FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Success
Congratulations to our Year 11 Max Potential students who showcased their fabulous work at Castle Hill RSL at the conclusion of their Max Potential Leadership Program. Corrinne, Lachlan and Amelia each presented a wonderful community project and had great interest shown by the members of the business community who attended. Each has developed their leadership skills which will assist them in their final year as they approach the HSC.
Parent Online Payment

Thank you to everyone who has taken the opportunity to use the new Parent Online Payment option via our website. Your children will appreciate not having to line up at the payment window now! It has been a fairly easy transition for our finance staff who deal with the daily reconciliation and we hope that this continues. Please remember that you need to be clear about the information you provide with each payment so that we can accurately record that payment against your child and their excursion or subject. Please also remember that payments of less than $10 cannot be made via POP as there is bank transaction fee which the school has to pay and this cannot be supported for small fees.

I hope you continue to find the POP option useful and of course, continue to support the school by paying your fees at a time that is convenient to you.

NAPLAN Results

Parents will have received their child’s NAPLAN results this week and we hope that you are as happy with them as we are. The school as a whole has much to be proud of, in particular the fact that our Year 9 students have achieved above state average growth in all aspects of literacy and numeracy and Year 7 being above state average in the top two bands as well. This doesn’t mean we will rest on our laurels of course with work to be done in the area of Grammar and Punctuation for Year 7 which was not as high as other aspects. Staff will formulate a plan to increase the feedback given to students from here on in so that this can be turned around by the time they sit NAPLAN again in 2018.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MR GRADY

Student Achievement

At MFHS, we are fortunate that so many of our students involve themselves in community activities beyond school, bringing credit to themselves, their families and to the school. Matthew Stathis and James Oliver are Year 11 students who are also Navy Cadets with TS Nepean.

Matthew and James marched on Sunday 14 August 2016, at the Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces parade and service. In doing so, they showed great respect and pride for these ex-servicemen and did the cadet unit, their parents and the school proud. Well done boys!
Year 12

As Year 12 students move closer to the end of their formal secondary schooling, they have been reminded of the importance of continuing to work hard (and smart) to achieve their best in the forthcoming HSC exams.

Students are encouraged to discuss their progress and areas to be developed with the teaching staff prior to the end of term, so that the holiday and study period can be used wisely. All HSC candidates know their personal examination timetable, and should have planned how they will prepare, especially if they have consecutive exams, or even if they have a long break between exams.

Students have been reminded of the importance of the following in preparing for their examinations.

- Quality sleep
- Eating well
- Rewarding themselves for study (balancing work, sport, social activities)
- Having a study plan
- Effective summarising

We wish all of our HSC candidates the best for their examinations.

Social Media

A wise Deputy Principal once commented, “if I am not spending 2 hours per day managing issues with students and social media, it is because I am spending 3 hours per day doing so”.

Social media is a wonderful platform for people to engage and communicate in the 21st Century. Most adults have the skills to filter out what they are not interested in or see through negative interactions. However, parents need to ask themselves if their child has the necessary skills to manage/deal with a situation when it turns sour. Unfortunately, with teenagers, relationships and connections can turn sour very quickly and have dire consequences if played out over social media.

You might want to ask yourself these simple questions.

- Is my child on social media?
- Which platforms does my child use?
- Do I know how these platforms operate? (e.g. Snapchat messages can disappear permanently in up to 10 seconds after being viewed)
- What level are the privacy settings for each app? They should be at the highest.
- Who are my child’s online friends?

We live in an age where taking “selfies” is the norm and in some cases, this develops and fosters narcissism. When people become engrossed with their own image, especially how it appears to others, any action that does not support this can make the individual feel unwanted, not appreciated or isolated. Simple actions that can create these beliefs include:

- A comment not being liked by friends (e.g Facebook)
- No response to a comment or photo
- A negative comment
At MFHS, we spend a considerable amount of time working with students and developing their understanding of cyber safety, safe online practices, netiquette and appropriate online interactions, all being age specific. In a world where friends are made and deleted with the click of a mouse, we all need to understand just how vulnerable kids are to negative online interactions and cyberbullying. It may be a timely reminder for all of us, as parents, to take stock of our children’s involvement with social media and have a conversation about how it is being used.

Have a wonderful week,

Mark Grady
Deputy Principal
TERM 3

Week 7
Monday 29th August  Primary Links Jasper Road Public School
Tuesday 30th August  Yr 11 English Extension 1 Speaking Task
                     Yr 10 Science Skills Test 2
                     Yr 7 English Essay Assessment
                     Yr 10 Japanese Unit Test
Wednesday 31st August  Yr 10 Survivor Life Skills (p1-4)
                        Yr 11 English (ESL) Module B Portfolio due
Thursday 1st September  Yr 9 Mathematics Assignment 2 due
                        Duke of Edinburgh Hike
                        Yr 7 Sedimentary Topic Test
                        Yr 11 Physics Practical Test
                        Yr 7 English Essay Assessment
Friday 2nd September  Duke of Edinburgh Hike
                     Yr 10 Commerce In-class Assessment Task – Employment Issues
                     Yr 7 Tourism PowerPoint Task
                     Yr 7 Sedimentary Topic Test
                     Yr 7 English Essay Assessment
                     Yr 11 First Aid Course

WEEK 8
Monday 5th September  Yr 12 Red Frogs Seminar Period 4
                     Primary Links Jasper Road Public School
                     10GA/10GE/10GI Fieldwork Stages 3 and 4 due
                     Yr 10 PDHPE Drug Use Assignment due this week
Tuesday 6th September  Yr 8 Mathematics Assignment 2 due
                        Yr 8 Science: Elements, Mixtures and Compounds Test
                        9GY Natural Hazards Assignment due
                        Yr 10 Mathematics Assignment due
Wednesday 7th September  Yr 7 Mathematics Assignment 2 due
                        HSC Music Practical Examination
Thursday 8th September  HSC Music Practical Examination
Friday 9th September  Hills Performing Arts Festival
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| **Open Soccer**         | Bathurst St Park | 712 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Keen | JC |
| **15’s Soccer**         | Max Ruddock | 707 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Hodgson | JC |
| **Op Basketball A**     | Greystanes High | 804 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Wood | RD |
| **15’s Basketball A/B** | MFHS | 6L4 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Villagran | FH1 |
| **Open Touch A/B**      | Darling St Park | 504 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Jones | JB |
| **15’s Touch A/B**      | Gooden | 711 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Luttinger | BM |
| **MIXED Hockey**        | Doyle Park (vs ) | 802 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Parker | JB2 |
| **MIXED Frisbee**       | Doyle Park (vs ) | 807 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Dawson | JD |
| **MIXED 15s Frisbee**   | Doyle Park (MF1 vs BH) (MF2 vs JR1) | 503 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Hansen | JB |

**REC SPORT**
- **Rock Climbing $7.50 + bus** | The Edge Castle Hill | 507 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Rawat, P.Singh | BM |
- **Ten Pin Wondabowl $6.50 + bus** | Wondabowl Castle Hill | 3A1 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Relf, Stevenson | MC |
- **Anytime Fitness Gym (16yrs +) $5** | Waves Hills | 506 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Cambaz | JB2 |
- **Waves Gym & Trampolining $10** | Waves | 812 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Forrest | FH |
- **Ice Skating $8 + bus** | Sydney Ice Arena | 505 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Wawrzyniak, Connell | JE |
- **Flip Out $8** | Castle Hill | 702 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Letherbarrow | JC |
- **B. Hills Squash $8** | Baulkham Hills | 811 | 12:15-2:40 | Kleemeyer | JD |
- **Tennis Olympus $5** | Winston Hills | 701 | 12:40-2:40 | Georgopoulos, J.Singh | JE |
- **Rec Walking** | Around 801,809, 1TD, 708, 6L3 | 12:40-2:40 | Manson, Cole, Tiedemann, Leghorn, Owen, Sanders, Hoy | JD |
- **House Sport** | School | TLC | 12:40-2:40 | Estacio, Gardner, Medina, Snell, Bailey, Vince, Middleton | JM |
- **Chess** | School | 3A2 | 12:40-2:40 | Lamprill | JM |

**YEAR 7 SPORT**
- **7R** | Frisbee | 3K1 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Robertson | JE |
- **7N** | Flip Out ($8 + bus) | 4L3 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Martic | BM |
- **7E** | T-Ball | 704 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Papas | JB2 |
- **7Y** | Gymnastics ($8 +bus) | 3MU1 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Gregory | JM |
- **7J** | Netball | 713 | 12:15 – 2:40 | Jideh | RD |
- **7O** | Ice Skating ($8 + bus) | 709 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Bowen | JB2 |
- **7U** | Soccer | 4L2 | 12:40 – 2:40 | Vella | RD |

**NON SPORT**
- **School** | 4L4 | 12:40 – 2:40 | D’Souza | DD |

**SPORT DETENTION**
- **School** | 4L1 | 12:40 – 3:00 | Burnand | DD |
SPORT REPORT

CHS Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in their events and made it through to the CHS Athletics Carnival to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on 7th-9th September.

Peter. H
Aidan. K
Ashleigh. E
Indigo. K
Madeline. H
Danielle. D
Cameron. M

5 and 10-Day Sport Bus Passes:

Please collect a multi-trip order form from the PE staffroom window. This is also available via the online newsletter. These can be purchased through the finance window every day EXCEPT WEDNESDAY. It is your responsibility to have a valid sport bus pass each time you are required to travel.

KO Junior Netball:

Last week, Model Farms played Arthur Phillip High School in Round 1 of the KO Junior Netball Competition. The girls played a great game and won with a fantastic score of 53-20. They should all be proud of their individual and team efforts on the day.

Congratulations to the following girls on their win:


Grade Sport:

We are almost at the end of this sport rotation and grade teams are fighting hard for a space in the Grand Finals to be played on Wednesday 7th September. Grade trials for our next sport rotation will be coming up towards the end of Term 3. Keep your ears open for what sports are on offer!
Ski Trip Report

Week 4 saw 40 Year 10 students hitting the Smiggins slopes. With the fantastic assistance of Matt Dawson, Tim Hansen and Ben Stevenson, the students had an unforgettable experience. They engaged in 3 full days of Skiing and Snowboarding; and 2 hour lessons in the morning. It was so rewarding to see those students that had never experienced the snow becoming comfortable and taking chances on the slopes.

Thanks to all the students who attended and the parents for your patience and trust in the whole trip!

Overall, a memorable experience! I am looking forward to organising the 2017 trip.

Sarah Battistella
UNIFORM SHOP

Trading Days and Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8.10 am until 9.00 am

Payment Options
Cash - Visa - Mastercard

UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION

The Uniform Shop is run by the P&C Association and therefore separate from the school. All payments in relation to uniforms, book packs and any uniform related matters are required to be made directly to the Uniform Shop and NOT the school office.

Payments using the new Parent Online Payment (POP) service are NOT permitted and should not be used for Uniform Shop purchases at any time.

The Uniform Shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.10 until 9.00 am. The accepted forms of payment are cash and eftpos transactions.

In the instance that your child needs to make a payment using your credit card account, a credit card slip is included in the newsletter for your convenience. Please ensure all necessary information is provided. This information is treated as confidential and handled accordingly.

If your child is running late and needs items relative to the Uniform Shop please advise them to still come to the shop. There are measures in place to deal with this situation and they will not be marked as late or absent.

Thank You

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

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UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED

Monday - 12 September
Wednesday - 14 September
Friday - 16 September

RE-OPENS
Monday - 19 September
SPORT BUS PASSES CAN NOT BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAYS

Please indicate preferred pass:

- A 5 trip pass for $37.50  No. of passes  _____  Total $_______
- A 10 trip pass for $75.00  No. of passes  _____  Total $_______

Name of Student/s
_______________________________________ Year/s____________

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PAYMENT BY MASTERCARD OR VISA SLIP

Please circle the appropriate card
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CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION
MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

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Correspondence: _____________________________________________________________

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Email Address: _______________________________________________________________

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Phone No. ________________________________________________________________

Any change in Medical Condition e.g. Allergy, Asthma etc.
Details ________________________________________________________________

Bus Pass: YES / NO
Year 12 Information

With only 4 weeks to go in Term 3, Year 12 has many exciting activities coming up to celebrate and recognise their achievements and time at Model Farms High School. The last week of school will see students involved in painting the mural on the basketball wall, running mini Olympics and graduation rehearsal. A farewell BBQ lunch, shirt signing (remember to keep a good shirt for grad!) and clap out to the final bell will be held Thursday afternoon (22/9).

Fun Photo Day

Year 12 will have their Fun Photo in Week 9, Tuesday 13th September, Period 6. Students are reminded that they don’t need to spend a lot of money to dress up. I look forward to seeing some funny and creative costumes to continue this school tradition. These photos will be included in the Graduation DVD.

Graduation

Graduation is on Thursday 22nd September Week 10. The ceremony will commence at 7.00pm in the school hall. A letter was sent home last Term with the details on how to book tickets on line as seating is allocated and capped to a maximum of 4 tickets per family at this stage. Tickets can be purchased up to week 8. Students need to pay for their Graduation and DVD at the Fees Window. Students are reminded that they are wearing full school uniform and where possible, boys are encouraged to wear the long grey school pants (no cuffs) and tie.

Formal

The Year 12 Formal is at Oatlands House on Thursday 10th November, 2016, from 6pm-11pm. This will be the last time the cohort comes together to celebrate their school journey. Final payments are to be made by Week 9 of Term 3. They do not need another note to make their balance payment. Students have voted for their menu and theming. Two photographers and a photo booth will be available on the night and students can make their purchases on line after the event.

Merits

Merits need to be submitted by end of Week 6. If you think you have enough for a Gold Medallion, please get the certificates in!

Ms Letherbarrow - Year Adviser
Around the grounds...

Year 7 – Guess what? Year 7 have another test! Woo hoo! Remember building skills is building academic artillery that will make you indestructible! This term Year 7 have been busy mastering the finer points of essay writing. They have been studying novels and film and have been enjoying the experience of voicing their own ideas in relation to the wonderful world of literature. The cohort have worked hard this year and this is the first time that the essay structure has been taught to a Year 7 grade and when you fast forward to the HSC and the significance of essay writing this new addition to our English program is one which will reap future rewards... Keep working hard Year 7!

Year 8 – Ned Kelly hero or villain? Year 8 are well in the throes of debating the ‘pros and cons’ of celebrating the life of Ned Kelly. English deals with the ‘grey area’ in between and Year 8 are beginning to appreciate the importance of understanding the ‘two sides’ of every story. Several classes have spent time exploring Ned Kelly ‘Wanted’ posters and how they might contribute to relaying important Australian narratives. Why is Ned Kelly so influential when considering Australian history? Many students in Year 7 will now, comfortably be able to go home and tell their parents the definition of polarised! Our non-fiction study will move across to the world of narratives where the students will spend time developing their creative writing skills, working towards the creation of a piece of work that will encapsulate the unit of work ‘Heroes and Villains.’

Year 9 – If you see any Year 9’s dancing around the playground in a weird trance like state they may be trying to create the ritualistic tribal dances of the tribe of Pandora... or not... Year 9 are enjoying their film study, ‘Avatar’ and in turn beginning to analyse the importance of developing filmic technique to support their ideas. The unit of work, titled ‘It’s not easy being Green’ has focused on the environment and sustainability, where the students have engaged with a diverse array of text types including, letters to the editor, film reviews, poems and propaganda posters. Challenging the world we live in is of paramount importance in developing strong voices and Year 9 will put this theory to the test when they complete their Speech Assessments at the end of the term...

Year 10 – Year 10 are preparing for their first assessment for the Term (Reading Paper) and are developing their skills in analysing unseen texts. They have been exploring the concept of the Individual and Society and the classes are appreciating the complexity of the tenuous relationship the individual experiences living in a complex world. The students continue developing their essay writing skills and are beginning to locate their own related texts to support the study of their core texts. This skill is essential in promoting student insight and engagement with the concept study and although the work load is getting serious, these skills stand the cohort in good stead for future years. Most importantly, Year 10 will now be able to go home and cite the important role of film as a social tool in challenging ideas. It’s not always about popcorn, choc tops and watching the 31st instalment of Shrek... The English Faculty take great pride in fostering film as an important factor of literature!

Year 11 – Have a Listening Assessment in Week 6 and have been studying Conflict as a concept study. This includes a close study of a novel and the students continue to build their skills in essay writing as the HSC gets ever closer. As Yearly exams approach it might be a time to reflect on what is working and what needs refinement? Are you studying? Are you currently sitting on a nice fluffy cloud spending time daydreaming rather than writing a thesis statement that challenges powerful social hierarchies...? The great thing about preliminary study is that students are provided with the opportunity to address all of the things that may need improvement. It is never too late to succeed!
Year 12 – It’s the final countdown. And although the Year group seem intent on spending their last days worshipping a dead Gorilla it must be said that the cohort have been splendid in completing the last of their assessment tasks in all three courses, Standard, Advanced and English Studies. Well done! Wow. Over thirteen years of assessments... Think back to the Picture Book in Year 8, the Year 7 narrative the Naplan years... the wonders of poetry in Year 10. Oh the memories! What an incredible journey and one which must be celebrated... however there is the slight matter of the HSC and students are cautioned that while the last few weeks can turn celebratory they must keep their eyes on the proverbial prize. After all this is what they have ultimately spent the last 13 years working towards...

Faculty Merits
Year 7 – Darcie, Indigo
Year 8 – Jessica, Rylee, Sara
Year 9 – Jane, Michael, Chris, Casey, Jasmine, Rory, Indie
Year 10 – Liam, Emily, Aaron, Pavani, Lance, Maia
Year 11 – Chaye, Laura
Year 12 – Rebecca, Reuben, Chiara, Caleb, David, Rebecca

A Midsummer Night’s Dream Review
By Phoebe 7J

The Shakespearian comedy ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ was performed at the Opera House. The well-known play is about four Athenians who are all in love with or hate one another, the fairies who are having their own difficulties over an Indian boy, and a group of people who are putting on a play for the Duke. Puck, a fairy servant, causes trouble and mischief amongst everyone.

There were only eight actors who played multiple roles, every time just adding a coat or a mask to alter the character’s appearance and personality dramatically. The stage was set with a wooden arched wall with cut outs as windows and four tables and eight chairs were arranged in front. These simple props served the purpose of creating several different settings by changing the arrangement of the tables and chairs. Music was playing in the background throughout the whole play, creating an atmosphere.

The play itself was performed expertly and was hilarious to watch. The characters were sometimes so stupid that it was funny.

’A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ was performed as it was written: in Old English. This made it hard to understand specifically what the characters were saying, but you managed to follow the plot and figure out what was happening.

I would recommend this play for high school students and adults, as it is too mature for younger children and they wouldn’t appreciate what was happening. Most high school students and adults have read the play in the early years of high school, and being able to see it live would give them a better appreciation of the story. Though I have never seen any other version of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’, this production was exceptional, simple and captured the audience’s attention.
The performance of a Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Sydney Opera House was an entertaining and enjoyable production. The actors were very skilful and showed a range of emotions to bring their characters to life. One example of this was when Hermia found out that Lysander was in love with Helena. Hermia was angry and frustrated with both Helena and Lysander, but sad over the event as well, and this was conveyed by excellent acting.

The setting and staging were appropriate for the story in many ways. The tables that were originally in one single row at the beginning of the play were moved around quickly and efficiently to suit each scene. Curved walls with holes in the background allowed the actors to easily exit and enter the stage.

The costumes in the show were quite modern, however in one scene the actors wore big coats that suited the time period of Shakespeare. Other than that scene, the actors wore modern clothes that would not have been worn in Shakespeare’s time.

There were a few humorous moments in the play. One of these include when one of The Mechanicals came out dressed as a girl. In the same scene, another one of The Mechanicals came out dressed as a bear with pencils in-between her fingers like Wolverine. These events made the play entertaining and humorous.

I would give this play four out of five stars. I found the language a little difficult to understand, however, I still understood the main concept of the play. I would highly recommend others to watch as this production is a fun and enjoyable theatre experience.
Drama

Year 10
Students participated in the “Lights Up” festival at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 11th August, 2016. Year 10 successfully auditioned for a place in the festival back in June, 2016. On the day students were provided with a fantastic opportunity to perform with other schools and develop their appreciation of the theatrical process involved in putting on a show. Students rehearsed once during the day and included music and lighting into their piece with the professional team at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. Students then performed in an evening show in front of family and friends.

Year 10 are to be commended for their team spirit and participation in the festival.
Mrs Snell

Debating Brilliance!

Congratulations to the Year 11 debating team on another stellar effort in this year’s debating competitions. The team - Corinne, Simone, Joanna, Abbey and Angie - entered both the Premier’s Debating Challenge for Yrs 11 & 12 and the Year 11 Metro Debating Competition, performing consistently through each round of competition. The team came up against a myriad of schools including Baulkham Hills High, James Ruse Agricultural High, Penrith High, Crestwood High, Girraween High, Hills Sports High and Hornsby Girls High.
The team were runners up at the Western Sydney Regional Final in the Premier’s Debating Challenge for Yrs 11 & 12. Against Penrith High, the students were narrowly beaten, arguing for compulsory parental leave. The State Semi Final of the Year 11 Metro Competition saw the team runners up against Hornsby Girls High, arguing against compulsory life bans for athletes caught using performance enhancing drugs.

The students have put in considerable time and effort in refining and further developing their debating skills, meeting after school weekly as well as independent research time at home. A large part of the ability to debate and rebut arguments is to draw on current events as examples. This has meant that the team have had to keep informed of topics such as, education, politics, law, sport, media and economics - all of which the debate topics are drawn from.

For the fourth year in a row, the team have been ranked in the top 4 in the state in a competition that attracts 400 schools across NSW. Fantastic effort!
Well done to Year 12 Dance on completing 80% of their HSC exams! On Monday and Tuesday of week 4, these students presented 3 dances each to the visiting markers from BOSTES. A relief to be finished and be able to devote our remaining time to the written component.

FESTIVALS:

Model Farms has had great success with dancers gaining entry to Celebrating the Arts Festival at Parramatta Riverside Theatre, The Hills Performing Arts Festival at Evan Theatre and the Synergy Dance Festival at Evan Theatre.

Congratulations to all the students in the Years 9, 10 and 11 Elective Dance classes who have been successful several times over. More exciting performance opportunities for the very talented Model Farms Dance students.
Faculty Merits
The following students have received faculty merits for consistent achievement in Science:
- Ruby (Year 7)
- Ben (Year 7)
- Daniel (Year 8)
- Chelsea (Year 8)
- Maneka (Year 10)
- All of Year 12 Biology and Chemistry!

Congratulations to all of you!

Spectacular Science
Last year the GAT Year 7 class and Science Group attended “Spectacular Science” – an outreach program run by Sydney University. We were able to watch exciting chemistry demonstrations, make slime, play with liquid nitrogen, use physics apparatus, learn about the science of chocolate and watch a presentation from Dr Karl. The excursion was fantastic, and this year we intend to take part again by taking a new group of students on the 23rd of November.

“Take a journey into the fascinating world of science, with a day trip to Spectacular Science. Do hands-on science activities and meet real scientists who’ll share what they are discovering about the world around us.

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From Ms Owen and the rest of the Science Faculty
Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

**Year 7**
Lillian C, Jessica D, Maya L, Adam P, Trisha R, Tamsyn W

**Year 9**
Amelia B, Courtney H, Liam M, Sam Y

**Year 10**
Jasmine B, Katherine B, Elizabeth C, Emily D, Jessie L, Sol L, Lance V

**Year 11**
Shaantam D, Young KK, Ezra T, Angelina V, Fiona W, John Z

**Year 12**
David B x 4, Brendan C x 4, Rebecca D x 2, Gabriel H x 2, Tim M x 3, Holly P x 4, Caleb O x 3, Katrina S x 4, Tim T x 3, Caitlyn T x 4, Paige V x 4, Reuben W x 3, Vivienne W x 3, Rebecca W x 3

**This Week’s News**

**Year 12 students** remember to hand in your Maths merits **as soon as possible** so that we can issue faculty merits for you in time to have them count towards your bronze, silver and gold awards. Check all of the places at home that you could have left Maths merits over the last 6 years - desks, cupboards, wardrobes etc. You only have 4 weeks until graduation!!

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**Assignment Season:**
All students from Year 7 to Year 10 should be working on their assignments. The assignments require attention to detail and cannot be left to the last minute. All students should be checking the marking criteria before starting their assignment and again before submitting.

**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. Different brands of scientific calculators have different layouts 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.

**Have a Mathematical week,**
**From Jackie Dalton and the Maths Faculty Staff**
Max Potential showcase

On Tuesday 9th of August 2016, the final community showcase for Max Potential was held at Castle Hill RSL. It was a special occasion where the students displayed their community service project and celebrate all they have achieved through Max Potential this year. Our three students Corinne, Amelia and Lachlan shone in that evening with their creative presentations to showcase their leadership skills through their projects which are focused on their local communities. Well done Corinne, Amelia and Lachlan and congratulations on graduation from the program.
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