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# MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*"Providing Quality Education in a Caring Learning Community"*

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### PRINCIPAL

It is with both excitement and sadness that we farewell our Year 12 of 2015. They have completed all examinations and will be celebrating their time at Maitland Grossmann High at their Formal at the Crown Plaza, Hunter Valley, and then collecting their well earned results in the first week in December. Year 12 have kindly donated a large outdoor clock for student use and this will be located within the main quadrangle.

Thanks to a partnership between the Maitland Evangelical Church, the Parents and Citizens Association and the school, we had another very successful school working bee which resulted in renovations to the Support Unit kitchen, building of a safety fence at the end of the oval backing onto Morpeth Road and extensive gardening and environmental development.

The water stations throughout the school are highly utilised in the hot weather, please provide your student with an appropriate water bottle so they can access filtered, chilled water when they need it.

If you are looking to buy shoes for your child in the Christmas vacation, please remember that shoes must be black leather. Both Athlete's Foot and Johnstons, Maitland have a full range and are aware of the standards required by the school.

Taking your child out of school for holidays or for any extended period of time requires you to apply for an exemption for attendance. You need to phone the school and ask the Attendance Office for the necessary paperwork to complete this process.

Maitland Grossmann High School continues to experienced success in the following areas:

- Winner of the regional Choral Festival
- Highly commended in Bandfest
- Year 12 Nomination for Performance in Reprise 2016
- NSW State champions in F1 in Schools
- Winner of the National F1 in Schools Portfolio section
- Winner of University Summer school scholarship in the Electric Vehicles Festival
- University of Wollongong Award for Excellence in Engineering
- Winner of NSW Combined High Schools Boys Football (Soccer) Stare Knockout Champions

Dr D Soltau  
Principal

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**CURRENT SPONSORS****WESTPAC BANK** (Green Hills)

Take out a loan and mention Maitland Grossmann High School. The school will receive a monetary contribution from the Westpac Bank.

**ATHLETE'S FOOT** (Green Hills & Charlestown) Become a Club Fit Member and the school will receive a monetary contribution from Athlete's Foot.

**CAREERS**

The HSC Results morning tea will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. Invitations have been posted out to Year 12 students.

Thank you to the employers who have hosted our students for Work Experience this year. The students in Year 10 have enjoyed their week and have a better understanding of the world of work.

I have recently attended conferences for Careers and Transition Advisers and also the state conference for Careers Advisers. These opportunities are invaluable to ensure currency of information.

The Year 9 Career Quest was very successful. Thank you to Youth Express for coordinating the presenters. Year 9 evaluated the day and were very positive with their responses. Well done Year 9.

Lee Osborne

Careers Adviser

**ADOPT A RESIDENT**

It is an absolute pleasure to be involved with this program. Our last visit to Benhome and Largs Lodge was on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We are looking forward to hosting our annual morning tea and concert for residents of local aged care facilities on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Our Year 10 volunteers have been wonderful representatives for our school. The mornings have been full of lively conversation and lots of laughter.

Thank you to the residents and staff of Benhome and Largs Lodge for again participating in this wonderful program.

Lee Osborne and Karen Goward

Coordinators

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## YEAR 6 INTO 7 2016

### Transition Events Term 4

The following are a list of transition events for this term:

#### ***Parent Orientation Evening***

***17<sup>th</sup> November in the Hall 5.30pm***

Parents of Year 7 2016 are invited to this evening. The night will be hosted by the 2016 Year 7 Year Advisers Mrs Belinda Skinner and Mrs Kristy Nardelli. Parents will meet the Principal Dr Di Soltau, the Deputy Principal for Year 7 2016 Mrs Lois Wakem, the Head Teacher Welfare Mrs Wendy Stephan, as well as, Deputy Principals Mr Jim Heaney and Mr Neil Fara. Faculty Head Teachers will also be present on the night. Parents will have the opportunity to tour the school and develop an understanding of the culture and values of our school.

Parents will also be able to purchase book packs prior and following formal proceedings.

#### ***Year 6 into 7 Sports Day 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Maitland Park. Start time 9.15am***

All Year 7, 2016 are invited to participate in our Transition Sport Day. Students will be arranged into teams and will participate in a number of different sports and fun activities. This provides the students with another opportunity to mix with their 2016 peers, make new friends and get to know some of the Year 10 leaders.

Year 6 students should wear their school sport uniform, bring appropriate sun protection and food and drink required for the day. The sports day will finish at 2.15pm.

Any queries about the above events can be directed to Lyne Matthews 49342066.

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### ***Extra Transition Visits***

If any Year 6 student is still feeling highly or unusually anxious about coming to high school, please call Lyne Matthews to discuss. If required another transition visit can be arranged. Contact 49 342066.

### **Extension Class Placement**

Testing for placement in extension classes for literacy and numeracy has now completed. Parents will be advised by letter if their child has or has not been accepted into the classes. New enrolments will have the opportunity to also sit the tests. Please contact Lyne Matthews to organise a mutually suitable time.

### ***School Bus Service***

From 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015, a new online SSTS application process is being introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card.

Please also check this web site in regard to Opal Cards for School Travel

<http://www.transportnsw.info/en/tickets/concessions/student-child/school-student-transport-scheme.page?>

Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year. School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. School Opal cards applied for using the new online process will be sent to the student's nominated address ready for term one 2016.

Students should use the new form if they:

- are just starting school and have not had a pass for travel before
- are in moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
- are changing schools or campus, including going between primary and secondary school
- or, if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)

To order a new School Opal card, students go direct to [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or call 131 500.

### **Bus information for Year 7 2016**

On the first day of school only Years 7, 11 and 12 attend. For this reason, parents are encouraged to allow their son and/or daughter to catch the bus. This will help students to become familiar with bus numbers, routes, and school procedures for boarding buses before all the school return the following day.

Below is the link to bus timetables to and from Maitland Grossmann High School

<http://www.cdcbus.com.au/IgnitionSuite/uploads/docs/H%20Maitland%20Grossmann%20HS%2018.5.15.pdf>

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The Maitland Grossmann High Working Bee is our largest annual event with sponsorship and donations critical to its success. The MGHS P & C would like to thank Andrew Cumming for co-ordinating the working bee during the holidays and for organising the assistance of local organisations. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day. Your help is very much appreciated. We are so fortunate to have many families who give their time and expertise to help our school to provide better facilities for all our students.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following generous sponsors:

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 Precision Oxycut  
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 Hunter Valley Steel, Rutherford  
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Staff & students who volunteered on the day



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 9.45am arrival for 10.00am start to 12.30pm



Morning Tea Provided

### To attend this group

- 1/ Ring Maitland Family Support **49140444**
- 2/ Maitland Family Support will phone you to talk to you about the 123 Magic group to ensure it meets your needs and to confirm your space in the group.
- 3/ Attend 3 sessions of 123 Magic.
- 4/ Maitland Family Support will ring you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to complete a quick review and offer support with the program.
- 5/ Maitland Family Support will mail out a certificate of attendance.

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  - \* 7 tactics for encouraging good behavior.

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If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

### Visit us

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

#### Rutherford Marketplace

28th October, 18th November & 9th December

#### Lake Macquarie Fair

4th November, 25th November & 16th December

#### Morisset Square

11th November & 2nd December

#### Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre

9th November & 1st December

Phone: 1800 555 727

[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

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**Andrew Constance**  
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

**Adrian Piccoli**  
Minister for Education

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday 29 October 2015

### **SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAP ONTO OPAL NEXT YEAR**

More than 420,000 school students will be provided with an Opal card at the start of the 2016 school year so they can travel for free between home and school while accessing the ease and simplicity of the Opal electronic ticketing system.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance and Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced today that parents and students will be able to apply for a School Opal card and get information about the card from next week.

"More than 4 million Opal cards are already in use and now we're expanding Opal to give school students the same kind of convenience from the start of the 2016 school year," Mr Constance said.

Mr Piccoli described today as a win for school kids and families, with the travel program providing more than \$550 million to fund 80 million school trips each year.

"School travel assistance gets students from Kindergarten to year 12 to and from home safely and keeps cars off the road at busy peak periods," Mr Piccoli said.

The School Opal card will be for travel within the Opal footprint covering schools and students travelling on public transport across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

"We have more than 2,000 schools from the Public, Catholic and Independent sectors in the metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas whose students will be able to use an Opal card on trains, buses and ferries to get from home to school," Mr Piccoli said.

"To make it easier for families, students who have a paper school pass this year will automatically be issued with an Opal card at their school from the start of term in 2016."

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their School Opal card, which will be delivered in 2016. This includes parents who have children starting at kindergarten, moving from Year 2 to 3, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year.

Parents and students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students) from Monday 2 November.

**MEDIA: Josh Murphy | Minister Constance | 0409 086 207  
Caelin Worthington | Minister Piccoli | 0437 427 445**

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# Maitland Grossmann High School

## Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

### 2015 - 2016



\* The uniform shop is open on regular days in November and December as well as the special opening times below.

#### 2015 November

Tuesday	17.Nov (Year 7 Info day/night)	8.00am - 12.00pm 5.30pm - 8.00 pm
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#### 2015 December

Tuesday	15.Dec (Last week of school)	8.00am - 12.00pm
Wednesday	16.Dec (Last opening day of Uniform Shop)	1.00pm - 5.00pm

#### 2016 January

Wednesday	20.Jan (2015 / January Holidays)	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday	21.Jan	9.00am - 3.00pm
Friday	22.Jan	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	27.Jan (Staff Development Day)	9.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday	28.Jan (1 <sup>st</sup> Day - Yrs 7,11,12)	8.00am - 4.00pm
Friday	29.Jan (1 <sup>st</sup> Day - Yrs 8,9,10)	8.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	02.February onwards	Normal Trading Hrs

### THEN BACK TO NORMAL TRADING:

**TUESDAY: 8:00AM ~ 12:00PM**  
**THURSDAY: 1:00PM ~ 5:00PM**

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Uniform Shop Coordinator Jenny Newton  
 School (02)4934 2066 Mobile 0434 195 547  
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 Email: daylight@daylightcorp.com

Online Shopping Through School Website

Maitland Grossmann High School UNIFORM SHOP

NAME:	YEAR:	DATE:	REC#:		
ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL	INCL GST
<b>Girls</b>					
Tartan skirt	50.00				
Navy Stretch Slacks	41.00				
SNR S/S Sky/Navy Blouse	34.00				
Summer Dress	60.00				
JNR S/S White/Navy Blouse	34.00				
<b>Boys</b>					
JNR/SNR Navy Boys Shorts	35.00				
Tailored Navy Trousers (Pleated)	41.00				
Casual Navy Trousers	41.00				
SNR S/S Sky Button Shirt	32.00				
JNR S/S White Button Shirt	32.00				
<b>Jumpers</b>					
Woolen Jumper	72.00				
<b>Sports</b>					
Microfibre Jacket	65.00				
Sports Shorts Std (Short)	26.00				
Sports Shorts Sup (Long)	26.00				
Microfibre Trackpant	38.50				
Sports Polo	28.00				
<b>Others</b>					
Cap	12.50				
Junior White Socks	05.00				
Senior Sky Socks	05.00				
Cable Scarf	20.00				
School Tie	20.00				

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## **MGHS 2015 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES** **for Term 4**

The Uniform Shop is open on regular days in November and December as well as the special opening times below.

### **WEEK 5** (Last week of HSC Exams)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 8am-12pm & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1pm-5pm

### **WEEK 7** (Incoming Year 7 Students Information Night on 17<sup>th</sup> November)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 8am-12pm & 5.30pm-8pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm-5pm

### **Week 8 to Week 10** (normal trading hours)

Tuesday 8am-12pm & Thursday 1pm-5pm

**Week 11** last week of school, the Uniform Shop closes and re-opens in January 2016)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 8am-12pm

& Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1pm-5pm

Sorry for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

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