PRINCIPAL REPORT

Student Achievements
Model Farms is proud of all its talented students and it is always great to hear of their successes out of school as well. Year 11 student Tara Fitzsimons has been chosen to tour with The Australian Girls’ Choir to the "G'day LA" celebrations and will perform on stage at a Black Tie Gala to promote and strengthen Australian & United States ties in business, innovation and culture. Tara will travel to Los Angeles in January with 19 other members of the choir selected from NSW, QLD, VIC and SA. Tara is excited and honoured to have been chosen from the group of over 80 girls in Sydney.

The Australian Girls’ Choir is a dynamic and progressive choir which gives girls the opportunity to develop singing, dancing and performance skills. Tara has been singing with the Choir since 2000 and her sister Nicole joined her in 2004. They are in the performing choir and have sung at a number of high profile events.

Most recently they have sung at Parliamentary Receptions in Canberra for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and President Barack Obama. In the past there have been performances with Oprah Winfrey, Celtic Women, Hugh Jackman and Christine Anu. They are will be performing at Martin Place this week for the Christmas tree lighting concert and will entertain us all at Carols in the Domain on December 17. Well done girls, we’re very proud of you.

I love hearing of student achievements but if your son or daughter does anything outside of school, make sure to let me know.

World of Work Program
This week a very enthusiastic group of Year 10 students participated in the World of Work program which was being piloted by Western Sydney Region. Along with students from Windsor High School our students met at Rouse Hill library to experience a range of seminars, workshops, team activities and workplace visits to nearby enterprises. Fiona Woods our careers adviser accompanied them each day and has reported how positive and keen our students were. They have had workshops on resilience, communication, signature strengths & positive psychology, employability skills and what it takes to be successful. They have taken photos and surveyed staff and customers in the Rouse Hill Town Centre. During their industry visits they met with managers from different areas and had the opportunity to ask them lots of questions they had prepared earlier in the day, about what it takes to be successful.

This has been a fantastic opportunity to experience the world of work and one I know will have a big impact. Well done to our students for making us proud of them. There will be a full report next week.
Year 12 Formal
A wonderful night was had last Monday evening when our Year 12 2011 came together one last time to celebrate their formal. The girls looked gorgeous and the boys were handsome. The committee did a fabulous job with organising things and everything went very smoothly. There was lots of laughter and fun, much dancing and terrific interaction between the staff and students. I would like to thank the many staff who turned out to celebrate the evening and it was lovely that Mr Elton could join the students as well. This cohort had a special bond with him and him with them so it was lovely to see.

I'm sure the photos will tell the story of a great night when they start to surface! Well done to the parents as well who turned up promptly to pick up students, it helped us enormously in concluding the event.

Christina Bennet
Principal

Deputy Report
Staying Informed: This is probably a silly place to place this reminder as I am already preaching to the converted but…… Please be aware the school website is a valuable source of information of what is happening in school with regards to variations. The 3 best sections for this are calendar, which can be sorted just to show event concerning your child’s year group, the “Latest News and Features” section at the bottom of the Homepage and the Bulletin you are currently reading. There has been a News Item on the Homepage for several weeks outlining what is happening with Year 10 and a copy of the “Planning My Future Program” for download. We send notes if there are significant events occurring but we are increasingly finding that there is a significant gap between what we send home and what makes it out of the bag at the other end. If you suspect one of your students may be affected by this phenomenon (particularly prevalent in those students with a “Y” chromosome) please make use of http://www.modelfarms.sh.scholls.nsw.edu.au/

Mark Anderson
Deputy Principal

CALENDAR
TERM 4
WEEK 8
Mon 28/11 Musical
Tue 29/11 Musical
Yr 7 Vaccinations
Yr 12SAC Methodology Task Due
Wed 30/11 Musical
Yr 11 PDHPE Assessment Task
Thur 1/12 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 11 Business Studies Task
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
WEEK 10
Mon 12/12 Yr 9 Presentation Assembly
Tue 13/12 Presentation Evening
Senior Science Assessment 1
Wed 14/12 Yr 12 Ext 1 English Assessment 7
Thur 15/12 Yr12 Back to the Farms BBQ
Fri 16/12

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**Merit Awards**

**Bronze**
- Year 8
  - Michael Cousins
  - Jack Walker
  - Jayden Massoud

**Year 10**
- Megan Van Aswegen

**Year 11**
- Katerina Ovchinnikov
- Alicia Harris
- Rachel Robinson x 2

**Silver**
- Year 10
  - Mitchell Harrold
  - Kyle Chapman
  - Laura Donohoe

**Gold**
- Year 11
  - Christian Reid

**Citizen**
- Year 9
  - Rhianna Stanton
  - Adam Evans
- Madison Bailey
- Yvette Flory
- Hannah Zalakos
- Parvathi Subramaniam
- Holly Dymond
- Mikaila Cini

- Year 11
  - Jaspreta Singh
  - Kristy King
  - Bria Auzins
  - William Humphreys
  - Alex Lawless
  - Kathleen Burns

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**Christmas Stocking Ideas:**

School stationery and equipment can make really practical stocking fillers! Examples are:
- the Casio fx-82AU calculator (sold at the uniform shop) for $35,
- 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, textas and colouring pencils.

**Fun with Maths**

- How many unit squares are on a chessboard?
- How many 4 x 4 squares are there?
- How many squares are there altogether on a chessboard?

**Answer to last week’s problem:**

A regular octagon has 20 diagonals. The required polygon has 16 sides.

From any vertex you can draw a diagonal to any other vertex except for the nearest adjacent two neighbouring vertices. So if the number of vertices is \( n \) then we have to subtract 3 then multiply the result by \( n \). This however, counts each diagonal twice so the **number of diagonals is:** \( \frac{n(n-3)}{2} \).

**Have a Mathematical week,**

From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff

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**Lost and Found**

Drum symbols found Friday 18\(^{th}\) November on Gooden Drive.
Please contact the school front office on 9642 3133.

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Student Planner Focus

Junior – Falling Behind!
Middle – Help!
Senior – Falling Behind

Specific Aims and Objectives - at the end of this week students should have:
- A raised self awareness of their progress and ability to cope
- An understanding of the measures they can take through their Team to catch up and feel good about themselves
- A willingness to seek assistance immediately they feel that they are falling behind and not coping
- An intention to build reflective habits to become self managing and self correcting to build their learning power

Weekly Focus:
Unfortunately all too often, students only speak up about not coping and falling behind when they are about to implode and give up.

Therefore it is important that they are empowered to build reflective habits to regularly take stock on how they are faring and the resourcefulness to seek help.

There are many reasons that cause students to have self doubts about coping and falling behind. The key is to instil in them a belief that they are not on their own and to have the confidence to speak up and seek help immediately they feel they are struggling.

This is especially so for senior students who don’t manage their time effectively, particularly in private study periods. These present a perfect opportunity for students to consult their teachers for extra assistance and to clarify any aspects of the course that concern them. When concepts are clear in students’ minds, effective learning and study will occur; their time input equals their effective output.

When students don’t ask their teachers for clarification, their learning and study effectiveness are severely blunted; their time input is not rewarded with quality output. So while some students appear to devote sufficient hours to their studies, the reality is they are not getting true value for their efforts. They are doing the right thing but not doing the thing right.

Empowering students to believe that it is a sign of strength to seek help is the purpose of this week’s focuses.

“Those who care to learn will always find a teacher.” — 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.
SPORT BUS PASSES CAN NOT BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAYS

Sports Bus
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YEAR 10

Please purchase your SENIOR uniforms NOW.

Please be advised of the following dates:

LAST DAY OF TRADING for 2011
Wednesday 7 December

SATURDAY TRADING DAYS
Saturday - 3 December
Saturday - 14 January

9.00 am until 2.00 pm

SHOP RE-OPENS FOR NORMAL TRADING
Wednesday - 1 February

PLEASE NOTE
The Uniform Shop will **NOT** be open on the first days of Term 1 – 2012.

Please ensure you purchase all your uniform requirements before 7 December or on the above Saturday trading days to avoid **NOT** having your correct uniform.

TRACKSUITS ORDERS

Last Orders **CLOSE** – Friday 10 February 2012
They will be available for pick up at the beginning of Term 2

**Thank You** to our
**WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS FOR 2011**

Wendy Turner, Rowyna Harrold, Fiona Bennett, Hanna Collison, Alma Lukic, Petra McConnell, Jayshree Parmar, Franca Di Donato and Jenny Ryan

Your dedication, hard work, friendship and laughs are always appreciated !!!

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thank you

Roz Noel
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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