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# MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## PRINCIPAL

The new year has begun very well, with the school focussing on improving the standards of literacy and numeracy for all students. Parents are advised that students need to achieve a minimum of a band 8 in Literacy and Numeracy in NAPLAN at the Year 9 level. We have employed Mr Mark Holt to lead numeracy growth and Mrs Guider to lead Literacy growth. It is very important that students make a genuine attempt at the NAPLAN examinations. We are working hard to ensure as many of our students as possible reach the bench mark in Year 9. Further assistance will be offered to those who do not reach the standard the first time, and they must pass a further test before qualifying for a Higher School Certificate.

Winter is approaching and the uniform shop has three options for the colder months, a school jumper, a sports jacket and a blazer for seniors. School uniform standards remain high, however students and parents are reminded that canvas shoes are totally unacceptable footwear for school. When purchasing student footwear this should be taken into account. Skirts worn by junior and senior girls should be a reasonable length and not any shorter than halfway between the thigh and knee. A reminder, that wearing excessive jewellery contravenes the uniform code. Students should only wear one piece of jewellery, which is not going to endanger themselves or others (therefore sharp jewellery or dangling earrings should not be worn). Shorts **are not part of our uniform for girls** and should only be worn to school on Tuesday (sports day).

Many thanks to Mr Brown who is making preparations for our bi annual trip to Japan. Students and staff will travel there during the October school holidays. Currently there are fifteen students and four staff who have expressed interest in this very exciting program.

Year 12 have just completed their Half Yearly Examinations and are very focussed on consolidating their studies towards the Higher School Certificate, and students in the junior school have settled into learning and assessment toward their half yearly report in June.

East Maitland RSL conducts an annual Anzac Day Ceremony at 10 am on Anzac Day. Students are invited to march with Maitland Grossmann on this occasion, representing their family's returned soldiers and the school. If any student wishes to be involved they should assemble along with the prefects and school leaders, in full uniform, at the side of East Maitland Fire station at 9:50 am.

Dr Di Soltau (Principal)

## 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



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**PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IS A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY, TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANZAC DAY. FOLLOWING THE HOLIDAYS, ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

### PHOTOS

Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students or classes at school. Please notify the school in writing if you do not want your student photographed.

### REMINDER TO PARENTS

When parking/stopping outside the school please be mindful of the residents living in the area. Could you please ensure that there is adequate room for residents to enter and exit their premises at all times during the day.

### **MGHS UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2017**

**TUESDAY: 8.00am-12.00pm**

**THURSDAY: 1.00pm-5.00pm**

**CASH, EFTPOS, MASTERCARD and VISA ACCEPTED AT UNIFORM SHOP**

**ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE SHOPPING**

**(THROUGH THE SCHOOL WEB SITE)**

### SPORT

Grossmann sport is well and truly in the swing of things for 2017. A number of CHS knockout teams are progressing their way through their respective draws. Special mention to our Open Girls Cricket team who finished runner-up in the Hunter Region and congratulations to our newest team, the Open Girls Baseball team who have been crowned Hunter Region champions.

Further to this, our swimmers have been doing us proud in the pool. Fourteen students qualified for the Hunter Region swimming carnival. In what proved to be another successful meet, MGHS picked up a number of podium finishes and strong showings in all relay events. Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre was the next stop for 7 of our students, who qualified for the NSWCHS swimming carnival. Again, some outstanding performances in the water with a number of personal best times.

Grossmann's Rowing team have once again had a highly successful NSW CHS Championships. The crew proved to be the dominant crew of the regatta – winning the Open Men's Quad Skull and the Open Men's Double Skull. The crew and our very own coxswain then combined with other Hunter Region students to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Inter-Regional Eights race. From the 5 events entered, Grossmann took home 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

It is with great pleasure that I also make note of individuals successfully making Hunter Region teams to attend NSW CHS championships. To date, we have had 19 students selected to represent 8 different sports.

### Dates to remember:

Term 2, Week 2 – Athletics Carnival

Term 2, Week 3 – School sport resumes

Term 2, Week 3 – Zone Cross Country

### **NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2017**

**TERM 2      24<sup>th</sup> May & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**TERM 3      16<sup>th</sup> August & 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**TERM 4      8<sup>th</sup> November & 18<sup>th</sup> December**

It has been a very busy time for Careers at MGHS in the months of March and coming into April. Starting with the **WHS Course for Building and Construction (Whitecard)** which was held at 3 different times during Term 1. A total of 43 students were involved, including Year 10 Work Experience, Year 11 Entertainment and Construction students.

The **Defence Force Presentation**-our students who attended in week 7 were an exceptional audience. This was a great opportunity for them to ask questions about any specific areas they may have an interest in, including future opportunities in the Defence Force, with information on degree courses and trades that are available.

Week 7 was a busy week with the **Bunnings Warehouse Presentation**, which was conducted by their recruitment team. Our students were offered information on employment opportunities and expectations of work related skills, for employment within their company. Over 70 students attended the presentation with approximately 30 applying for jobs, which were on offer. Out of these applications quite a few of our students made it to the interview stage with several students obtaining employment.

Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> was the **Careers University Visit** for Year 10 students who are looking towards a university degree. These students were taken on a scenic drive around the Callaghan Campus to orientate themselves as to where different faculties are situated. Students were also given extensive information on the degrees and services the UON has to offer and then lunched at the extensive array of eateries.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of April there was a **Resume and Interview Workshop**. Youth Express delivered this workshop to help support our students in learning more about resumes, cover letters and interview skills, to assist in the job seeking process. This workshop was hosted in the library.

During week 10 Jennifer Sellers-Fogarty was nominated by Dr Soltau and funded by Youth Express to go to the 'Connect Expo' in Melbourne. This was a fabulous opportunity to get a firsthand glimpse at the future of employment in many sectors. It included robotics to educational technology platforms, buzz words were flying. The future is bright for all aspiring techno heads and it is an ever-changing environment.

Term 2 will see the commencement of the **Plan-it Youth Program**. This is a holistically orientated mentoring program with a focus on student vocational support. Students meet with mentors once a week for 11 weeks and go on a number of excursions, which expose them to possible post school study and career options. This program concludes with a celebration, where parents and caregivers are invited to enjoy their child's achievements.

**Links to Learning** will commence Term 2 and run for the rest of the year, one day per week. This program is offered to selected students and offers a holistic approach to education. This project has been developed in consultation with the school to provide additional opportunities for students, while continuing with regular school attendance. All activities are linked to the school curriculum.

**Work Experience** is just around the corner and a number of Year 10 students are looking forward to experiencing the world of 'work' for a week. There are 3 scheduled weeks dedicated to Work Experience in 2017 and students are encouraged to discuss these dates with possible host employers and the Junior Careers Adviser, Mr Harris, who can be located in the TAS staff room.

#### **Dates for Work Experience**

Term 2 Week 7, 5-9 June

Term 3 Week 5, 14-18 August

Term 4 Week 4, 30-3 October/ November

Regards

Brad Harris

Junior Careers Adviser

Jennifer Sellers-Fogarty

Senior Careers Adviser

## TAS

Term One has been very busy in the kitchens with **Year 7 Technology** learning basic cookery skills and nutrition. They have become more confident in applying nutrition knowledge in their design work and as a result have designed and produced a Healthy Hamburger and individual pizzas. Year 7 have also created fantastic models of their Theme Park rides.



experimenting with bottle tossing and discovering the ideal bottle type and level of water.

Mrs Blatchford's **7 and 8 HEC** classes have been very busy making animations and games using Scratch as an introduction to coding. They're also currently working in Adobe Illustrator to design buttons, which they will then laser cut out of perspex and use to create some bookmarks.

They are also working on mini projects throughout the year where the students work in teams to solve a given problem and then use cheap materials to create their solution. Early in term two students will be



**Year 9 Food Technology** have developed their nutrition skills, practical talents and team work.

**Year 9 Hospitality** have been working on a term long design brief, designing a themed restaurant from the ground up and a recipe journal. They have also successfully redesigned a Cookie Pizza recipe to create their own recipe. Some amazing combinations were produced and it was a great effort on all parts.

**Year 9 Child Studies** have participated in the school based activity of the "Pregnancy Belly" and have been learning how to construct a child's simple toy. Many have discovered a new hobby and relaxation activity, while many have learnt the true value of embroidered decorations and are more than happy to pay someone else to do it!



**Year 9 Multimedia** have been learning about safety in the computer room and have recently started creating NAIDOC week posters, using Adobe Photoshop.

**Year 9 Information Software and Technology** have coded webpages and included images and animations, which they have created for the websites.

**Year 10 Information Software and Technology** have looked at hardware this term. The students have learnt about the different hardware components of computers, how they work, and how to replace them when they stop working.

**Prelim ITMM** students are currently experimenting with various pieces of software to develop their skills in audio editing, image editing and animations. As they approach the HSC year they will use these skills to create a Multimedia Major Project.

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**Year 11 Hospitality** students have been working through their first Event, "Let's Get Inducted". Students look very professional in their chef's uniforms and have been conscientiously practising their precision cuts of vegetables along with other basic food preparation skills, in completing this first event. Students have been looking at the Hospitality Industry and the policies and procedures that align with this Industry. We look forward to next term where students will consolidate their knowledge of working in the Hospitality Industry.

**HSC ITMM** students are working extremely well on their projects. We have a wide range of projects this year, from Virtual Reality games, websites, videos and animations. It is very exciting to see the progress students are making on these and it will be wonderful to be able to present some of them to you later in the year.

**Textiles** 2016 student Ellen Blanch recently exhibited her Major Textiles Project in the TEXSTYLE Exhibition. She was selected for her outstanding project and folio and was the only representative from the Hunter area. Her HSC mark was 98%.

The rest of the 2016 group went well in the HSC and exhibited their work at Brough House, as part of the Australian Textiles Museum HSC Exhibition, which included projects from a number of schools around the Hunter.

The current HSC group are working on their major textiles projects. The projects include costumes, apparel and textile art.

Year 10 are creating a textile art piece or furnishing which is embellished with forms of fabric decorations.



**Year 12 Hospitality** successfully served 3 faculties Mini Pizzas and Caesar Salad as part of their Event 5 assessment- appetisers and salads. At this point they are thrilled to be doing Half Yearly Examinations.



**Year 12 IPTLS** have spent Term One directing and producing a film. The students wrote the script, developed the storyboard, filmed and edited the footage. In addition to the film release is the much anticipated behind-the-scenes footage, director's commentaries and bloopers reel.

A very busy but successful term to start 2017.

TAS Faculty



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**HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION?**

- New mobile number      - New home phone number      - New work phone number
- Emergency contact person or number      - Your name change      - New carer (step-parent)
- Medical updates (Allergies, medications, injury risks)

Is there something we need to remove from our records such as an old home or mobile phone number or contact person? Some changes such as a new surname will require legal documents to be provided to the school before the change can be made.

*We need to keep in touch with you for your child's education, comfort and safety.*

Please contact the school by phone 49 342 066, fax 49 345 086,  
email maitgross-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, or drop into the front office.

**CHANGE OF DETAILS SLIP**

STUDENT NAME.....YEAR.....

NEW ADDRESS.....P/C.....

**MUM**

NEW HOME PHONE.....NEW MOBILE NUMBER.....

NEW WORK NUMBER.....

**DAD**

NEW HOME PHONE.....NEW MOBILE NUMBER.....

NEW WORK NUMBER.....

**NEW CARER INFORMATION**

CARERS NAME.....

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.....

HOME PHONE NUMBER.....MOBILE PHONE NUMBER.....

**NEW EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

NAME.....

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT.....

HOME PHONE NUMBER.....MOBILE PHONE NUMBER.....

**NEW MEDICAL DETAILS**

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Maitland  
**TUESDAY**  
**11TH APRIL**  
**6:30 — 8PM**

Telarah Public School  
Hall, Cnr Raymond &  
Lismore Street,  
Telarah

Need something to do in the school holidays? Come along and dance for free to the latest music at No Lights No Lycra Maitland. #girlsmakeyourmove. We are promoting safe, fun and inclusive exercise for girls through dance. It's free and there will be some giveaways on the night. Come and dance at 6.30-8pm on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at Telarah Public School Hall. You can also request your favourite dance songs on our Facebook event page at No Lights No Lycra-Maitland

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## Sports Camps Australia

### SCA Junior Baseball Camp

**Location:**

Blacktown International Sportspark  
Eastern Road, Rooty Hills NSW 2766

**Director:** Grahame Cassel**Date:** 12-13th April 2017**Cost:** \$150**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm**Age:** 8-16**Gender:** Co-ed**Skill:** All Skills Welcome**Location:**

Apsley Baseball Field  
223 Holt Rd, Taren Point NSW 2229

**Director:** Guy Edmonds**Date:** 12-13th April 2017**Cost:** \$150**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm**Age:** 8-16**Gender:** Co-ed**Skill:** All Skills Welcome**Location:**

Boomerang Field (Stevenson Park)  
Industrial Drive, Mayfield West NSW 2304

**Director:** Grahame Cassel**Date:** 18-19th April 2017**Cost:** \$150**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm**Age:** 8-16**Gender:** Co-ed**Skill:** All Skills Welcome

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## Sports Camps Australia

**SCA/ PSM Rugby League Camp****Location:**

McKeachies Oval Aberglasslyn  
Redgum Circuit

**Director:** Matt Lantry**Date:** 21st April 2017**Cost:** \$100**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm**Age:** 6-12 years**Gender:** Co-ed**Skill:** All Skills Welcome**SCA/ PSM Rugby League Camp****Location:**

Lakeside Sports Complex Ray-  
mond Terrace  
Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace

**Director:** Matt Lantry**Date:** 19th-20th April 2017**Cost:** \$180**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm**Age:** 12-17 years**Gender:** Co-ed**Skill:** All Skills Welcome

SCA and Pacific Sports Management have teamed up to develop a holiday camp for young athletes! PSM manage the careers of some of the biggest rugby league stars like **Daly Cherry Evans, Nate Myles, Jason Taumalolo and Chad Townsend**. PSM provide a pathway for all campers who are wishing to be identified. This could be the beginning of your journey! Register Now!

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