Calendar Events

Week 3

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Recipients of PBL Raffle Prize Draw

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From the Principal

Welcome to the 2014 school year! Although we started the year on a very sad note with the passing of our Deputy Principal, Mrs Evelyn Hazzard, I am confident that 2014 will be an enormously productive and successful year at Macquarie Fields High School. Our school has a history of outstanding academic achievement in all areas of curriculum, supported by a focus on enhanced teacher quality through ongoing professional learning, all underpinned by a commitment to high expectations and student wellbeing. Our teaching staff is comprised of committed professionals who work hard to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for the students in their care. They are supported by a highly efficient ancillary team who are skilled and very approachable. We are indeed fortunate that the parents of our students also take their role as parents seriously and as a matter of course, ensure their children arrive at school each day in full uniform and work closely with their child’s teachers. As a Principal, I cannot ask for more!

2013 Higher School Certificate

Our reputation is further strengthened by the outstanding results achieved at the 2013 Higher School Certificate examinations and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2013, for their dedication to their studies and commitment to their school. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the achievements of the following students:

- Brenda Koum, Zarin Nuzhat, Dominic Dang Tin Tram Pham and Rekha Dhanaram.
• Brenda Koum received the highest ATAR of 99.30.

• Congratulations to Dominic Pham who has been recognised by the Society and Culture Association for his outstanding research and his results in that subject.

The school would like to congratulate the following students who achieved outstanding results across a range of subjects:

Nina Abangan, Sean Allington, Monica Bodas, Laura Hua, Mable Huynh, Nafeem Jalil, Emily Lam, Lachlan Lown, Joanne Ly, Lauren Pereira, Rayma Prabhakaran, Kim Yen Tran, Gino Truong, Akshay Vallikkatti, Maddison Wilkinson

And to the following students who achieved excellent results in particular subjects:

Danelle Desfosses (Visual Arts, English Studies), John Batziolas (English Studies), Sheilee Gopee (French Continuers), Aiden Kelly (Applied Mathematics), Ashley NAND

(Visual Arts), Jesse Peters (English Studies), Tarj Taller (English Studies), Maria Rauf (Visual Arts)

I would also like to thank the outgoing Captains and Vice Captains: Lauren Pereira, Sin Kyu (Tony) Cho, Alyssa Llorando and Dawit Berhe for their outstanding leadership during 2013.

Welcome to our New Staff
As with any new year, we have a number of changes to our staff as a result of promotions, transfers and retirements and I would like to welcome them to our school. Welcome to Mr William Matchett, who has joined us as Head Teacher Science, following the retirement of Mr Pollock. Thanks to Mrs Ferris and Mr Buckley who relieved in the Head Teacher position until Mr Matchett’s appointment on merit. Mr Matchett comes to us as an experienced Head Teacher and was previously HT Science at Westfields Sports HS. Welcome also to Ms Minh Thi Tran, who has replaced Mr Cardillo – Zallo in the CAPA faculty. Mr Cardillo – Zallo has been promoted to Head Teacher, CAPA at Moorebank HS and we wish him all the best. Ms Tran comes to us from Bankstown GHS and her speciality is string ensembles!

Other Staffing Matters
Mr Perrett is relieving Deputy Principal in the role formerly held by Mrs Hazzard. This position is currently in the process of being filled via the merit selection process. Ms Mazoudier has been appointed Head Teacher Welfare, on merit, at Menai HS. Her position as HT Welfare is currently being filled through merit selection and I should be in a position to announce the successful applicant soon. In the meantime, Mrs Judge is relieving HT Welfare. In the History Faculty, we have Ms Bell replacing Ms Mazoudier and Mrs Potts replacing Mr Sedrak until both of these positions are filled on a permanent basis. We also have Ms Somasi, replacing Mrs Ferris whilst she is taking maternity leave and Ms Raheja, who is covering the vacancy which has arisen as a result of Ms Clatworthy’s recent retirement. I am expecting this position will be filled in the next few weeks. In English, we have Ms Wano who is replacing Mrs Begg,
as a result of her promotion to Head Teacher English at James Meehan HS and Ms Ingale, who is replacing Mrs Grimes, who is on maternity leave, following the birth of her daughter this week. Mr O’Brien is replacing Ms Hughes who has moved to a position at another school and Ms Barnes is Year 7 Adviser. Mr Deakin will be in IA/Home Economics and Mr Luc will be in PDHPE.

**Parent Support for Students and the School**
Thank you to all our parents. Your ongoing support is demonstrated on a daily basis when you send your son or daughter to school ready to learn, in full uniform, including black, leather, lace-up school shoes, with all books and equipment. On the subject of shoes, I have included in this newsletter, an information sheet which outlines acceptable footwear and also gives examples of footwear that is unacceptable at school for safety reasons. Our students use laboratories, workshops, kitchens and art rooms and must, of necessity, have the correct footwear. These practical areas mirror those available in industry and the same work, health and safety requirements apply. If you have any questions about correct footwear in particular, or uniform in general, please contact Mr Tishler, DP or Mr Ralston, HT Industrial Arts.

**Parent Fees and Contributions**
Parents by now would have received information about the fees and contributions for 2014. Thank you to all those parents who have paid these already. I would ask that those families with outstanding fees please make an attempt to pay the amount outstanding or contact me to arrange a payment plan. Please remember that fees and other payments due can be paid in instalments throughout the year. Families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A would have received a generous Schoolkids Bonus from the Federal Government of $410 for this semester. This money is paid directly to families for school fees and costs associated with sending children to school, including uniform and shoes. Parents facing additional hardship beyond that, or indeed those facing financial hardship who do not qualify for Family Tax Benefit A, can apply for some of the very limited Student Assistance funding. A form is available from the front office.

**Please note:** if your child has chosen an elective course with fees and consumables, these fees **MUST** be paid.

**P&C at MFHS**
We have a small but committed P&C which meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. I would like to thank the P&C for their support over several years. The P&C relies heavily on the P&C contribution which most parents are happy to support because it goes to directly benefiting the students. For example, in recent years, the P&C have provided funds to purchase blinds and refurbish classrooms. The P&C also has direct input into the selection of staff via their representation on the merit selection panels. The P&C welcomes new members and on their behalf, I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to come along to the first meeting of the year to be held on **Monday 17 February at 7.30pm**. I hope to see you there!

*Mrs J Dolstra*
*Principal*

**The Wide World of Social Science 2014**
The Social Science Faculty had another very productive year in 2013. Our staff members contributed to both whole school and faculty development tasks which have enhanced many areas of our curriculum and the school culture. Our HSC results were good with those students who engaged in our programs of literacy development and achievement produced excellent results. In the HSC Society and Culture achieved 7 Band 6s and 7 Band 5s and we had once again had a 97 as the top result. This year it was Dominic Pham producing our best result. Yvonne Nguyen came second with a 96. Both students did their PIPs using elements of their own background cultures. I am very proud of this class as it consisted of a diverse range of students with varying abilities yet they all together achieved a
class average which was well above the state average.

Business Studies was exactly on the State average. Our top student was Jenny Ding, who achieved a Band 6. There were 7 additional students who achieved a Band 5 in this course. Business Studies is also our largest and most diverse subject. This year there will be three classes in Year 12. Business Services also achieved a very good result. This competency based subject managed to get two students in the Band 5 range and three students achieved a Band 4. Economics with Mr Morales and Mr Baker managed to achieve 3 Band 6s and seven other students received a band 5 a very respectable result yet again.

The Social Science Faculty 2014
This year the Social Science Faculty will consist of:

Mr Celestino: Mr C will be continuing his role as Relieving Head Teacher for the third year. He will be working on the new Society and Culture syllabus implementation and teaching both Year 11 and 12 classes. He will also have Year 7 and 8 Geography with an eye on revitalising the very interesting Global Geography courses in anticipation of the National Curriculum courses (ACARA) which should come in within the next two years.

In addition to these teaching duties Mr C will be leading the Future Teachers Club, the Environmental Club, the Engagement and Attainment Pillar Team, the Semester Awards and Celebration Day 2014. This will be a full-on and interesting year for us all.

During our school holidays Mr Celestino travelled to Sri Lanka with his children to enjoy the island’s climate, geography, history and culture as well as its food. We all loved the Rice and Curry and Hoppers!!

Mr Morales: Mr Morales is back teaching Years 11 and 12 Economics again. He will also be teaching Commerce, another of his many teaching loves, and helping Mr C with Year 7 Geography. Mr Morales has also become an excellent Ukulele player has built up quite a collection of these instruments. He also has worked tirelessly on our Moodle site and has added to and revitalised most of our subjects.

Miss Shakespeare: Miss Shakespeare is going into her fifth year with us at MFHS. She is teaching Business Studies, Geography and Psychology again this year with her own flair and excellence. Miss Shakespeare will also be working on LEAPS again this year for the third time. She is an excellent teacher and staff member and contributes much to our faculty.

Miss Barnes: Miss Barnes is back for her third year at MFHS. She is Year 7 Advisor and will be teaching Business Studies and Geography. She will also be helping with our Future Teachers’ group which will be greatly appreciated. Miss Barnes is an excellent and dedicated teacher who loves working in education and even participated in the FTC video last year.

Mr Baker: Mr Baker is a passionate teacher and member of the faculty. He has a great rapport with both staff and students and is totally engaged in the teaching craft. This year he will be teaching Economics and Geography. He has worked hard on the Social Justice Club and is engaged in many whole school initiatives. This year he will also help implement a new program on Human Rights.
Miss Wiecek: Miss Wiecek is back as our resident psychology expert. She will be teaching both Years 9 and 10 Psychology with the excellent new programs she devised last year. Miss Wiecek is also very interested in Gifted and Talented education and has also worked on the Business Services course, which achieved an excellent HSC result in 2013.

Miss Wilson: Miss Wilson is also back this year. She will be teaching her specialty Commerce to both Years 9 and 10. She will co-ordinate and program this subject and bring a lot of her great ideas to this subject. She will be here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays she will be taking Miss Wiecek’s classes.

Dominic Pham wins Society and Culture Award
In addition to the previously mentioned excellent HSC results, Dominic Pham will receive a Society and Society Association award for placing in the top ten PIPS (Personal Interest Project). This result adds yet another honour to our school. This is the third PIP award (one being an honourable mention) our students have received. Dominic gets his award for “Outstanding Research” and was one of 10 students who received High Distinctions for their PIPs. There were also 9 students who achieved a distinction level. This is the school’s second high level Society and Culture award in three years.

Dominic researched his own Vietnamese cultural background applying it to a topic which he could do extensive primary and secondary research. He had recently travelled back to Vietnam and was able to compare how cultural change impacts on people who migrate to a new country. Mr Celestino helped Dominic

Monkey Mum and baby at the Sigirya Rock Fortress in Central Sri Lanka. Travel, cultural education and lifelong learning are major aims of the Social Science faculty (Photo: Mr Celestino 2014).
define and choose this topic and guided him through the areas of the course and methodologies which could be applied to this topic. Mr Morales helped Dominic develop his topic and edited the final version of the PIP. This combination of efforts has yielded over 90 above average PIPs in the last three years.

Dominic will receive his medal and award officially at the State Library on Friday February 21st. An excerpt of this work will appear in the Journal of the Society and Culture Association, Culturescope, and a copy of this work will be kept in the State Library as part of their permanent collection. This is Macquarie Fields High’s second PIP to be included in this prestigious group. Our first was Angelina Dang’s excellent work in 2007.

The Future Teachers Club 2014
Our fantastic Future Teachers group will be off and running in just a few weeks. This is a very exciting time for us all. This year students will be able to teach at least one “micro-lesson”, attend one excursion activity to another school or university, participate in PBL lessons, peer tutoring, coaching sport and sit in on a guest speaker at least once during the year. We will also be running a “Teach Week” for the first time and a “Pop Up Classroom” at local shopping centres during Education Week 2014.

Our first talk in February will feature people from the teach.nsw section of the NSW Department of Education and Communities. They have already placed our video on their website via YouTube. The next talk will feature Ms Davidson from CAPA who will guide students who wish to know how to prepare a practical type micro-lesson for art, music, TAS and others.

Other Social Science Initiatives this Year
The Social Science Faculty will also run the Environmental Club which this year hopes to conduct some tree planting for National Tree Day in July and we will also participate in school clean up initiatives and some environmental awareness sessions. Year 8 will participate in a series of Human Rights sessions which have been deemed to begin this term, more on this later. Mr Baker will help organise this. He will also be involved in the Social Justice Club which has also been highly successful at our school in the past few years.

Miss Shakespeare will continue her involvement in LEAPS for the third year and will organise, collate and assist in this very worthwhile programme. Miss Barnes is the Year 7 Year Advisor and will be organising the Camp which will be on very shortly. She is also assisting with the Future Teachers.

This will be an exciting year.
**ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR**

**Excellent**
Black fully enclosed Leather school shoes

**Just Acceptable**
Black fully enclosed Leather (soles are too thin)

**Acceptable**
Black fully enclosed Suede leather

**NOT ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR**

**Not Acceptable**
Soft vinyl upper (imitation leather) provides little protection

**Not Acceptable**
No pronounced stripes, motifs, logos or colours

**Not Acceptable**
Canvas volleys, note: leather volleys are acceptable

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**Not Acceptable**
White trim and white laces

**Not Acceptable**
Mesh uppers, not black, sport PDHPE only

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Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

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- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
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- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Liz Tinney at the Benevolent Society on 46 333 722 or 0407 310 205
email: liz.tinney@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your local area. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Current as at 1 July 2013

- **NO STOPPING**
  - Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you **must NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
  - **Maximum Penalty**
    - $405
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **Penalty**
  - $169
  - + 2 Demerit Points

- **BUS ZONE**
  - Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.
  - **Penalty**
    - $304
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **DOUBLE PARKING**
  - You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
  - **Penalty**
    - $304
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone:** $304 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing):** $405 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area:** $169 + 2 Demerit Points

*Please Note:* fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.
SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2013

SCHOOL ZONE
8 AM - 9:30 AM
2:30 PM - 4 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

SPEEDING OFFENCES
School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

Maximum Penalty
$3,612
+ 7 Demerit Points

MOBILE PHONE USE
Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

Penalty
$405
+ 4 Demerit Points

CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty
$506
+ 4 Demerit Points

U-TURNS
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

Penalty
$405
+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit:
www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

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