



The Weekly Pines

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Manly Campus



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From the Principal

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

There was excitement in the air on Wednesday morning as the school farewelled our wonderful 2019 Year 12 students. Our incoming 2020 School Captains Chloe Martin and Fergus Clarkson gave their first formal address to the school in their newly appointed role. Student representatives from each year group (Esther Schroeter Year 7, Michael Hawkins Year 8, Bezi Saunders Year 9, Hannah Lovlin Year 10, Lauren Griffiths and Kyle Ambrosius from Year 11) shared stories and expressed thanks to our Year 12 cohort for their leadership and camaraderie. Our 2019 School Captains Arquette Milin-Byrne and Dawei Yuan, spoke with gratitude when reflecting on their time at Manly Campus. Vice Captains Neve Morgan and Zachariah Eggleton presented the Year 12 gift to the school and we look forward to using the new lectern in the near future.



After the roll of honour, students joined with their parents in the cutting of the graduation cake and following morning tea.



Our staff have enjoyed being a part of the educational passage of our Year 12 students over the past six years and have delighted in watching them develop into the incredible young adults that they are. Special thanks to Lina Izossimova for the nurturing and support she has provided to Year 12 and their families during their time at Manly. Thank you also to their Deputy Principal Ms Kathy O'Sullivan for her exceptional guidance of Year 12 throughout last four years of their school journey.

A special thank you to Year 12 students who are individually and collectively remarkable young

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people. We hope that, during your years at Manly, you've had many positive experiences you have received and will pass on. The fun of learning with like-minded people, the joy of being successful and learning from your mistakes, the opportunity to understand and value what makes you unique and the freedom to express yourself in a caring and respectful environment. Please also pass on a genuine effort to improve the planet. By all means actively protest for climate change action but also try to make a small difference every day. Grow food, learn to cook, buy local, walk or ride a bike, recycle, pick up your own rubbish, be kind not only to the physical environment, but also to yourself and others on the planet too.

Remember to study hard, sleep well and eat healthy food over the next few weeks so that you are well prepared and can be at peak performance for each of your HSC exams. We wish you all the very best. And look forward to celebrating the completion of the HSC at Graduation on Wednesday 13 November.

Thank you to Year 11 who hosted the farewell and to Ms Brien, Ms Rixon and Mr Newcomb who co-ordinated the event.

Volunteer Thank You Evening

The volunteer thank you evening was held last Wednesday as an opportunity to express our gratitude to all our wonderful school volunteers for all that they do throughout the year. Although a small turnout, it was a lovely night that was enjoyed by all who attended.

A big thank you to year 7 parent Olena Ialovega for her incredible catering of the event.

Next year we hope to see many more of our parent volunteers attend this special evening.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 students are no doubt excited that their examinations finished today and they have the holiday ahead to relax before beginning the HSC in Week 2 next term. Students are reminded to go to their Year 11 classes during the first week back and that new extension courses will begin in week 2. Subject change forms are required to be completed by all students planning to drop or add a subject.

Order of Australia John Lincoln Award Ceremony

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the John Lincoln Award Ceremony at Government House to see Sophie Keoghan of Year 12 be presented the prestigious John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award in recognition of outstanding service to the community. Congratulations to Sophie on receiving this award.



Callback and Encore Nominations

Congratulations to Neve Morgan, Mia Kha and Colina Zhang who have been nominated for possible inclusion in *Callback*, a selection of outstanding performances and projects from Higher School Certificate Dance students. Congratulations also Maia Hopf, Hanano Kijima and Elden Loomes who have been nominated for possible inclusion in the HSC Music showcase event, *Encore*. Ms Woodward and Mrs Herft are both very proud, and thrilled, teachers of HSC Dance and Music respectively.

Musicale

Always a highlight, Musicale was held last Sunday evening and once again the talent of our Manly Campus musicians was exceptional. Congratulations and farewell to our Year 12 students Zachariah Eggleton, Maia Hopf, Lucy Jang, Elden Loomes, Alanna Manfredini, Kate Meehan, Jay Mendham, Megan Moshovelis, Xianda Ren, Ashleigh Roberts, Elodie Roumanoff, Cameron Turner and Maxwell Wang who performed for the last time with the Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, String

Ensemble or Chamber Orchestra. A huge thank you to the Band Conductors Mark Brown, Craig Driscoll, Brian Buggy and Liz Scott and to the Year 12 parents who have been such a wonderful support for the Band program.



Intermediate Band Tour

Last week our Intermediate band had a wonderful time on tour to the Southern Highlands as they represented the school with maturity and excellence. Their first stop along the way was at Brighton Le Sands Public School and they were welcomed with a buzz of excitement. Over the three days, the band performed for small schools such as at Mittagong Public School and Robertson Public

School. They also serenaded the retirees at Bowral House Retirement Village with an acoustic performance. The last stop was at Inaburra School, where they had the opportunity to perform in a prestigious performing arts centre with a full house of students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Barefoot Bowls and some last minute Trivia created by Mr Nguyen and Ms Grace made the tour complete. The students returned home exhausted and somehow managed to continue rehearsing in preparation for Musicale. Congratulations to all members of the Intermediate band and many thanks to Mark Brown, our conductor, Ms Grace and Mr Nguyen who accompanied. Thanks also to Mel Corner, Steph Stoddard and Sarah Dowse who co-ordinated this fun and worthwhile experience.



Australian History Prize Winners

Congratulations to our impressive winners of the Australian History Competition. Samuel Rose (Year 7) was the State and National winner and Alexander Todd (Year 10) the sole State Champion. Particular thanks to Ms Shaw for organising the competition.



Year 12 2020 Information Night

A reminder that the Year 12 2020 Information night will be held in week 1 of Term 4 on Tuesday 15 October at 6:30pm in the school hall.

The evening will be structured as follows:

- Being a Year 12 Parent - HSC parent speaker
- The HSC explained - Alex Newcomb (Deputy Principal) and Cath Whalan (Principal)
- Feeling supported - Fiona Brien (Year Adviser) and Deborah Campbell Allan (Counsellor)
- After school / University 2022 - Deb Rixon (Head Teacher Welfare / Careers Adviser)

We look forward to seeing all students accompanied by a family member at this very important event.

Robotics Club

On behalf of Manly Campus and the Lego robotics students, I would like to say a big thank you to Manly Campus parent Carlo Manfredini for his dedication and enthusiasm over the last six years in sharing his extensive knowledge of electronics and coding. His assistance has seen our students compete very successfully in the annual Lego RoboCup Junior Rescue Competition. I would also like to express thanks to Carlo's daughter Alanna (Year 12), who has mentored many of the Lego robotics students during her time at Manly.

To fill Carlo's shoes, we are looking for an interested parent volunteer who has knowledge in electronics and/or a coding background, to assist our robotics club on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to help out, please contact Mr Forsyth, Head Teacher TAS to express your interest.



Happy Holidays

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 14 October.

Congratulations to:

- Lauto Ako (Year 11) who, together with his team of 9, have won the 1st place in the NSW CHSSA Tennis Championships held in Wollongong recently. Lauto's team was represented as Sydney North, displaying a consistently high level of performance and sportsmanship in every match. Photo (left) Lauto with his team manager Ty Purnell.



- Emily Hewitt-Park (Year 10) who was awarded *Umpire of the Tournament* for the U15 NSW State Championships in Wagga Wagga last term.



- Vinson Chen (Year 8) who came 1st for Half Pipe competition in the Australian Juniors Freeride Competition and 3rd for Slopestyle. In the Thredbo Series he was 5th for the Rail Jam and Slopestyle. He was quite ill throughout and unfortunately he was too sick to do the Big Air Competition. Recovering a little, he obtained 3rd for the Slopestyle at Mount Buller Australian Interschools' Competition.
- Daniel Callister (Year 9) who was presented with an Australian Scout Medallion on 22 September, the highest achievement for a Scout.

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 welcome to phone or email the school any achievements that we may not be aware of, for inclusion in The Weekly Pines.

Cath Whalan
Principal

From the Deputies

Each year, the departure of Year 12 is an emotional time. For many of our Year 12 students it is the end of a six year association with the school; for all of them it marks the end of their formal secondary education.

On Wednesday we proudly farewelled G19. The assembly provided our school community with an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate together, the significant milestone that our Year 12 students have reached. It also enabled Year 12 to say farewell to their teachers and the rest of the student body.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff at Manly Campus for their commitment and dedication to ensure our students' success.



Kathy O'Sullivan - DP 8, 10 & 12

Alex Newcomb – DP 7, 9 & 11

New NBSC Manly Campus School App

NBSC Manly Campus has updated to a new School App, School Enews.



We encourage all families to download the App.

To download, please go to the App store and search for School Enews. Once you have downloaded the app, click on the + and type in **NBSC Manly Campus**, then select done.

The App is a great way to keep connected with Manly Campus life.

- Reminder notifications for important events will be sent out through the app
- You can report a student absence in the **absent note** section on the app
- Make a Payment through the app

In addition there are direct links to:

- Canteen information, including the volunteer roster link and flexischools.
- Calendar events
- Newsletter
- Information on the school website such as P&C, Band, etc

Debating - Regional finalists

Should the government scrap its funding of elite sports and put the money into grassroots community sports instead? This was a hotly contested question in the recent Northern Sydney Regional Final of the Premier's Debating Challenge.



Manly's Year 9/10 A Team (Max Oldham, Max De Vries, Jared Li and Nina Grozdanova) came up against Asquith Girls High School in front of a panel of three adjudicators. Despite our team's persuasive arguments, in a 2-1 split the debate went to Asquith Girls, who argued eloquently that funding for elite sports should be reprioritised and given to community sports clubs to promote healthy lifestyles in children.

Congratulations to the team for your dedication in representing the school at this high level.

Madeleine Koo
English

The Archibull Prize

Our Archibull Prize cow art is completed! After many hours of painstaking work, the Archibull team has submitted their cow art, animation, blog and artwork analysis for judging.



Stay tuned for information about how you can vote for us in the People's Choice award. Until then, take a look at our blog:

<http://manlyarchibull.weebly.com/> and view our hilarious animation about biosecurity at <https://youtu.be/6RFn89DodG0>.

Kate Munro
English

Year Adviser Term 3 Reports

Year 7

As they passed the half way mark of their first year of High School, some might think that there was an opportunity to take a breath and relax in Term 3. Not a chance! G24 have fulfilled their ever expanding role of being involved in just about everything that the school has to offer.

Early in the term, there was the Sydney North Athletics Carnival which had an excellent representation of Year 7 participating. The following

week was the Year 7 Gala day where our cohort played a variety of sports across a variety of venues against several other local High Schools.

SRC elections were held in week 5. Congratulations to the 2020 Year 8 SRC; Sam Daykin, Alexandra Harris, Liam Lehane, Esther Schroeter, Tom Woods, and Isabel Young. Shortly after this was an incursion by the Science faculty, where the students had the opportunity to look to the stars with a pop up Planetarium exhibit.

At the start of week 6, students went to Bicentennial Park at Homebush to do some field work on a Geography excursion and learn about the area surrounding our famous land marks. Straight after that, Year 7 students experienced their first ever Pinestock, with this years' theme being *Woodstock* in commemoration of the anniversary of the original event. This was an excellent introduction into this SRC initiative, whole school activity, where they were able to play games, eat delicious food and listen to some fantastic music performed by students and the always popular Teacher's Band. Later in the week, they participated in the Praxis Good Game Pitch Day. This showcased the extraordinary talent of the cohort with a *Shark Tank* type pitch about each group's game concept to a panel of expert judges.

In another first, G24 participated in the annual Colour Run, raising money for the new outside Gym facility. This was a fantastic activity with the entire year group being transformed into running swathes of bright colours. To wrap up the term, there was the annual Musicales Band event where G24 musicians showcased their extraordinary skills in an evening of fine music and entertainment.

Last but by not least, the cohort took part in their first Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, where they were given the opportunity to farewell the biggest kids in the school and to get a taste of where they will be in six years from now in the year 2024.

Phew!!! I think we all deserve a holiday after all of that.

Mr Alex Newcomb
Deputy Principal

(on behalf of Ms Josinta Chandra, Year 7 Adviser)

Year 8

Another term and another step closer to the end of the year. Year 8 has managed to once again plough their way through assessment tasks, homework and class tasks to produce some exceptional work!

The term started off with a large portion of the year participating in the *Write a Book in a Day* event. Several groups of students spent 12 hours, writing and illustrating a book from beginning to end. Each Book was then published and ends up as reading material for children in hospital being treated for cancer. Our cohort managed to raise \$8,316 for *The Kids Cancer Project*, a worthy charity helping kids and families in need.

The next event was our Year 8 Gala day where Manly Campus challenged Cromer Campus to a round robin of netball and soccer. It was a fantastic day with many of our teams being triumphant in the competition and everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle and a drink as a reward.

Our school has always had a proud tradition of maintaining a strong Student Representative Council (SRC) and this year's elections were no exception. Congratulations to Riddish Chanda, River Fitzgerald, Michael Hawkins, Fionn McMorro-Dermody, Melissa Soe and Charlotte Thomson on being the successful candidates to represent our Year group in 2020 as Year 9 SRC.

Science Techno was a great opportunity for Year 8 to demonstrate what they are capable of in terms of researching, creating and inventing, in the areas of technological advancement. This year saw a fantastic showcase with many of the participants going above and beyond expectations.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing everybody next term, bright and chirpy for our last ever Year 8 Term. Never forget... Who are we? G23!

Mr Branko Goykovic
Year 8 Adviser

Year 9

Three down, one to go. Excitement is building as both the end of the year is one short term away and we have only 5 weeks of school left until Year 9 embark on the highly anticipated camp in Forster. If not already returned, please ensure return your permission notes for camp as soon as possible. Spare notes are available from the science staffroom if required.

Once again, it has been an action-packed term with great achievements. These were rewarded at the start of Term 3 with the presentation of Principal Awards to those students that have achieved outstandingly across all subjects. I also had the pleasure of bestowing 23 Year Adviser Awards. These awards are presented to students for performing well across a number of different KLAs.

Year 9 team; Max De Vries, Jade Williams, Annie Ming Kowalik, Eli Walton, Srestha Roy and Amrita Vivekanandhan, entered the Game Changer Challenge. They spent three nights at the Park Royal Hotel in Parramatta working as a team to investigate '*How can we humanise technology to better serve humans?*'. Only sixteen schools out of over a hundred schools participated in this stage of the challenge. They designed an app and website to 'redemocratised democracy' called Power2People, wherein everyday citizens can vote on upcoming legislation so that politicians know their constituents' views. They pitched their idea to a panel of experts including the Secretary of Education, Mark Scott. While they didn't win, they got a special shoutout from the Google rep on the judging panel who thought their idea was awesome. Thank you to Ms Munro and Ms Woolven for their fabulous and dedicated support.

Year 9 had a fantastic presentation from Mr Newcomb during one of their year meetings about school pride and the community's perception of our students. This was extremely thought provoking and has resulted in a change to how some students are presenting themselves. Thank you to those students and Mr Newcomb.

A huge congratulations to the SRC for organising the 1960 *Woodstock* themed Pinestock this year. Our students excelled in bringing the sixties spirit to life with their amazing costumes and our Year 9 SRC representatives did a wonderful job ensuring the day ran smoothly. The newly elected SRC members for Year 10 2020 are Sam Capell, Gina Harrison, Jenna Kim, Daniel Martin, Bezi Saunders and David Zhan. Well done team.

This term saw the continuation of the Colour Run at Manly Campus and Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed getting covered in an array of bright colour during their run, while raising funds towards the new outdoor school gym, which will benefit the whole school community. Well done to the PE staff for their efforts in organising such a fun and worthwhile event in which the whole school can be involved in physical activity.

Term 3 also saw the departure from everyday school life of G19 to undertake final preparations for their HSC. Best wishes from all in G22 and well done to Bezi Saunders for an outstanding speech during the Year 12 graduation assembly, on behalf of all Year 9.

Year 9, have a wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday break, and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr Richard Crooks
Year 9 Adviser

Year 10

Term 3 began with the most important event of the year for G21: The Year 10 round robin and the Year 10 into 11 selection night. This night offered an overview of the HSC, choices of subjects to maximize success in the HSC, 'What is an ATAR?', and the subject selection process. Discussions with Head Teachers and Subject Teachers followed.

Students were encouraged to choose subjects they are passionate about and the interview process assisted with clarifying some of the requirements for engaging in the senior course of study at Manly Campus. Thank you to all the teachers involved in the interview process, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Rixon, and Ms Colby; your knowledge and expertise were much appreciated by students and parents alike.

For those students (and parents) still confused about the transition into senior school, there will be another parent information evening early next year to assist Year 10 students with their transition into the Preliminary Stage 6 courses.

We have had many exhibitions of Manly Campus talent this term. Students are to be congratulated on their amazing ILP creations, which were shared in a special two-night showcase. Year 10 demonstrated their interest in an array of areas, from videogame design to clothes making. Many students tackled pressing social and environmental concerns and others expressed their creativity in a range of forms and mediums. The ILP was an excellent opportunity for students to experience the process of independent project-based learning and this is a great guideline for those who wish to do a major work subject in Year 11 and 12. A huge thank you is to be extended to all the teachers of ILP who have advised and encouraged students through this worthwhile learning experience, and a special thank you to Ms. Hewes for her time and efforts in planning and running the ILP program.

Year 10 have also continued to acquire work experience placements, which they eagerly anticipate in Week 7 of Term 4. Some have also chosen to do Australian Business week during this time, providing an insight into the various facets of running a business with experts from the industry as mentors through this process. Thank you to Ms Colby and Ms Rixon for supporting students in ensuring their paperwork is finalised.

I would like to congratulate the outgoing SRC representatives for the fantastic job they have done throughout the last twelve months. At the SRC Induction, students; Chloe Bracher, Lea Hartley, Jason Ho, Eliza Lo Russo, Hannah Lovlin, Jed Morrison, Max Oldham and Noah Sawyer, were invested as the new SRC representatives for their fellow students..

I would like to wish Year 10 a relaxing and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing them all next term, ready for their last study quarter of 2019.

Ms Chau Truong
Year 10 Adviser

Year 11

Year 11 have just finished their Preliminary Examinations this week and, with this final assessment, have now finished Year 11 altogether! Whoo hoo! Please ensure you have a relaxing holiday break (parents included) before coming back next term, ready to take on Year 12! This holiday is an important moment for resting, recharging batteries and reflecting on progress and goals going in to what will be an exciting and challenging time.

As always, Year 11 had a busy term. Year 11 into 12 interviews provided Ms Rixon, Mr Newcomb and myself, the opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with our fabulous year group chatting about their progress in Year 11 and their goals for the future. Once again, I was struck by the incredible diversity, tenacity and spirit of these young people as they reflected on their medals earned and missions learnt and used this to strive towards their future opportunities. Whilst some had definitive goals and careers in mind, many were still weighing up their options and bouncing around ideas about where their future selves might land. As I told many of the students I saw, they do not need to have a clear vision of their roadmap to success in their minds eye yet, they just need to lay down the foundations to give themselves choices.

Later in the term, Year 11 was treated to a fabulous hour listening to amazing speeches from the students who nominated themselves as candidates for the SRC executive. Congratulations to the record breaking 11 students who were successful, especially Chloe and Fergus as well as Kyle and Lauren who will serve as School and Vice Captains from next term. I was especially proud of the warm and authentically respectful way these four young people (and all the Year 11 who gave up their StuVac) farewelled Year 12 2019 on Wednesday. There was not a dry eye in the quad when Chloe and Aja sang their beautiful rendition of Wicked's *For Good* (with some wonderful adlibbing). This perfectly summarised the impact the Year 12 have had as role models in all aspects of Manly life.

I wish good spring weather and busy social calendars for all Year 11 students these holidays so that you

bounce back into school next term, living your personal best as our elders, our mentors and our new role models. A reminder that we have an important information evening for parents and students on Tuesday, 15 October at 6:30pm. Happy holidays!

Ms Fiona Brien
Year 11 Adviser

Year 12

The Year 12 Year Adviser Report is a copy of the speech given by Ms Lina Izossimova at the Year 12 farewell assembly on 25 September.



I thought a lot about this speech. In fact, I started writing it about 3 years ago in my head. In some ways it is like a best man's speech at a wedding, you know, share 'all the dirt', make people laugh, compliment the happy couple on their wonderful choices. You see, while no one got married in the grade (well not yet or that I know of), I can definitely see many a happy 135 of you sitting before me. You made it and for this you deserve so much recognition.

So what do I remember from your foundational moments in year 7? I remember walking around your peer support groups in the pines, looking at your cute faces, big school uniforms and over-sized bags as you lined up for classes, I remember your energetic dancing at discos. I recall your Year 7 camp time, which was highly eventful.

I also think back to times where our grade pioneered initiatives that I am so proud of, like our Charity Day in the city at the end of Year 10 where you spent your activity day raising thousands of dollars for the Kids Cancer Project, and memorably delighted the

general public in the mascot bear costume.

I remember the often rapid changes in hair colour and style throughout the years and how you grew up, negotiating the challenges of each stage of high school friendships and life as you went along. Some things like hair colour changed and some things stayed the same – the perfect example of this - and now bear with me because I am responsible for dishing some of the dirt here - is Year 12s' incredible inability to meet deadlines and fill in forms as a cohort – the perfect example of this is the handful of students who didn't get a jersey on time, as they missed the online deadline.

What do you do as the year advisor in these moments? Well, you look over at cool teacher colleagues, like Ms G and raise an eyebrow, or sight equally as cool colleagues like Mr Goykovic in the corridor, muse briefly at the 'selective' nature of students. Then you diligently re-create the epic order form for jerseys, buy the principal one and yourself three; to fill the minimum requirements for the order. But I mean, I can't complain, I now have a jersey to remind me of you in every single one of my possible titles – Year Adviser, Miss and Mrs.

What many of you may have forgotten, is that when you first started year 7, Ms Maggs was indeed your relieving Deputy Principal – and for some lucky few she was also your magnificent mentor or biology teacher - what wonderful bookends to your time at Manly Campus to have the guidance, warmth and sage advice from such an incredible teacher and member of the executive. Thanks Ms Maggs, for starting us off on such a great footing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the legendary Mr Tony Rudd and of course the remarkable Mrs Cath Whalan, your two principals during your time at Many Campus. It is tough being a school executive, but even tougher being THE school executive. Mrs Whalan, Year 12 are very lucky to have your unwavering support, kindness, acceptance and assistance throughout their school journey. You have also been pivotal in advocating for students receiving meritorious community awards and university scholarships. The grade and I thank you for your compassion and guidance.

A huge thanks also goes to your Head Teacher of

Welfare and careers advisor Mrs Rixon, without you many students will not receive the prestigious scholarships that await them, be able to navigate the complex ATAR system or seek the reassurance needed about career options and life experiences. Your support and care over the years will not be forgotten.

What you will notice, hopefully, as I reminisce about our past, is just how many changes you have encountered, overcome and become accustomed to... so this bodes well for your future year 12. Because I, like you, have learned that sometimes things change subtly, you suddenly turn around and go, hang on a minute, that finished and sometimes it is more momentous, like a graduation. Nonetheless, subtle or overt, you have grown to face the challenges that await you and whether you like it or not, you are fine-tuned to adapt to change throughout the journey that is your lifetime.

When you finish that last HSC exam, the next day is the first day of the rest of your life. At first it will probably feel a bit anti-climactic. That first morning you wake up and realise you don't have to go to morning class, or wait for the bell to use the bathroom, you won't need a school bag again, or have to wear the school uniform. Then you find yourself watching a movie and accidentally analysing the film techniques or reading a novel and noticing the writer's expert use of form. Never fear, this lingering habit will pass and so will the empty feeling of void.

So, where was I in my reminiscence - are you noticing the discursive nature of my speech? I hope so!

In Year 8 we had the leadership of Mrs Banister for a while, and then, speaking of change, came my stroke of absolute sheer luck, the stars aligned and David Tomlin (then Principal at North Sydney Girls) agreed to let Kathy O'Sullivan leave his school and become appointed DP at MSC when you were in Year 9. Kathy, no words can express my immeasurable gratitude for everything you have done for our grade. They are the luckiest to have you as a deputy. Mrs O'Sullivan even made an Instagram frame for your graduation photo booth and bought her whole PE class personalised sunglasses, see how cool she is? But Kathy, while your gift giving skills are

impressive, they are rivalled by your exceptional, professional and impeccable leadership skills. Year 12 may not realise how lucky they are to have such a caring, organised, empathetic and amazing person as their deputy, but I realise and for this I am immensely grateful.

G19 we have shared some incredibly special and positive memories and experiences, in the classroom, during extra-curricular events and activities and in the daily workings of school life. Your teachers have worked hard to prepare you for the HSC and now it is your turn to embrace the task ahead, the ball is in your court. You know your mission, should you choose to accept it, work together and you can't go wrong. Soon that HSC will be yet another not so distant memory.

I would like to take the final moments of my speech to thank the parents, guardians and families. You have been a huge support to the Year 12 cohort, and while the HSC hurdle still lies ahead and you will probably have to put up with more of the 'I-literally-can't-do-any-housework-room cleaning-car washing-cat grooming – part-time working – paper clearing from the non-existent floor' because...well, the HSC! And also the pantry and fridge will need to be extra stocked, because studying is synonymous with a surprisingly lot of baking and eating. Never fear, we are all nearly there! On 11 November you will see the floor, you will have the right to request cleanliness, siblings will have the opportunity to fight back, and you will have the rooms of your house and your dignity returned. Thank you for your love, kindness and most of all patience during this testing time.

In the typical style of an English teacher, I look to literature when I am lost for words and of course literature always has the answers. So in my parting words I would like to draw on the immense intellect of a great literary genius... no not Shakespeare, but in fact a very humble bear, Winnie the Pooh... G19: "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard". I thank you for sharing your high school journey with me and for all your energy, intellect and most of all your kindness.

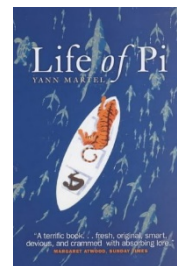
I wish you all the very best for your upcoming HSC and your very bright futures that await beyond.

Warmest Regards, Miss Lina Izosimova

Book Review

The Life of Pi: Student book review

The Year 12 book club's most recent read, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel is a brilliant book to delve into to mark the start of Spring and symbolically begin another cycle of the four seasons with a new perspective on life and personal journeys.



There is not much that can be discussed about this magical realism adventure novel without revealing the gems hidden in Martel's complex plot and unique exploration of philosophy. However, what *can* be revealed can be gathered from the cover of the book; a sixteen-year-old boy and a 450-pound Royal Bengal tiger trying to survive in the Pacific Ocean.

While the progression of the story initially felt slow for me, the novel is a prime example of the saying, "good things come to those who wait," as the development of characters, world and plot come together in the end to leave the audience amazed by the intricate details planted by the author throughout the book and flipping back over to the front cover for a second reading with a new perspective. I, personally, had not seen the movie before reading the book which I believe allowed me to interpret the underlying theme of the novel, the role of storytelling and the value of truth, with a different perspective compared to if I had seen the movie adaptation as my first introduction to the text instead.

I highly recommend this novel to readers who enjoyed *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. For current and future Year 12 students, this book is excellent related material for many of the modules studied in English Advanced and Extension One including: Texts and Human Experiences, Craft of Writing, Literary Words, and Worlds of Upheaval.

The Year 12 Book Club will next be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, the Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a blind French girl and a German boy amidst the devastation of World War II.

Moe Iwasawa (Year 12)

Upcoming Events

Year 12 2020 Information Evening

Tuesday 15 October

6:30pm in the school hall

All Year 12 2020 students accompanied by a family member should attend this very important event.

Parent Seminar

Parent Seminar – Achievement in Gifted Learners

Monday 21st October, 6:30-8pm

(including light refreshments)

Where: NBSC Manly Campus Library

Cost: \$10 per family

**Guest Presenter: Ruth Phillips B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed,
Grad. Dip Psych. PhD**

Ruth Phillips is a highly experienced consultant, trainer and educator. Specialising in developing the potential of individuals, Ruth is a facilitator, coach, and key note speaker.

Being identified as Gifted or having High Potential does not guarantee success. In a world of ATAR's and pressure, how do we supported gifted adolescents to thrive? This session will outline the impacts of contemporary research in the field of gifted education about underachievement, the importance of learning behaviours and resilience on the gifted adolescent.

In this presentation, Ruth Phillips will share international research and her experience on how teachers support adolescents to flourish including:

- How to support adolescents to understand the road to success.
- How to support adolescents to develop resilience, grit and a true understanding of what learning and personal growth look like.
- The importance of challenging learning to help your child accomplish what they need to in school context and to achieve in the world

beyond it by working hard, persisting and focussing their efforts to realise their goals.

- What parents can do if their adolescent is 'underachieving'.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents.

To secure a place for yourself and/or family, simply make a payment of \$10, **before 12pm on Monday 21st October:**

Booking and Payment Methods

Payment Online:

Go to our school website;

- Select the **\$ Make a Payment** tab
- In the **Payment Options** section select
- **Other** Complete your **Payment description** as: **Seminar x (x = number of attendees)**

OR

You may pay by Cash or Cheque

(made out to NBSC Manly Campus)

Please note: online payments will automatically record your name in bookings – if you are paying via front office you will need to provide details of event and number of attendees.

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 30 October

7pm in the Manly Campus Library

All welcome to attend.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

LOCATED NEAR THE CANTEEN

Next open

Thursday 17 October & Tuesday 5 November

8:15am-9:30am

**Open before school on the first Tuesday
and the third Thursday of the month**

8:15am – 9:30am

Coordinator Marg Martin

Please contact Marg if you would like
to place an order

margaret.martin@optusnet.com.au

**Donations of washed good quality uniforms are most
welcome and can be left at the school office**

Proceeds go to the P&C

for school improvement projects

For second hand band blazers (buy & sell please contact
Diane Turner: moogiet@optusnet.com.au



Musicale – What a Spectacular Celebration!



Symphonic Wind Orchestra

Last Sunday night, our senior wind and jazz bands as well as our strings groups wowed the audience with their musical talent at our band program's premier event where our departing Year 12 students were able to showcase their wonderful musicianship and gave the audience an opportunity to farewell them in style. There were plenty of smiles mixed with a few tears and was a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the high standard of music at our school.



Jazz Orchestra

There was a fantastic and varied repertoire, spanning four centuries of music, from Mozart in the 18th Century right up to the present day with a piece composed by parent, Ben Loomes and being played to an audience for only the second time. The Symphonic Wind Orchestra, String Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra gave us a night to remember and showed us what is possible when dedicated and brilliant music students combine with the experience and passion of our four ensemble directors.

The night ended with a stirring finale piece, Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, from the combined group of 80 performers and thank you speeches to the thirteen departing Year 12 band program members, members of the band committee who are leaving, and to the ensemble directors for their inspiration throughout the students' six years in the Manly Bands.



Combined Ensembles

Special thanks to the directors:

Mark Brown, Craig Driscoll, Elizabeth Scott and Brian Buggy. Thanks also to Nic Gouda and Sarah Dowse for organising the event and Mansi Tulsiani and Di Turner for the food preparation. Thanks to Phil Watson for driving the truck again and Robyn Latimer for the programme design.

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

The celebrations and farewells continued on Wednesday with the Year 12 Farewell Assembly in the quad attended by the whole school and Year 12 parents. It was Swing Band's and Stage Band's turn to perform under the directorship of Craig Driscoll, they farewelled the students in style performing Stevie Wonder tunes.

We want to wish all our Year 12 band members the very best of luck in the upcoming HSC exams.

Manly Jazz Festival

Come and enjoy the music and see our jazz bands playing over the long weekend:

Saturday 5 October, John Speight Stage, (prime spot in the middle of the Corso)

11:20 – 12pm Jazz Combo

Monday 7 October, Jazz Stars of the Future Stage (wharf end of Corso), 2-3 pm, Jazz Orchestra

Congratulations for Encore nominations

Two of the band members have received Encore nominations for their HSC performances on 17 September: Maia Hopf and Elden Loomes. This is an outstanding achievement.

Thank you to SE and JO for your accompaniment of some of the HSC performances.

Intermediate Band Tour (WE/BB) Report

46 students from Big Band and Stage Band enjoyed 3 days of performing in the Southern Highlands last week. It was a very wet and rainy start on Wednesday morning when packing the coach, but the weather and spirits soon brightened and a lot of fun was had by all. The students performed for various primary schools and an aged care facility. It was a busy schedule but there was still time to relax with a game of barefoot bowls, a trivia and movie night.

A big thank you again to Director Mark Brown and Manly teachers Lanneke Grace and Hoa Nguyen, for accompanying them on tour.

Semester 2 Fees Overdue

Thank you to all families who have paid their fees. We would appreciate payment of any outstanding fees as soon as possible.

If you need more time to pay, please contact the band treasurer:

Jill Johnson treasurerbmsc@gmail.com

Band Calendar

Term Three

Workshop with US jazz guest artist for JO and bass players

Friday 4 October, 2-3.30pm, Manly School Campus

Confirmed time and venue

Manly Jazz Festival

Saturday 5 October, John Speight Stage,

11:20 – 12pm JC

Confirmed time and venue

Manly Jazz Festival

Monday 7 October, Jazz Stars of the Future Stage, 2-3 pm, JO

Confirmed time and venue

Term Four

Year 12 Graduation

Wednesday 13 November, Freshwater Gym, approx. 3-6pm, JO

Orchestral Soiree

Friday 15 November, Mosman Art Gallery SE/CO

Jazz Night Out

Saturday 16 November, Showroom at DY RSL, SwB/SB/BB/JO

AGM and Term 4 Band Meeting,

Monday 25 November, Library, 8pm, all welcome

Junior Band Tour

Monday 2 – Thursday 5 December, Port Macquarie CB/SwB/SB

Year 7 2020 Orientation Day

Tuesday 3 December, Manly Campus hall- WE/SE (ensembles TBC)

Presentation Night

Wednesday 11 December, Freshwater gym- WE

Big Band Bash Christmas

Thursday 12 December (TBC), All Ensembles

Band Names

Wind Stream:

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

Strings Stream:

SE~String Ensemble; CO~Chamber Orchestra

Jazz Stream/Other:

JO~Jazz Orchestra; BB~Big Band; SB~Stage Band;

Term 4 Calendar

Please check the dates closer to the event

Week 1A	
14/10/2019	First day of Term 4
14/10/2019	Year 7 Cosmodome incursion, all day
15/10/2019	Schools Spec dance segment rehearsal, all day
15/10/2019	ILP Showcase for Year 9 students
15/10/2019	Year 12 2020 Information night, 6:30pm in the school hall
17/10/2019-11/11/2019	HSC Examinations
19/10/2019-20/10/2019	Duke of Ed Bronze Qualifying Hike - Option 1
Week 2B	
17/10/2019-11/11/2019	HSC Examinations
21/10/2019-22/10/2019	SRC Conference camp
21/10/2019	Parent Seminar, Ruth Phillips Parent Presentation, 6:30pm, Bookings essential
23/10/2019	Year 10 Drama Night TBC
24/10/2019	W;t Play Performance Year 11 students, all day
25/10/2019	NBSC Student Leadership Conference, 2019-2020 SRC Executive, Manly Golf Club
26/10/2019-27/10/2019	Duke of Ed Bronze Qualifying Hike - Option 2
Week 3A	
17/10/2019 - 11/11/2019	HSC Examinations
28/10/2019	Schools Spec dance rehearsal, all day
28/10/2019	Year 8 VALID - Science task, all day
29/10/2019	Northern Beaches Youth Interagency
29/10/2019	8FT2 Critic's Day P2&3
30/10/2019	8FT6 Critic's Day P1&2
30/10/2019	Principal's Tour, Bookings essential via the office on 9905 3982
30/10/2019	P&C Meeting, 7pm in the library, all welcome
31/10/2019	8FT4 Critic's Day P3&4
2/11/2019 - 3/11/2019	Duke of Ed Bronze Qualifying Hike - Option 3
Week 4B	
17/10/2019 - 11/11/2019	HSC Examinations
8/11/2019	Schools Spec dance rehearsal, all day

Week 5A	
13/11/2019 - 15/11/2019	Year 9 Camp Forster
13/11/2019	Year 12 2019 Graduation, 4pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Gym
15/11/2019	Strings Soiree
15/11/2019	Ext 2 English Day Sydney University, all day
16/11/2019	Jazz Night Out, Dee Why RSL, 6:30pm
Week 6B	
18/11/2019	Schools Spec dance rehearsal - all day
19/11/2019	Year 7 HPV dose 2
20/11/2019	Schools Spec rehearsals - all day
22/11/2019-23/11/2019	Schools Spec matinee and evening performances
Week 7A	
25/11/2019 - 29/11/2019	VA exhibition
25/11/2019 - 29/11/2019	Year 10 Work Experience and Australian Business Week
25/11/2019	Band Meeting - T4 & AGM, 8pm in the library, all welcome
Week 8B	
2/12/2019 - 5/11/2019	Junior Band Tour CB, SwB, SB
3/12/2019	Year 7 2020 orientation day
4/12/2019	New Year 8 -11 2020 students Orientation Day
4/12/2019	P&C Meeting, 7pm in the library, all welcome
6/12/2019	Curiosity Con, all day
Week 9A	
9/12/2019 - 10/12/2019	Dance Showcase, 7pm in the performance space
10/12/2019	Chrismanly - SRC organised event
11/12/2019	Presentation Night, 7pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Gym
12/12/2019	Big Band Bash TBC
13/12/2019-17/12/2019	Duke of Ed Gold Qualifying, 4 day, 3 night expedition
Week 10B	
17/12/2019	HSC Results
18/12/2019	Last day of Term 4 for students
18/12/2019	HSC Celebration Morning Tea, 11am
19/12/2019 - 20/12/2019	Staff development Days

Have a safe and enjoyable term break.

We look forward to seeing you all in Term 4 starting Monday 14 October.