



MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL

My name is Jim Heaney and I have been the relieving Principal for the last three weeks. A great experience and a huge learning curve.

A reminder, as the cold weather sets in, that our school uniform is an important part of our school image. Coloured jumpers, hoodies and logos, other than ours, are not part of school uniform.

Attendance at school is very important. The more students attend the more they learn. Of course people do get sick. However, it is mandatory that parents and care givers give reasons for non-attendance. Please be prompt in this area of our school procedure.

Reports were given out on 24th June. Please ask your children for their reports. If your child was away on that day they can pick up reports from the front office.

Year 12 go into their last term at Maitland Grossmann High School next term. From myself and the staff, we wish you well in your trials and the Higher School Certificate.

Please note: The School Development Day has been changed from 13th July to 14th September. The first day back after the holidays is a normal school day.

Have a great holiday.

Jim Heaney
Relieving Principal

NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2015	
August 14th	September 18th
November 6th	December 11th

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

It has been a busy term for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

Some Year 10 students have completed a week of Work Experience. Thank you to the employers who hosted our students and gave up their time to ensure a safe environment and a meaningful experience. The next opportunity for our Year 10 to do Work Experience is 10th-14th August. Paperwork is now due for Term 3's Work Experience.

Interested Year 12 students recently attended Schools Visit Day at Newcastle University. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about the courses and opportunities at Newcastle Uni. The UAC books are expected after the holidays.

Students applying for apprenticeships must be organised. Resumes must be up-to-date, referees contacted and informed of any job applications and documents such as school reports ready. Good luck to any student applying for an apprenticeship or job.

Year 10 students are moving into senior subject selection mode. Term 3 includes workshops for students (Monday 20th July, periods 5-6 and Friday 28th July, periods 1-4) and a parent/student information evening on Tuesday 28th July, 6.30pm in our Hall. Students can make informed decisions about the subjects they hope to choose in 2016 but always remember to choose subjects they are interested in, will enjoy doing and are motivated to learn.

Lee Osborne

Career Adviser

SRC

As some may know, last year the Maitland Grossmann High School SRC donated money to the Umbrella Foundation in support of children living in Nepal. During the earthquakes in late April, over 8000 people were killed and parts of Nepal were severely damaged, including the village we supported. This prompted the SRC to organise a collection on assembly, from which, students and the SRC raised \$1200 for the charity.



SRC members Ben Fellows and Blake Watters have been busy putting together the MGHS entry for the Channel 7 Sunrise program competition, granting 1 school with a "Minion" makeover valued at \$25,000. The entry comprised of a 1 minute video created by both boys answering the question "What can the Minions do to improve your school?" You can take a look at the video on the MGHS Facebook page.

On 10th June the SRC held a fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation. Students were encouraged to support the cause by wearing pink accessories and purchasing cakes from the cupcake stall which was run by SRC members. It has been estimated that over \$1200 has been raised for this charity and a big thank you goes out to Isabella Fisher and Brittney Sawyer for their hard work coordinating the day.



We look forward to the continued support.

Freya Proctor & Jessica Alexander

CHANGE OF DATE TO TERM 3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The staff development day, usually held on the first day of Term 3 has been postponed until Monday 14th September, during the **last week of Term 3**. This means that students get an extra day of holidays in September, but **must** attend on Monday 13th July, 2015. The SDD has been moved in Term 3 to allow staff to attend a presentation from Dr Bill Rogers. Dr Bill Rogers is an educational leader in behaviour management, colleague support, developing peer support programs for teachers and developing community-orientated policies for behaviour management. He is a world expert in his field and the staff at Maitland Grossmann look forward to learning from him.

By Selena Woodward and Laura Watts

PARTIAL TRUANCY

Partial Truancy is still a big problem in many schools. Mr Fara (Deputy Principal) was interviewed to explain to us what partial truancy is and how badly it affects school life and grades.

What is partial truancy?

When a student decides to skip a class without permission. This can be because of the workload, bullying in the class or a dislike for the subject.

What are the consequences of partial truancy?

The consequences depend on the amount of times the student has truanted. The first time the student truant, it is up to the teacher to catch up with the student and it is up to the student to catch up on their work. The second time the student skips class it is up to the Head Teacher of that department to hand out detentions to that student. If truancy continues, the Year Advisers will then give the student pre-suspension warnings and if truancy still continues, the student will be suspended.

Why isn't partial truancy good?

Every time a student skips class, they are impacting on their learning, which becomes a major problem in senior years as they have "gaps" in their learning and the students do not know how to do certain areas of certain subjects. Truancy does impact on students' education very seriously, as seen in senior years by teachers.

Any advice for people who are considering truanting?

If you are considering truancy, speak to your Year Advisers or any other staff member. They are here to help you whenever you need it and are happy to assist you with these problems. Don't hold all the problems in. Come forward and the problems will be dealt with accordingly.

If you have any other issues whatsoever with your classes, it is highly recommended that you either speak about it to your teacher or your Year Adviser, as they are here to help you through your school life.

By Issac Timonin and Caleb Goddard

GOODBYE MR HOLT AND MR WALES!

Maitland Grossmann High has always had a collection of excellent and caring teachers, who have always given us the best education and learning experience possible, but now, two of those fine teachers are leaving us. Mr Wales, who has been teaching since 1968, has decided to end his long run as a support teacher at Maitland Grossmann, and has described his tenure as an enjoyable experience and has loved every part of it. Another one of our fine teachers, acting head of the Maths faculty, Mr Holt has decided to end his tenure at Maitland Grossmann as well. Starting out from humble beginnings at Bega High School, Mr Holt has been teaching at Maitland Grossmann since 1981 and has enjoyed his 35 years teaching students. We wish them both the best in their future endeavours outside of this school and they will be missed dearly.

By Andrew Robertson and Cameron Johns

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 one, please pay \$18 to the front office and show your receipt to Miss McEntyre, to collect a copy.

ENGLISH

Stage 4 Debating

On Thursday 4th June, our Year 7 debating team travelled to Hunter River High School for their first debate of the year in the Premier's Debating Challenge. The team consisted of Joshua Carter, Atman Palasara, Jeremy Boardman and Ewyn Machen. Considering it was the first time some of the boys had debated, coming away with a victory was an outstanding effort. So onward and upward for the next debate against Irrawang High School and Maitland High School next term!

By Katie Gorton

Journalism class take on Newcastle Herald competition!

The Year 9 Journalism class is participating in the annual Newcastle Herald writing competition and are working on creating a newspaper spread. The class is hoping to come away with a win, as the prizes will be beneficial to Maitland Grossmann High School.

Prizes include:

Best School Newspaper: school equipment to the value of \$2000.

Young Journalist Award: \$500 prize to the student.

Best Photography: a prize of photographic equipment.

The newspaper spread will include stories and articles on subjects, such as needing a second school crossing, replacing demountables with permanent structures, bullying in schools, drugs in the community and Abby Thomson's trip to Gallipoli.

The newspaper spread will be published on 23rd July, 2015, so keep an eye out for it!

By Katie Gorton

CAPA

Starstruck 2015

Starstruck is a big event where students from kindergarten to Year 12 sing or dance in an all school production and over 2,000 people gather to watch each show. The 2015 production was called 'a-MAZE-ing'. The first auditions were at the end of 2014 and the second and third rounds were held from January to March. The students had to film themselves singing or dancing a particular piece and submit this to the people running Starstruck. The rehearsals varied for singing and dancing. Singing rehearsals were nearly every Saturday for over six weeks and dancing rehearsals were held twice during the last term. During show week, they rehearsed Wednesday and Thursday for all schools. The three shows were held on Friday and Saturday, two being on the Saturday. Sophie Cummings, a backing vocalist, said Starstruck was "A lot of hard work and it is absolutely crazy".

By Lucy Du Rietz

SPORT UPDATE

Max is a BMX Champ!

On 7th June 2015, Max Carter travelled to the Glenrock SCA to compete in the Mountain Biking CHS (Combined High School) competition.

To win the competition, he had to complete the most laps of a 3km course in one and half hours. Through skill and determination, Max was able to fly past the competition (all senior boys like Max), coming close to even lapping some of them to secure his position in first place.

Unfortunately, Max won't be able to move on to any higher levels as this is the first year this competition has taken place.

By William Lewis and Jack Morton

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on

School Students with Disability Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Montgomery.



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Maitland Grossmann High School now has available for our students and parents the smartphone app, **Assessment Alert**. It is an innovative and convenient way for teachers to communicate with students and parents about daily homework requirements, assessment tasks, exams and other relevant events. It is a smart phone application which allows you to receive daily homework, assessment due dates and exam dates, directly to your smartphone. Parents/students can synchronise them to their calendar and receive regular alerts before they are due. Additionally Assessment Alert allows schools to send messages to your smartphone regarding any important information.

The app is FREE to download and use and we encourage all families to make use of this fantastic communication tool.

If you have an iPhone, iPad or iTouch simply go to [App Store](#) or if you have an Android device visit the [Google Play Store](#) and follow the prompts.

It is simple, easy to use and will help students and parents become more organised and engaged with their studies. To download and use the app is FREE.

Please refer to these set up guides to set up the app correctly;

<http://assessmentalert.com/news/>

Differences between Apple & Android Functionality

It is important to note also there are some differences between Apple and Android devices. The Apple version will sync straight to the calendar on your iphone/ipad. However, the early Android platform does not allow this functionality and so on Android phones the app will sync to a gmail account.

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For assistance please contact info@assessmentalert.com

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At Kurri TAFE

- Introduction to Floristry on a Friday from 930 am to 130 pm from 31 July
- Café Operations and Accommodation Services on a Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm from 6 August

At Maitland TAFE

- Café Operations on a Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm from 12 August
- Acrylic Nails on a Monday from 1030 am to 130 pm from 3 August

At Metford

- Basic Computing on a Friday from 9 am to 12 noon starting soon

Kind Regards,

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6 - 9 July 2015

Senior Writing Workshop (Years 10 - 12 students) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Essay writing- Creative writing- Question analysis- Exam techniques	Writing for Future Experts (Years 5 - 8 students) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to writing- Structuring and developing ideas- Fun with characters and imagery- Editing and proofreading
Senior Approach to English (Year 12 students) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper 1 - Discovery- Paper 2 - Modules	Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Year 12 HSC trial prep)
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