

June 2018



# MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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## PRINCIPAL

All students will be issued with their half yearly reports before the end of term. This is a time for reflection on progress and to celebrate achievement. Please do not hesitate to talk to the teachers if you have any issues or concerns.

Our new winter jacket has arrived and is available from the uniform shop. A reminder to parents that shoes purchased for students should meet work, health and safety standards or the school uniform code. Students should wear black leather shoes which substantially cover their feet. Coloured sporting logos, such as Nike should only be seen on sports shoes, worn on Tuesdays. As the cold months approach 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. Hooded tops and sweatshirts are not part of our uniform. Only navy scarves are acceptable. Should you experience any difficulty in outfitting your child please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can help.

Congratulations to Lucy Allen Year 12, who has been awarded the Regional Trainee of the year in Nursing.

Please advise young people who walk to school to try to walk with someone else and avoid using headphones that make them less aware of what is going on around them. This advice has come following concerns raised by our local police for student safety to and from school.

Congratulations to our Bull Turner Cup Team who have won the regional competition and now progress to take on other regions in the state. Further congratulation go to Mr Stephen Ross who has been appointed a State Manager of NSW All Schools Girls Football Team for the National Championships.

Once again 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.

Our sister school Sukagawa will visit us at the beginning of Term 3. We are looking forward to forging new relationships and revisiting with old friends.

Dr Di Soltau (Principal)

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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.

**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)**

**NEWSLETTER DATES FOR 2018**

<u><b>TERM 3</b></u>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> August &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<u><b>TERM 4</b></u>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>

## CAPA



*Music* - *Art* - DRAMA

Our MGHS CAPA night is  
starting @ 5:00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Art Exhibition** viewing followed by  
**Music** and **Drama** Performances

- Come along and celebrate with the  
best quality works and performances of  
2018!

Free Entry – All Welcome

We are looking to celebrate the high quality work and achievements across the Creative and Performing Arts @ MGHS. Please come along and enjoy the amazing standard of student work and celebrate in the quality of student achievement.

July 4<sup>th</sup> MGHS School Hall from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Light Refreshments provided.

## Music

The Maitland Grossmann High School Music faculty has been working hard to provide our Gifted and Talented students (GATS) with opportunity to develop their instrumental and ensemble skills. Since the beginning of Term Two, we have been teaming up with the National Music Academy (NMA) Maitland, to provide group tuition from a qualified concert band instrumentalist, with the intention to build the capacity of our Concert Band in order to benefit the school and the wider community. This is in line with the broader school plan to enhance the skills and learning of our GATS students, and engaging with the community.

Vocal Ensemble is also up and running delivering to our students a chance to collaborate with other vocalists in a safe and supportive environment. Students are currently rehearsing a diverse range of repertoire from popular music to musical theatre. In addition to our regular ensembles, MGHS has also introduced an ensemble for strings.

Joining an ensemble is a great way for students to not only develop skills in music, but also, to establish positive relationships within the school community. If you would like more information regarding our school ensembles, please contact Stephen Forbes or Linda Alford.

### Organisation for 2018 music Ensembles

- Concert Band – **Thursday Lunchtime**
- Choir and Vocal Ensemble – **Friday Lunchtime**
- String Ensemble – **Monday Lunchtime**

### National Music Academy Open Day 2018!!

This year MGHS has collaborated with National Music Academy (NMA) to assist our talented band students in our Concert Band here at school. Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July NMA will open its doors to the Maitland community, which will include FREE LESSONS in Vocals, Guitar, Piano, Drums and DJ'ing. On top of this, all who attend go in the draw to win a term's worth of free lessons, as well as a guitar valued at \$500! Reservations essential. Enquire at: <https://www.nmaaustralia.com.au/>





### **NAIDOC**

To celebrate NAIDOC week this year we came together as a school community in numerous ways to acknowledge the theme 'Because of Her We Can'.

Some of our Aboriginal students shared stories about the significant roles a woman had played in their lives as well as traditional stories that they were able to pass on.

Our local Elders, invited guests and ATSI students from Partner Primary schools, Ashtonfield, Maitland and East Maitland were invited to join with our Year 8, 9 & 10 students for a performance by National Music Icon, Christine Anu.

Congratulations go out to all students involved in this special event and special thanks to Mrs Tonnet.



Year 9 student Owen Williams was the recipient of the NAIDOC Banner Project Prize, with his winning artwork being transformed into a Banner for school display.

### **StarStruck**

This year the local Performing Arts event StarStruck included a drama ensemble from MGHS, assisted by Mrs Holz, along with Entertainment Industry students and Music students.

Emily and Bryson Tenorio performed with the Hunter Singers and Ava Prance and Sophie Cummings gained positions as Senior Backing Vocalists. Emily performed in the Bugle Ensemble while Mrs Williams and Yr. 11 Entertainment students assisted in running the show over several performances.



### Visual Arts

Each year students in Elective Visual Arts explore a range of galleries in Sydney which coincides with the Vivid Light Festival. It is a great opportunity for students to see a diverse range of Visual Arts in a variety of exhibition spaces and venues. This year our excursion linked in with the 27<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Sydney, a major international Arts event that brings the most important and contemporary artists to Australia. Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students used this visit to build on their understanding of the art world.





### JAPANESE SCHOOL VISIT

During the week starting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July, twenty seven students and two teachers from Sukagawa Toyo High School will be visiting Maitland Grossmann High School.

MGHS has a sister school relationship with Sukagawa Toyo and on alternate years they visit us and we visit them.

The Japanese students will spend a week in Maitland, attending lessons at school, an excursion to Port Stephens for a dolphin/whale watching cruise and a trip to Hunter Valley Zoo.

On Saturday night they will go to Buttai Barn for a night of bush dancing and electric bull riding.

We are sure the Japanese students will enjoy and find rewarding their week in the Hunter Valley. Also many friendships will be established between the Japanese students and Australian students and their families.

### SPORT

Last Friday the Girls Bill Turner Trophy team played the area final against Kurri Kurri High School on their home ground, Birrallee Oval. It didn't take long for our captain Teagan Douglas to open the scoring, kicking a magnificent shot into the top corner of their goal in the first 5 minutes. Teagan managed another two goals, one a penalty goal. Josie Morley bagged one and Year 7 striker Pepper Kasteel also notching up her first goal of the competition. So a strong 5-0 win which means we make it to the round of 32. We will play a school from the New England Region in the next few weeks at home. Congratulations to the girls on their performance and sportspersonship! They are great representatives for our school.



**CAREERS****Year 10 Subject Selection**

What a busy time ahead we have with Year 10 and Year 12. Year 10 is all abuzz with the excitement of subject selection and 'where to from here' for 2019. To support Year 10 students, Careers will go to all Year 10 classrooms to explain the process of what is ahead and support them in their decision making process during week 10 of Term 3. Students will be issued a 'Subject Selection Booklet' to take home over the holidays so they can discuss with their parents/caregivers study patterns for stage 6. A Parents Information Session will be hosted for both students and their parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August where relevant information will be shared about the subjects, VET, EVET and SBATs (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships). In attendance at that presentation will be the University of Newcastle, TAFE NSW and Hunter Valley Training Company to support any parent/student with information. The *Steps To Uni For Year 10 Students* has been emailed to all Year 10 students in PDF format to support those that are considering achieving an ATAR and post school University options, they can also be accessed on the MGHS school website; <http://www.maitgross-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>, and further information is also available at <https://mghscareers.com/>. This book can also be applied to non ATAR students as well, as it encourages students to choose subjects that interest them as this can be a pathway to future career pathways. The subject selection interviews will commence Week 5 of Term 3, 20<sup>th</sup> of August. Students will be notified of times closer to that date.

Below is a link to the UAC (University Admission Centre) Year 10 information page, which has further information you may find useful.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/year-10-students>

**Year 12 UAC Information Sessions**

Information sessions will be presented to Year 12 ATAR students very early in Term 3 with reference to the UAC admissions process. Students need to ensure they have listed their correct email address with NESA, as their UAC PIN will be emailed to them at the end of July. UAC admissions will cost \$70 and will open to begin listing UAC Preferences on the 1.8.18 and close 28.9.18. School Recommendation Scheme will share the same opening date for submissions, 1.8.18. Submission after this date will incur a higher fee. The *Steps to Uni for Year 11 and 12 Students* has been emailed to all Year 12 students at their school email and can also be accessed on the MGHS School website; <http://www.maitgross-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and further information is also available at <https://mghscareers.com/>.

Below is a link to UAC (University Admission Centre) for any information about UAC admission you might want to access through the holidays.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/how-to-apply-for-uni>

kind regards

Jennifer Sellers-Fogarty

Senior Careers Adviser



**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT****Working Bee – Saturday 7th July**

Last year the focus of the Working Bee was the Library Hill with the following results:

**BEFORE****AFTER**

If you have some time to spare and want to make a difference, come along on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Roll-up your sleeves, grab a pair of gloves, some gardening tools and have some fun.

Our Working Bee will no doubt be a hive of activity this year with quite a few projects planned. We will be focussing on the following areas:

- The creek at the back of the Oval
- Entrance off Morpeth Rd
- Painting cupboards for Café Cumberland
- Garden beds in the TAS area

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. To register your interest go to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/MaitlandGrossmannPandC/>

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Planned Maintenance**

Planned maintenance is well underway and will continue through Term 3 and hopefully be completed by early Term 4. External painting on the front of the school has been started, the Hall is nearing completion and the Quad side of C Block is finished. Scaffolding will be moved to E Block and this will facilitate the replacement of the roof hopefully during the July holidays, weather permitting. A Block roof is scheduled to be replaced in the September holidays and this will complete the 2017/2018 programmed maintenance project.

If you have any questions concerning any of projects that have been outlined please don't hesitate to contact me.

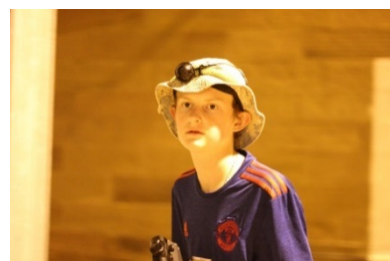
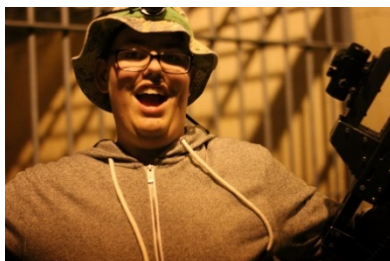
Thanking you

Jennette Hardy

## DEFENCE FAMILIES



A great night was had by all who attended Battlezone Playlive Laser Skirmish held at Maitland Gaol on Friday evening 22/6/2018. This was a private lockdown social event for students from defence families and a non-defence friend who enjoyed 5 games of absolute fun. ☺ A big thank you to Mr Grimes for assisting myself and supervising the students.





# Data on school students with disability

## National Consistent Collection of Data

The annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) collects information about Australian school students who receive an adjustment to address disability.

Nationally consistent information on students in Australian schools receiving adjustments for disability enables schools, education authorities, and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school.

## Information required for the NCCD

Each year schools will record and submit evidence based information about:

- the number of students receiving an adjustment for disability as defined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education
- the level of adjustment each student is receiving
- the broad category of disability of each student.

Students being provided with an adjustment for disability are included in the annual data collection where there is documented evidence held in the school of personalised learning and support for the student. This includes evidence that:

- the adjustment has been provided for a minimum of 10 weeks in the 12 months preceding the 2018 NCCD census date
- the adjustment is based on the assessed educational needs of individual students
- the adjustment is provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers
- the impact of the adjustment is monitored

## When does the collection take place?

The national data collection is conducted in August each year.

## Is the national data collection compulsory?

Yes. All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in their care, and the level of adjustment they receive.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

## How is my child's privacy protected?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential and is an explicit focus of the national data collection. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names or other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available in the [Public information notice](http://www.docs.education.gov.au/node/33415) ([www.docs.education.gov.au/node/33415](http://www.docs.education.gov.au/node/33415)).

Further information can be obtained from the National Consistent Collection of Data website

Information for parent, guardians and carers

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>



# Olive Tree

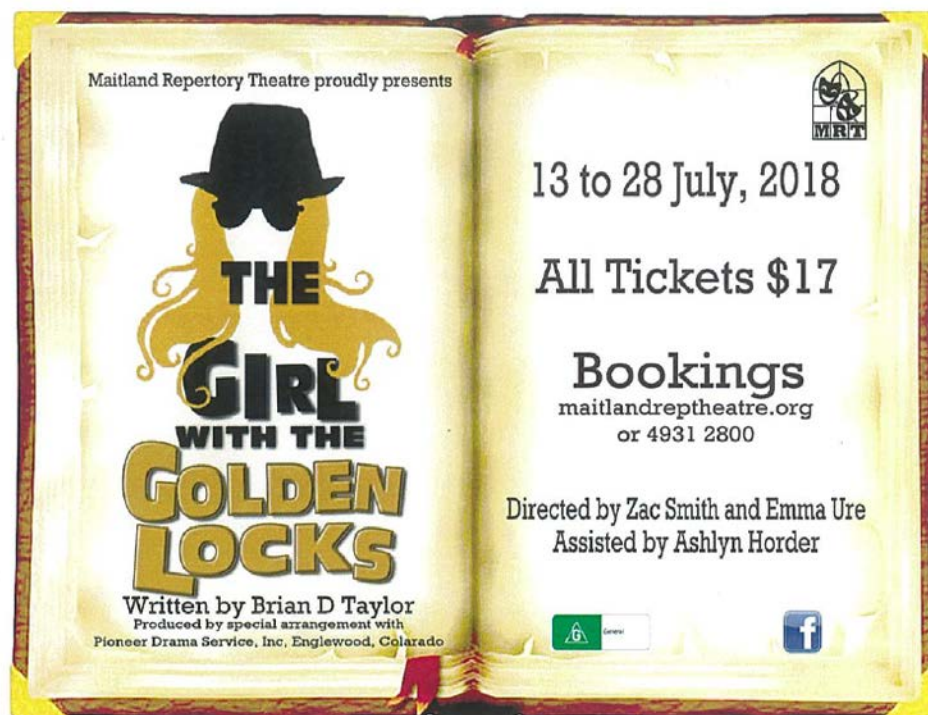
ART & DESIGN MARKET



**JULY 14TH**

9AM-2PM | MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

*art | design | music | food | workshops*



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## THE EAST MAITLAND SUB-BRANCH COMMITTEE

invites you to attend a morning tea

- Do you reside in the Maitland, East Maitland, Thornton, Chisholm or Ashtonfield areas?
- Is your partner away on deployment or exercise?
- Would you like to come to a morning tea?

If you have answered yes to these questions then the East Maitland RSL sub-Branch would like to invite you to a morning tea.

**Location:** East Maitland War Memorial Centre 233 Newcastle Road  
(New England Highway) East Maitland

**Date:** Wednesday 29 August 2018

**Time:** 0930 – 1130

If you would like to attend, please send your RSVP to  
thegrimmers@bigpond.com by Wednesday 8 August 2018.

Please title your email: 'Morning Tea' and advise the age of any  
children that will be accompanying you.

**The East Maitland RSL sub-Branch very much looks  
forward to hosting you.**

## 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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**Star struck**

We all came to school then got in cars and drove to Newcastle for Star Struck. We arrived at Newcastle then walked to the Entertainment Centre to watch performances. They were really good and we had great seats. I enjoyed it a lot and had fun. *Nick*

**School Works**

At Maitland Grossmann High School we are fixing the school up because it's very old and fragile. It's a bonus because the whole school does not have to do assembly because of the construction in the quad. However it does get annoying as we cannot go in certain places and it's very noisy. After the school is finished it's going to look much better. *Tesha*

**Open High Boys' Basketball**

I play in a Division 2 Open High Boys' Basketball team for The Storm. These games are played at the Maitland Federation Centre. The games are held on different courts from court 1 to 4. The people that play in my team are Cookie, Nick, Calvin, Bryce, Matt, Clay, Logan and me. Our games are usually at 4.30pm, but it can change depending on games and other teams. All teams play Wednesdays and we compete in knockout games, but at the end of the season the teams with the highest statistics move on to semis. Everyone hopes to make it to the semis and win because if they do win their semi they move on to finals. The reason we play in an Open High Boys Division is because we have older and younger people and it gives us a chance to play together. *Gordon*

**Chess Club**

All this term in the Library there has been a very exciting Chess Club called "Chess Comp". This competition has been organised by Mr Hundy, the librarian. From this competition, Mr Hundy organises a Ladder Of Success. This is a ladder where the top 16 participants are chosen to go into the end of term Chess Tournament. This Tournament is a knock-out style competition and is on during lunch every day this week. The winner will be announced in the last week of term. The Chess Club was on Monday Lunch and Wednesday Lunch this term, but it looks like it will be changed to Mondays and Fridays next term. It will still be on at Lunch. If you have missed out this term, don't despair, you can compete next term. Everyone is welcome to participate and / or watch. *Nathan*

**Blackbutt**

On Friday 1 June, all of the Support Unit went to Blackbutt for an excursion. The weather was terrible because it was raining and cold. We looked at lots of animals like wombats, koalas, emus, peacocks, bush turkeys and heaps of birds. We had sausages that we cooked on the bbq for lunch. We had so many sausages the birds were sitting around the table wanting to have some. After lunch we went for a walk and saw the emus and kangaroos. We left the school at 9am and went back to school at 2pm. It was a really fun day. *Olivia*

**Aboriginal Performance**

It was on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. The whole Support unit went. The performance was great. It was an Aboriginal person who played a didgeridoo. It wasn't a normal didgeridoo. It was called a bone or something like that and it was like a vacuum cleaner.

He used students from the crowd for a sound a piano. He told them to all hold a wire and put their other hand on their head. Then he touched them on their head and he made different sounds. Some of the sounds were a train whistle, a car horn and a dog bark. Everyone was surprised and they all thought it was amazing. *Matthew*

**Australia in the World Cup**

The Socceroos have played two games so far. France 2-1, Denmark 1-1. The two goals they scored were both from penalties because of handballs. Tomorrow morning at 12am they play Peru. The Socceroos have been playing good. We wish them luck. *Lachlan*



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**Kaeden's Day**

Kaeden's Day is a day that our school community stands together to raise awareness and fundraise for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy or DMD. Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic disorder that targets your muscles, resulting in the progressive degeneration and weakening of my muscles. I am missing the dystrophin protein that keeps my muscles intact, meaning my muscles are deteriorating. DMD affects 1 in 3500 boys and rarely affects girls. There are nine different types of MD, I have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy which is the worst out of all nine.

When I was 4 or 5, life was normal. I was able to do things that you can do. I could walk, run, and even kick a ball. Everything that people can easily take for granted. When I was three the signs started to show, I wasn't able to walk the way everyone else was. I would walk on my tippy toes and occasionally fall over for no reason. We eventually learnt that every time I fell over it was a sign that my muscles were giving way underneath me. At the age of seven, my parents suspected that something wasn't right and took me to have a blood test. When the results came in I didn't understand what they meant, it wasn't until a few years later that I eventually learnt the true effects that MD would have on me and my family.

At the age of ten, my whole life changed for good. One day I was able to walk then the next day, I couldn't even stand up. It all happened so quickly. This was hard to accept because I just wanted to be like all my friends and be able to run around with them. I had to learn to adjust and eventually I found a way to play sport and be included with them all again. Every day I wish I was able to walk again, but I can't.

My goal is to help other children with DMD because I know exactly what they are going through. I can relate to their pain and experiences. Hopefully one day they can find a cure so children don't have to experience DMD the way that I do. Some people don't like to talk about their experiences with MD, but I want to create more awareness about the condition. I'd like to be an Ambassador for DMD and be a role model that others with MD look up to. Although I may be in a wheelchair, I don't let that stop me from enjoying life with my family and friends.

Last year, thanks to the school community, in particular Sharon and Linda in the Support Unit, Kaeden's Day raised \$6000. This year there will be wheelchair basketball, a sausage sizzle, raffle and a few other surprises for the school. This year we are hoping to make the day superhero themed and have Adam McDougall, a DMD ambassador, make a guest appearance on assembly. I will be speaking on assembly leading up to the day to reveal more information about the day.

Kaeden's Day will be held at Maitland Grossmann High School on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Every cent will be donated to the Save Our Sons Foundation which is fighting to find a cure for DMD. Our goal is to beat last year's total of \$6000, hopefully everyone can get on board and support this important cause.

Let's help Kaeden's Day go off with a bang.

*Kaeden*

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### **Sport Report – June Edition**

#### **Carnivals**

Maitland Grossmann has recently had representatives at both the Hunter Region Cross Country and Coalfields Zone Athletics carnivals.

In the Regional Cross Country event, 16 students competed across a number of age groups with some excellent results. Congratulations to Flinders Cobley (3<sup>rd</sup>), Addison Cobley (8<sup>th</sup>) and Jack Davey (8<sup>th</sup>) for finishing in the Top 10 of their age groups. These three boys will now move on to the NSW CHS Championships at Eastern Creek Racecourse in Week 1, Term 3.

A change of location for the Zone Athletics carnival to Smythe Field saw an increase in numbers (and level of competition) from all six high schools in attendance. As recently reported, MGHS sent 45 students to the carnival – and in news just in, have had 22 individual students qualify for the Hunter Region championships, as well as, 9 relay teams. An outstanding achievement! The Regional carnival will be held in Week 2, Term 3.



### School Sport

Term 3 sport will commence on the students' first day back at school after the holiday break. As of Week 9, student selections have been finalised and all students are aware of their sporting choices. A reminder, for bus paying sports, please be prompt with payment by the end of Term 2.

Year 7 student will continue for one last term in the House Group sport format. Throughout this term, students will participate in the **Premier's Sporting Challenge** – an initiative which aims to promote students taking ownership of their participation in physical activity both at school and at home. As a result of this, MGHS receive a grant for funding – used to update sporting equipment and most recently, updating sporting team jerseys.

### Grossmann Teams

Regional knockout and external competition teams have been very busy over the latter part of Term 2. We have seen successful runs from our boys and girls Futsal teams, boys and girls Bill Tuner Cup U15 Football teams, as well as, a very successful campaign from our Open Boys Hockey team. I would like to congratulate all students who put their hand up to participate in these teams and represent MGHS with pride and passion, and also the teachers who volunteer their time to make these events happen.



MGHS Swans Shield AFL team, sporting our brand new jerseys.



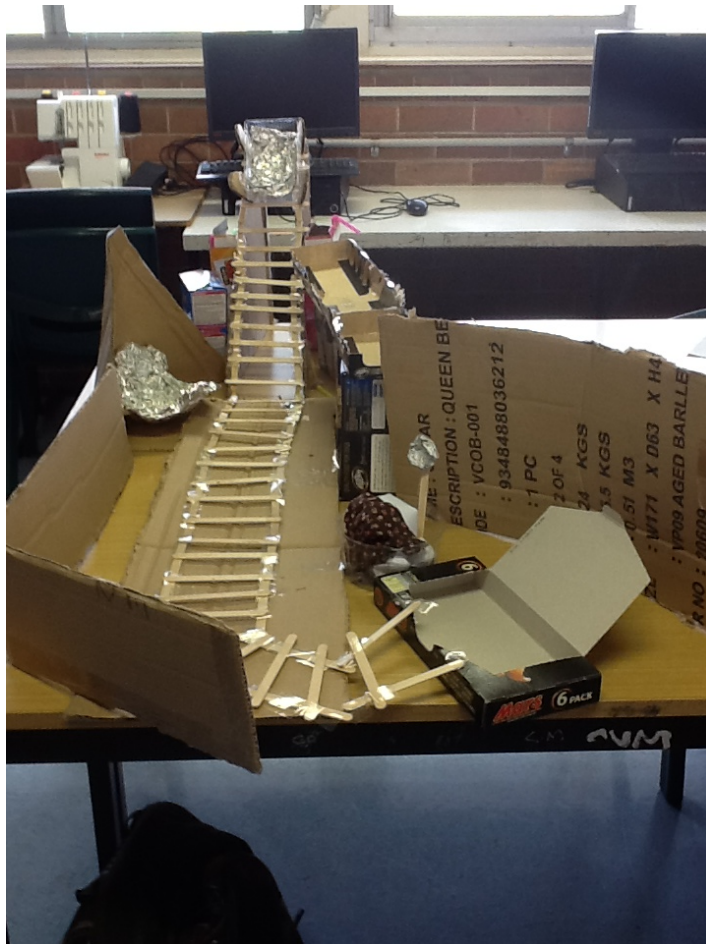
**Year 8 HEC** classes have been constructing cupcakes to reflect their child's party theme. Well done to all students for their great work designing, creating and eating the finished products.



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**Year 7 HEC** Theme Park classes taught by Mrs MacKinnon, Mrs Sales and Mrs Ross have made their collaboration ride design models using recycled materials. Each ride model was constructed using mixed technology combinations of fabric, polymers, metal and wood. The students have developed excellent communication skills in both verbal, written and sketching. In addition, patience was practiced effectively when others in their team couldn't immediately see their 'vision!'





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