PRINCIPAL REPORT

Student Successes
Our HSC students have barely finished their exams and already there are successes from the process. Two of our visual arts students have been selected to have their major works considered for the art express exhibition that each year showcases the best student work from that HSC cohort across the state. Jordan Munns and Kate Frappell are now packing up their work and sending them off to the judging panel and they will know if their work will be included by early December.

Additionally 3 of our industrial technology furniture students have had their work selected to be considered in InTech annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects. Instead of sending their work in for judging these students have to send photos of their major works and send them off for consideration. These students included Warwick Dodd, Ryan Eldridge and Elliott Stillman.

We wish them all the best for this exciting process.

Year 10 Planning My Future Program
Year 10 students have been actively engaged in the PMF program and have this week participated in a range of activities including Peer Support and RYDA Driver Ed. Student feedback thus far is very positive and ensures that some elements of the program will continue in some shape or form next year.

2012 will see Year 10 students continue with formal education right up until the end of the year instead of having the hiatus that generally existed after the SC exams. As a school we are already considering the appropriate forms of celebrating the end of junior school and the sort of activities that will enhance the experience. However, the focus should always be on learning and this will have a strong influence on end of year activities.

A Busy Term 4
Many teachers at MF are marking these external exams and finding the professional development it provides to be very valuable in enhancing their teaching skills and practices. Some of our teachers are new to the process and find the most valuable learning since leaving university. Most however are experienced and each year bring back a wealth of information about exams, marking, and assessment in general. Our students benefit directly from this experience by having access to teachers who know and understand about things beyond the classroom.

Term 4 is a very busy time and all of these teachers who are doing extra outside of school are to be admired for the diligence they show to completing their normal school tasks. Internal exams are still being marked, Reports are being written, assemblies organised and end of year functions are falling in to place. I thank all our teachers on your behalf for the
tremendous efforts they display at the busiest time of the year.

Recognition of Success
The first of our assemblies happen on Tuesday morning with Year 11 students being rewarded for their efforts this year. Please check the calendar for the dates of the other year assemblies and come along to share the success. Presentation Evening takes place on 13th December and will reflect on the highlights of 2011 and look to our focus for 2012.

Curriculum Collaboration
The NSW Department of Education and Communities is developing materials to support the training of teachers in the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum and has requested to bring Model Farms High School on board to participate in the Curriculum Collaborations project in Mathematics 7-10. This is tremendous recognition of the outstanding work our Math’s teachers already do within our local learning community. Model Farms HS has a reputation for being at the cutting edge of teaching practice and this invitation endorses that. Our teachers will participate in trialing materials that will then be distributed to other schools across the state to assist with the future delivery of the Mathematics curriculum.

Christina Bennet
Principal

Deputy Report
For those who have seen me of late you will have noticed I am sporting a mo (of sorts). Movember is a great cause raising money to support research into prostate cancer and “Beyond Blue”. As a “bloke” I am doing my little bit to support these 2 very “blokey” causes. Please make a donation to this great cause if you are able. On a more selfish note if the other “bloke” I am in the team with beats me he will NEVER let me live it down.

(Click on the link below and hit the “Donate to me” button on the LHS to make a donation)

THANKS IN ADVANCE
http://www.movember.com/m/553292

Excursion Notes: As some people are finding it difficult to locate and reprint off excursion notes from the calendar part of the school website we have begun to provide copies of these notes in a different part of the website. Under the “Curriculum and Activities” tab (blue menu bar towards the top of the homepage there is now a new button at the bottom of the LHS of the page entitled “All excursions/incursions”). From now on we will be attempting to implement a system where copies of all permission notes issued via the front office will be displayed here.

Mark Anderson
Deputy Principal

Fame DVD’s
Can be picked up from Mr Montgomery in the English Staffroom
CALENDAR

TERM 4
WEEK 7
Mon 21/11  Yr 7 Swim School
             WOW Pilot
             Yr 12 Formal
Tue 22/11   Yr 7 Swim School
             Yr 11 Presentation Assembly
             WOW Pilot
Wed 23/11   WOW Pilot
Thur 24/11  Yr 7 Swim School
             WOW Pilot
             Primary Links BBQ
Fri 25/11   Yr 7 Swim School
             WOW Pilot
             Yr 11 Source Analysis Core
             Assessment

WEEK 8
Mon 28/11   Musical
Tue 29/11   Musical
             Yr 7 Vaccinations
             Yr 12SAC Methodology Task
             Due
Wed 30/11   Musical
Thur 1/12   Musical
Fri 2/12    Yr 11 Photography Man Ray
             Assignment Due
             Yr 12 Biology Prac

WEEK 9
Mon 5/12    Yr 12 English Standard &
             Advanced AOS Assessment
             Period 1
             Yr 7 2012 Orientation Day
             Yr 9 PASS Surf School
Tue 6/12    Yr 12 chemistry Skills
             Assessment
             Yr 8 Presentation Assembly
Wed 7/12    HSC Maths Assessment Task
             EXT 2
Thur 8/12   HSC Maths Assessment Task
             General & 2U
             Yr 12 Legal Studies Media
             File Report Due
             Yr 7 Presentation Assembly
Fri 9/12    HSC Maths Assessment Task
             EXT 1
             Yr 12 English Standard &
             Advanced English
             Assessment Period 1
             Yr 10 Formal

Maintaining Healthy Relationships
A forum for women providing professional information empowering them to make informed decisions for themselves and their families with a focus on children and young people will be held on Tuesday 29th November 2011 9.30am-2.30pm at the Hills Shire Council, Cnr Carrington & Showground Roads, Castle Hill. Morning Tea and Lunch provided and Childcare is available free of charge.

To register please call Marilyn 0411 890 976 or Lesley 0412 454 728 or online at www.hillssoroptimists.org.au

Toys’n’Tucker
Keep bringing in canned food and toys for those families and children who will go without at Christmas. They will be collected by the JRC period 1 each day. Or you can bring them to the English Staffroom. Every bit helps.
LOST - Beautiful 20 month old female chocolate Labrador with dirty nose and slight pigmentation on left side of bottom lip. Missing from Seymour Way, Kellyville since 4.30pm on Thursday 10 November - last seen heading towards Sherwood Ridge Public School. Much loved and dearly missed by all the family.

If found, please call Andrea on 0406 533 881.

REWARD

Our family are utterly devastated and the kids won't stop crying. Your help in finding little Bella is greatly, greatly appreciated!!

Student Planner Focus

**Junior** - Putting Things Off
**Middle** – Putting Things Off
**Senior** – Procrastination/ Decision Making

**Specific Aims and Objectives - at the end of this week students should have:**

- A raised self awareness of why and when they procrastinate.
- An understanding of personal strategies to combat putting things off.
- A willingness to seek assistance from their Team when they realise they are procrastinating.
- A learning and living disposition to be reflective and decisive that will build their learning power and spending bank for life.

**Weekly Focus:**

While reflective and “taking stock” habits are valuable to cultivate in our students’ lives and learning, it is also essential that once they have deliberated on something, they are decisive and act. Procrastination has the capacity to adversely impact on all areas of students’ lives (and ours) should it be ignored or remain unchecked.

To build student dispositions to be self managing and self correcting, “off ramps” for dealing with procrastination need to be explicitly taught. Procrastination can be caused by many seemingly unrelated issues such as:

- **Perfection** - wanting to produce the "perfect" assignment; being obsessed with detail and not attacking the investigation with energy.
- **Organisation** - wanting to be totally prepared, have everything completely arranged and as a result not getting started or lacking the necessary study and research skills to perform the task.
- **Self Doubts** - lacking the self confidence to tackle the task at hand.
- **Prioritising** - being unable to prioritise their activities to get the things done that they have to do.
- **Motivation** - lacking a purpose for being at school; "having to" rather than "wanting to."

Whatever the cause for Procrastination may be, it is essential for parents and teachers to recognise it and address it immediately by assisting students with strategies to overcome it; it will not just go away on its own and a Team approach is necessary.

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."  Anon
JRC and the RSPCA Guessing Competition
A big thank you to Winston Hills Mall and Castle Towers Shopping Centre for donating $50 vouchers in support of the fundraising efforts of our JRC toward the RSPCA.

FROM THE FACULTY THAT COUNTS!

Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

**Year 7**  
Emily Duncan, Jane Miles, Rebecca Watson

**Year 8**  
Leroy Jennings,

**Year 11**  
Bria Auzins

This week’s news
It is a busy time of year for all faculties as the yearly reports are now being written.

Year 10 are now undertaking their Special Program of Study for their final weeks of Year 10. In mathematics they have been placed into pre Year 11 classes and have workbooks to ensure the best possible start to Year 11 in 2012.

Please ensure that your Year 10 student returns their Mathematics textbook to their classroom teacher.

Years 7, 8 and 9 have now completed their Yearly Examinations. However, that does not mean that the work that they are currently doing in class is not important. Year 7 have started Algebra, Year 8 are Analysing Data and Year 9 are starting Trigonometry. These topics are all very important for the work that they will be doing next year. Please emphasise to your child that they need to maintain their focus on their classwork and homework.

The ‘new’ Year 12 students will be completing their first HSC Assessment Task in week 9. This will be the first marks they will receive towards their HSC mark. Study hard and make the first task count!

Fun with Maths
A diagonal is a straight line that is drawn inside a polygon from one vertex to another. A square has 2 diagonals.

1. How many diagonals does a regular octagon have?

2. If 104 diagonals can be drawn for a polygon how many sides does it have?

**Answer to last week’s problem:**  The Bunyip and the gold chain. This question can be solved using ‘guess and check’ and ‘act it out’ strategies. We need to remember that a broken link is still a link. The solution is to break the third link. This give you 1, 2 and 4 links which is a type of binary notation and allows you to trade back and forth to pay any number of links from one to seven.

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

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YEAR 10 STUDENTS

A reminder to ALL Year 10 students

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- Blouse - Lemon $30 each
- Skirt - Grey $55 each
- Shorts - Grey $34 pair

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