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MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL

Maitland Grossmann High School continues to develop innovative programs in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We have secured a sponsorship of \$100,000 over three years from Samsung to increase and enhance technology in teaching and learning for our students. Additionally, we have secured a partnership with Boeing to expedite the pathways for our students to work in the aeronautical engineering space.

Congratulations to the P&C and the hard work of Tracey Van Tol for a very successful High Tea celebrating this years' Mothers Day. You are reminded that the school will perform a cabaret style musical on the last Wednesday evening of term two. Tickets are available from the school.

Melissa Hoban has been appointed to the position of school gardener and will continue to develop and improve the gardens throughout the school.

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. Please note that hoodies are not an acceptable form of uniform for either boys or girls and as a general rule should not be worn to school. Additionally footwear must meet WHS requirements so that your children can participate in Science, Industrial Arts and TAS subjects.

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. Every teacher in the school is required to teach literacy through their subject area. NAPLAN results should be available from NESA (NSW Educational Standards Authority) in term four.

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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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)

NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2017

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| <u>TERM 2</u> | 28th June |
| <u>TERM 3</u> | 16th August & 20th September |
| <u>TERM 4</u> | 8th November & 18th December |

ABORIGINAL LEARNING CENTRE

MGHS is proud to announce the opening of our Aboriginal Learning Centre in the Library. Students have named the space 'Wattaka' and it is open before school from 8:30 and lunch times. Seniors can use the space during recess and their free periods. MGHS would like to thank Bizfurn who graciously donated all of the furniture for the space. We hope 'Wattaka' helps to strengthen our Indigenous school community and that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will benefit and make use of the space provided.



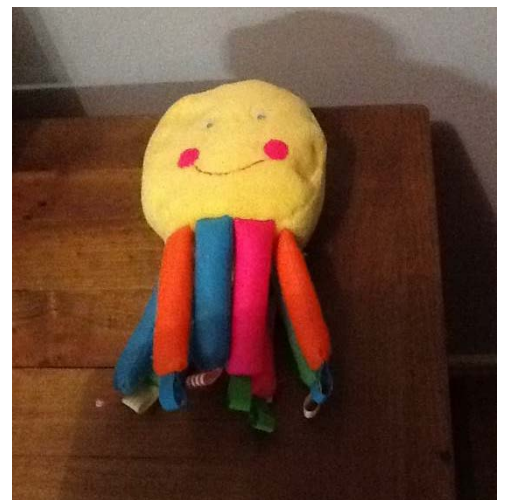
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Year 8 Technology Mandatory Food have been designing and creating party foods suitable for a child's party. Pictured below are a selection from the San Choy Bow and cupcake decoration cooking practicals.



Year 9 Multimedia have been creating NAIDOC week posters by applying the practical skills that they have learnt while using Adobe Photoshop. Watch this space for samples of the completed posters ...

Year 9 Child Studies have designed and created toys suitable for small children during their "Gifts for Baby" assessment task.



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Year 9 Information Software and Technology have been learning about issues in computing. Students have learnt about how to stay safe from viruses, spyware, hacking, piracy and privacy.

Year 10 Multimedia are currently working through their unit of work on Stop Motion Animation. Students are creating short 10-second stop motion animations while incorporating the use of soundtracks, dialogue, artificial lighting, sound effects and digital images editing.

Year 10 Information Software and Technology students are creating programs coding in the Visual Basic programming language. Students are able to select a project of their own choice with options ranging from maths challenges, multimedia quizzes, calendars and personal organisers, calculators and platform games. Watch this space for screenshots of the final products ...

Year 10 Hospitality have been working hard designing a sustainable restaurant menu and have produced the 'signature dish' from their menus.

Year 10 Food Technology students are currently working on a unit of work called "Food for Special Occasions". As a component of this unit of work students completed an assessment task, where the students individually designed, baked and decorated their cakes. The quality of work produced was outstanding and the students should be very proud of their achievements.

Year 11 Hospitality are continuing to develop their practical skills in the commercial kitchen. Students have commenced working through their next Event.



Year 12 Hospitality have been working this term on their 'Preparing simple dishes' unit. A great amount of fun was had by all while preparing, taste testing and experiencing new foods such as refried beans.



YEAR 10 & 11 SNOW EXCURSION

Years 10 & 11 PE students are going to the Perisher Valley for three full days of snowboarding and skiing fun! Students are leaving on the 6th August on an eight hour coach ride and will be staying at Berridale, which is a small town between Cooma and Jindabyne. Mrs Crowe and the PE staff will be organising and attending the excursion. Notes and payments are due to the front office by 30th July.

Students Enjoying Snowboarding



#selfie



Last Year's Crew



SUPPORT UNIT

The Support unit has had an exciting start to the year. We had an excursion to Walka Water Works in February followed by the swimming carnival.



In March we travelled by train to Sydney for three days. We visited many places including Madam Tussauds, the Aquarium and the Reserve Bank of Australia.

EMILY'S TRAVELS

Emily Tenorio of Year 10 is a singer and trumpeter who recently travelled on a tour with Hunter Singers to London, Paris, Wales and Fromelles. I was lucky enough to be able to interview her on her experiences, so far this year. During her tour, she was privileged to be asked to play the last post at some of the Anzac Day memorials. Just last week she travelled with the Hunter Singers to Sydney Town Hall and performed as a part of 'In Concert', alongside Felix Riebl of The Cat Empire. She will be travelling in the next fortnight with Hunter Wind Ensemble to Canberra for a performance. She admires The Idea of North- an Australian acapella group and would like to form an acapella group of her own. She would love to continue singing as a profession in the future but also knows how hard it is to make it "big" in the industry. We at MGHS think she has what it takes!

By Mia Saxby



CAREERS

Plan-it Youth Program

Term 2 has seen the commencement of the Plan-it Youth program. With nine very excited students meeting with nine equally excited mentors. This program is running Tuesday mornings and will conclude on the 8th of August.

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.

Careers Expo

Students in Years 10-12 had the opportunity to attend the **Hunter Valley Careers Expo** on Friday 19th of May. Over 100 registered training organisations were available for students, to offer knowledge and hard copy information on what they have to offer. Several students were given the opportunity to volunteer on the ME stand and to support the ground crew to help the exhibitors. For more information about exhibitor's go to www.huntervalleycareerexpo.com.au, just click on the 2017 Exhibitors tab.



Work Experience

Year 10 students have access to the Work Experience program this year. This is an optional program for interested students. Our first week for Work Experience is 1-5 June. Interested students must have completed the relevant paperwork (available from Mr Harris in the TAS staffroom) and returned their completed paperwork to Mr Harris by designated dates.

Term 2 Week 7, 5- 9 June, paperwork returned no later than 19.5.17

Term 3 Week 5, 14-18 August, paperwork returned no later than 4.9.17

Term 4 Week 4, 30-3 October/ November, paperwork returned no later than, 13.10.17

PCYC Safer Driver Course

This program has been invaluable to students as they navigate their way on their L Plates. It is designed to ensure students are equipped with both the theoretical knowledge about driving and concludes with on the road experience with a nationally recognised driving instructor. It is refreshing to see how positive students are about the value of participating in this program.

ARG Lifefit Work Culture Program

This program supports our Aboriginal students in Years 9-11 to work towards realising "what they want in life", to support them in forging their own personal identity to realise their future lifestyle choices. This is the second year we have had the privilege of having this prestigious program in our school.

UON School Visit

MGHS will host a Newcastle University information session on the 16.6.17 in the library during lunch time at 1.20pm. This will be a perfect opportunity for students to take advantage and ask those relevant questions. This will be open to Years 11 and 12 students.

UON YEAR 12 Open Day

Newcastle University will be hosting a Year 12 open day for students to have the 'uni experience' on the 29th of June 2017. This is a great opportunity for any Year 12 student who is interested in going to Newcastle University.

Students who are intending to apply for apprenticeships for 2017 should have their cover letter, resume and portfolio prepared. Traditionally apprenticeships for the following year will be advertised from mid Term 2, although the job climate is very difficult at the moment. Students need to be organised to give themselves the best chance of gaining an interview. I would recommend you be vigilant and check Saturdays Newcastle Morning Herald for opportunities, as they arise.

Jennifer Sellers-Fogarty

Brad Harris

Senior Careers Adviser

Junior Careers Adviser

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| SPORT |
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A big couple of months in the sporting world at MGHS, with our school Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals being held in the month of May. Over 400 students enjoyed a perfect day in the sun with plenty of fun and activities evident all day long. Congratulations to Watson House with the overall point score win - and good luck to the 56 students going on to compete at the Zone Carnival.

The Cross Country event was taken out by the Campbell House. A further 42 students then qualified for the Zone Carnival, with Jasmine Kruk (15 Girls), Flinders Cobley (13 Boys) and Randal Buck (14 Boys) winning their respective age divisions. MGHS will now send 24 runners to the Regional Carnival in June.

Finally, our swimmers - congratulations to all 11 students who competed at the NSW CHS titles in Homebush. Further results to come.

School sport for Term 2 is well under way and MGHS continues to impress at the Regional Knockout level. Keep it up everyone and most of all keep having fun!

Regards
Paul Anderson



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Talking points for ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY helps with costs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. You may be able to get ABSTUDY if you are:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
- enrolled in an approved course or apprenticeship, and
- not getting any other government help to study or do an apprenticeship or traineeship.

The ABSTUDY eKit

The ABSTUDY eKit is now live on the DHS website. The eKit is designed to help raise awareness of ABSTUDY and you can find the latest version at humanservices.gov.au/abstudyresources

We know organisations play a critical role in providing information about ABSTUDY to students and their families, so the following resources have been designed as a supporting tool to help with their work.

This eKit includes the following resources to help get ABSTUDY information to parents, guardians, students and the community:

- mp3 audio file of ABSTUDY radio commercial
- ABSTUDY Videos on YouTube
- ABSTUDY talking points
- ABSTUDY newsletter article
- ABSTUDY reference guide
- 2 A4 self-print posters
- 6 self-print flyers

Applying for ABSTUDY

To claim, call the ABSTUDY line on Freecall™ 1800 132 317. You can submit supporting documents online at humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline

If you can't claim over the phone, you can get a claim form at humanservices.gov.au/abstudy

How long it takes to assess your claim depends on how complex your situation is.

Get in early and submit your claim up to 13 weeks before you start your course or apprenticeship.

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Under 17 AFL team are looking for players.

**Training Days are
Tuesday's & Thursday's from 5.00pm**

TRAINING VENUE:

Max McMahon Oval Rutherford

Registration includes Shorts and Socks

CONTACT DETAILS

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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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