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MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Providing Quality Education in a Caring Learning Community"

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PRINCIPAL

Mr Ron Brown is leading our contingent of students and teachers to visit Japan in the September/October holidays. Whilst we are still unable to go to our sister school, in Sukagawa (due to the radiation from the Fukushima disaster), we have an extensive study tour and will meet the students from Sukagawa in Tokyo.

Year 12 are in the process of completing their Trial Higher School Certificate and will be spending the remainder of the term consolidating their studies to optimise their results. This is a very important time for students to work closely with their teachers to ensure the best possible outcomes. Parents seeking assistance and support please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The school has a clear policy on the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices. However, we are increasingly finding that some students are very often distracted from their learning by their mobile phones. All students are required to follow the direction of their teachers with regard the use of these devices. Students who misuse them during class will have them confiscated and sent to the office, where they will be able to collect them at the end of the school day. Failure to hand them in, (following misuse) and repeat offences will mean the phone is sent to the Principal where it will be locked in the school safe and will need to be collected by a parent or carer. We are very happy to accommodate students' needs for their mobiles, however their learning is paramount during lesson time.

Students and parents are reminded that school sport is a mandatory requirement for all students in NSW public schools. In line with the national requirement to increase student fitness and reduce obesity, we are looking to ensure all students have access to quality physical activities and education. Please ensure that your child has regular attendance at sport. **Please note that students are no longer able to sell chocolates, sweets or doughnuts through the school as fundraisers.**

Additionally our School Canteen continues to provide a wide variety of very healthy hot and cold foods for students and staff, daily. Our canteen runs on the goodwill of volunteers. If you have any time to spare please give a thought to helping out, if only once a month. Please ring Lisa on 49335792.

I remind all graduating students and those moving from Maitland Grossmann at the end of Years 11 and 12 that we have celebratory functions. All functions which are organised through the school require the highest standards and no consumption of alcohol. There is no Year 10 Formal as all students are required to attend school until they are 17 and to fulfil the requirements of a ROSA (Record of Secondary Achievement) which they receive when they leave school, if they do not proceed to the Higher School Certificate

Dr Di Soltau
Principal

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

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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

Year 10 students have been participating in workshops to assist with the senior subject selection process. The Year 10 parent evening was well attended and provided information to students and parents. Students should choose subjects they are interested in and will enjoy doing (which will make happier students and families!!).

Some Year 10 students have organised their Work Experience for this term. The next Work Experience week is 16th-20th November. Interested students must discuss the process with me, collect the mandatory Department of Education paperwork and complete all paperwork, on time. There is a growing trend for students to ignore deadlines for excursions and work due, and leave things to the last minute. With Work Experience paperwork being so extensive, I would appreciate all paperwork completed and returned to me at least three weeks prior to the Work Experience date.

Year 12 students are receiving many emails and announcements relating to courses and careers at this time of year. UAC (University Admission Centre) guides have arrived and interested Year 12 students are processing this information. On-time UAC applications close on 30th September. Many universities have early offer schemes; some are coordinated by UAC and are called School Recommendation Schemes. Most SRS offers will be made in the December Round on Thursday 3rd December. SRS applications open on 5th August and close on 30th September. For the first time, Newcastle University will participate in this scheme. For more information www.uac.edu.au/srs. Some universities have direct entry schemes for our students to apply, without applying through UAC. Uni of New England and Southern Cross Uni are just two. Year 12 students interested in attending university must be proactive and research their options. I am very happy to assist students and offer support. Students must be familiar with university websites to access information on courses, costs, scholarships and open days.

Another scheme for Year 12 students planning on attending university is the Educational Access Scheme (EAS). This scheme assists students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admissions to university. An information booklet is available at www.uac.edu.au/eas.

Our Year 12 students who are interested in teaching, recently accessed a video conference from Teach NSW. This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about Teach NSW scholarships etc. Well done to those students who responded to my invitation to be part of the VC. For more information check out the you tube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pilwDpWG18Q>

Any students applying for employment, either full-time or part-time, must be organised. Resumes and covering letters should be current. It is a very competitive market at the moment.

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Year 9 students will participate in Career Quest, coordinated by Youth Express on Thursday 8th October. This will be in the form of career workshops with employers. More information closer to the date.

Lee Osborne

Careers Adviser

ADOPT A RESIDENT

Forty Year 10 students have volunteered for this year's program. The students attended an induction with representatives from Benhome and Largs Lodge.

Students and residents are looking forward to the first visit on Wednesday 19th August.

Lee Osborne and Karen Goward

Adopt a Resident Coordinators

STEP UP

Thank you to the members of the Maitland branch of Business and Professional Women who have again given up their time to mentor some of our Year 12 girls.

The students are being offered support and career advice and setting goals for their upcoming exams and future career paths.

The girls have their final mentor session on Monday 31st August and will attend a celebration dinner with Maitland BPW in September.

Lee Osborne

Coordinator



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Transition Year 6 in to 7 2016

The 2015 Transition Program for Year 7 2016 is just about to get under way. Partner primary school Year 6 students and successful Out-of-Zone applicants have been provided with details of their visits to MGHS and other transition activities. Parents and carers will find the details of this year's transition events in the Enrolment Package that will be delivered to local primary schools or mailed very shortly.

East Maitland visited MGHS on 4/8/15, Ashtonfield 10/8/15 and Out-of-Zone will visit on 21/8/15. Extra transition visits for students who require additional support have also been organised in consultation with primary schools. If parents or carers have queries about transition events please phone Lyne Matthews, Head Teacher Welfare on 49342066.

The Transition Team are continually reviewing the Transition Program and are inviting parents and carers of students in Years 7 & 8 at MGHS to complete a very short survey. Your responses will help guide the future planning of our transition program. We invite you to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the past 2 years transition programs, the organisation of Year 7 classes and any suggestion you may have about how we may better support students in this important move from primary to high school.

Survey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W77PLQV>

If parents would like a printed copy of the survey, please call the Front Office and a copy will be provided.

HELPING TO PROTECT STUDENTS (under the age of 17) FROM CYBERBULLYING
Newly formed Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

Parents and carers are now able to make formal complaints about social networking sites that do not remove offensive content after it has been reported to them. Social media companies have 48 hours to remove the reported material and if not removed, parents are able to report the website. Below is the link to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner, where you will find information on how to make a complaint, as well as professionally developed resources and information about remaining safe online for children and their families.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au>

Lyne Matthews
Head Teacher Welfare

20% Sale
on MGHS School Clothing
at the Uniform Shop
(In-store and On-line)
from

Tuesday 18 August from 8 am to 12 pm and Thursday 20 August from
1 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday 25 August from 8 am to 12 pm and Thursday 27 August from
1 pm to 5 pm

Exchanges of sizing needs to occur during this sales period of 2 weeks

No discounts are given on school blazers and school jumpers

No refunds are given on sale items

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year

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COME AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY AND IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS!

- Please BYO gloves, hats and protective clothing
- Enjoy working in teams doing gardening, painting, construction and other tasks
- All ages and part timers welcome

FREE MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PROVIDED!

Call Caterina Poggi on 0418 461 577 for questions or help,
or just turn up on the day.

MAITLAND REGION SOCIETY OF ARTISTS



2015 ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Meet the artists and join us for wine and nibbles


Opening night: \$10 - Friday August 14, 2015 6pm – 8pm

Venue: St James Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Tank & High Sts, MORPETH

Also open: Saturday 15 August – 10am - 4pm
Sunday 16 August – 10am - 3pm

Enquiries: President Kay Sparkes 49341323
Secretary Joanne Conder 49303317

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AIR FORCE CADETS
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No 308
(CITY OF MAITLAND)
SQN AAFC

Interested in joining?

Visit us on our next Information Nights or contact us for more information:

Scobie Depot
Harvey Road
RUTHERFORD NSW 2320

Telephone: 02 4932 5808
Parade Night: 1800 to 2130 Wednesdays
Email: admino.308SQN@aafc.org.au
Website: <http://www.aafc.org.au/308SQN>

Next Information Nights:

6.15 pm
Scobie Training Depot
Wednesday; 22nd and 29th August 2015

Followed by the Recruit Weekend on the
29th and 30th August 2015



NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB
Est. 1903

President: Will Callinan/Matt Wilks **Secretary:** Terry Humphreys **Treasurer:** Anita Stewart

Northern Suburbs Cricket Club Inc – Registrations for 2015/2016 season.

Registration for Junior (U/10 to U/16), Senior and In 2 cricket (5yrs to 9 yrs) players will be held at Lorn Park Clubrooms on Friday 14/21 August – 4.00pm to 6.30pm and Saturday 15/22 August 9.30am to 11.30am. In2Cricket – 29 August 9.30am to 11.00am.

All present players and new players are welcome to attend. Any enquiries please ring Will Callinan 0410487331.

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City United DCC Registration Days 2015-16

“Come play cricket at The Park in 2015-16”

Registration dates

Thursday 20 August 4:30 – 5:30pm

Thursday 27 August 4:30 – 5:30pm

Sunday 30 August 2015 12 -2pm

Where

Maitland Park Bowling & Sporting Club

- We cater for all ages from Milo in2cricket to U16's
- All our grounds are based in beautiful Maitland Park

Contacts for further information

Andrew – 0427 385460 amcpherson@bigpond.com

Gary – 0410 629 056 gmowbray@iprimus.com.au

Paul – 0419 294 033 kritpaul@bigpond.net.au

<http://cucc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

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- ✓ Due to continual growth and development, it's essential to get their feet measured properly every time they need new shoes.
- ✓ Every school day is filled with a range of different physical activities.
- ✓ The right fit helps performance and reduces the risk of injury and problems.
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- 30 day Wearably* – for a perfect fit every time.
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\$5 VOUCHER

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SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

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**CLANS ON THE COAST
CELTIC FESTIVAL - NELSON BAY
SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2015**



TOMAREE SPORTS COMPLEX NO.1 OVAL
NELSON BAY RD, NELSON BAY
Adult/ \$15 Pensioner/ \$10 under 18 FREE
8.30am - 4.30pm

Mass bands, Entertainment all day, Kid Fiddlers, Highland Dancers, Irish Dance Group, Irish Folk Band
East Coast Strongman Championships, Medieval Fight Group, Stalls, Clan tents, Food and Beverages, & more

Games with prizes to be won
Info contact: **RON SWAN 0418 495 336**
www. CLANSONTHECOAST . COM
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**Maitland City Library and Hunter Writers Centre
present after school sessions for
Creative Writing for Young People**

Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at this relaxed and supportive series of workshops designed for young writers 12-16 years.

East Maitland Library
Thursday 6,13,20 and 27 August
4.00pm - 6.00pm
\$40 for 4 sessions

Booking and payment are essential to secure your place and can be made at maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/events/writing/youngwriters



**Teaching someone to drive
can be a happy experience.**

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

<p>TIME & DATE: Thursday 3 September 2015 6pm to 8pm</p>	<p>VENUE: Meeting Rooms Maitland Town Hall High St Maitland</p>	<p>BOOK NOW ON: Road Safety Officer 4934 9840 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL</p>
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**Helping learner drivers
become safe drivers**

