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# MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL

Our school experienced significant damages during the recent storm event. Our lift has just been restored to active operation. Unfortunately our school library sustained extensive damages and will not be operational until after the mid year school holidays. Senior students can access a study space by coming to the main office, so a room can be sourced for them.

The winter months are approaching, and you are encouraged to get warm clothing for your child from the uniform shop. Anyone experiencing difficulty in providing uniform is welcome to contact the school for assistance and support.

Our athletics carnival was postponed until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May due to inclement weather. All students were encouraged to attend this fun event. Parents are reminded that school sport is mandated by the government for ALL students, in an endeavour for students to develop options for a healthy lifestyle for their future. Please minimise the absences from sport so that all students can benefit from this initiative.

NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9 was recently conducted. This important testing allows the school to receive vital funding to assist and support student learning in literacy and numeracy. It also helps teachers to tailor teaching and learning to meet the specific needs of students. Results for this should be available from the BOSTES in Term 4.

Mr Brown is finalising preparations for our school visit to Japan to be conducted in the October school holidays. Our students and staff will catch up with students from our sister school in Sukagawa during this visit.

Our choral group, under the direction of Mr Robb Dennis continues to experience outstanding success being winner of the regional choral festival for the second year. Congratulations to all involved.

Dr Di Soltau  
Principal

### **NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2015**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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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**

Welcome to Term 2. It was a very busy start to the term but now we all seem to be back on track.

Some Year 10 students have organised Work Experience for this term during 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June. Other weeks available for Year 10 Work Experience are 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November. Work experience paperwork is available from my office. Thank you to all of the employers who accept our students for Work Experience or Work Placement. The new DEC Work Placement forms require thorough details of the student's job description and duties while on Work Experience.

Class sets of the 2015 Job Guides have arrived. The Job Guide website, [www.jobguide.education.gov](http://www.jobguide.education.gov) and the book has been very useful to Year 10 students as we have recently completed a Job Investigation Research unit. Year 10 have been using many careers resources for this unit of work, including websites such as myfuture, [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) and JobJump, [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au). We also have a careers website [www.mghscareers.com](http://www.mghscareers.com).

Year 10, 11 and 12 students have received permission notes to attend the annual Hunter Valley Career Expo at Maitland Federation Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is a great opportunity for students to access information from representatives from many institutions and employer groups. [www.huntervalleycareerexpo.com.au](http://www.huntervalleycareerexpo.com.au) has more details.

We are about to move into the senior subject selection process for Year 10 students. Workshops have been planned for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. A Year 10 student's and parent information evening is also planned for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm in our school hall. More details later this term.

Year 12 students are encouraged to see me regarding their plans for next year. I have been doing Careers Interviews for Year 12 so I can assist them with their decisions and offer support and advice. Interested Year 12 students will be attending Newcastle University School Visits Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Lee Osborne

Careers Adviser

### ADOPT A RESIDENT

We have met with representatives of Benhome and Largs Lodge and once again we will be offering the Adopt a Resident program to Year 10 students. The dates have been selected for our visits to the facilities and the annual morning tea and concert at our school.

We are incredibly proud of this program which brings generations together and offers a community volunteering program for our students.

Lee Osborne and Karen Goward

Coordinators

### ANZAC DAY

#### Abby Thomson Visits Gallipoli

As some of you may now know, Year 11 student, Abby Thomson, recently visited Gallipoli for the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of ANZAC and while she was over there represented Maitland Grossmann High School with great pride. Here are some things she said about her trip:

#### **What were some of your favourite things about your trip?**

"Visiting Shrapnel Valley Memorial was one of my favourite experiences as I presented a speech on Norman Mervyn Rushforth, a brave soldier who died on the Peninsula."

#### **What are some things that you have learned?**

"I finally saw mateship; our group came together and supported one another through the emotional times and even complete strangers supported us and created a relationship with us, it was phenomenal."

#### **How has this inspired you?**

"It was inspirational watching the mateship between complete strangers, even the Turkish. Now that I have returned I will be striving to make a connection with both sides (of the war), to form a bond and hopefully inform the student body about the other side of the war and hopefully incorporate a Turkish aspects of World War I into our learning."

By Maddy Battese and Olivia Mulder

### ENGLISH

#### **Model UN**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Year 9 students, Macey Collet and Grace Ahrens, and Year 11 students, Ben Lewis and Maddy Milford-Chilvers, competed in the Evatt Youth UN Competition at Merewether High School. The students, who represented Angola and Chile, participated in a mock UN meeting, in which they challenged resolutions, suggested amendments and debated with other countries. The issues discussed at the competition included drug trafficking, terrorists in Somalia and nuclear power. Results for the competition will be emailed to the students involved, in a couple of weeks. All four students represented Maitland Grossmann High School to a high standard and it was a pleasure accompanying them to the event and watching them interact in a friendly manner with other students from local high schools.

By Miss McEntyre



Grace Ahrens and Macey Collet representing Angola, and Ben Lewis and Maddy Milford-Chilvers representing Chile at the Evatt Youth UN Competition.

### CAPA

- Year 7 are reminded to attend the Aboriginal Cultural Day at Maitland Regional Art Gallery. Any parent/carer is welcome to join their child on the day. The date of this excursion is the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.
- The Maitland Regional Art Gallery Exhibition Showcase 3 is now on display. Maitland Grossmann High School has many talented students in the showcase this year. These students include:  
Year 8: Teah Rudolph, Charli Poke, Mackenzie Cliff, Brock Tomson, Stephanie Hooker, Wil Lavender, Phebe Hague, Jaidyn Beer, Samuel Blanch, Olivia Amith and Abby Whyborn

Year 9: Megan Cridland, Jacob Diamond, Megan Von Haven, Sharrleen Williams and Michael Howard, working together and Olivia Fort.

Year 10: Alexandra and Charlotte Fletcher.

Year 11: Madelyn Hector

- Students are attending workshops with artist Rachel Milne, we hope you have lots of fun!
- The Year 10, 11 and 12 art excursion has unfortunately been postponed. The original date **was** 23<sup>rd</sup> April, but the date has been moved to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

By Issac Timonin



and Maddison Battese

Artist Rachel Milne.

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## LANGUAGES

### **Italian Scholarship Winner: Olivia Shearer**

In 2014, student Olivia Shearer applied for a language scholarship that would enable her to visit Italy for 2 months. Olivia filled in an application that showed her passion for Italian, along with her good attendance and overall high grades, plus a supporting letter from her Year Adviser and Mrs Blatchley explaining why she is worthy of the scholarship. After handing in her application, Olivia was chosen from a range of students from all over the state and placed on a shortlist with 5 other applicants. Olivia was then interviewed over Skype with board members from the Mamma Lena foundation. The next week, Olivia found out the exciting news that she had won the scholarship.

This scholarship will cover her airfare costs, a laptop and accommodation (with a host family in Rome), plus an intensive 5 week language course. Olivia will attend an award ceremony in Sydney Town Hall next week to receive her scholarship, presented by Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin.

Another student from MGHS, Amy Curtis also applied for the scholarship, but unfortunately did not make the shortlist. Despite her disappointment at not being shortlisted, she still showed great sportsmanship and excitement for Olivia's success. The school is extremely proud of both Olivia and Amy.

### **Language Perfect 2015**

Last year our school achieved very pleasing results competing in the Language Perfect Competition with schools from around the world. We received a global rank of 78<sup>th</sup> (out of 1152 schools) and were ranked first in the state. We were extremely happy with the result of 6<sup>th</sup> in Italian, in Australia (out of 647 schools). We hope to continue to improve on these results when the 2015 Language Perfect Championships starts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to participate in the competition, see the office for more details.

## 2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINES

### **A Mass of Magazines!!!**

Are you still wishing to purchase a 2014 school magazine? If yes, we still have lots of 2014 school magazines left. If you do not have one and would like to purchase, please pay \$18 to the front office and show your receipt to Miss McEntyre to collect a copy.

## IMMUNISATIONS

A catch up for students in Years 7, 11 & 12 who missed their immunisations earlier in the year will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the hall.

## RYDA DRIVER EDUCATION

### **YEAR 11**

RYDA road safety education is a provider of road safety education for youth in Australia and New Zealand. Year 11 will be involved in a RYDA seminar day at Tocal College on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, with a cost of \$12 per person. Rotary will be providing students with lunch, but students must bring their own morning tea. If there are any questions or issues surrounding this excursion, please do not hesitate to contact Year Advisers, Mrs Tannock or Ms Patterson.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### **AFL**

On 14/5/15, our AFL team played a match against a much more experienced Merewether HS team and went down valiantly. They got the first point and took an early lead; however, they were quickly overcome with the final score being 60-1. Lachlan Mulquiney's behind point was the only point we scored throughout the whole game, despite a proud effort by the team.

A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported us, and obviously to Mr Watt, for getting our team ready for the game and consoling them when they fell short.

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**Rugby Union**

At our recent games against St Francis Xavier and Hunter Valley Grammar, we may not have won, but our students performed exceptionally against the odds, and have done extremely well despite the opposing teams having an unfair age advantage. Our school played the game with distinction and sportsmanship, suffering a gallant defeat at the hands of the two opposing teams, and despite losing, everyone did their best and played well, despite the injuries sustained by players on both sides. Overall, it was a well-played game between all, and a fun day for those involved.

**Cross Country Results**

In the 2015 Coalfields Zone Cross Country, our students performed extremely well, with five of our students being named champions in their age categories, against several other schools, including Mount View High School, Maitland High School, Kurri Kurri High School and Rutherford Technology High School. This is extremely impressive considering the odds presented by the competitors. In the girls' age categories, the 13 years champion was Sophie Sorensen, 16 years champion Kelsey Winchester, 17 years Jenna Blackburn and 18 years Helena Ecimovic. In the Boys' category, the 16 years champion was Travis Howard, accompanied by 17 years champion Bryce Howarth. Overall, our students performed exceptionally in the face of adversity from opposing schools.

By William Lewis & Andrew Robertson.

**SMS MESSAGING AND ATTENDANCE**

If a student is away from school, parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS).

At Maitland Grossmann High School, student attendance is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school.

To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parent/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child.

The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

A SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phone of parents/caregivers explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school. The message will read as follows:

**MGHS records show Nick Frame is absent TUES 17/02/15. Pls reply SMS  
student name/reason/abs date**

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number "0428937348". Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under 'Maitland Grossmann High School' so when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school.

Parents can then reply on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter's name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

E.g. Nick Frame, Year 11 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November)

*Text Version = "Nick F yr11 sick tues 15 nov"*

OR by phoning the school office or sending a note explaining the absence.

Once we fully implement MessageYou for absences, some of the other uses could include notification of:

Announcements or reminders of meetings or forthcoming events

Band/Choir/Music Lesson reminder

Broken down or delayed School Bus

Reminders to volunteer workers

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Thank you for your assistance and co-operation. We look forward to making this exciting transition and to improving our communication with you.

**EARLY LEAVE & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

At Maitland Grossmann High School we believe that student attendance is paramount to school achievement. **Students should only be absent from school if sick, have an unavoidable appointment or family business.** Leaving early for work with or without a reason is not acceptable. Students are required by the Department of Education to complete a specified number of hours for Sport. Students who do not complete their sport hours may not complete the School certificate requirements. Please do not absent your child from Sport without a good reason. When we have over 50 students apply for an early leave, we must question the validity of the leave. Parents may receive phone call to check on the early leave of their child. **Any child who misses sport more than 3 times in a term will be required to make up the sport hours.** If you have any queries about leave requirements, please contact the school.

**OPEN BOYS SOCCER**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, the Open Boys Soccer Team played Muswellbrook HS at Fieldsend Oval in East Maitland. The team were victorious with a 12-3 win. Joshua Williams and Ghulam Noor Ali, Year 12 students, were the top goal scorers of the day. The boys will now face Callaghan College on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The team wish to thank Mr Davies for his efforts as coach so far this season.

**The ENCORE Music Camp**

Morgan Evans  
Harry Hookey  
Sara Humphries

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So, if you want to improve your songwriting and playing skills, learn the tricks of the trade from some of Australian music's finest and most of all make new friends then the **Encore Music Camp** is for you!!!

**WHEN** 5pm Friday 24 July - 12noon Sunday 26th July.  
**WHERE** Glenrock Scout Centre, Glenrock Lagoon, Kahibah NSW 2290  
**COST** \$275 per child (aged 12-17)

[www.encoremusiccamp.com.au](http://www.encoremusiccamp.com.au)

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# *Maitland Grossmann High School*

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School Photos

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Tartan Skirt	48.50			
Navy Stretch Slacks	41.00			
SNR S/S Sky/Navy Blouse	32.00			
Summer Dress	60.00			
JNR S/S White/Navy Blouse	32.00			
<b>Boys</b>				
JNR/SNR Navy Boys Shorts	34.00			
Tailored Navy Trousers (pleated)	41.00			
Casual Navy Trousers	41.00			
SNR S/S Sky Button Shirt	30.00			
JNR S/S White Button Shirt	30.00			
<b>Jumpers</b>				
50 % Woollen Jumper	72.00			
<b>Sports</b>				
Microfibre Sport Jacket	65.00			
Sports Shorts Std (Short)	24.00			
Sports Shorts Sup (Long)	24.00			
Microfibre Trackpant	37.00			
Sports Polo	25.00			
<b>Others</b>				
Cap	12.50			
Junior White Socks	05.00			
Senior Sky Socks	05.00			
Cable Scarf	20.00			
School Tie	20.00			