Principal’s Message

Congratulations go to Madeleine Norris who was recently awarded a position in the NSWCHSA Basketball team. This is the highest state honour available to students. Mitchell Shipp is also congratulated following his selection in the Sydney East Boys Hockey team and Vittoria Camporeale for her selection as an exchange student to Italy. This is a great honour and she will be a great ambassador for us all. World Vision also congratulates and thanks us for raising $43,000 for the 40 Hour Famine. Our student community is amazing and even I am “blown away” by this generosity.

The Learning Support Team completed most of the learning reviews for Year 8 and other held over reviews for Year 10 and 11 students. This is a very personalized opportunity for individual students and their support people. The processes acknowledges the accommodations and adjustments teachers are actioning in order to ensure that a student’s work and assessments meet their needs for challenge as well as provide particular learning supports they need to learn well. Every teacher then discusses feedback provided by all teachers and then plan for the next year. Everyone finds this very useful. As in the past organization and homestudy programs are a huge source of challenge and support in virtually all families. On behalf of the families on our caseload I wish to acknowledge the efforts, commitment and care of the Learning Support Team including Mrs Cooper, Ms Hennessy, Ms La Rosa, Mrs Brown, Mrs Wakely, Mrs Breen, Mrs Hackett as well as Deputy Principals Ms Sayed-Rich, Mrs Allen and myself.

The Learning Support reviews also highlighted the number of students that are not using the support available to them. Maths is a source of challenge for many students and yet many have not accessed Mathletics which is the main tool to support all students to develop their core numeracy skills. To get the password to access Mathletics students must have paid their fees. If someone can’t pay they need to contact me in order to organize some financial assistance. With access to Mathletics all students will thrive in Maths if they practice on-line for 15 minutes per day. It takes them forward from whatever level they are currently on. The discipline of regular practice needs the accountability that only a parent or coach can give. Please help your children by establishing the daily routine of 15 minutes of Mathletics per day.

The executive team of head teachers and deputy principals learned a great deal at last week’s executive conference. We enjoyed some great professional learning in implementing coaching and “Teaching Rounds” as great strategies for enhancing teaching skills which will enhance student learning even further. Mrs Allen and others have done a great job organizing this annual event.

Our Education Director, Sue Cran, has requested that in the interests of student safety the following Police warning be published-

“The NSW Police Transport Command is writing to you today to express concern over a growing trend involving some school students within the Sutherland Shire. We have noticed an increase in some young people, aged between 12 and 17, who, while travelling on the Sydney Trains network, actively participate in dangerous activities on trains. These incidents include students kicking out the lower panels of train doors and hanging out of the train. In term four of last year (2014) we recorded more than 100 incidents on Sydney Trains network, actively participate in dangerous activities on trains. These incidents include students kicking out the lower panels of train doors and hanging out of the train. These incidents include students kicking out the lower panels of train doors and hanging out of the train. These incidents include students kicking out the lower panels of train doors and hanging out of the train.

In term four of last year (2014) we recorded more than 100 incidents on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra line, and the Police Transport Command is actively investigating 75 new incidents, reported since the start of term one (2015). The number of incidents is concerning to both NSW Police Force and Sydney Trains, because of the risk of injury to these young people or other commuters during or after the vandalism. The damage caused is also costly and must be paid for by the NSW taxpayer.

We are sharing our concerns with you as we believe the majority of the damage occurs so children can stick parts of their bodies outside the train while it is in motion. This has also resulted in children climbing outside and hanging off the train. This is known as ‘train surfing’ and is extremely dangerous and reckless, since there is a serious risk of being struck by signal posts, foreign objects or even a passing train.

A young man was hurt earlier this year on another line in Sydney while participating in this type of activity. Another young man died last year after falling while ‘train surfing’ in Queensland. Officers attached to the Police Transport Command have focused their attention on these activities across the network through target operations, general patrols and school education. The latter involves speaking with the principals, staff and students in areas where the activity is most prevalent. This approach has already resulted in the identification and arrest of a number of people and reduced the number of incidents. A person convicted of this offence of damaging property is liable to a maximum imprisonment of 5 years.

While we are proud of the achievements we have made to date, we acknowledge more needs to be done to reduce the number of incidents to zero. We are urging parents and guardians to assist us in this matter.

We hope that making parents and guardians aware of these dangerous practices, will encourage them to speak to their children, discuss the dangers and potentially-fatal consequences of these actions.

If anyone has information they would like to discuss with police privately or confidentially, we urge you to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or alternatively the Police Transport Command on 02 8713 5399.”

E McNally

Deputy Principal’s Message

This week is the beginning of the junior examinations. Parents are asked to check the examination timetable for your child/children. Your child or children should be reviewing their work before examinations. As a parent you can assist in this process by asking your child questions, reading practise answers and encouraging your child to talk about what they know. These activities will help your child study for exams.

Students in Year 8 are currently learning content or skills that will be used in the Year 9 Project based learning assessment. The task has been registered- as homework on e-diary. All Year 8 should now have registered their project team and should be thinking of topics concerning sustainability. The project is on the 9th and 10th of June. The assessment is marked on the 12th of June and the parent showcase is on the 22nd July. I am very excited to see what great project Year 8 will produce.

Last week I received an email from the bus company describing the unsafe behaviour of Menai students concerning the M92 buses including unsafe behaviour of the students when the bus approaches and the loading onto the bus. We are all very concerned about the safety of all students and encourage you to speak to your child if they travel on these buses on their travel home. I would encourage you to suggest your child uses the buses at the front of the school which are supervised by staff, for their travel home.

R Allen

Important Dates & Coming Events

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Good News
A fantastic week of good news

Mrs Raptis would like to congratulate Bethany Lewis, Alexandra Matruglio, Sam Rosser and Kamryn Carter of 7E for excellent poetry test results, and Isabella French, Annelise Faust, Kyra Jones and Eva Xirocostas in 8I for excellent Parvana essays.

Well done to Lauren Mitchell of for excellent poetry results, Zach Spiros, Jessica Mendez and Jude Mendez for excellent Aboriginal Dreamtime picture books from Mrs Barrie.

Ms Mason would like to acknowledge the following students from 9E2 for their improved essay writing. Kai Holmewood, Alexander McRitchie, Kaitlyn Seretis, Claire Shooter, Kaela Shepherd, Omar Soofi, Jacob Dol, Teagan Whitfield and Iman Codmani.

Congratulations to Hannah Banks, Shannon Jenkin, Tayla Nisbet, Georgia Raptis, Christina Tsafis and James Walker from Year 10 from Mr Mundy for outstanding essays on To Kill a Mockingbird.

Well done to Isabella Trevallion of 7N from Ms Hamilton for her creative and well researched Roman powerpoint.

Mrs Blaylock would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following Year 10 students for their outstanding debate against SCEGGS; Vitoria Camporeale, Emily Chen, Claudia Kabic, Isabella Miletich and Aiden Brown.

Mrs Souris would like to commend Hannah Jorgenson, Mia Lombardo and Corey Sommer for their consistent application in class. Well done to all of the students listed above.

Vaccinations
The next round of vaccinations will be held on Monday 15th June. Year 7 students will continue with their vaccinations and any student who was absent for the first round of vaccinations will be able to catch up. It is still possible for year 7 students to opt into the vaccination program. They can pick up a consent package from me (Ms Mazoudier) in the welfare office. Year 8 students still have the opportunity to participate they just need to pick up the consent form from the welfare office. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms Y Mazoudier, Head Teacher Welfare

CAPA Mid-Year Performance Evening
The Creative and Performing Arts Faculty invite you to attend the 2015 Mid-Year Performance Evenings. This year Menai High School will be providing two evening performances, including: Dance/Drama on Wednesday June 3rd and Music on Thursday June 4th. Both evenings will commence at 7pm in the school hall and entry costs $5. Tickets are available for purchase from 6pm and refreshments will be available for purchase during interval. These evenings are an outstanding opportunity for the broader Menai High community to celebrate student achievement, so we encourage you to come along and support the Creative and Performing Arts students who will present HSC performances, works from class as well as the extra-curricular programs offered by Menai High School.

Miss Osborne & CAPA Faculty

Wellbeing Wisdom
Study Tips
With the junior exams fast approaching, it’s time for our children to enact the strategies they have learnt in the recent STOP lessons. Their home study timetable should include time for completion of homework and assessment tasks, but also regular revision and study. Don’t forget there are also a wealth of resources online that offer fantastic advice to both students and parents. The RMIT University site has some great tips for before and during exams. Take a look at: https://www.dlsweb.rmit.edu.au/lsu/content/1_StudySkills/study_pdf/exams.pdf.

R Hatz and the Wellbeing Wisdom Team

Oyster Bay Public School
Art & Craft Festival 2015
Friday 29th May 76.30-10.30, Saturday 30th May 10am-4pm, Sunday 31st May 10am-4pm
For further details, please visit the Festival website at www.oysterbayartandcraft.com.au

TRANSITION CAREERS EXPO
This is a fantastic, annual Expo that focuses on career and lifestyle options for people with a (Dis)ability.

Date: Monday 1st June
Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm
Place: Sutherland Basketball Stadium (behind Sutherland Aquatic Centre)
Cost: FREE

Learn About Yourself!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark. They will attend a local high school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Senior Seminar Program Schedule—Week 6, Term 2, 2015

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1300 apprentice

CAREERS TALK – FREE EVENT

Are you working your way towards an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2015? Are you finishing school in 2015 and need career ideas?

Come and hear Chad Smith from 1300apprentice. Let him show you how to get your dream apprenticeship or traineeship!

Representatives from Gymea TAFE Construction and Plumbing courses will also be discussing your pathways into trades and answering your questions!

Find out about:
- Choosing your career pathway
- Researching your career
- Applying for jobs
- Interview techniques
- And much more!

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Parents and guardians/caregivers are highly encouraged to attend! Send your registration of interest to resumes@1300apprentice.com.au and mention this advertisement.