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MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL

All reports are currently being processed and will be available to students and parents by the end of term. Please note the format is slightly different to last year as we have moved to a new computer platform. We are happy to receive feedback about the changes. Parent teacher night is 7th June 3pm to 7:30 pm (Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au) to make your bookings.

Winter is upon us, and our students need to ensure that they have warm clothing which meets the uniform standard to wear to school. The new jackets have arrived in the uniform shop and are available for all students. A picture of this jacket is provided in this bulletin. Please note that wearing of hoodies to school is not an acceptable standard. Should you require help with uniform please do not hesitate to ask. A reminder to parents that shoes purchased for students should meet work, health and safety standards and the school uniform code. Students should wear black leather shoes which substantially cover their feet and coloured sporting logos, such as Nike should only be seen on sports shoes, worn on Tuesdays. For the colder months please note that tracksuit pants are only to be worn on Tuesdays for Sport or for PE. They are **not** part of the normal school uniform. Students are able to wear navy long slacks or trousers in the colder weather. Only navy scarves are acceptable.

Congratulations to Mrs Guider who was promoted to Deputy Principal at Warners Bay High School. Mr Chris Holmes has been appointed as the new Head Teacher Administration. Mrs Suzanne Ross has moved to Belmont High School as Head Teacher Home Economics.

Sport is a very important part of our school, with some outstanding local regional and national sports men and women. You are reminded that Sport is a mandatory part of the school curriculum for Years 7-10. In order for students to progress to the senior school they need to complete the mandatory hours. Therefore using sport time for medical appointments should only occur in exceptional circumstances, such as for specialists. Exemptions from Sport can only be granted if students are involved at national levels under the Institute of Sport.

Dr Di Soltau
Principal

May 2018

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



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 2018

TUESDAY: 8.00am-12.00pm

THURSDAY: 12.00pm-4.00pm

CASH, EFTPOS, MASTERCARD and VISA ACCEPTED AT UNIFORM SHOP

ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE SHOPPING

(THROUGH THE SCHOOL WEB SITE)



New MGHS Jacket - \$70.00 - available at the uniform shop or can be ordered online. Jacket can be worn 5 days a week.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held for **Years 7 to 12** on **Thursday, the 7th of June, 2018** from **3.00pm to 7.30 pm**. Bookings can be made online.

For online bookings go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions listed below.

**Enter THIS school event code
for Thursday, the 7th of June, 2018**

Then follow these 3 steps



When you click ***finish***, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. Details of the room organisation where faculties will be will be in your confirmation email. A map of the rooming is posted to the school website- www.mghs.com.au

If you do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on your phones, you may **ring the school office to make appointments**. Interviews are strictly **8 minutes** and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please ring the office to make alternative arrangements.

You can change your interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 49342066.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Schools are often called upon to offer support and guidance related to incidents that have occurred on social media. Although most incidents occur out of school hours they sometimes can have an impact upon your child's learning environment at school.

It is important to remember that there are many benefits related to the appropriate use of social media, including:

- Collaborative learning: your child can use social media to share educational content, either informally or in formal school settings.
- Creativity: your child can be creative with profile pages, photos and video, and modifications for games.
- Mental health and wellbeing: connecting with extended family and friends and taking part in local and global online communities can give your child a sense of connection and belonging.

It is also vital to be aware of some of the risks of using social media, including:

- understanding the dangers involved in sharing content and personal information – this includes not only content that your child shares but also images of your child that other people share, or posts and images that others tag your child to
- learning how to navigate the risks – for example, if your child posts an identifiable image of herself, she can reduce risk by not including any other personal information
- solving problems – for example, your child needs to know what to do if a friend posts an embarrassing photo of her, or how to talk with friends who have shared information that links back to her

Extracts taken from http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/social_networking.html
Reviewed 15 May 2018

Whilst our staff regularly communicate with students about e-safety we always appreciate parents and carers taking the time to support their child as they navigate this complex world of 24 hour connectivity. Please reinforce the message about 'digital footprints' as too often students are under the false impression that images and data disappear once they have deleted it off their own social media sites.

ACORN

'The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) is a national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. It is a national online system that allows the public to securely report instances of cybercrime. It will also provide advice to help people recognise and avoid common types of cybercrime.'

ACORN classifies cyber-bullying or stalking as instances 'when someone engages in offensive, menacing or harassing behaviour through the use of technology. It can happen to people at any age, anytime, and often anonymously.' [For more information please refer to the link below.](#)

ACORN Link for Parents: <https://www.acorn.gov.au/about-acorn>

Thank you

Neil Fara
15th May 2018

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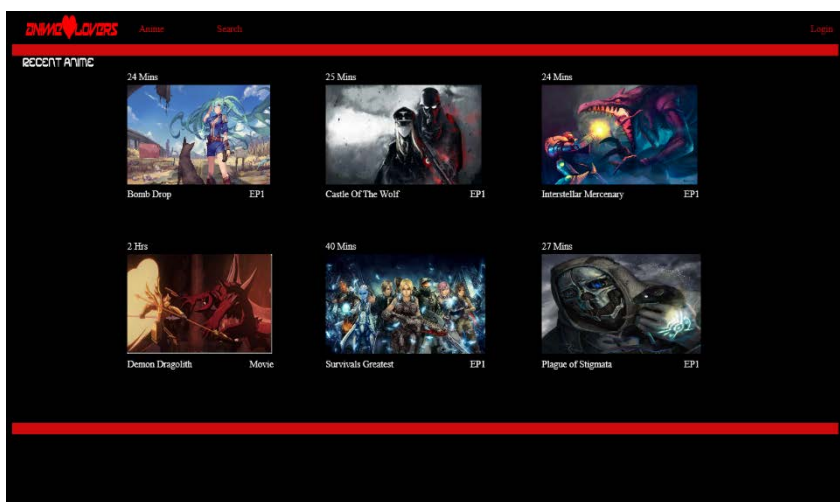
A selection of **Year 10 Food Technology** "Foods for Special Occasions" cakes ...



A selection of **Year 10 Hospitality** Signature Dishes for Sustainable Restaurants



Year 10 Multimedia have completed their website design assessment tasks. Pictured are a sample of the work produced.



SUPPORT UNIT

Our students in the Support Unit continued to have marvellous experiences and learning opportunities in May, including the Athletics Carnival and a trip to the Newcastle Foreshore. Below are some of their other profound memories.

I enjoyed swimming earlier this year. I've been watching and cheering my team at the carnival. When the teachers were telling students which grade will swim, I swam when they said year 12 can have a turn. They had a BBQ grill and I enjoyed eating sausages on bread with BBQ sauce – Brendan

I want to write about my friends. I met Tesha last year when I was in year 8. She didn't like me then but now we are really good friends. She's funny, nice and kind. This year, I met a year 7 boy named Harley. He is really nice, funny and kind. Next Georgia. I'm not sure when I met her but now we are friends. She's always here for me she's nice and kind. The teachers are really nice to all of us my favourite teacher is Ty but don't tell the others. Lukas is funny, nice and kind so now I have really good friends at MGHS. – Olivia

Me and some friends went to Maitland Primary School for a bocce tournament and if we were to win, we could go to Sydney Olympic Park but we lost the game. We still had fun playing bocce. I had a good time hanging with my friends we walked up there and walked back. We also had some funny moments. It was a good time and I enjoyed every moment of it. – Nick

We went to Teale Café earlier this month. I want to say thanks so much for Teale's hospitality and friendly service. I thoroughly enjoyed my chocolate thick shake and chicken and chips. I hope we go again to enjoy the food and drinks. - Gordon

<u>NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2018</u>	
<u>TERM 2</u>	28th June
<u>TERM 3</u>	16th August & 20th September
<u>TERM 4</u>	8th November & 18th December

SPORT**Carnivals**

Term 2 has seen the running of the annual MGHS cross country and athletics carnivals, both being held at Smythe Field, Maitland.

The cross country event, nominations only, with 40+ serious competitors running the race at a cracking speed. From that, MGHS sent a further 32 competitors onto the Coalfields Zone Cross Country event with a number of outstanding results. Congratulations to Jasmine Kruk (16 Girls), Flinders Copley (14 Boys) and Jack Davey (18 Boys) who won their events.

In news just in, 16 Grossmann students have qualified for the Hunter Region Cross Country Championships, to be held at Cessnock Racecourse in early June – good luck!!

The MGHS Athletics Carnival was again a hugely successful whole school event. The Year 12 students set the scene with some amazing House coloured costumes and firing up a Bunnings-themed BBQ. Congratulations to all competitors on the day – both serious and those who may have enjoyed the leisurely strolls and novelty events.

Grossmann then sent 45 students onto the Coalfields Zone Athletics Carnival in Term 2, Week 4. Another successful day, with perfect weather and a local feel about this year's event as it was also held at Smythe Field, Maitland. Regional qualifiers have not yet been finalised, however, throughout the day a number of 1st place finishes and personal bests, as well as, some excellent Grossmann relay results. Well done to our team!

School Sport

As we come to the middle of the term, a quick reminder for some who are still owing bus money. Remember, we have switched over to paying before we go, so your cooperation for prompt payments is greatly appreciated. Students will make their Term 3 selections in the upcoming weeks.

Grossmann Teams

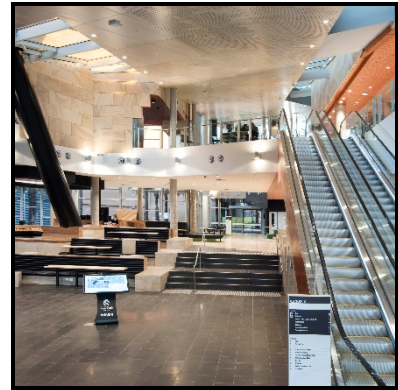
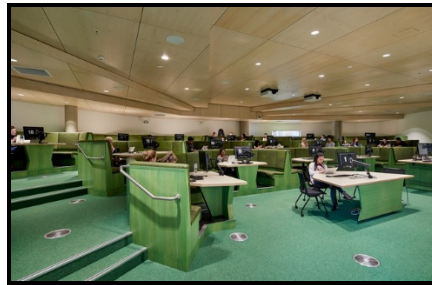
Our school teams are out and about competing in both CHS knockouts, as well as, independent competitions. Our open girls and boys football teams have had wins lately, the open boys' basketball got through the Regional bracket but were defeated in the CHS round of 32 in a tough loss to Narara Valley HS. Our tennis girls did us proud in their matches. AFL, rugby league and Futsal teams are preparing for their competitions. Good luck all!

Mr P Anderson

Sports Organiser

May Careers news

What a busy time we have had in Careers during May and so many upcoming events. Yr10 students with a view for tertiary study were given the opportunity to visit the University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus, for a walking tour and numerous faculty visits. Students were exposed to what life at uni could be about with enthusiastic Uni Ambassadors leading the way. This was in contrast to the Careers Advisers presentation at the University of Newcastle's 'New Space' Building which has created a strong modern architectural statement to Newcastle's CBD. New age learning spaces and study nooks demonstrate what 21 Century learning is all about. MGHS Legal Studies class will be given the opportunity later in the year to experience the new 'mock courtroom' at work, which supports the Universities Law Faculty.



Career Expo was another day where students were inspired by post school options; from tertiary study opportunities to apprenticeships and gap year trips in between. Students were able to gather information from outside agencies to begin the investigation of career pathways beyond school.



PCYC Driver Safety supported students with their Learner Drivers permits and helped gain knowledge on the essential elements of driving and keeping safe on the roads. The program concluded with each participant getting behind the wheel with a PCYC instructor for those extra driving tips.

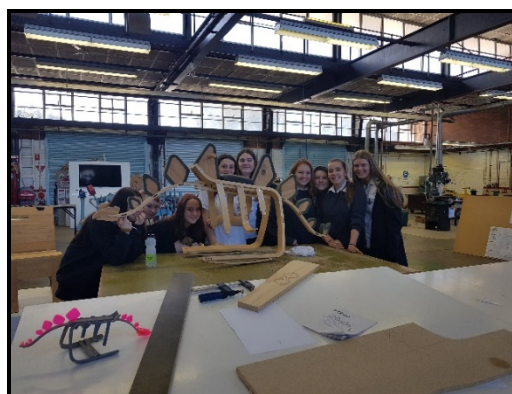


FYI Thursday's are fast becoming an integral part of the weekly school calendar. Every Thursday during lunch (1.20pm-2.05pm) outside agencies are organised to present information about future prospects, post school options and relevant information to support students. Posters are accessible around the school advertising the weekly session and students have also been emailed the term calendar of events. Below are the presentations that have been on offer during Term 2. Students with ideas on who they would like to come and speak at the school just need to drop in to the Careers Office for a chat. The list of presentations is listed below:

Week	FYI Term 2 THURSDAYS	Title of weekly FYI session	Targeted audience for FYI Thursdays	Room
1	3.5.18	Hunter Design School	<i>A leading boutique design school with a futuristic vision. Discussing the impact of design in journalism and the creative arts</i>	E320
2	10.5.18	Lucia Hill Media presentation	<i>Journalism students Interested Yr11 & 12 student In Communications</i>	Library
3	17.5.18	Career Expo week (Friday 18.5.18)	<i>No FYI all information will be at the Career Expo in Maitland. Notes available from the Careers and front office.</i>	
4	24.5.18	Apprentices HVTC	<i>Expectations of employers and how to land that apprenticeship!</i>	Library
5	31.5.17	PCYC Blue Star Leadership Program	<i>Yr10 students interested in Blue star Leadership Camp</i>	E320
6	7.6.18	Teach NSW Video Conference	<i>Information on teacher scholarships and information on teaching as a career</i>	E303
7	14.6.18	Schoolies Unearthed	<i>Antipodeans Looks at post school options/gap year</i>	E320
8	21.6.18	Hunter Design School	<i>A leading boutique design school with a futuristic vision. Discussing the impact of design in journalism and the creative arts</i>	E320
9	28.6.18	Bunnings online applications	<i>Looking for a job? Bunnings will give you information about employers expectations and the online application process</i>	Library
10	5.7.18	School Yr12 schools visits day <u>UoN</u>	<i>Yr12 opportunity to go to <u>UoN</u> and investigate their degree options</i>	<u>UoN</u>

The YES Program is a government funded initiative, run through numerous TAFE campus's. This program has given our Yr10 students numerous opportunities to investigate areas of interest; from Hair and Beauty to Animation the courses are diverse and numerous. Maitland Grossmann has over 30 students currently participating in these mini programs. Students gain an understanding of independent learning, and with the experience they gain, it is hope they will be able to have an understanding of their future career pathways. Looking ahead we have numerous events taking place such as the Charles Sturt Open day at Port Macquarie campus on the 16th of June and the Yr12 Students Day at the University of Newcastle on the 5th of July. For Yr10 we are looking into subject selection, which is a very exciting time. Lots of Careers Interviews and chats about future options along the way. There is never a dull moment in the careers hub and our door is always open to support students as they navigate their way through school and beyond.

Plan-it Youth Mentoring Program is fast concluding. This holistically orientated mentoring program with a focus on student vocational support, consisted of weekly consultations between our students and mentors from the community. Commencing Term 2, Week 7 and concluding with a celebration and presentation on Tuesday the 4th of June. The last few weeks of this program have seen a visit to TAFE Newcastle Campus to explore career pathways and students have been putting together resumes and cover letters. Congratulations to all year 10 students involved in the program.



RAAF Visit was on **Thursday 3rd May**, students from Year 9,10,11 and 12 had the opportunity to explore career options by having an extensive tour of the RAAF base Williamtown. Students observed and received information on a variety of operations, procedures and work opportunities in multiple fields. Such as: Control Tower, Fire Department, Fighter Hanger, Recon Plane, Guard Dogs and the Bomb Squad.



Work Experience is just around the corner and many Yr10 students are looking forward to experiencing the world of 'work' for a week. There are 3 scheduled weeks dedicated to Work Experience in 2018 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 for 2018

Term 2:

18-22 June (week 8)

Term 3

10-14 September (week 8)

Term 4:

26-30 November (week 7)

John Hunter Hospital, Multi-Disciplinary Healthcare Showcase is scheduled for **Monday 30th July**.

Following on from the success of the Healthcare Showcase conducted in 2017, and as part of our ongoing promotion of careers in health, John Hunter Hospital will be conducting Showcase Open Day in 2018. A variety of health professions will present for the students and provide insight into the opportunities available for young people entering the healthcare arena.



**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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School Photo Day is

8 June 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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