FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Success

Congratulations to Danielle Drinnan who was selected as a member of the 2015 Little Athletics NSW State Team that travelled to Perth in April to compete in the National Championships. Danielle competed in the Under 13s 400 m and 1500m events coming 4th in 400m 6th in the 1500m. Danielle attended training with the preparatory team camps before heading to Perth on the ANZAC weekend. There were only 26 athletes selected in team and Danielle had a fabulous time.

Congratulations also to Cassie Mileto who has been selected to represent Australia in Taekwondo in Venice, Italy towards the end of this month. Cassie will compete for her country and we hope she has some spare time to take in some of the glorious sights of Venice while she is there.
Matthew McVey recently played at the Sydney West AFL competition and has just been selected to play for the Sydney Brumbies Team. As part of the team he will now compete against other teams from around the state in an effort to be recognised and selected for the State Team. We wish him good luck and look forward to hearing of a positive selection!

**ANZAC Commemorations at the Farms**

Week 1 of term was the week we had many activities planned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC but Mother Nature decided that she was in charge and not us! Despite the inclement weather we still managed to present some of our activities, albeit in modified forms and I hope that your children talked about them when they got home. Our commemoration service in the hall was quite poignant with a Drama and Dance performance as well as our Army Cadets Catafalque party who stood guard during our raising and lowering of the Australian flag. Abbey Sim spoke of the war effort of the nurses who faced the horrors of war by having to see and treat the thousands of young men who were injured or died. Their task is not often acknowledged. To cap it all off the Castle Hill Pipe Band entered the hall and played some rousing yet moving pieces that are often associated with war.

In the afternoon every child who was present that day came to the front garden and ‘planted’ a slouch hat in the lawn to commemorate at least one fallen soldier. These hats wound the way up to the newly created Rising Sun memorial garden and our statue of the lone soldier.
I was most impressed with the manner in which all of our students respected the sentiment of the day and how they conducted themselves during the service. Many young men their age and younger went to war 100 years ago and we live today in our wonderful community because of their sacrifice. That was not lost on our students.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

With our Year 9 & 11 parent teacher night coming up on the 1\textsuperscript{st} of June I am encouraging parents to start talking to their children about how they have been going recently at school. Reports will be issued when they are ready and parents will get an idea from those but sometimes it is the anecdotal information you get during dinner conversations that can be more useful, especially about such things as friendship groups and time management etc that often have an impact on a student’s progress. Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


**Rep and Sport Uniform Policy**

Model Farms High School does a terrific job at recognizing those students who represent our school in various sports and at various levels. One way of acknowledging this has been to allow students to wear their official Rep uniform to school on Wednesdays. After all, they have worked hard to achieve that status and they did it in our name. However, lately there have been some students who have taken liberties with this concession and we have found that more and more ‘non-official’ items of uniform have been creeping in. At some events students are able to purchase additional pieces of clothing from private vendors but these are not sanctioned as part of the official uniform. Unfortunately these tend to be in a range of colours, some even bright purple and red!

We would like to return to the original sentiment of the concession and enforce the policy of only wearing the Sydney West of CHS Jacket and only on Wednesdays so that we do not run the risk of our uniform being eroded and corrupted with too many unacceptable items of clothing. This will be communicated to students at our upcoming assemblies and through our daily notices. There will be a two weeks grace period before sanctions are put in place. By all means allow your child to purchase whatever pieces of unofficial clothing they desire, just don’t allow them to wear it school. The policy is included in this newsletter for your consideration.

**Trivia Night**

The P&C Trivia Night is on Saturday 23\textsuperscript{rd} of May in the school hall. This is always a fabulous night and all proceeds obviously go towards supporting the teaching and learning needs of our students through any number of various projects. I encourage everyone to come and support them.
Assignment starters A-Z

What projects or essays does your child have that are due in the coming weeks or by the end of term? From our school calendar I can see at least 16 assignments that are all due in different year groups. One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters which contains resources designed to point you and your child in the right direction. We all know parents are asked to help with assignments and homework, and there’s nothing wrong with that as long as mum and/or dad don’t do the actual work! Helping is a fantastic way of knowing a little bit more about your child’s learning needs and being able to talk confidently about it during interviews with teachers. You will find the School A-Z website by following the link below.

However, please remember that you have been to school, done your assignments and left that all behind you! You would be crazy if you wanted to do it all again through your child!


Christina Bennet
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR GRADY

Year 7 Exams

I would like to remind Year 7 students that the Half Yearly exams commence in Week 5 on Monday 18 May. Please refer to the school calendar for specific dates. I strongly advise all Year 7 students to begin preparations for this assessment period, as it is the first of this kind for you in secondary school. Strategies to effectively prepare include:

Summarising your notes
Revising past topics and sample questions
Forming a study partnership with a friend
Teaching another person

All of these are far greater mechanisms to revise, than simply reading through your exercise book.

Year 9 and 11 Parent Teacher Night

On Monday 4 June, Model Farms will be hosting the Year 9 and 11 Parent Teacher evening in the school hall. Information regarding booking interviews will be sent home in the coming weeks. Feedback from our last Parent Teacher Evening, conducted for the first time in the school hall has been extremely positive. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and teachers to work together in partnership to recognise achievement, effort and discuss areas of improvement.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be held from 12 to 14 May 2015 for students in Years 7 and 9. Students in these years would have received information about the specific tests recently.

Tips for taking tests from Clinical Psychologist Andrew Fuller

1. “Stress can help us to perform at high levels - as long as we know how to keep it in check” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

2. Write down your concerns about the upcoming test as questions – and then write answers to those questions.

3. “Just writing out your fears, getting them out of your head and onto some paper helps you to gain some perspective” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

4. Focus on doing your best with the questions in front of you, rather than thinking about how you did in past tests.

5. “Performance in any area requires presence- focus on what you have to do right now” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

6. If you breathe out and count silently, “one thousand, two thousand, three thousand”, you will start to feel calmer. “The part of our calming system is activated when we breathe out slowly” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.
7. Maintaining a powerful posture sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things.

8. “Your brain is extremely clever but it can also be pretty stupid. It believes what you tell it. If you hold a power posture your brain notices and decides that you’re feeling fine and lowers the levels of stress” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

9. Eat breakfast – a mix of protein (like eggs) and carbohydrates (like toast).

10. “Usually a higher protein, lower carbohydrate mix increases memory, concentration and energy” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

11. Drink water. Avoid energy drinks, which may interfere with your levels of concentration.

12. “Energy drinks increase your levels of adrenaline making you feel wired. If you are feeling stressed you are better to drink water as it reduces your levels of cortisol- the stress hormone” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist.

13. Get a good night’s sleep.

14. Remember that tests and exams are important, but they are not the big predictors of life success.

**Student Uniform**

A reminder that all students are expected to be in full uniform each and every day. On very rare occasions, we understand difficulties do arise, preventing this from happening. It is the student’s responsibility to bring a note from home explaining the circumstances, and to wear clothing as close to the uniform as possible. Failure to do so will result in a lunch detention.

I would also like to remind all senior boys that they need to wear ties throughout terms 2 and 3.

**NSW State Government Representative Award**

The NSW Government State Representative Award recognises people who have represented the State of NSW in a competitive field. Nominees of any age, who have represented NSW in a competitive field (eg. sport, music, the arts or academic), either nationally or internationally, may be nominated for the Award. Nominations for this Award are made through your local Member of Parliament. For more information, please click here.

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Have a wonderful week,

Mark Grady
Deputy Principal
Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association: On the weekend of the 24-26th April our Agricultural students entered a number of animals in the show. Our students should be very proud of their efforts winning a number of awards. Special thanks to our farm hand, Glenn for the assistance he gave the students in preparing the animals and getting them to the show.
Representative Uniforms worn during Wednesday Sport

Rationale:
Model Farms High School endeavours to acknowledge all students that represent the school in the myriad of activities that are available to them through our extra-curricular program. To recognise their success, a concession was made to allow students who represent the school at Region or CHS to wear these uniforms on a Wednesday for Sport. In recent times this privilege has been misunderstood and as a result our Wednesday uniform has been compromised with many different pieces of clothing being worn instead.

The Policy:
Sydney West and CHS representative sports uniforms are able to be worn on a Wednesday to acknowledge student achievement in sport. This includes:

- Sydney West jackets ONLY (not shorts) that are black, blue and yellow and are the official uniform purchased as a result of representing Sydney West at CHS. For example you place 1st or 2nd at a regional carnival and then represent Sydney West at CHS or you are selected in the regional Rugby League team.

- CHS jackets ONLY (not shorts) that are blue on blue and white and are the official uniform for representing CHS. For example you place 1st or 2nd at a CHS carnival and represent CHS at the All Schools carnival or you are selected in a CHS team to play at All Schools.

Not included and therefore not permitted to be worn:

Any merchandise that is not part of the official Sydney West or CHS uniform and therefore not achieved by representing the school as outlined above.

If you are representing the school at sport on Wednesday you must wear the school uniform for the game.

Have a good week,

Jennifer Pledger
Deputy Principal
# UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

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YEAR 11

Senior School Study Seminar

On 1st June, 2015, Year 11 will be attending an incursion with Human Connections and Rocky Biasi. This seminar is aimed at providing students with the emotional and practical skills to prepare them for their senior studies and their HSC. The “Getting Your Head Right for the HSC” session will commence in Period 4 and go through Assembly time.

This incursion has been planned to supplement the welfare program for Year 11 and will look at the following areas:

- MOTIVATION: How students can get motivated to study
- MINDSET: Identifying and creating “success mindsets”
- GOALS: A four step process to set and achieve goals
- DISAPPOINTMENT: Dealing with disappointing results
- PROCRASTINATION: Overcoming procrastination
- FEAR: Managing fear and negative thoughts, feeling overwhelmed
- PARENTS: Parental pressures and how to manage expectations
- STRESS: Dealing with feelings of stress and exam anxiety

The cost of the excursion has been included in the Welfare School Fee payment and it is expected all Year 11 students will be attending this seminar. For more information parents can contact Ms Letherbarrow or visit the website www.humanconnections.com.au.

Organised by
Ms Letherbarrow
Year 11 Adviser
Year 7 Resilience Program 2015

The Welfare program at MFHS is again offering resilience lessons throughout the year to all Year 7 students. This aims to develop personal strength and capacity to manage the challenges that come with adolescence. Using the ‘SenseAbility’ program, created by Beyond Blue, students explore their self-concept by focusing on four key components: Sense of humour, self-worth, sense of self and sense of future. Once a fortnight students are timetabled in to the library to undertake discussion, literacy or drama-based activities to explore their place in the school community and beyond. This term we are projecting ourselves into the future consider how our skills, talents and personality traits may develop over time. You will be pleased to know that many of our students intend living on the International Space Station or being billionaires. It’s great to see them planning ahead.

Nat Vella
Teacher-Librarian (relieving)

Student Welfare

This term students will be focusing on the “Internet” in their WISE lessons. For students to be aware of their behaviour when online and to look at the responsibilities they have as digital citizens. They will be more aware of the affects cyber bullying has on their peers and the legal implications as a result. Information will be given on how their online activities are shared and their privacy compromised in the cyber world.

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Just a reminder to ALL students, the Welfare contribution of $20 is now overdue. If you have not paid this to the front office please do so ASAP. This term we have several speakers to address the students about respect, bullying, social media and how to behave online. We have a invited a representative from the Guide Dogs association as well as Jason Roughley our Police Youth Liaison Officer. In addition we have “Reach” and “Batyr” running workshops with some of our Year Groups.

Kellie Lumley
Head Teacher Welfare
New SMS Attendance System

Information for Parents
Regular attendance at school is essential for children to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. To encourage and support the regular attendance of students here at Model Farms we are introducing a new SMS attendance system for communicating whole day absences with parents. This new system will replace the existing structure where parents currently receive a letter via post informing them of any absences for their child. How this new system will work:

- Starting Week 5 of Term 2, if your child is marked absent from school, parents will now receive an SMS text message informing you of your child’s absence.
- Once received, parents are asked to reply via SMS indicating a reason for the absence.
  - The easiest and best way to do this is to simply reply via SMS. This will be received by the attendance staff who will then record the reason for your child’s absence on the school’s system.
  - If however you wish to discuss the matter with a member of staff, please contact the Administration office on 9624 3133 or e-mail the school at: modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Benefits of an SMS Attendance System
- Provides parents with a faster and more effective method of communication regarding their child’s attendance.
- Strengthens the partnership between Model Farms High School and parents in working together to support regular school attendance and reducing the risk of school truancy.
- Provides parents with a quick and easy method to explain their child’s absence from school.

(This is important as it is a legal requirement that following an absence from school, parents/guardians provide their child’s school with a written or verbal explanation for the absence within 7 days. The Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school).

Important
It is vital that Model Farms High School has your current and most up to date contact information. If you have recently changed or are unsure if the school has your correct contact details, please contact the school on 9624 3133 as soon as possible.

We look forward to continue working in partnership with parents in supporting strong student attendance here at Model Farms High School. For any further information regarding attendance or on the implementation of the new SMS attendance system, please contact Mr D Dawson or the school attendance office on 9624 3133.

Regards,
David Dawson
Head Teacher Administration
GEOGRAPHY

EXCURSION:
All Year 7 students should have taken home a note on our upcoming excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and Wildlife Park. Please return these with payment before the due date. This excursion is important to our topics and all students should attend. It is also a great day for both the students and staff leading up to a long weekend. Spare notes are in the HSIE staffroom. Year 7 should be spending some time each week reading over their class work in preparation for their Half Yearly Test. Year 7 exams will take place during week 5 starting Monday 18th May. All students should mark this date into their homework diaries.

7O, 7N and 7G were recently issued the same challenge any cartographer faces – turn a sphere into a flat shape. The first step was to draw on the continents to create our “world globes” then armed with plastic knives and paper towel, make a flat map such as one we could glue in our books.

Our 3 dimensional “World Globes”

Our attempt to flatten the round world into a 2 dimensional “map” for our books.

The results were messy, sticky and quite varied. It appears that more cuts provided a better flattening affect but we started to lose perspective of the continents.

Not an easy task!  

C Middleton
HSIE Celebrates the Centenary of ANZAC

On the morning of Sunday the 19th April, 10 Model Farms High School students took part in the Centenary of ANZAC Sunday Commemoration Service at The Centenary of ANZAC Reserve in Kellyville. The event, organised by Castle Hill RSL, recognised the veterans from the Hills district who served in World War 1, including 22 veterans who served at Gallipoli.

Students each researched the life of a veteran for inclusion in a website on local veterans. They then carried a flag in the march representing their allocated veteran and others. The flags were placed in a memorial garden beside the cenotaph in Centenary of ANZAC Reserve, with large flags representing the Gallipoli veterans.

The service included an address delivered by Major General Paul Symon AO, as well as participation by local cadet, scout, guide, sporting and music groups as well as the year 11 flag bearers from a number of schools. The march was a wonderful opportunity for our students to contribute to our community's recognition of the service our veterans have given to our country.

J. Barons
Some pictures from our ANZAC celebrations at School
News from the Dance Space

HSC DANCE WORKSHOP
Our year 12 dance students recently had a fantastic opportunity to work with the choreographer of the HSC dance work they are currently analysing for the 2015-2017 Prescribed Works.

Sue Healey is the choreographer behind the dance film “Fine Line” and she delivered a 3 hour workshop which took through students through her creative process, analysis of the film and discussion time. We were joined by staff and students from Ashcroft, Blaxland, Bossley Park, Doonside, Elizabeth Macarthur and Mt Druitt High Schools.
This was a rare and fantastic opportunity for these students and an experience to network with other dance students from across western and south western Sydney.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DANCE ENSEMBLE

OUR ITEM “Finding Mr Right” successfully auditioned for the Synergy Dance Festival (formerly Sydney West) and will be performing in a matinee and evening performance later this term at the Evan Theatre, Penrith. Tickets are now on sale for this event through Ticketek.

This is a fun doop-wop/jazz item, set in the 1950’s as a bunch of teenage girls dream about finding their “Mr Right”.

A MOVING DANCE PIECE

Brooke Jakobasch, Brooke Kissell, Eryn O’Sullivan and Emily Taylor performed a moving piece at our school ANZAC service. The dance titled “Farewell” represented the Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Daughters who farewelled the men in their lives as they went off to war, never knowing if they would ever see and hold them again. Great work girls.
This term so far we have met some enthusiastic students. **Year 7 Visual Arts** students who have got their hands dirty with clay and paint. Some great figurative works are developing. **Year 9 Visual Arts** students developed drawing skills of perspective and tone. **Year 9 Visual Design** students have created some beautiful illustration work with ink and shell.

**Year 10 Visual Arts** students are appropriating artworks. We are just starting a canvas painting......stay tuned! Year 10 were also responsible for the fantastic artworks developed for the Anzac Day.
Year 11 Visual Art students preparing for exams. With finished landscapes, we will be looking at the human form this term.
Year 11 Visual Design are making calligrams. Some beautiful details

Year 12 Visual Art are breathing, living, dreaming and making art.

This year in Visual Arts we will be recognising a student each month who has applied themselves to their Art Making. This student will have accomplished exceptional work through their use of materials, technique, imagery and skills developed and practised in class.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – APRIL

Mehak Nangia Year 9 Visual Design
Mehak has worked with enthusiasm and determined to produce outstanding designs through hard work and developing her technical skill. Her bookwork is presented well and her Shell designs especially have worked beautifully. She started with some tonal drawings then simplified the shapes on a grid then using a fine brush and ink to complete. Congratulations Mehak.
Pulse Choir are rehearsing every Wednesday afternoon and are doing well. We have many students rehearsing at lunch preparing for exams and performances in fame. Oliver Barbeau, Liz Henderson Leong, Alannah Doulman, Katie Rigg, Bethany Buchs, Samantha Lee Shipley all performed well on the Anzac Ceremony. Congratulations all.

Mr Alexander is relieving for Mr Neville who has sadly left us for Burwood Girls High School. We wish him well on his new adventure and he will be missed by students and staff across the school after spending 15 years at Model Farms. Mr Neville has developed many students into fine musicians and performers.
FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Year 7
Joshua Dodd, Alana Genc, Alicia Kammerer, Erin Milostnik, Zoe Ross, Jessica Vecchio-Hoehne,

Year 9
Tarun Raja,

Year 12
Andrew Chong, Emma Cuelho x 2, Ritwik Misra, Harrison Papagianis x 2, Jessica Tsering.

This Week’s News:
Welcome back to Term 2. This is the time when we undertake our Half Yearly Examinations as well as the NAPLAN Examinations.

NAPLAN
Years 7 and 9 are now preparing for their NAPLAN numeracy test on Thursday 14th May. **Every** Year 7 and Year 9 student will require a calculator for their NAPLAN numeracy test on 14th May. They must bring their own calculator and know how to use it.

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Years 7 and 8 students should be revising their work in their home study time in preparation for these important examinations.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
- All Year 7 students must bring their own protractor to their second exam on 19th May.
- Year 8 must bring their calculators for the Calculator examination on Friday 15th May.

World of Maths:
At the end of term 1, Year 7 attended the incursion ‘World of Maths’. The students had to use their problem solving skills for a variety of activities. As you can see they found this a very engaging incursion!
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.

Gifted and Talented:
The Model Mathematician
Model Mathematician is a competition where two Year 5 representatives from each of our ‘feeder’ primary schools complete mathematical investigations in teams with our Year 9 helpers.

The first round of ‘The Model Mathematician’ was held on Monday 4th May. It was great to see how the teams worked so well. I would like to thank all of our wonderful Year 9 helpers who did a great job of mentoring the primary school students. On to round 2 next Monday 11th of May! May the best team win!

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
MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 23rd May, 2015

From 7:00pm for a 7:30 start

Model Farms High School hall

Bookings open 3rd March

Please phone the school on 9624 3133 or
Belinda Schuster on 9688 6664 or
bdschuster@optusnet.com.au

This is an adult only event.

- 8-10 people per table
- Form your own table, or we can help you join one
- Tickets are only $15 each
- Bring your own nibbles and drinks (alcohol OK)
- Coffee, tea and cake supplied for supper
Year 12
Year 12 are settling back into class after their Half Yearly Exams and they are now focusing on Module C Transitions. They are reminded to reflect upon the feedback from the exams and continue to rework essays and creative writing scripts. Don’t wait to start your preparation!

Year 11
Congratulations Year 11 on sitting your Half Yearly Exams! Students are encouraged to take on board feedback from the exams to improve areas that need attention. Continue to develop those creative writing pieces! This term students will be focusing on Module A – Close study of a play for which they will need to submit a practice essay in Week 9. They will be particularly focusing on how dramatic conventions shape the text’s meaning. Year 11 are reminded not to neglect the AOS Identity as it will be part of their yearly exam.

Year 11 English Studies will be focusing on the unit Exploring the Past which will utilise documentary and other non-fiction texts to investigate 9/11.

Year 10
Year 10 students are working on close study of a novel this term. While classes are each focusing on different novels, all students are reminded to regularly work on novel study guides at home so as to be up to date and well prepared for the written interview assessment task at the end of this term.

Year 8
Year 8 classes will be exploring picture books this term which will develop their visual literacy skills. Students will look at a range of picture books including: Fox, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Gorilla, Mirror, Where the Forest Meets the Sea, Where the Wild Things Are – just to name a few! It is important that students build these skills as they will be creating their own picture book for an assessment task at the end of this term.

ANZAC Performance Poetry
Congratulations to all participants who contributed to the ANZAC poetry performance on Thursday 30th April. Students across all grades selected poems that they felt reflected the ANZAC spirit and recited these with emotion to the accompaniment of video backdrops created by Ms Archer’s Year 11 computing studies student. A special thank you to the Year 9 lighting and sound crew who helped on the day.

Year 9 Poetry Performers
Books! Books! BOOKS!
Each year students are issued with copies of texts to study in class and it is hoped that students return these efficiently to their teacher at the end of the time they are in use in the classroom. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and, after much chasing, invoices have to be issued in order to replace these copies. Invoices were sent out to students at the end of the last year but there are still some that have not been followed up. Could you please check that your
son/daughter has returned all relevant texts and do a double check around the house for any miscellaneous texts! We appreciate your support here.

**Merits**

Congratulations to the following students who have received merits already this term from the English/Drama Faculty:

**Year 7**
Rylee Stafford, Akaaish Sureshkumai, Baedyn Hudson, Jade Hanley, Emily Moon, Harry Frost, Isabella King

**Year 8**
Rebecca Sequeira, Hannah Mackean, Lexie Jurd, Brooke Fracer, Sonaahti Sivakumar, Jayden Bryce, Rachana Singh

**Year 9**
Vada Agustin x3, Abbi Bunting, Emily Deschacht, Aaron Morden, Atabaris Pelin, Pavani Subramaniam, Lance van Doorene

**Year 12**
Bianca Petrov, Fina Constantinedes, Belinda Burke

**DRAMA AT THE FARMS** Written by Mr Montgomery

Our drama students have been hard at work and the term has only just begun! Our HSC drama students have been introduced to their Group Performance topics and group members whom they will be working closely with in the lead up to their first Group Performance Assessment Task in Week 8 of Term 2. They are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to work with one another and are focused on performing to a high standard.

Year 11 Drama has commended their Half Yearly Exams and also begun their new study looking at Verbatim Theatre, closely drawing on experiences of global terrorism. Our seniors will devise a production centred on this topic for audience to attend in Week 8 of this term. Date TBC.

Year 10, along with our Year 7 Drama Ensemble presented a stunning tribute to the Anzacs at out school's Anzac Assembly held in Week 1. These students presented a touching tribute to the men and women who served to defend our country as we remembered those that had fallen a century ago. Brilliant work from each of our performers. Year 10 has also performed on assemblies with their piece reflecting on the treatment of the Stolen Generations, depicting their hardship and desire to be heard. These students are about the embark on yet another play holding opportunity devising a performance for both FAME AT THE FARMS and for auditions for the LightsUP Drama Festival and the Celebrating the Arts Festival later this term.
MFHS Senior Drama Company
Presents

AWAY

26th - 27th May 2015
6:30pm Model Farms High School $15 Entry

Written by Michael Gow
Directed by Mr Montgomery

Tickets available only at the door
For more info call 96243133

From the English Faculty
Year 12 have well and truly begun their HSC journey completing their Half Yearly Exams at the close of last term. They have since received their results and hopefully reflected on their strengths and areas of weakness to improve on in the lead up to their Trial Exams next term.

Year 12 have received their final school photos and given their invitations to this year's school Formal - deposit of $60 was due Friday 8th May 2015. For more information contact Mr. Montgomery in the English Faculty on 96243133.

Year 12 will be spoken to by Jason Roughly in coming weeks about Safe Partying and Staying Safe after school, valuable topics for our students to be reminded of as they look toward Schoolies and future goals beyond Model Farms.

A team of our Year 12s attended Winston Hills Public School as a part of the Seniors Supporting Sport Program, where they ran an afternoon of sport with students from the Support Unit. Our seniors also attended Winston Hills Public School in Term 4 and organised an afternoon with the primary students. I congratulate our hard working Year 12s on taking the time to organise these afternoons and ensuring the primary students and staff had an enjoyable afternoon.
Year 12 embraced the **Athletics Carnival** donning onesies and high energy competing in a large number of events supporting what they acknowledged as their 'last carnival.' Well done on not only attending the carnival Year 12, but also supporting your houses and being role models for your peers.
FROM THE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE FACULTY

Term 2 has been a whirlwind of change for us here in the Science Faculty! Firstly, we welcome back Mrs Burnand who is replacing Mr Chand for the remainder of the year on leave. Mrs Burnand is not new to Model Farms and we are grateful to have her back with us, as we know she is an excellent addition to our faculty.

Congratulations on Year 12 Chemistry for using a whopping 70 Litres of distilled water in 4 days this week for their Titration task. We’re pretty sure that’s a record.

Lab Renovations
During this term multiple labs will be undergoing renovations. 6L2, 6L4 and 4L2 will be renovated one at a time, with both benches and flooring being replaced. We ask that both students and staff take care around any areas of construction near the labs. We thank everyone for their consideration with any room changes or inconvenience this may cause.

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience
The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a three-day program being conducted in 35 universities and tertiary institutions around Australia. These programs are designed for students in years 9 and 10, years in which students will make significant decisions about senior and tertiary studies. They allow students to fully engage in scientific study and at the same time offer a ‘taste’ of university/tertiary life.

The experience will offer:
• Hands-on science activities in tertiary labs
• Information on further study and career options
• Exposure to the ‘top’ people in their field
• Associating with ‘budding’ young scientists to form lasting relationships
• Excursion/Industry visit
• Closing ceremony BBQ or other social activity

Each university offers insights into a range of different fields of science. Areas covered include robotics, medicine, astronomy, forensic science, palaeontology, radioactivity, engineering, nanotechnology, environmental science and more!
Currently enrolments are being taken for the following programs:
• University of Wollongong, Wollongong 8th – 10th July 2015
• Australian National University, Canberra 23rd – 25th September 2015
• University of NSW 28th – 30th September 2015
• University of Technology, Sydney 1st – 3rd December 2015
• Macquarie University, Sydney 13th – 15th January 2016
• University of New England 19th – 21st January 2016
• University of Sydney 13th – 15th January 2016
The full cost is $120 per student with Rotary sponsorship often available for those who need it. These programs fill up fast, so if you are interested please see Ms Hoy or Ms Owen in the science faculty for an enrolment form. Enrolment can also be online through www.scienceexperience.com.au

**Major Science Investigation**
For both Year 7 and Year 10 we are heading into the final month before the Major Science Investigations are due. We hope that students have chosen their topic and are either undergoing their experiment or about to start their experiment. We wish all students the best of luck with their projects, and remind them that if they have any questions or need assistance then all they need to do is ask their teacher.

**Science Group**
Science Group has kicked off in Week 1 on Friday and we look forward to the fortnightly fun again this term. So far students have investigated lightning, lasers, holograms, plasma and optical illusions. Students still interested in joining simply need to collect a permission note from either Ms Manson or Ms Owen.

*From Ms Owen and the rest of the Science Faculty*
FROM THE PDHPE FACULTY

**MFHS Athletics:**
Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 27th April at Sydney Olympic Sports Complex. The day was a great one with brilliant weather and some great achievements.

Congratulations to the following students who were age champions for 2015:

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Congratulations to **Wentworth** for winning the school carnival house points!!!

**Zone Cross Country:**
Well done to the following age champions:

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Congratulations to all competitors! These students, along with other place getters and teams, will be competing in Sydney West Cross Country in Week 8.
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