Calendar Events

**Week 9**

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**Recipient’s of PBL Raffle Prize Draw**

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**

_Students absent from school_

Please note changes to School Attendance Policy and Procedures outlined in the Principals report. Where a student is absent from school, a note explaining the absence must be received by the school within 7 school days. Where a note is not received the absence will be recorded as unjustified. This cannot legally be changed should a note be received after 7 days. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports.

_The Cross Network Concert Band_
From the Principal

Farewell Year 12, 2015
It is time to say farewell to our Year 12 students and wish them all the best for their forthcoming HSC examinations and, of course, the world beyond the school. I would like to thank the Year 12 leadership team, Hamza Butt, Teressa Bernado, Amy Huynh and Dylan Scarborough for their dedication and commitment, their good humour and approachability. They have made an outstanding contribution to our school. I would also like to thank the Year Advisor, Mr Buckley and his able assistant, Mr Ali, for their support, care and concern for the students over an extended period. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the initial Year Advisor, Mrs Rebecca Ferris who worked with the cohort until her promotion to Head Teacher, Science at Elderslie HS. All three teachers have made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of our students and I thank them for their responsive approach.

Whilst formal classes finish for Year 12 with their graduation on September 16, students have the opportunity to seek advice from their teachers throughout the study vacation (the period immediately prior to the commencement of the examinations) and during the examination period. Extensive information has already been distributed to parents and students but if you require further details, please contact Mr Buckley. Whilst on school grounds, students MUST wear full school uniform. All students must follow the sign out procedures already provided and all outstanding school fees must be paid. If there are financial difficulties with regard to payment of fees, please contact the Principal. All discussions relating to private financial matters remain confidential.

Max Potential
Macquarie Fields HS participated for the first time in the Max Potential program, sponsored by Campbelltown Catholic Club. Participating students from Year 11 receive 22 weeks of personal leadership development, including coaching to ensure they maximise their potential. In addition, one member of our teaching staff, Mrs Maria Ninopoulos, was given the opportunity to train as a coach and will bring this training and experience to our school for the benefit of our school community. I would like to congratulate the students involved: Jackson Tallon, Dilki Senanayake and Jerard Tungcab for their commitment to the program and for their outstanding showcase displays which I, along with a wonderful support crew of staff and students, was able to view at the Campbelltown Catholic Club recently. I would also like to thank and congratulate Mrs Ninopoulos for her accreditation as a coach under this program and for her unwavering support of the students involved over an extended period. There is a further report and some photos of the showcase displays elsewhere in this newsletter. I will be watching with interest, the volunteers for next year’s program!

Cross Network Arts Program
Our school and its staff have been heavily involved in the Cross Network Arts Program, with students performing in the band and vocal ensemble, along with students from all over South Western Sydney. We also had strong involvement in the Visual Arts program, Battle of the Arts, with Mrs McDermott leading a workshop and co-curating the art exhibition. Whilst the full report is also further on in this newsletter, I would like to congratulate and formally thank the teachers for their commitment to the arts: Mrs Costa, Mrs Davidson, Mrs McDermott, Ms Tran, Miss Shakespeare. I would also like to congratulate all the students involved and I hope they continue their passion for excellence through performance and artist practice. Well done, all!

We are fast approaching the end of Term 3 and a very welcome break from the whirlwind of activities ever present at MFHS. We finish our term with our Year 12 Graduation on Wednesday 16 September, our annual Celebration Day on Thursday 17 and Year 12 complete their formal schooling with their picnic on the Friday. For all other students, this last Friday is a regular school day.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4 which commences on Tuesday 6 October.

Mrs J Dolstra
Principal
The Wide World of Social Science 2015

The 2014 HSC Results

It has been another very productive year for the Social Science staff. Last year’s HSC results were again exemplary in our subjects, thanks to the hard work of Miss Shakespeare, Miss Barnes, Mr Morales and Mr Baker. Business Studies achieved the most Band 6 results our school has ever received with 9 and Economics continues to be powerhouse subject for Social Science with 4 Band 6s. Society and Culture students all completed above state average PIPs (Personal Interest Projects) and all students achieved middle or upper Band results. We are hoping for even better results this year with six Year 12 classes.

The Faculty Evaluation

During the first half of 2015 the Social Science faculty went through the school’s Faculty Evaluation process and again received an excellent report from the committee involved in this process. All of the faculty were observed teaching and produced excellent and engaging lessons for the classes and observers involved, this class and teacher observation process is due. From this year, to be a compulsory assessment tool in the future of teacher and subject evaluation. The Social Science teachers were happy to be the first ones involved in this new process. Copies of this report are available to anyone who would like to read it and a summary will be included in next year’s Annual School Report.

The 2015 Faculty

This year the Social Science Faculty has been comprised of:

Mr Celestino

Mr Celestino continued as Head Teacher and has guided the staff through the changes which inherent into 21st century education. In 2017, there will be a completely new Geography syllabus from 7-10. This will mean many changes to our resources and curriculum, but it will be a challenge and it is hoped it will spark a new era in the study of Geography in NSW and Australia. This year Mr Celestino has taught Years 11 and 12 Society and Culture, Year 11 Geography, Year 9 Psychology and Geography. It has been exciting that senior Geography has made a return to our school. Year 11 have done a wonderful year of geographic study which has included the four earth “spheres”, population geography and natural resources- will they last? Social Science subjects are the ones we live with every day.

Mr Morales

Mr Morales has continued to be one of the most engaged and dynamic teachers in our school. He has been a whiz with the analysis and compilation of school and faculty data. He is also our technical adviser and has maintained, successfully, our collection of 32 I-pads which are still being used twice every lesson, every day! Mr Morales’ first love is Economics and for four years he has led the faculty through some of the best HSC results of any school, including a state placement. He is an exemplary teacher with a keen sense of whole school engagement.

Miss Shakespeare

The dynamic Miss Shakespeare has taken on multi-roles at MFHS. She is an exemplary Business Studies teacher and led our excellent results last year. She also ran the successful LEAPS program for several years and is now the SRC coordinator. And they have been doing some incredible things! Miss Shakespeare helped out greatly in the new Prefect and school captain selection process which has already been quite successful. She also runs the school Dance Ensemble and they have worked very hard this year. Miss Shakespeare was also involved in the recertification of our very popular Stage 5 Psychology course. This year Miss Shakespeare has been teaching Year 9 Psychology and Geography, Year 7 Geography and Years 11 and 12 Business Studies.

Miss Barnes

After doing a wonderful three years of temporary teaching at MFHS, Miss Barnes became a permanent member of our staff this year. It is well deserved. Miss Barnes is also the Year 8 Advisor and has done a wonderful job in that important welfare role as well. She has helped out with Celebration day committee work, Future Teachers Club and she is our faculty member on the committee looking at new uses of space around our school. This is a major commitment and has already been initiated by the History faculty. Miss Barnes has been teaching Year 11 and 12 Business Studies, Junior Geography, especially Year 10, and has done a wonderful job teaching one period a week of Year 11 Geography with Mr Celestino.

Mr Baker

The man with the infectious laugh! Mr Baker won a Director’s Award last year for his teaching practice and work within whole school initiatives. He is a great example of the future of the teaching profession. Mr Baker has been involved in the PBL program and has
been instrumental in the creation of lessons and activities related to this vital program. He has also led the High Resolves program in Year 8. This has also been a great addition to our school programs. Mr Baker currently teaches Year 11 Economics, Year 9 Geography and Year 7 Geography. He is a passionate teacher and contributes much to our school.

Ms Wiecek
Ms Wiecek is currently on Maternity Leave until next year. She teaches Business Studies, Economics and Junior Geography. However, she has made a wonderful contribution to our school with her work in Stage 5 Psychology. She initiated this program and has seen it develop into one of the school’s most unique and popular courses. Ms Wiecek is a diligent and committed teacher with a strong desire to produce lessons and assessments tasks which challenge and extend our students. We wish her well in her time off.

Miss Wilson
Miss Wilson is at MFHS on Wednesdays and Fridays. She has made a great contribution to the school both in Social Science and in whole school activities. She has worked in Work Experience, Transition, Tax File Number allocation and in teaching Year 8 Geography and Year 11 Business Studies. She is a great organiser and gets things done!

Future Teachers Club: Update!
The FTC, led by Mr C, through the Social Science staff, has now entered its third year. It currently has about 200 members who have been offered various activities to become involved in. These have included the trip to Yanco Ag HS, Senior Technology classes in Ingleburn, the Innovation Tour, Sydney University lecture, Teach Week 2015 and the Pop-Up classroom at the Macarthur Square. This amazing initiative has allowed student to see the other side of education and to try their hand in organising and presenting lessons and educational activities. This initiative has received acclaim from the DEC, Australian Teacher Journal and internationally as well! Teach Week this year involved more than 10% of the entire school.

More activities, including a second Teach Week and school visits are planned for next term. New members may join at the end of the year.

Mr Celestino has Long Service Leave in Bali
In August Mr Celestino and two of his children, Sam and Mia, went to Bali. It was Mr Celestino’s first trip back to Indonesia since 2001. The trip was delightful, even with Mt Raung in Java closing the airport for four days. The Celestino’s explored every part of this wonderful island and saw most of its important cultural wonders. Bali is a Hindu island in the middle of the world’s largest Islamic nation. Mr Celestino’s
first trip there was in 1975 when there were hardly any paved roads and most of the island had no electricity. He has been there over 30 times since and it was great to be back. “It has hardly changed”, said Mr Celestino.

“Thanks to Mr Morales who filled in as Head Teacher and did a wonderful job while I was on holidays!”

Mia and Sam Celestino inside a Balinese Hindu temple in Central Bali. You must wear a sarong to enter the temple

A young sacred monkey at the Ubud Monkey Forest

The Royal Tombs - Gunung Kawi - A World Heritage Site - photos by Mr Celestino

Beautiful and functional rice terraces in Central Bali near Ubud

High Resolves
The second session of High Resolves, which focused on Justice, took place on Tuesday in Week 7. All of Year 8 participated in the program plus 50 volunteers from Year 9 who acted as outstanding mentors. Through interactive group activities and discussion, students learnt to see the world without the bias of self-interest, recognise situations that are unjust and consider strategies to achieve fairer outcomes for all.

One of the activities known as “Passport”, involved students being randomly allocated an identity and experiencing first hand some of the injustices faced by others in the world. Students also examined
whether justice is always the same as equality through “A Fair Divide”. In this activity, students discussed who should receive a greater share of $100: A male or female? A sick or healthy person? An employed or unemployed person? This prompted interesting discussion between the students.

The High Resolves facilitators commented several times how impressed they were by our students, the quality of their responses and the overall culture of the school. This is the second year the school has run the program which has been met with a positive response from the students.

Mr Baker

Social Science students recently participate in Teach Week by hosting a class at Macarthur Square

Business Studies students Amina Daoud, Ashley Donovan and Amanda Obeido joined Miss Barnes in teaching shoppers about loyalty card programs. The students created six profiles of different shoppers and then had other students and shoppers match the profiles to a variety of loyalty cards. Amanda, Ashley and Amina also handed out a pamphlet to shoppers providing them with information loyalty cards, for example, did you know that loyalty cards are mainly used to provide businesses with customer’s personal information so they can better monitor marketing to them? Or that Myer increases their daily sales every time they offer Myer club members with a discount? Our students taught shoppers this information, and more, in a consumer awareness lesson. The three students involved did a fantastic job of talking to shoppers and other students. Their hard work and mature attitude was representative of the efforts our students put into all their senior studies. Well done!
Psychology
In our Year 9 Psychology class run by our amazing teacher Miss Shakespeare! We learn about many things about the psychology field of study. At the start of the course you start to learn about important people in Psychology which is really interesting to learn about and what these people found out while studying and what they gave to the field. One of the best topics in Psychology is the eight intelligences not only do you learn about them and what they meant, you can do fun activities to find out what yours is. Throughout the year you will find out what Psychology is all about and have fun learning about it. For the past few weeks we have been doing Forensics. This field of study includes things like criminal profiling, fingerprinting and criminal backgrounds. Our Psychology class, 9Y has been supported by Miss Zaman, a university practicum student here at our school for practicum. She was a very interesting teacher that was always had a story to tell and was always happy. All in all, our class is heaps of fun and we encourage all year 8S to choose this as an elective. It is worth it and you learn valuable things!

By Ryan Hart & Emily Diaconu 😊

Year 11 MAX Potential students and program
On Wednesday 19 August three of our young adults Dilki Senanayake, Jerard Tungcab and Jackson Tallon in Year 11 were involved in their own showcase at Campbelltown Catholic club. The MAX potential program involved students contributing in a community based project with the guidance of a life coach, a creative expression and goal setting throughout the last 6 months. I am so proud of the achievements of our students. They conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism and integrity. Dilki was the young adult that I was coaching over the 6 months. I am so proud of how far she has come and how much ownership she has taken in achieving her goals! If there are any staff interested in being part of this amazing program next year, don’t hesitate to ask me any questions. It is a very rewarding and fulfilling program that can assist you in your teaching profession and in life in general.

Maria Ninopoulos
Head Teacher PDHPE
Creative and Performing Arts

Students and staff of the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty have had a very exciting Term 3. Our Vocal Ensemble performed as a part of the Expanding Horizons Programme in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. This program is a cultural exchange between NSW Public Schools and schools in China. Our students were a part of a 700 voice choir that performed alongside student orchestras, bands and dance ensembles from NSW and China. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our students to create some amazing music as well as watch elite performers. Our students even had the opportunity to perform a new choral work commissioned for the event under the direction of the composer.

Our staff and students were also involved in the inaugural Cross Network Arts Project. This was a multi discipline arts project which involved schools from the Bankstown, Liverpool and Campbelltown Networks of Schools. The project culminated with a concert and art exhibition held at Bankstown Sports Club. Students from our Vocal Ensemble and Concert Band performed as members of combined schools ensembles and a number of our students exhibited work in a combined schools art exhibition. Through their involvement in this project students were able to develop and showcase their skills. The evening was a great success with fantastic performances from both the Concert Band and the Vocal Ensembles, especially our soloists Lizzy Watson and Rosemary Bastian. Our students’ artworks looked fabulous alongside works from a range of schools.

A big congratulations to all the students who have been involved in these projects as well as staff who facilitated the projects, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Costa, Ms Tran, Ms Shakespeare and Mrs Davidson.

Students who attended are:
Aarushi Sharda, Kevin D’Souza, Lanaya Viswanathan, Mark Amos, Monisitha Chowdhury, Nathaniel Tran, Nina Harb, Resshma Kunjaboo, Sruthi Dilip, Nafisa Yashfee, Pooja Kudra, Rosemary Bastian, Amisha Lamba, Benita Roy, Isabela Rabling, Karen D'Souza, Lizzie Watson,
Class of the Term – 10G PDHPE & Geography

Our Teacher, Mrs Ninopoulos recognised our class due to our co-operation with each other. In both our practical and theory lessons, our class has shown enthusiasm when it came to learning the skills and content she taught us. Out on the oval, every student has a go and attempts to do everything to the best of their ability. In the classroom, we undergo many interactive and engaging knowledge based activities, and participate in lots of class discussions. Most importantly we weren’t recognised because we were the most athletic or the brightest class, but because we helped out one another when needed. We all engaged in discussions and everyone had a say. We all have growth mindset, where we want to learn more and embrace challenges. We all put effort into whatever it is we do and learn from the feedback received from our peers.

Our class, the G class of Year 10 PDHPE, was awarded the Class of the Term award along with the G class of Year 10 Geography. We received an amazing catered lunch which we all enjoyed with Mr Perrett, Mrs Dolstra, Mrs Ninopoulos and Miss Barnes.

Shaptarshee Bhuiyan

10G Geography was nominated for Class of the Term award by Miss Barnes due to our growth mindset throughout the Term and how the class was always striving to look at a topic in more depth. During debates, even though it was only a class activity, every single person in the class gave it their all and no matter who won, we still stayed united and supported one another. During class discussions, everyone participated and weren’t afraid to speak their mind and ask questions. Classmates were encouraged to learn from one another. 10G Geography may or may not have received Class of the Term award for academics but definitely did for attitude. On behalf of 10G Geography and PDHPE, we would like to give a very big thank you to Mr Perrett, Mrs Dolstra, Mrs Ninopoulos and Miss Barnes for congratulating us with a wonderful lunch for being nominated as Class of the Term.

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10G enjoying their well deserved lunch
Congratulations Year 12 2015

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