

# Mac Fields News

Macquarie Fields High School



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## Calendar Events

### Week 4

Monday November 5- Friday November 9	Yr 10 Testing Week
Monday November 5- Friday November 9	Yr 8 Valid Testing
Thursday November 8	Yr 12 sign out - 10am- 2:30pm
	Yr 7 Immunisations

### Week 5

Wednesday November 14	Yr 7/8 – Scripture Yr 9/10 – Scripture
Thursday November 15	Yr 12 sign out – 10am- 2:30pm
	Yr 12 FORMAL
Friday November 16	Yr 11 Reports distributed

### Week 6

Monday November 19	Year Meetings Week P & C Meeting-6:30pm
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## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

### Students absent from school

Please note changes to School Attendance Policy. Where a student is absent from school, a note explaining the absence must be received by the school within 7 school days. Where a note is not received the absence will be recorded as unjustified. This cannot legally be changed should a note be received after 7 days. Absences both justified and unjustified are recorded on school reports.

## Recipient's of PBL Raffle Prize Draw

NAME	Year	Wk/Term	PRIZE
Winni Hoang	7	Wk5/T3	\$20 Event Cinema gift card
Joseph Auta	7	Wk7/T3	\$20 Event Cinema gift card
Iftiza Ahmed	7	Wk8/T3	\$20 Macarthur Square gift card
Nicky Davis	9	Wk9/T3	\$10 Event Cinema gift card
Carter Ward	7	Wk2/T4	\$20 Event Cinema gift card
Jawad Gill	8	Wk2/T4	\$20 Macarthur Square gift card

## From the Relieving Principal

### Year 12 Graduation

We farewelled our class of 2018 at the end of Term 3. I would like to thank our parents and citizens that were in attendance at our graduation. This special school event is an emotional time for our students and signifies an end to an important stage of their lives. We are very proud of all of our students and we wish them all the success in their future lives.

I would like to thank our outstanding student leaders, Captains Mabel Truong, Farid Faruq and Vice Captains Tegan Sharma and Isaac Tiata for their service to the school. They have all left a legacy at our school and have all served with distinction.

Thanks to the Ms J.Watts and Ms S.Worthington for the outstanding work that they have demonstrated in their roles as Year Advisers. They have consistently gone above and beyond in the *generosity* that they have given to Year 12. Students were presented with a signed frame and gift that was organised by them and I'm sure

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that the students will remember their special connection to our school.

### **HSC Examinations and Year 12 Formal**

Our Year 12 students have commenced their examinations and we look forward to celebrating with them at their Year 12 Formal which will be held at Ottimo House at Denham Court on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Celebration Day Report**

Our Celebration Day this year was an outstanding success. The theme of the day was *Celebrating Our Cultures, Supporting Our Community*. A student led initiative has made a connection with the Warialda community and we look forward to providing what support we can to this community as they have been and continue to be affected by the drought.

Our opening Ceremony featured a range of student led performances. The cultural dances and traditional dress continues to be fundamental to this day.

The following were some of the other highlights of the day:

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Flag ceremony
- Hosting Macquarie Fields Primary School
- Year 7 –Year 9 School Values Showcase
- Cultural food stalls
- Cardboard arcade games
- Cultural games
- Student performances
- Navy band
- Rides
- Harry Potter reading marathon
- Competitions

An event like this needs the support of the whole school and I would like to thank our team on behalf of our school community. The list below highlights the names of the staff and students that were on the team.

### **2018 MFHS Celebration Day Team:**

SRC: B.Cupit Hart, N.Amos and L.Cox

SRC Leader: Ms R.Shakespeare

SASS: Mrs J.Brooker

Maths: Mr R.Jansen

English: Dr M.Moller

Science: Ms N.John and Mrs P.Raheja

Special Education: Mr P.Robertson

Creative and Performing Arts: Mr L.Bozzetto

PDHPE: Mr M.Day and Mrs M.Ninopoulos

TAS: Mrs J.Fernando

Social Science: Mr P.Celestino

History/Languages: Mr T.Neale

Senior executive: Mrs V.Mafi, Mrs L.Trieu and Mrs H.Costa.

### **Staffing Update**

Mrs K.Dean and Mrs M Meyer have recently been appointed as permanent members of our School Administration Staff. On behalf of our school, I congratulate both on their positions.

***Mr J Perrett***  
***Relieving Principal***

## ***Student Voice - October Edition***

### **Power of Art**

Visual images comprise 90% of the information our brain receives. Our brains process images around us every day, many in the form of paintings and art. Therefore, it is undeniable that art is a powerful means of communication and expression as it appeals to individuals in their own unique ways. But how much of that artistic power are we utilising for the betterment of our school? Often artworks in school environments fail to carry meaning other than their apparent appeal through aesthetic value. However, other times this can tip the scale to the extreme—packing so much symbolism into the one piece that meaning is totally obscured, and students lose touch with the message that it may be communicating. Macquarie Fields High School has an amazing Creative Arts Faculty. Merely from observing previous and ongoing HSC students' Body of Works are we able to observe the pure talent and skill that young artists at our school possess.

It is now high time to revitalise our school areas, to encourage our school's talented students their originality to shine through and refurbish the school in an appropriate manner. In an information age characterised with ongoing innovation, radical shifts and constantly surfacing ideas, meaningful art should be a working motive, not a concept.

***Nafeesa Rahman Year 12***

### ***Chess Report***

It's no doubt there are great kids doing great things in our school, extra-curricular or otherwise. I would like to shed light on an extra-curricular club that we don't see too often, so little in fact they don't even have a badge. This is the Macquarie Fields High School chess team. Run by Mr Pinget, the chess team has been all across South West Sydney beating a range of schools at a game centuries old.

This team consists of Collin Touch, Martin Vu, Nathan Tran and Sean Cheong. This team of four has managed to win the South West Region NSW junior chess league metropolitan secondary school competition by two points.

This team is obviously dedicated and have great passion and drive for what they do. This is something we should all strive for in our extra-curricular activities. The Chess Club meet every Tuesday at lunch in the library and hopefully the introduction of a new senior and junior chess team will continue to see the team improve. There is no doubt that the Macquarie Fields High school chess team is on track to do great things. Keep an ear out.

***Nissa Cheong Year 12***

## Year 12 Procedures

- Remember to eat well and get plenty of rest during the course of your examinations in order to maximise your potential for success at your examinations. Manage your time carefully to ensure that you have an appropriate emphasis on study, leisure and rest.
- If you suffer illness or misadventure on the day of an examination, please inform the school by phone (9605 3111) and speak personally with Mrs Buckler or Mrs Mafi who will inform the supervisor of the examinations, Mr. Don McLeod.
- You will be required to submit a NESA illness/misadventure form in detail with supporting documentation from your doctor as relevant to your particular circumstances.**

### ***SIGNING OUT FROM SCHOOL – Thursday 1-11-18 and Thursday 8-11-18***

- Signing out from school will occur on two days this year. When you sign out, try to sign out in groups. Sign out will be on November 1 and November 8 between 10am and 2:30pm. Mr Perrett and Mrs Mafi will only be available between 10:00am and 2:30pm on both Thursdays. **All students must see Mr Perrett.**
- You must wear school uniform when signing out of school.
- You need to pick a day after you have finished **all of your examinations**. On the day you choose to sign out report to the front office, sign in and collect your sign out sheet.
- All fees must have been paid by or on September 28, 2018.
- Return textbooks issued to you (in the unlikely event that you have not returned them on the day of your examination in the subject), to appropriate faculties. When you have completed the sign out process, have Mr Perrett or Mrs Mafi sign your form. You are then required to meet with Mr Perrett (or his representative). You will be given **your reference** at this time. You will also be issued with your **Year 12 Formal ticket** at this meeting.

- NOTE: Year 12 Formal tickets will only be issued by Mr Perrett, or his delegated officer. Admission to the Year 12 Formal will be **BY TICKET ONLY. *Tickets will be checked at the door – no ticket – no admission.***
- Remember to sign out when you leave the school premises.

### ***YEAR 12 FORMAL – 15-11-18***

- The Year 12 Formal is on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 6pm until 10:45pm. Please refer to the separate advice issued in regard of the formal. The formal is at the “Ottimo House” in Denham Court.
- Students are to make their own way to and from the venue.

### ***YEAR 12 MORNING TEA – 15-12-18***

- On this day you are formally invited to a morning tea at the school, beginning at 10:00am. Here we congratulate you on the wonderful achievements you have made in your Higher School Certificate.
- It is important that you attend this day which is the final calendar event for you as our Year 12 group in 2018.
- You do not have to wear school uniform.
- Mrs. Buckler is organising this event for you.

On behalf of the whole school, we wish all of Year 12 every success and happiness in their examinations and for the future.

## 2018 Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

This is the first newsletter article I have written since my appointment as **Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts** back in June. I always wanted this job, but never thought I would actually get it! When people asked, if I was going for the job, I would always say no, I don't think so!

But deep down I wanted to prove to the world I could do this, and so I just kept chipping away and doing my best. I focussed on what needed to be achieved and took one step at a time and one day at a time.

My love of all things '**Creative**' got me through the process, along with determination and lots of hard work. I truly hope as the Head Teacher of CAPA here at Macquarie Fields, I can instill the values of hard work, setting goals and working consistently both in the students I teach and in turn my valued faculty.

I truly believe you can achieve anything, if you set your mind to it, work out your goals and have a strong work ethic. I look forward to continue to inspire our students and watch their passion for the arts develop and grow.

I am extremely proud of the hard working, talented and dedicated team of Creative and Performing Arts teachers we have here at Macquarie Fields High School. We all do our best to support each and every student in all the Creative Arts endeavours we provide.

The saying goes '**Team work makes dream work**' and this is my philosophy. I am pleased to say this is what happens every day in the CAPA faculty. We do respect each other and our unique talents along with pitching in when things need to be done. The term of endearment I refer to as our team as is the CAPA SQUAD.

Our Creative and Performing Arts Faculty consists of Mrs McDermott (Visual Arts), Mrs Davidson (Visual Arts), Mrs Costa (Music), Mr Bozzetto (Music) Mr Lee (Music) and myself Mrs Metcalfe (Visual Arts & Dance ). We are excited to welcome back Ms Tran, who will be returning from maternity leave, next term.

As always our faculty continues to showcase our students and their talents at many events. As mentioned earlier in the year, we had our Vocal Ensemble perform at the **In Concert** at Sydney town hall, we also had students sing and dance in the **Cross Network** concert in July. Let's not forget about our annual **Variety Night** held here at school where we had our talented students dazzle us with their Greatest Show dance spectacular, and all the many other performers who took to the stage. Variety night is always a fantastic opportunity for all the students to get up and have a go in a supportive environment. We encourage all of our student body to be involved. Variety night is an important whole school event. When I see or speak to past students it holds a special place in their memories. As a faculty we always have tremendous support from the senior executive and other faculties on this night and we thank everyone for their ongoing encouragement.





In the classroom our students have been busy creating stunning artworks and learning to perform, musical pieces on various musical instruments. Stage 4 Music students have studied – Introduction to music where they have begun to master the keyboard. Currently Stage 4 Music students are studying 'Guitar through the ages' and are learning the classic 'Stand by me'.

In Stage 4 Visual Arts students have been using a variety of different mediums to extend their technical abilities. While studying **Landscapes and Environments**, they created beautiful **Fred Williams** inspired artworks which were displayed on our schools Facebook page. Year 8 students are currently studying '**Animals creatures and other living things**' this semester and are visiting Taronga Park Zoo on an excursion later this month to co-inside and help inspire our students with this unit of work. This looks to be a wonderful day, planned and organised by Mrs McDermott. I am positive the students will benefit from the day.



Year 9 Dance Elective has been running for the first time this year. This is an exciting development for the CAPA faculty. The students are enjoying learning about Contemporary, Classical Ballet and Hip Hop Dance this year. In year 10 we will be studying Jazz, Tap, Cultural dance and more Contemporary. Students have just completed a unit of work on Classical Ballet. Year 9 studied, technical Classical Ballet terminology in French. Including the origins of classical ballet, positions of the feet and arms, using correct alignment and how to point your toes. Amongst the more complex steps, students have been practicing their Changements, Soubresaut's and the Polka Step. The class have also been rehearsing their Contemporary and Classical dance piece called Wall Flower by Agnes Obel, they look forward to performing on ensembles evening later in the year. In class we had begun learning about the origins of Hip Hop and starting to work on Hip Hop combinations. We will start to compose and develop the steps and choreography into a class dance.



Our awesome stage 5 Music students have been studying in class time Classical Music and Rock n Roll. Some of the iconic musicians students learn about are Bill Hayley and the comets, Buddy Holly and little Richard. As a result of these fabulous class topics and engaging programs we have inspired our students and

have doubled the size of our School Rock Program. We currently have 30 students in 6 Rock Bands participating in weekly rehearsals where they learn how to play rock and pop songs. These bands have the opportunity to perform at Variety night, Fire in the Fields, Celebration Day and assemblies. The program provides students with a positive social environment where they learn in a group setting and also develop their instrumental skills.



Our HSC Visual Arts class have visited and participated in workshops helping them understand the historical aspects of analysing artworks at the Art Gallery of NSW. Year 12, were also lucky to visit the Museum Contemporary Art. They were taken on a tour around the gallery where they learnt all aspects of what Contemporary artworks look like. This helped their understanding of how they could use technology including soundtracks, lighting and liquid and other interesting ways to develop their own art making practice and develop their 'Bodies of work'. Our Year 12 bodies of work are now completed and all locked up. Over the next few weeks we will be wrapping and packing them up ready to be couriered into the marking centre. Thanks for your awesome work Year 12. I have enjoyed working with you and learning about your own art practices and love of art.



The Annual CAPA Showcase was held back in August and this provided our Year 12 students the opportunity to perform their Higher School Certificate Musical performances and to display their wonderful art works. This was a highly emotional night. On the night we saw amazing performances by our music students and there were quite a few tears running down faces as I looked around the audience. It was also wonderful to watch as the Visual Arts students walked their parents through the exhibition and proudly showed them their finished 'Bodies of Work'. The look of relief and accomplishment on the student's faces was heart-warming. I must say, my pockets were definitely full of tissues that evening.







Our Music students have their Music Higher School Certificate Examinations. Students have been rehearsing before and after school as well as during lunchtimes. Many hours of preparation have been dedicated towards these exams. Mr Bozzetto and Mr Lee have been guiding these student's giving them lots of feedback, and helping them polish their performances. We wish all the students the very best for their examination results and we hope they continue to be inspired by music as they begin their journey of life.

As a faculty we still have a lot happening. The year is certainly not over. There is always something to look forward to and something to organise, but that's okay, that's what we like! That's how we roll!

In week 8 we had students performing at Ingleburn High School in the Fire in the Fields Performances. Our Year 7 band performed 'See you again' by Whiz Khalifa and Year 8 Band are performed 'Pumped up Kids' by Forster the People. This was another awesome and successful performance for our students to be involved in.

Mrs Davidson will be taking her Vocal Ensemble to perform in this years' School Spectacular called "The Greatest" on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th November. This will be an amazing event. In 2018 the Schools Spectacular celebrates some of the greatest music, theatrical shows, stories and lessons of all time, performed by some of the most talented young students from across NSW. As well as the 15 students in the choir we also have Awen Davidson participating in the Millenium Marching Band and Braithan Kemble dancing in the Aboriginal Dance Company. I am sure they will have the most spectacular time at this event.





If you are interested to attend, tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.



We are also looking forward to our annual Art Exhibition 'In the Picture' and our Ensembles night which will be held in early December. Stay tuned for this date!

Our Creative and Performing Arts students are inspiring! We thank them for their enthusiasm and their dedication. Without them we do not have a successful CAPA faculty. I look forward on reporting on all things new, uplifting and motivating in our next chapter of CAPA Squad adventures.

***Mrs Karen Metcalfe***

***Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts***

## History and Languages Faculty

The History and Languages faculty have had another busy, productive and positive year.

### The Minister for Education has a history lesson.

It was an honour to have the Minister for Education, Mr Rod Stokes, pay a visit to our school to see the great work of Mr Celestino and his Future Teachers Club. The Minister was an active participant in a Year 7 History lesson which was co-delivered by our Future Teacher students and the newest member of the History and Languages faculty **Ms Er**. Both **Ms Er** and **Ms Fong** assisted the students to create and deliver a very engaging History lesson for the Minister. Mr Stokes provided **Ms Er** with very positive feedback on the quality of the lesson. I would like to thank **Ms Er**, **Ms Fong** and **Ms Bell** for their work in supporting our students during the Ministers' visit.



***(NSW Education Minister congratulating Ms Er on an outstanding History lesson)***

## ANZAC DAY Service

The History faculty has a proud tradition of honouring the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served in the armed forces. The 2018 ANZAC Day ceremony was an outstanding example of our commitment to honouring the spirit and meaning of ANZAC Day. Our school leaders and cadets led a moving and solemn service. Mr Ray James, President of Ingleburn RSL Sub-Branch delivered, the ANZAC address and laid a wreath in our ANZAC garden (escorted by an honour guard of cadets.) I would like to thank **Mrs Gibbs** for organising such an outstanding and stirring ANZAC service, and our school leaders, Year 9 students and cadets for their commitment and professionalism.

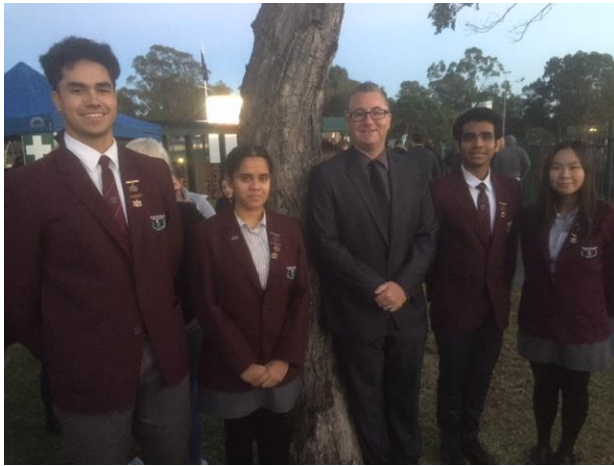


## Coral Balmoral - Remember the service of Vietnam Veterans.

Our school leaders paid their respects on behalf of our school to the memory and sacrifice of soldiers lost in conflict during the Vietnam War and to lay a wreath to honour their sacrifice. Our Captains and Vice Captains also had the opportunity to meet Dr Brendan Nelson Head of the Australian War Memorial. Our school leaders, accompanied by Mr Perrett, also represented the school at the **Dawn Service** at Ingleburn RSL on ANZAC day.







### Medieval Day - Hands on History

Last term our Year 8 students participated in Medieval Day. They had a full day of medieval activities including a medieval show provided by James Adams Historical Recreation. The History and Languages staff and many other staff, and students, dressed in medieval costume and enjoyed a fantastic day of hands on learning about all aspects of medieval life. I would like to thank **Ms Fong, Ms Bell, Ms Er, Ms Collins, Mrs Gibbs, Mr Kermali and Ms Hannaford** for the organisation and management of Medieval Day.





## Snowy Camp - Alpine Fieldwork

Our Year 10 students have just returned from another successful Snowy Mountains Camp. As part of their fieldwork, students explored the Kosciuszko Education Centre and the Snowy Alpine region. Students also had a guided tour of Parliament House for Civics and Citizenship and visited the Australian War Memorial. I would like to thank **Ms Bell, Ms Fong, Ms Er and Mrs Gibbs** for their leadership and management of this important camp and for all their efforts in allowing our students another great learning adventure. Many thanks to **Mr Celestino** for staying awake all-night and checking on students.



## New Languages Teacher - Cherry Blossom Festival

**Mr Kermali** is our new Languages teacher. Mr Kermali has a passion for languages and is working alongside **Mrs Vrontzos** to provide great opportunities for our students to explore new cultures and learn new languages. Last term, Mr Kermali and **Mrs Vrontzos** took our Year 9 and Year 11 Japanese students to the Cherry Blossom Festival at Auburn Botanic Gardens. With a growing number of students selecting Japanese as a junior elective, and in the senior years, a languages study tour to Japan is being considered by the faculty.



## Nobel Peace Prize

### The Nobel Peace Prize at MFHS

The Noble Prize for Peace made its way to the History and Languages Faculty last term. Dr Daryl Le Cornu from ICAN, an organisation dedicated to the elimination of nuclear weapons and former History teacher. He brought the Nobel Peace Prize to show teachers and students at our assembly to explain both the significance of the Peace Prize and the work of ICAN.



## Kirby Cup Rewards Day

Earlier in the year, four of our HSC Legal Studies students participated in the **Kirby Cup**, a Legal Studies mooting competition for high school students hosted by Western Sydney University. The students represented the school with distinction, presenting sophisticated submissions and withstanding the scrutiny of 'questions from the bench'

At the end of last term, our Kirby Cup students accompanied **Ms Collins** into the city for a rewards day. Students visited the offices of Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF), where they met with members of the HSF graduate program to discuss the realities of university, working in the legal profession and making decisions after high



school. Next, students visited the offices of Sumitomo Australia. Our students met with the General Counsel of Sumitomo Australia and were treated to a tour of the offices, a presentation on Sumitomo's business ventures in Australia, and shared a discussion with their General Counsel about the realities of working as an in-house lawyer. Students then spent the afternoon observing District Court proceedings in the Downing Centre.

The History and Languages Faculty is proud of the achievements of our Kirby Cup team, and are happy to offer these high achieving students the opportunity to engage with members of the legal profession and gain valuable insights into potential post-school career options and pathways. I would like to thank **Ms Collins** for supporting our students in this innovative competition.

## LEAPS

The LEAPS program, coordinated by **Ms Collins**, continues to provide excellent opportunities for students in our Year 9 cohort. Each year, 18 students from Year 9 are selected to participate in the LEAPS program. These students are paired with a mentor from Herbert Smith Freehills, students work with their mentor over the course of the year, through a structured mentoring and enrichment program. So far this year, our LEAPS students have visited the Australian Museum, Maritime Museum, participated in bowling and rockclimbing, and engaged in mentoring sessions on a variety of topics. Our 2018 LEAPS students will be visiting the Police and Justice Museum and Taronga Zoo over the coming weeks, before graduating from the program and moving into our in-house MFHS mentoring program, SEAMLESS. Congratulations to our 2018 LEAPS students, who continue to engage meaningfully with the LEAPS program, and who represent the school

values of loyalty, sincerity and generosity. I would like to thank **Ms Collins** for her outstanding dedication to our students in providing them with such important learning opportunities.



**Mr Troy Neale**  
*Head Teacher - History and Languages*