10/05/2017	NAPLAN Year 7 and 9
10/05/2017	Lismore HS Visit
10/05/2017	P&C meeting, 7pm, Library
10/05/2017	Principals Tour, 9:30am, bookings essential via reception 9905 3982
11/05/2017	NAPLAN Year 7 and 9
11/05/2017	Year 9 Music Performance Evening
11/05/2017	Year 8 Critics Day 8TEC5 Period 1 & 2
11/05/2017	Year 12 Japanese Speaking sessions with Japanese speakers
<b>Week 4B</b>	
15/05/2017	Year 8VA excursion, all day
15/05/2017	High Resolves - Year 7
16/05/2017	Zone Cross Country, Rat Park (Back up 18/5)
16/05/2017	Year 8 Critics Day 8TEC3 Period 4 & 5
17/05/2017	Year 8 Critics Day 8TEC1 Period 1 & 2
19/05/2017	Bell Shakespeare
19/05/2017	Year 7 Zoo Excursion, all day full school uniform
<b>Week 5A</b>	
22/05/2017	Band Meeting, 8pm Library
22/05/2017	Year 8 High Resolves
22/05/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale Project Day 1
23/05/2017	Year 12 Parent/Teacher night
23/05/2017	Da Vinci Decathlon
23/05/2017	Years 9 and 10 SES cadets, all day excursion, Manly Dam
24/05/2017	History Competition Years 7-10
25/05/2017	Bell Shakespeare Year 10 Period 3
25/05/2017	Bell Shakespeare Year 8 Period 1
25/05/2017	Year 12 Japanese Speaking sessions with Japanese speakers
26/05/2017	Zone Athletics carnival

<b>Week 6B</b>	
30/05/2017	Years 7-10 ICAS Science Competition
31/05/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale & Curl Curl, Project Day 2
1/06/2017	Year 12 Economics UBS Excursion
1/06/2017	Year 7 Speaking Workshops
3/06/2017	Year 12 Japanese Speaking workshop @ North Sydney BHS
<b>Week 7A</b>	
6/06/2017	Year 8 Parent/Teacher night
6/06/2017	Year 11 Parent/Teacher night
8/06/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale & Curl Curl Project Day 3
8/06/2017	Year 12 Japanese Speaking sessions with Japanese speakers
9/06/2017	Regional Cross Country, Gosford
9/06/2017	SRC Night of Stars
<b>Week 8B</b>	
12/06/2017	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14/06/2017	Years 11 & 12 Careers Night 6.30pm
14/06/2017	Principals Tour, 9:30am, bookings essential via reception 9905 3982
15/06/2017	SES Cadet graduation assembly
16/06/2017	Musical All Day Rehearsal, Hall
<b>Week 9A</b>	
19/06/2017	School musical, dress rehearsal
20/06/2017	School musical – Evita, 7pm
21/06/2017	School musical– Evita, 7pm
22/06/2017	School musical– Evita, 7pm
22/06/2017	Year 12 Modern History Incursion TBC
22/06/2017	Tim Tams for Jim Jams
22/06/2017	Project Penguin Expo Day at Zoo
22/06/2017	Year 12 Japanese Speaking sessions with Japanese speakers
23/06/2017	School musical– Evita, 7pm
24/06/2017	School musical– Evita, 7pm
<b>Week 10B</b>	
27/06/2017	Vaccinations Year 11 & 12
28/06- 30/06/2017	Young Change Agents program
29/06/2017	Principal's Awards Years 7, 8 and 9
30/06/2017	Principal's Awards Years 10, 11 and 12

*Leadership and learning  
are indispensable to each other.  
John F. Kennedy*