Student Success

Congratulations to Year 11 student Jacqueline Smith who has been selected into the 2015 Indoor Netball NSW Under 16 Ladies Squad. Jacqueline will compete in the Netball Federation of Australia Junior Nationals Competition in South Australia in December.

Year 12 student, Jack Walker has been honoured with a NSW Combined High Schools Sporting Association Blue for outstanding achievement in the sport of Lawn Bowls. Jack has been bowling at this high level for some years and will be presented with his award in December at a prestigious Awards Ceremony held at Australia Technology Park.

Year 12 2015 students Ryan Batten, Mitchell Gapper, James Hinton and Thomas Stellar have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in InTech 2016, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by 2015 HSC Industrial Technology students. The exhibition of successful works will take place next year as well as potentially having their work displayed at the Powerhouse Museum. Congratulations to each boy and to their teachers for the many hours of extra hard work they put in to producing their major works.

2015 Year 12 student Chloe Elbaz, has had her major work “Sleeping Through Art History” nominated for consideration for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2016. If successful, Chloe’s art will be on display around the country next year as part of a travelling exhibition that showcases the best of the 2015 HSC art works.

Congratulations also to Holly Palmes who after attending the Constitutional Convention at our State Parliament this week has been chosen as the NSW representative to attend the National Convention in Canberra next March. The National Schools Constitutional Convention provides an opportunity for students in Years 11 and 12 to explore contemporary constitutional issues. It also encourages students to become better informed about the Australian system of government and how the Australian Constitution provides the framework for our democracy as well as encouraging them to take an active interest in the traditions, processes and practices of government. We are sure Holly will fit perfectly well into this environment and do us proud.
Fees and Financial Planning for 2016
While it seems a strange time of the year to be planning the budgets for 2016, that is exactly where we are at in terms of working out what we need to run the school so that we deliver the quality of service that our community has come to expect from us. Each year the school gets a certain amount of money from the DEC for ‘operational’ purposes but inevitably that does not cover all costs associated with every aspect of running the school. This is why receiving fees from parents is vital to our existence. Without them we would not be able to offer all of the wonderful practical subjects such as Art, Woodwork, Computing, Music etc., as we would not have funds to purchase and maintain the resources necessary.

There has always been the published expectation that when a student chooses to study an elective practical subject, that the fees will be paid by the family to support the delivery of that subject. Occasionally families cannot pay all fees and approaching the school to explain the circumstances usually results in a positive outcome for everyone. However, there is still too high a level of non-payment of practical subject fees across the school and this is unsustainable. This is evident from the current financial planning we are conducting right now.

After consultation with the P&C and School Council, as of 2016 any student who is participating in a practical subject and who has not paid their fees by the end of Term 1 will not be permitted to participate in the practical component. That is, they will be given theory work instead of for example, cooking or painting or using the wood or metal products to make projects.

This is obviously an undesirable position but it is an avoidable response to the school having to direct funds to supporting these students at the expense of other things around the school. If you have an issue with being able to pay fees then I ask that you contact us as soon as possible to discuss what we can do together.

End of the 2015 HSC
Our Year 12 students are now relaxing after an arduous 4 week exam period. Some are probably partying hard and having fun, which of course they deserve to do. Their formal will be held on Friday 13th at the Novotel at Norwest where we hope they can come together for one last time as a year group and share in the excitement that is post-high school days. Their results will be released by the Board of Studies on Wednesday 16th of December and we expect to see a few of them up here at the school sharing their successes. In the meantime, we hope each of them are remembering that the HSC is not the be all and end all of everything and that it does not define you as a person. Life has so much more to offer and we hope their minds are open to all possibilities. Good luck everyone.

Christina Bennet
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR GRADY

Reflecting on 2015
This year I have had the privilege to oversee so many exciting events and to watch so many students develop into fine young adults.

Throughout the year, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 7, Year 11 and Year 9 camps. These are opportunities for the students to push their boundaries with friendship groups, working with an array of peers, physical challenges and in some cases, a lack of sleep. Although ending up rather dirty and wet, the mud activities are always popular and the leap of faith always proves to be one of the greatest challenges students face. Many students have now learnt that looking downwards from a 10 metre platform is a far different perspective than looking upwards from the ground.

I would like to thank all of the students and staff for their time and effort in these experiences and for providing such a wonderful experience. Particular thanks go to Mrs Lumley, Mrs Varghese, Mrs Parker, Ms Letherbarrow and Mr Puleo.

Our Year 7 students have had a great year, learning about high school and transitioning quickly from their Primary school setting. I have particularly enjoyed working with 7B through several extension activities including Project Based learning for The International Year of Light and Light Based Technologies. Students experienced a multimedia presentation, group work and discussions about laser technology.

Year 9 settled into their Stage 5 courses quickly, particularly engrossed in the elective courses they chose. Year 11 students have now moved into their HSC courses as the practice run (Preliminary) is now behind them.

Throughout the assemblies in 2015, I have spoken to the Year 7, 9 and 11 cohort on matters including:
• Personal Best
• Representing yourself, your family and your school
• Responsibility
• Quality Learning, Values and Culture
• Racism and Discrimination
• MFHS as a community

I trust that students have been able to reflect on these talks and understand how they play a vital role in both the functioning and future perceptions of this wonderful school.

Upcoming Events
Please keep a close eye on the school calendar, as Term 4 is traditionally very busy. Key events include the Year 11 In Focus Evening, Recognition Assemblies and Presentation Evenings. Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic 2015.

Have a wonderful week,

Mark Grady
Deputy Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MS PLEDGER

BYOD Policy

Just a reminder about our BYOD policy. If students are bringing a laptop or tablet to school for use within the classroom, they must have returned their BYOD User Agreement Document to school. Students who continue to bring their device to school without having completed this document will NOT be allowed to use their device in class.

As part of the Department of Education’s (DoE) Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free. Students can use the following link to access this software and any other DoE software: https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore>Welcome.aspx

Keeping up with changes to software can be a challenge at times. If you choose to become an early adopter of the latest release of MS Office, look at Microsoft’s great range of quick start guides that were recently published. There is a separate guide for each of the modules of Office 2016. Search for ‘Office 2016 Quick Start Guides’ in Google to find these guides.

Year 10 Students

At the moment I have a number of students on waiting lists for spaces in classes for Year 11. I am also aware that there will be some students who will not be attending Model Farms next year but parents have not let us know this formally yet. As soon as you are aware that your student will be departing Model Farms please let us know. We are doing our best to give each student the pattern of study they want. The spaces generated by departing students may give other students the Christmas curriculum present they were really after.

The HSC: All My Own Work program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies. The program has been developed as part of the NSW Government’s Respect and Responsibility strategy and complements other approaches such as brochures for teachers, students and parents and strengthened student and teacher declarations for the HSC.

All My Own Work program is integrated with other NSW syllabuses and programs. The program is designed to be delivered flexibly as self-paced learning modules. The program’s content is divided into five modules:

1. Scholarship Principles and Practices
2. Acknowledging Sources
3. Plagiarism
4. Copyright
5. Working with others

Each module contains:
- Information and advice on the module focus questions
- Quiz questions
- Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Link to a glossary
- Links to relevant websites.
Students will start work on completing this compulsory unit next week during their scheduled Maths lessons over the next few weeks. All students MUST have this program completed before Year 11 studies are commenced.

**Pre-loved Uniforms**

If you have any preloved sports shirt or shorts please have your student drop them into my office. It is surprising how many kids tear their pants, get mud on shirts etc and need a quick change of clothes. We also have other families that are really struggling financially at the moment. While we do our best to use the small amount of Student Assistance money allocated to us uniforms are a significant expense. Thanks in advance for your donations.

Have a good week,

Jennifer Pledger  
Deputy Principal

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**Vaccination News**

Vaccinations will be taking place again on **Friday, 20 November** for **Year 7**.

Continuation of the program;
- 3rd dose HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine)  
- and Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Year 7 students who missed dose 2 or 3 HPV in 2015 will be offered this vaccine **ONLY in Year 8 2016** to complete the course.

It is important that students are at school on the day.

Any questions please direct to either Mrs Leghorn or Mr Puleo.
TERM 4

WEEK 7

Monday 16th November .. .. Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement
                     In Focus Yr 11 7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday 17th November .. .. Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement
Wednesday 18th November .. .. Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement
                     Yr 11 PDHPE Sports Med Assessment
Thursday 19th November .. .. Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement
                     Yr 10 Peer Support Training
                     TLC Community Event 4:00-5:30pm
                     Yr 11 Exploring Early Childhood Assessment
                     Task due
Friday 20th November .. .. Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement
                     Yr 10 Peer Support Training
                     Yr 7 Vaccinations
                     The Helmsman Project
                     TLC Community Event 4:00-9:00pm
                     Yr 10 LOTE Excursion
                     Yr 12 Food Technology Nutrition Assessment
                     Task 1 due
Saturday 21st November .. .. TLC Community Event 12:30-9:00pm

WEEK 8

Monday 23rd November .. .. Yr 11 Chemistry Excursion to UWS
                     Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement
Tuesday 24th November .. .. Yr 8 Gifted and Talented Science Day at UWS
                     Elective Music Day Yrs 9, 10 and 11
Wednesday 25th November .. .. Science Excursion to Sydney University
                     Yr 11 Ancient History HSC Assessment 1
                     Yr 7LG and 7LO French Test
Thursday 26th November .. .. High Resolves Leadership Summit
                     Yr 11 Senior Science (HSC) Lifestyles Chemistry
                     Assessment Task
                     Yr 11 Chemistry Skills Assessment Task 1
                     Yr 7LE French Test
Friday 27th November .. .. Financial Rollover
                     The Helmsman Project
                     Yr 10 Geography Pyrmont Excursion
                     11SAC Task 1 Research Methods
                     Yr 11 Modern History HSC Assessment 1
                     HSC IPT Multimedia Assessment
                     National Young Leaders Day
Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

Year 7
Ela Gregson
Julie Han
Erin Milostnik
Sarah Pasfield

Year 8
Brooke Blackshaw

Year 9
Georgia Grant

This Week’s News
Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all completed their Yearly Exams. Their teachers are now busily writing the reports for these years.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 still have several more topics to study in order to satisfy their completion of their courses. It is still very important that all students continue to focus on their studies and that they realise that what they are doing is also important preparatory work for next year.

Year 11 First HSC Assessment Task:
Year 11 will be completing their first HSC Mathematics Assessment Task in Week 9 of this term, which is now less than three weeks away. Year 11 students should be regularly revising their notes and preparing for these important Assessment tasks in their home study time.

Calculators:
Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-82AU is sold at the uniform shop for $35. Different brands of scientific calculators work differently and it is important that everyone in a class has the same calculator. Students need this calculator from Year 7. It is vital for their progress that students are familiar with their calculator and know how to use the different functions.

Free Maths Tuition:
Free Maths tuition is provided every Thursday afternoon after school from 3pm to 4pm. Years 7 to 10 are in room 8-07 and Years 11 and 12 in 8-06. It is fully supervised by the Mathematics Faculty.

Have a Mathematical week,
From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff
France Tour 2016

It won’t be long now before Model Farms takes on London, Nice and Paris! Leaving on 4 January 2016 for two weeks, touring these magnificent cities, using our French Language skills!

Reminder to the signed-up travellers and parents – Our last meeting is scheduled for 7 December 2015, 5pm in 509. Important documentation will be dispersed (your tickets, travel insurance and travel compendium).

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Mrs Leghorn
UNIFORM SHOP

Trading Days and Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8.10 am until 9.00 am

Payment Options
Cash - Eftpos - Visa - Mastercard

PRICE INCREASE

Due to rising costs, a small increase in some uniform prices is necessary beginning Term 4.

Please see new Price List following

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please note that CHEQUES are NOT accepted as a form of payment for purchases from the Uniform Shop.

Acceptable payment options are:
Cash - Eftpos - Visa - Mastercard

If paying by Credit Card via your child please use the form below to record all relevant details and send with your child to the Uniform Shop.

Model Farms High School
UNIFORM SHOP  Payment Slip

☐ Paying by Credit Card – please PRINT CLEARLY, place in envelope and return to Uniform Shop

Student ___________________________________________________________ AMOUNT $ .

Class _______ Payment for ____________________________________________

Please debit my □ Mastercard □ Visa Expiry Date _______/ _______ CCV____

Credit Card

Name on card ____________________________________________________________

Signature _____________________________________________________________ Date ______________________

Contact number _____________________________________________________
CREDIT CARDS CANNOT BE USED FOR PAYMENTS LESS THAN $20.00

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

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2015/2016 - Prices subject to change without notice – includes 10% GST
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YEAR 10

A reminder to purchase your SENIOR UNIFORM soon and not leave it to the last moment.

If your Junior uniform is in good condition, please consider donating it to the Uniform Shop. All donations are appreciated and help many students.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING DAYS

Please note the IMPORTANT dates below

~~~ 2015  ~~~

SATURDAY  -  28 November
Open   9.00 am – 2.00 pm

FRIDAY   -  4 December
Last Day of Trading

~~~ 2016  ~~~

SATURDAY  -  16 January
Open   9.00 am – 2.00 pm

MONDAY   -  1 February
Shop Re-Opens  8.10 am – 9.00 am

The Uniform Shop will NOT be open on the first days of school 2016
Please ensure you have all your uniform requirements by 16 January
Given the resounding success of this program in 2015, Model Farms HS is continuing its Community Mentoring Program in 2016 and we are seeking expressions of interest from members of the community who are interested in sharing their wisdom and knowledge with a Year 11 student.

The program is aimed at assisting select year 11 students gain valued knowledge and skills relating to their career of interest, goal setting and discussing strategies which can help to achieve these.

There will be monthly sessions, from 8am – 9am, at Model Farms HS.

The community’s help is needed in order to make this program a success.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the program and give something back to your local community please contact Boshko Maksimovic by December 7th, 2015:

Email: boshko.maksimovic@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 9624 3133
Fax: 9838 8407

Many thanks,

Boshko Maksimovic
Head Teacher Special Education
Computer Problems?

Networking
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Computer running sluggish
Virus / malware removal

For a free no obligation quote
Rob: 0418-282-157
E-mail: robertradovanovic@gmail.com
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
This is a three-hour interactive seminar on how to effectively communicate and set boundaries with your teenager.

Parents of teenagers will learn:
- to feel more confident in raising teenage children
- about normal adolescent development
- skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

Tuesday 1 December
6.00pm – 9.00pm
Cost: $25 / $15 concession
Venue: Interrelate Bella Vista
Address: Suite 423, Level 4,
14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista

Bookings Essential – Phone 8882 7850