FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Success

Congratulations to Dylan Wright who has been in SA competing at the Pacific School Games in the NSW Combined High School’s baseball team. The NSW team won the Gold Medal defeating Victoria 8-2. Dylan also received a Most Valuable Player medal when NSW played and defeated Victoria in the last of the pool games. Dylan’s pitching and team backup managed to keep Victoria scoreless in this game. Up until that stage Victoria were undefeated. The MVP award was awarded to Dylan from the Victorian Coach. This win allowed NSW to go into 1st place leading into the semifinal rounds.

Congratulations also to Lara Azzopardi who has been formally selected as a member of the official National Women’s U18 Ice Hockey Team that will participate in the IIHF World Qualifications Championship being hosted in Austria in January. Lara will play a Round Robin series against Poland, Italy and Great Britain with a crossover final game played to determine official seeding of the teams for the event. This is the first time the U18 Women’s Hockey team has participated so Lara deserves to be exceptionally proud of her achievement as we are of her.
Congratulations also to some amazing students who were recently recognised by being awarded with a Hills School Excellence Shine Award. The students were nominated in several categories and were presented with their awards at Castle Hill RSL. Samantha Lee-Shipley was the overall winner in the Music & Arts category, being considered to be the best student in the Hills in that category.

Wazir Ali was also finalist in the same category while Abbey Sim was a finalist in the Academic category; Matthew McVey, a finalist in the Sport category; Corrine Kennedy and Daniel Cabrera were finalists in the Citizenship category. Congratulations to each student on their wonderful achievements.

Orientation Day
Last Thursday we welcomed over 200 Year 6 students to our Orientation Day where they enjoyed having a tour of the school, a scavenger hunt, some lessons and an all-important sausage sizzle and can of drink on the front lawn. This is a very large year group for 2016 and especially large after last year’s smaller number of only 165. However, we are as ready for over 200 as we were for 165 and it was great to see the excitement on each of their faces, hear them having fun and see them look with wonder at what ‘big school’ looks like. I saw some Year 6 students hug each other when they arrived at the school and then saw some mums hug as they greeted each other outside the hall. This was really pleasing to see as hopefully it means that our future students and parents are already feeling comfortable with their new surroundings. I wish every Year 6 student a happy holiday and an exciting wait for January 28th.

Staff Farewells
It is always sad when staff leave the school but we take comfort in knowing that they leave for very good reasons. As 2015 comes to a close, we farewell some teachers who have been with us for a long time. Mr Vince up in Industrial Arts leaves to enjoy his retirement. He has been at the Farms since the mid-90s and in that time, has worked tirelessly with students to help them develop their skills and produce some fabulous pieces of woodwork. He is known for the many hours he devotes to his senior students when they are preparing their major work for the HSC Timber course and over the years they have achieved many top marks with his help.

Mr Montgomery has also been a feature of the school for a long time, having been a student here before becoming a Drama and English teacher. He was taught by some of the staff who are still here and has many fond memories of his own learning in the same classrooms in which he now teaches. He has done an amazing job at growing the Drama department and staging some fabulous performances over the years. He is off to Balgowlah Boys High School on the sunny Northern Beaches.

Ms Miller has been with us for 8 years in the PDHPE faculty. She has always been an extremely active member of staff having been Sports Coordinator for 4 years and for the last 2 years, has been relieving Head Teacher Admin where she has really enhanced our staff administration procedures. She has used the skills and experiences from these roles to secure a promotion to HT Admin at Northmead High School where we know she will be just fabulous.

We will miss each and every one of them but wish them all the very best for their futures.

Christina Bennet
Principal
2015

It is the time of year that we can all take an opportunity to reflect on the previous twelve months achievements and move forward into the festive season with a feeling of satisfaction and pride. Parents of students who have recently completed their Year 12 studies will especially understand this.

At the conclusion of the year, most of our students will enjoy a well deserved, lengthy vacation and will return to Model Farms High School in 2016 ready to begin life as a student in a higher grade. They will notice that their study requires greater application and self motivation than previous years, though it can be rewarding in many ways. Time management will need to become a high order skill, as will the ability to manage competing priorities, including social commitments. This is all a part of the pathway to adulthood in learning to balance your life.

For some of our students in Year 10 and a few across other years, Wednesday Week 11 will signal the final day of their schooling at Model Farms High School. I would like to wish all of these students my best wishes for their future endeavours. I also hope that they appreciate what has been learnt at Model Farms and their experiences foster a recognition that learning has not ended. There is still a great deal to learn in life in terms of specific work related skills, communication, technology usage and inter personnel skills and the learning journey has only just begun.

Looking Forward

On Thursday 3 December, Model Farms High School welcomed the current Year 6 cohort to our school for their customary Orientation Day. It was wonderful to see so many excited young faces, eager to learn about life at The Farms, experiencing an array of activities throughout the day. We look forward to officially welcoming the group in 2016.

To all Model Farms students, staff and parents, I wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working with you in 2016.

Have a wonderful week,

Mark Grady
Deputy Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MS PLEDGER

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the students who will receive awards at our upcoming Recognition and Presentation Assemblies. To these students keep up the hard work and dedication and you will be justly rewarded in the future.

To those students who didn’t receive an award, it is time to reflect on the past year and ask yourself:

1. **Are you working as hard as you can?** If yes - great, fantastic! – that’s all anyone can ask is for your personal best. You will be rewarded down the track for your hard work, maybe not tomorrow but I can assure you that they are always rewarded, maybe not immediately but sometime in the future.

   If not, what do you need to do in 2016 to turn things around? I am always saying to students who are struggling in different areas “don’t let it be your attitude that closes doors of future options and opportunities”.

2. **Are you involved in extra curricula activities at school?** If not get involved - involvement in these activities can open doors to future careers and opportunities that you have never considered.

3. **Are you always completing all of your class work and homework?** If not, this is a great place to start.

### 2016 and Returning to School

**28 January** - Years 7, 11 and 12  
**29 January** - Years 8, 9 and 10.

**Uniform shop**

**2015**  
Last day of trading 4th December

**2016**  
Open on the 16th January between 9am and 2pm  
Reopens on the 1st February

All new senior students MUST have purchased their uniforms prior to the beginning of the year, the last day for purchases is on the 16th January, 2016.

### Last words for 2015

Thanks to all the staff at Model Farms for their hard work and dedication during 2015. To everyone best wishes for the festive season and have a wonderful relaxing holiday.

Have a good week,

Jennifer Pledger  
Deputy Principal
TERM 4

**Week 10**

Monday 7th December  
HSC Drama Assessment 1 – Performance Essay  
Yr 11SLR Coaching Assessment Task

Tuesday 8th December  
Yr 11 PDHPE Sports Med Excursion  
Yrs 7 & 9 Recognition Assembly Periods 5 & 6  
Yrs 8 and 10 Recognition Assembly

Wednesday 9th December  
Yr 8 Forensic Science Workshop “A Case of Identity”  
Presentation Night  
Young Womens’ Leadership Presentation afternoon  
Yr 11 Physics Assessment Skills/Theory Test  
Yr 11 English Extension 1 Viewing & Representing Assessment

Thursday 10th December  

Friday 11th December  
The Helmsman Project  
Yr 11 Hospitality & Food Tech Incursion p3&4

**WEEK 11**

Monday 14th December  
Surf Education Excursion  
Yr 10 Drama Performance “End Scene”

Tuesday 15th December  
Support Taronga Zoo  
Extension History Macquarie Library

Wednesday 16th December  
Students Last Day of Term 4

Thursday 17th December  
Staff Development Day

Friday 18th December  
Staff Development Day
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 ____________________________________________________________
Class _______ Payment for ____________________________________________

Please debit my □ Mastercard □ Visa Expiry Date ______/_______ CCV____
Credit Card ____________________________ __________________________

Name on card _________________________________________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date ______________
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CREDIT CARDS CANNOT BE USED FOR PAYMENTS LESS THAN $20.00
# Model Farms High School

## Uniform Price List

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8.10 am until 9.00 am

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

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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
Drama at The Farms

Year 10 Drama students presented their monologues for their final assessment this term. It was a challenging task to engage an audience and demonstrate performance skills as a solo performer, but Year 10 gave it their best shot. So much so that we have been working on staging one more production to see the year out. Presented on Monday 14th December at 6pm, End Scene is a collaborative production where audiences will be engaged by segments of Year 10’s monologues, with the audience traveling around the school to various locations under guidance of our Year 10 student performers. It is sure to be an entertaining and memorable evening of theatre for friends and family. Well done on a tremendous year and all the best for those tackling senior Drama in 2016.

Also, both Senior Company and Junior Drama Ensemble auditions are this week Monday 7th-Tuesday 8th December. Best of luck to all those students auditioning.

Year 11 Drama students embarked on their first term of HSC Drama study, presenting an array of performance workshops, with little preparation, a lot of effort and some outstanding progress. Their first assessment is this week and we wish them the best of luck as they demonstrate their understanding of Contemporary Australian Theatre. They have also presented evidence of their focus toward developing their Individual Projects in Design and Performance. With greater focus on getting these projects off the ground our students are sure to rise to the challenge of the HSC next year. Best of luck to our future stars!

A reminder to our HSC students to pay for Onstage and for ATYP The Voices Project as soon as you can!

Senior Girls’ Uniform Update

We know the Year 10 girls are very excited about their new white shirts. A sample has been received and modelled by one of our students. The white shirt looks fantastic with our grey skirt, grey pants and blazer.

We are just getting minor adjustments made to the embroidery and length of the shirt. We are not expecting them to be in stock in the uniform shop until the end of term 1. Please ensure you have adequate lemon shirts to get you through first term. We will keep you advised of expected arrival dates when we have further information from our supplier.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, as we’d rather have the shirt looking as we desire it from the first order.

Belinda Schuster
MFHS P&C President
End Scene
Year 10 present a series of monologues reflecting the state of our world.

Psst...It's Monty's last production at The Farms!

Monday 14th December 2015/ Commences @ 6pm / Model Farms High School, Bus Bay.
FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

Year 7                      Year 10
Tara Ghosh                Ezra Teh

We have almost reached the end of another busy year. Students are reminded that the work they are currently doing in their Mathematics classes is important preparation for their studies in 2016.

Ideas for Christmas Stocking Fillers:

School stationery and equipment can make really practical stocking fillers. Examples are: the Casio fx-82AU PLUS II calculator, good quality geometry sets (can cost up to $14 at Big W, Office Works or at newsagents) or items as simple as pens and pencils, rulers, textas and colouring pencils.

Calculators:
Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-82AU PLUS II is sold at the uniform shop for $35. 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.

Fun with Maths at Christmas
We would like to wish all of our students and their families a very happy and safe holiday. Don’t forget to look for the mathematics in the ‘real world’ situations that you are engaging in as a family:

- Travel times, petrol usage and distances for trips in the car.
- Time differences if you are travelling across time zones.
- Estimating how much wrapping paper that you will need to wrap different sized presents (and how much sticky tape you will need!).
- Calculating how much your Christmas cards and parcels will cost to post.
- When cooking with your family, remember to engage them in measuring, estimating capacity and volume. Also scheduling of cooking so that everything is ready to serve at the same time.

Have a Mathematical week,
From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff
SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE
Excursions Galore
On Monday 23rd of November, Year 11 Chemistry students went to Western Sydney University where they were able to make a polymer gel slime and hear a presentation on polymers which will assist them with their HSC.

On Tuesday 24th of November, Nicholas Chok, Kate Klass, Michael van Doorene and Minglei Meng from Year 8 were selected for the Western Sydney University’s Gifted and Talented Science Day, where they made slime and ice cream using liquid nitrogen among a range of other activities.
On Wednesday 25th of November, 53 students from Year 7 and 8 went to Sydney University for a similar experience on the Spectacular Science excursion. The day started with a chemistry science show, complete with explosions and a range of chemicals students rarely get to see. Some of the demonstrations included: touch powder (explodes on touch), elephant toothpaste, luminol (glowing) and lighting hydrogen bubbles.

After this students went to the chemistry labs to do some hands on lab work. Students were given liquid nitrogen to help them distinguish between argon and carbon dioxide gas. They also used the nitrogen to freeze flowers and celery before smashing them. Students also got to make their own borax slime.

Year 7 students followed this up with a lecture about the science of chocolate (complete with taste testing) while Year 8 students went to the physics labs to experiment with superconductors and circuits.

At the end of the day students were treated to a talk from Dr Karl, who talked about many scientific developments as well as the potential for science in the future of engineering, computers, medicine and the environment.
From Ms Owen and the rest of the Science Faculty
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 to 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
SPORT REPORT

Grade Finals:
Congratulations to all Grade Finalists for Terms 4, 2015:

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Year 7 Gala Day:

Year 7 participated in a Sports Gala Day on Monday 30th November against Castle Hill High School. Students were exposed to this interschool sporting competition in preparation for next year. A range of team sports were on offer, including soccer, netball, basketball, touch and cricket, where students were able to further develop and refine movement skills.
STAR SPOT!

Congratulations to Dylan Wright of Year 11 for his superb performance at the Pacific School Games for Baseball. Dylan has been away from school competing in the tournament in South Australia. His NSW CHS team won the gold medal this past weekend, defeating Victoria 8-2.

Dylan was awarded the MVP award by the Victorian coach. This not only demonstrates his skills and talent as a baseball player, but also highlights his sportsmanship and positive ethos.

Well done Dylan on a fantastic individual and team result!
PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2016

* Play in the New Sydney Hills Competition
* Play with a Local Community Club
* Play All Games in The Hills Area
* Play with the NORWEST COUGARS
* Home Ground - Francesco Reserve BELLA VISTA

All Ages Welcome:
U5 - U7 COUGAR CUBS Junior Program....all inclusive
U8 - U16 Mixed (Boys & Girls) Girls teams also welcome
Senior Men
O35's
Premier League

- Register as an Individual or Register a Team -
* Great Packages Available, including Jersey, Shorts & Socks
* Registration Opens 1st December 2015 for season 2016
* Like us on our Facebook Page for upcoming events and registration dates https://www.facebook.com/NorwestSoccerClub/

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