FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Reports

Term 2 is a busy time as all the teaching staff have been completing Half Yearly Reports. Years 12, 11 and 10 students will have received their reports by now. Years 8 and 9 will receive their report by the end of term and Year 7 in the first few weeks of Term 3.

A frequently used comment that appears on student's reports concerns the effective use of class time.

The main advantage of using class time efficiently is that students who complete more work in class then have less to do at home. This is also the best opportunity for students to maximise their learning and increase their understanding of the topics being presented.

Working effectively in class means that students are encouraged to:
• Sit next to someone who will help them stay on task.
• Ask questions whenever they are unsure, unclear or do not understand something. This may be of assistance to other student who are also unclear about the work being presented.
• Come to the lesson with all books, technology and equipment needed.
• Try at all times to stay on task and be focused on the work they are doing.

Subject Selection

On Monday evening last week Year 10 students and parents were invited to attend an information session about subject selection for Year 11 2016. There are a couple of key points that parents and students need to understand about subject selection and its impact on individual student’s performance.

1. Some parents appear fixated on selecting subjects that “scale” the highest and force students to do these for this reason alone. This is a mistake.
2. Students who pick subjects or courses they are not good at, or are not interested in, will do worse in these subjects than in subjects they are good at or are interested in. What is the point of picking a subject which you can only get 30% just because it is scaled up by 6 marks? If the student picked a course they are interested in, or more able in, and got 60% then they are still ahead even if they are scaled down by a bit.
3. Performance is generally influenced by two things. Firstly it is impacted on by ability. There is not a great deal anyone can do to change this. Secondly, performance is strongly impacted by motivation and hard work. If you are interested you stay engaged. The HSC is a long-haul. If you hate what you study it can feel like a lifetime.

4. If you pick subjects because you believe they will get you better marks, even though you have no interest in them or any intention of possibly building on this in university then you are probably making a very expensive mistake. The first year of university is hard. If you have no basic understanding of an area of study like Chemistry, for arguments sake, but do Physics instead because you think it will get you a better mark, then what will happen when you get to university and fail first year because you have no basic understanding of the work? If there is a logical point to this sort of decision making then I cannot see it. If you are interested in an area of study, then study it, knowing you will do better and it will be a foundation for further study (NB: many university courses do not have any prerequisite (prior learning) subjects. This is not to say that certain courses are not more helpful than others for particular university courses).

My advice is to choose subjects you like and are good at, this means you will be more likely to study. If you do this then the rest will work itself out.

The 2015 HSC Study Guide
The guide has practical information about the HSC and timely advice for students on how to succeed in the HSC exams. For the first time it has been written by BOSTES Curriculum Inspectors and staff, experienced NSW teachers and 2014 high achieving students. The guide includes:
• 49 articles from teachers;
• 45 HSC courses;
• 18 online videos on a range of popular subjects;
• advice on oral and performance exams;
• general advice on Music and language courses;
• general study advice;
• tips for parents;
• links to further information.

The guide is designed to be a useful resource for students, teachers and parents. Students will be emailed a Students Online Bulletin with information and a link to the online version early next week.

Fame at the Farms
Next Tuesday and Wednesday nights can’t come quick enough for some of our excited performers. Students have been rehearsing their acts and are looking forward to showing you what they can do in terms of dance, drama, music and song. FAME is shaping up to be another terrific event and I look forward to seeing many of you there next week.

Have a good week,

Ms Pledger
Relieving Principal
Sporting Success

Matthew McVey from Year 9 was selected to represent Sydney West at the Southern Sydney Australian Football U15’s Championships in May in a gala day competing against teams from Sydney East and Sydney South West.

From this competition, he was one of 22 boys selected to represent Sydney SSA at the NSW All-Schools Australian Football State Championships. At this event his team played 6 games over three days competing from teams from CIS (Catholic Independent Schools), CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges), and public schools from the Riverina, Northern NSW and Western NSW.

Matthew's performance was noticed by Jason Saddington, Academy Coach for the GWS Giants, and he has now been invited to train with the GWS Giants U16’s Academy. Great work Matthew!

Last week, Dylan Wright from Year 11 played in a baseball tournament in the NSW Combined High Schools team for selection in the NSW All Schools team to represent NSW at the National Schoolboy Tournament.

Dylan played extremely well and made the team to compete in the Pacific Games in Adelaide in November. Congratulations Dylan!
Max Potential

On Tuesday 9 June, I had the privilege of attending a Personal Expression showcase for a wonderful leadership program called Max Potential. Max Potential is an extremely unique 22 week leadership development program where emerging young leaders are matched with community coaches. Over this period these young adults develop personal goals that they set out to achieve with assistance of coaching in personal leadership principles which we call 'MAXIMISERS'.

Model Farms High School has 4 Year 11 representatives in the program in 2015. These students are:

Kirrily Lippmann
Lachie Chok
Cara Boljevac
Emily Jenkins

These students did a magnificent job, showcasing their learning to this point, and giving us a sneak peek into their project. Congratulations to all of our students involved and I look forward to their full showcase in August.

Have a wonderful week,

Mark Grady
Deputy Principal
From Relieving Deputy Mr Birrell

A timely reminder about Prohibited Weapons
In my short stint as relieving Deputy I have had to deal with a couple of students who have brought knives to school for seemingly legitimate reasons. For example, to cut up fruit or to use in the preparation of their lunch. Please be aware that our hands are tied by law. Knives of any description are prohibited to have in public places including schools, regardless of their intended purpose. If a student has a knife at school we have no choice, but to notify the authorities and also take our own actions. This has been regrettable yet unavoidable.

Outstanding Lawn Bowls
On a cheerier note, Jack Walker (Yr 12) competed in the NSW State Lawn Bowls Championships on the 3rd and 4th June. Jack played in the pairs and singles with outstanding results. He and his partner won the pairs and he came seventh in singles. Over the championships, these results elevated Jack to Player of the Tournament, a very impressive performance. Well done Jack, and good luck in rolling for State selection later this year.

In addition, Jack and two of our senior boys competed in the CHS Lawn Bowls Triples last week at Temora representing the school in the CHS final sixteen. Please read Mr Stevenson’s account later in the Newsletter.

Jumpers, Jackets and Sports Uniform
Finally, I would implore all parents upon reading this to go straight to their child’s uniform and put their name in it. I know it seems a little ‘Primary Schoolish’, but we have so much lost property that can’t be returned because there is no identification. As a parent, that continual replacement would drive me to despair.

J. Birrell
Relieving Deputy
TERM 1

Week 10
Monday 22nd June .. .. .. FAME Rehearsal
Dance Trial Prac Exam
Tuesday 23rd June .. .. .. FAME Evening Performance
Yr 11 Community Mentoring 8:00am-9:00am
ESL Intensive Language Day
Wednesday 24th June .. .. .. FAME Evening Performance
FAME Years 7 and 8 Matinee
10IST Z/Y Video Booklet due
10IST Z/Y Video Project due
Thursday 25th June .. .. .. Yr 7 Science Research project due
Yr 11 Drama Elements of Production in Performance
Yr 9 High Resolves
Friday 26th June .. .. .. Support Luna Park Excursion

TERM 2

WEEK 1
Monday 13th July .. .. .. Staff Development Day
Tuesday 14th July .. .. .. Yr 12 Trial HSC
Wednesday 15th July .. .. .. Yr 12 Trial HSC
Thursday 16th July .. .. .. Yr 12 Trial HSC
Yr 10 Japanese Excursion
Yr 10 Food Technology Assignment 2 due
Friday 17th July .. .. .. Yr 7 Vaccinations
Yrs 11 and 12 Vaccinations
Yr 12 Trial HSC
Yr 9 English Essay Assessment
Youth Frontier Project
Saturday 18th July .. .. .. HSC Legal Studies Lecture Day
Well the end of Term 2 is fast approaching and all grades are preparing tasks and wrapping up their units of study.

**Year 12**
Year 12 are entering the revision stage of Term 2 and they are reviewing the Area of Study: Discovery and Module A and Module C. They are encouraged to be revising all of their past scripts and refining paragraphs or areas of concerns highlighted by their teachers. A study day will also be provided in the July holidays to assist students with further editing. Keep working hard, Year 12 and good luck for the Trial HSC!

**Year 11**
Year 11 are now consolidating their knowledge on their dramatic text and are composing draft essays in preparation for their assessment early Term 3. The English Studies class has been working very hard on their historical research which will culminate in a submitted report and speech this week. Well done, Year 11!

**Year 10**
Year 10 have completed their novel study and draft for the Interview text type. They will take on both roles in the task and demonstrate their knowledge of the texts by using open ended questions that include textual evidence and devices. Keep building on these skills Year 10, as it will prepare you for Senior Study next year.

**Year 9**
Year 9 have been studiously working on their essay drafts and learning the importance of paragraph structure and the TEER format. They will then do their first essay under the clock in Week 1 of Term 3. Be confident as you approach this task Year 9! Don’t forget to pay for your Shakespeare Incursion!

**Year 8**
The Picture Book unit has been a fun way to explore visual literacy and this week we are very excited to be receiving original and creative picture books from the students. Some of the picture books we have read include; “Fox”, “Mirror”, “Where the Wild Things Are” and “Wolves in the Walls”. Great work Year 8!

Year 7
Year 7 enjoyed their close study of text and they have read “Blueback” and viewed the film “Red Dog” exploring the issues of sustainability and relationships. They are busily drafting diary entries to reflect on their texts and showcase the key themes and characters. Well done Year 7!

Merits
Year 7-Sarah Pasfield, Aidan McMenemy, Kara Palko, Joshua Byles, Luke Alexandrou
Year 8-Melissa Eschou, Hannah Mackean, Dylan Hill, Leisel Poon
Year 9-Betty Kang
Year 10-Harry Su, Marcus Harrison
Year 11—Rachael Logozzo, Vivienne Wang
Year 12–Nicola Schuster, Nicholas West, Kala Cueva

Year 7 Premier’s Debating Competition
The Year 7 team – Alana Gence, Tanasha Schlebusch and Gauri Sharma – are commended for their efforts in the Premier’s Debating Competition. At this stage they have debated twice; once against Kellyville High and once against Quakers Hill High. They have argued topics about education and the media. Although the team has had some challenging and close debates that have not been awarded to MFHS, the girls are displaying growing confidence in their public speaking skills and working collaboratively as a team. Of note is their improved capacity to rebut. Proud of you all!

Mrs Coffey

On Tuesday 2nd June, Model Farms High School took a group of Stage 5 students to Taronga Zoo. The goal of the day was for our ESL students to gain a better understanding of Australia’s native animals and further immerse themselves in the Australian culture.

Each of our ESL students were buddied with another student from their grade who could help with on the spot language questions, questions about the animals and to help read the signs.

The animal meet and greet was a highlight, as our friendly educator introduced us to some new friends, including Poppy the Quokka, a red kangaroo, a wallaby and not so friendly Emu! Most kids took the opportunity to pat the animals, and even touch a snake and a turtle!
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ZONE ATHLETICS:
The Zone Athletics Carnival was held in Week 7 at Barton Park, Parramatta. Model Farms High School performed extremely well and we placed second overall! A fantastic achievement which was made up of some great individual performances and team effort. Congratulations to the following students who were age champions:

Amy BRIDGE
Caitlan TAYLOR
Shantelle KING
Anders GLEW
James YOUNG

State Knockout Lawn Bowls Competition

On the 10th and 11th of June Jack Walker, Cory Wright and Ben Kahane left school on an adventure to Temora NSW to represent Model Farms High School in the state lawn bowls knockout completion. The boys ended up coming third out of four teams in their pool by only one point. They beat Wagga Wagga by one point; Wagga won our pool and ended up coming third in the competition. The boys came 12th out of 16 teams however; this didn’t reflect how close the completion was. Jack Walker did an extremely good job captaining the team to their final result. The boys should be proud of their efforts.

B. Stevenson

CHS CROSS COUNTRY: The following students have qualified to compete in the CHS carnival on the 17th July. Well done!

LOUDEN
BELDHAM-COLLINS
BICKHAM
MCDONALD
CUTHBERT
MARTIN
WATTON

Lily
Sophie
Frances
Leah
Alison
Timothy
Kai
FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:
Year 7
Ela Gregson, Julie Han, Parminder Kaur.

Year 8
Georgia Brown, Rochelle King, Madeline Matthews.

Year 9
Cloey Cvetkovski

This Week’s News

We are now at the end of another busy term. We hope that you have a safe and relaxing holiday period and come back ready for a wonderful Term 3 at Model Farms!

Assessment Task for Year 11 General Maths:

Year 11 have received their instruction sheet for their Assessment Task 3 which is on ‘Driving’. The assignment is due on 20\textsuperscript{th} July, which is the Monday of the second week of Term 3. Please refer to the Year 11 Preliminary Assessment Task 2015 booklet to refresh your memory of the requirements for the completion of assessment tasks.

Calculators:

Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-100AU 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.

Coming Events

We wish our Year 12 students well for their Trial HSC which will be held in the first two weeks of next term. If students haven’t changed their calculator batteries recently, we advise them to do so.

Have a Mathematical week,
From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff
FROM THE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE FACULTY

It’s hard to believe that Term 2 is almost to a close… and for those Year 7 and 10 students who have been finishing up their investigations I’m sure they will be looking forward to a well-deserved break. Currently the Agriculture faculty has been collecting funds from the farm produce to go towards the purchasing of new chickens. We thank all those who have been purchasing for their support.

ICAS Science Competition
Recently students from all year groups completed the ICAS Science Competition. The competition is a fantastic way for students to test their knowledge and logical thinking and to see how they fare in comparison to the rest of the state. We thank all students who have given it a go and we look forward to the results!

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
On Monday (15/06) Year 12 Chemistry students got to try out chemistry in the “real world” with hands on activities using advanced technology at the University of Western Sydney. Students we able to use an atomic absorption spectrometer in order to analyse the sodium content in Powerade. They needed to complete two dilutions of the sports drink in order to run it through the machine. They also used vacuum filtration in order to determine the sulfate content in fertilizer. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were ecstatic to be able to use some extremely expensive laboratory equipment.

From Ms Owen and the rest of the Science Faculty
UOW OPEN DAY

10am – 2pm
Saturday, August 29
Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place

uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day

Attend the Sydney CBD Open Day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct.

You will have the opportunity to:
• Chat face-to-face with our academic staff
• Learn about our business courses
• Meet current students and industry partners
• Tour the campus
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Our popular Winter Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular ski / snowboard camps at Jindabyne.

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- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

*Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10-16 years.

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

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BAULKHAM HILLS CRICKET CLUB INC

2015/2016 Season

Registration Day
For both Junior and Senior players
New players always welcome!

Sunday 19th July - 9:00am to 2:00pm
Saturday 25th July – 9.00am to 2.00pm
Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renown Rd, Baulkham Hills

Milo In2Cricket for 5-8 year olds – Friday nights from 6pm-7.30pm at Charles McLaughlin Reserve. The season runs from September to December only (approx 10 weeks)

Junior Cricket
We have teams in every age group. Family discounts apply.

Under 10’s (Modified rules) play on Saturday mornings 8.30am -11.00am from September to March.

Under 11,12,13,14,15 & 16’s play on Saturday mornings 8.30am -12pm from September to March.

Senior cricket
For age 16 & over
Senior cricket is played on Saturday afternoons 1.30pm -6.15pm from September to March. We normally field a minimum of 10 senior teams each year.

Junior training and grading will be held throughout August
Senior training and grading also in August

Whether you are a first time player or someone returning to the game, come & find out why we are the biggest club in the Hills District.

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