



# Mackellar Girls Campus Newsletter

## 25 AUGUST 2023

### Term 3, Week 6

#### Meeting the educational needs of girls

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 1 November 2023

#### EMAILING THE SCHOOL -

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#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE -

##### New Student Mobile Phone Management Plan Term 4

The NSW Department of Education has a new Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy, which comes into effect at the beginning of Term 4. Our new Student Mobile Phone Management Plan will impact the way students will use and access their mobile phones during school hours. This policy is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interactions in the playground.

After careful consideration with our key stakeholders including the Student Representative Council (SRC), P&C, staff and executive teams, we have decided to proceed by using the strategy of keeping **mobiles phones off and out of sight**, to reduce the distractions to students in the classroom.

##### What does this mean?

If mobile phones are brought to school, they are not to be switched on or visible during class time, meetings, when moving to classes and at recess and lunch. This is a zero tolerance policy and no warning will be given before confiscation of any mobile phones visible during school hours.

- The first instance of a breach of this policy will result in the mobile phone being confiscated and given to a Deputy Principal to be locked in the safe for the remainder of the school day.
- A second offence will result in mobile phone being confiscated and given to a Deputy Principal to be locked in the safe for the remainder of the school day, and a student detention.
- If the policy is breached a third time this will result in the mobile phone being confiscated and given to a Deputy Principal to be locked in the safe until a parent is able to collect the phone from the school.
- Further breaches will result in a full suspension of the phone which will involve a student being required to submit their phone to a Deputy Principal to be locked in the safe each morning for the duration of the school day for a period of 10 school days.

We are excited to make our school a mobile phone-free space to improve learning and engagement, however, we will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency through the school office via phone or email.

##### Year 12 HSC progress

Year 12 students have received back their HSC Trial papers during the past weeks. This will give them a better understanding of how to improve their results and the amount of work that is required over the next few months. The rest of this term is the most valuable time in class for students to further improve their exam performance in the HSC. It is therefore essential that Year 12 students attend regularly, be focused and not waste this valuable time.

All Year 12 students should be studying 3-4 hours each night. They need time also for exercise, healthy eating, relaxation, friendships and family. Part-time work should not exceed 4-6 hours per week. The HSC is really a family event, where parents need to be supportive of their daughters in ensuring that stress is minimised and the optimum environment at home provides for good study patterns to achieve the best possible results.

##### Year 11

We would like to wish our Year 11 students well in their upcoming yearly examinations being held across weeks 9 and 10. We encourage all students to use this time before their exams wisely; to ask those last-minute questions of your teachers about any area of work you are unsure of. We are confident that our Year 11 students will

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continue to do your best in all aspects of your preparation.

### **Subject Selection**

Over the past few weeks, students from Years 8 and 10 have been involved in processes to support their subject choices for 2024. The interviews for year 10 students and their parent/carer provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their strengths, study skills and to carefully consider their stage 6 subject choices. Both year groups are to be congratulated for submitting their subject selection forms by the due date. The next step is for the school to look at the preferences and develop a timetable which best accommodates student choices.

### **Our wonderful School Administrative Support Staff (SASS)**

This newsletter regularly records the triumphs and achievements of the students and teaching staff. Here I would like to impress on our community the significant contribution our school administrative support staff makes to our successful school. The long list of innumerable key jobs that are carried out so professionally and graciously, and with such patience, are integral to the functioning of our school. Whether they work in the office, the grounds, kitchens, science laboratories or library, their valuable input is highly regarded.

### **Congratulations for high achievement to:**

- Anaia (Y12) for her Gold Medal in the Australian Rugby Sevens team at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and Tobago
- Fleur (Y10) for her Bronze medal in 800m at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and Tobago
- Margarida (Y11) for her selection in the U17 Portuguese Women's Football team
- Abigail (Y11) for her selection into the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships to compete in Western Australia in September
- Pipi (Y9) for her selection into the Australian Youth Lifesaving Team to compete in the Battle of the Tasman on the Gold Coast
- Coco (Y10) for her selection in the NSWCHSSA Rugby team to participate in the NSWCHS Rugby Tour of New Zealand
- Izabella (Yr 12), Emily (Y10), Nadia (Y10) for their participation in the State Senior Wind Band
- Mikayla (Y10) who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her division in the NSW Combined High School Gymnastics Championships

**Heidi Warne, Relieving Principal**



## Prefects W@M Report

Over the last couple of weeks the prefects, together as a team, have been working extremely hard towards organising many upcoming and exciting initiatives. We feel incredibly privileged to have been elected to support and represent Mackellar Girls Campus and its core values such as resilience, participation, compassion and integrity in which the school embodies. We are looking forward to the coming year in which we strive towards uniting our community and school further and providing new and exciting opportunities for all Mackellar students.

### Mahboba's Promise

Mahboba's Promise is a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping disadvantaged women and children in Afghanistan through the provision of education, sanitation, primary health care, training and agriculture programs. Currently, all girls over the age of 12 in Afghanistan are not permitted to attend school due to the Taliban banning education for girls. As Mackellar highly values the human right to female education we see great importance in supporting Mahboba's Promise and this school; wanting to provide basic female necessities worldwide. In that the Prefect Body will be raising funds towards Abdara Girls School located in Panjshir Valley, Afghanistan.

The Prefect Body will be hosting their annual 'Mahboba's Breakfast' on **Monday 4 September in week 8** where all year 11 and year 12 students, their female family members, friends and caregivers are welcomed and invited to join towards funding this valuable initiative. Additionally, a large raffle with many exciting and high-valued prizes will be opened for all students of Mackellar. Raffle tickets will be sold at school in the weeks leading up to the breakfast. Information has been sent to Year 11 and 12 parents and carers with further information regarding the breakfast. Students must RSVP on their Year group Google Classrooms ASAP to ensure all are catered for.

Additionally, all support and donations towards this important organisation would be greatly appreciated and the prefect body is putting out any calls to the Mackellar community for any individuals or businesses who would like to sponsor us in this campaign through donation of services, vouchers, items, discounts or time. Your contribution will not go unrecognised.

### The upcoming weeks and initiatives

Week 7 of this term is FAM week which stands for Friendship At Mackellar. Friendship Week is a way to celebrate our current friendships and make new ones. There will be many exciting activities on each day of FAM week. These include making friendship bracelets, scavenger hunts and games day at lunchtimes. Listen to the daily notices to find out more!

Week 8 will be Body Positivity Week at Mackellar and the Prefects will be promoting positive self image through daily notices, posters and affirmation cards.



Additionally, the annual Book Parade will be held on 6 September in Week 8, which is always an exciting day of costumes and skits within the school to celebrate and appreciate literacy and creativity. The Book Week theme for 2023 is "Read, Grow, Inspire". We encourage all students to participate in our parade by dressing up as their favourite literary heroes!

A reminder that Homework Hub is in the library at lunchtimes every Monday, Thursday and Friday where our friendly and helpful prefects will be available to help out with any school related difficulties that one may be experiencing, whether that be homework or Assessments.

The 2023-24 Prefect Body would like to express our gratitude and thanks towards the student body for placing their trust in us as leaders and allowing us the opportunity to continue and grow on the amazing legacies created by the previous leadership bodies. We wish everyone all the best and success for the rest of Term 3!

Our best regards,  
**The 2023-24 Prefect Body.**

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## Library News

At the library we are getting excited for book week! Our annual book parade will be on Week 8, Wednesday September 6. Students and staff will be dressing up as their favourite characters to celebrate literacy and reading. Students must come to school in full school uniform and get changed into their costumes at recess ready for the parade. This year's theme is Read, Grow, Inspire. What stories have inspired you?

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed for 2023. Congratulations to all students who participated. Certificates and medals are expected to arrive in early December. Keep on reading, as books completed from now onwards can be counted as part of next year's challenge.

Our book club completed the CBCA Book of the Year Shadow judging. After reading 6 titles and using the CBCA Book of the Year criteria they selected *The Way of Dog* by Zana Fraillon as their vote. However, the adult panel selected *Runt* by Craig Silvey as the winner. The Shadow Judging results as voted for by young people across Australia, will be announced this Friday.

Year 10 Geography classes have visited the library while investigating issues in developing countries that impact human wellbeing. The library provides access to reliable content through targeted resource guides, database subscriptions and we teach research skills in the context of assignments. Our focus for this task has been on encouraging students to interrogate sources of information and to evaluate their credibility. With the growth of fake news sites, scam sites and emerging A.I. tools generating questionable content, developing these critical thinking skills is more vital than ever.

**The Library Team**



## CANTEEN NEWS

If your daughter is unwell and you miss the cut-off to cancel their lunch order, please contact us by 9am (8.45am on Tuesday and Thursday) via email on [mackcanteen603@gmail.com](mailto:mackcanteen603@gmail.com) or by calling the school office to be put through to the canteen and we can cancel the order. If your daughter leaves school sick or you advise us late, please still let us know and if we can sell the prepared meal, we will refund your account.

**We are currently looking for new staff, a supervisor role to train and start immediately and in the coming months a canteen assistant role. The job descriptions are currently being written up to be advertised but if you have any canteen and food management experience and are looking for 2-3 days per week work, please get in contact and send us your resume to [mackcanteen603@gmail.com](mailto:mackcanteen603@gmail.com) for consideration.**

If anyone is free even to help prep for lunch and serve at lunchtime from 12.45pm to 2pm on a Thursday or Friday, our busiest days of the week, please contact the canteen team at [mackellarcanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:mackellarcanteenroster@gmail.com). We hope to meet you soon.

**The Canteen Team**

## TAS Faculty

Shaping The Future with Food Excursion.

The Shaping the Future with Food program aims to engage with local schools to determine opportunities for students to learn about the Hospitality industry and meet current trainees, local head chefs and business owners from local restaurants. Our Year 10 Food Technology students worked with a range of industry mentors including Giovanni Pilu, Scott Drinkwater from DY RSL Club, and Araks Nazarian a food stylist. The program included an interactive experience for students who prepared and cooked a pasta ragu. Students learned about the different pathways and opportunities in the sector and listened to the stories from the people who have been there. This program was run in collaboration with Regional Industry Education Partnerships.





## **MUSIC NEWS**

### **YEAR 12 Music Performance Exams**

Congratulations to the Big Band for their professionalism and musicality for the recent Year 12 Music 2 Trial exams. They will play again for the HSC performance exams on Thursday 7 September. We wish all our Year 12 musicians success as they add the finishing touches to their pieces.

**Term 3 Music Night for all Instrumental Ensembles** is coming up next week, Monday 28 August, the concert starts 7pm. Family and friends are encouraged to join us for a relaxed evening of music and to help us farewell our exceptional Year 12 musicians. Students are to arrive at 6:30pm dressed in the Mackellar Performing Arts uniform.

### **Gig Dates for Diary for 2023 – Please note in diaries**

Monday August 28	Music Night #3	CB, SWE, BB, SB, RB, JJI, SJI, Orch.	Hall 7pm Concert, 6:30pm arrival
Thursday 7 September	HSC Music 2 Performances	Big Band, SJI	Performance Space
Tuesday 14 November	Lazy Bones Lounge gig with TJO	Big Band	Marrickville
Friday 24 November & Saturday 25 November	School Spec Performances	Selected students	Homebush
Sunday 26 November 5pm	NBSYB Concert	Concert Band	Pittwater High School
Tuesday 28 November	Orientation Day	Concert Band	School Hall
Wednesday 29 November	Northside Big Band Jazz Night	Stage Band	Forestville RSL
Monday December 4	Multicultural Day	Stage Band, Big Band	Quad
Tuesday December 12	Presentation Day	SWE, Orchestra, VE	School Hall

Vanessa Patterson Band Director





**NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus**

# **An Evening of Music**

**Presented by CAPA**



**7:00pm**

**Monday 28th August, 2023**

**Mackellar Girls Campus Hall Campbell Parade, Manly Vale**

Students will showcase their work and talent at a relaxed evening of music featuring all MGC instrumental ensembles. We will also feature and farewell our exceptional Year 12 music students.

Family and friends are encouraged to join us.

Performers are to arrive at 6:30pm. Finish Approx. 8:30pm.

## **Sports News:**

Congratulations to Anaia of Year 12 who was recently selected in the Australian Rugby 7's Youth Commonwealth Games team that competed in Trinidad and Tobago last week. The Australian Team defeated Canada in the final 50 – 0 and were presented with a Gold Medal.

Congratulations to Fleur of Year 10 who qualified for the 800m and 1500m Athletics events for the Youth Commonwealth Games held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from 4-11 August. Fleur made the final of the 800m event and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning a bronze medal in a time of 2:05.86.

## **Year 10 PASS Snow Camp 2023**

As part of the Outdoor Education Unit of the Physical Activity and Sport Studies elective, the Year 10 PASS students had the opportunity to attend Jindabyne Sport and Rec for a week-long ski and snowboard program in week 2 of this term. Whilst we didn't have any fresh snow, the sun was shining and we had beautiful blue skies.

The students participated in lessons each morning and had free-ski time in the afternoons. It was so wonderful to see the improvement in so many of the students across the week. Back at Sport and Rec, the students were involved in trivia and games nights which were a lot of fun and a great opportunity for the students to work together.

The week was a memorable trip and we look forward to doing it again next year!

**Ms Angus**



## History Department European Tour 2024

In the September school holidays next year, Year 10 and 11 (2024) History students and their teachers will be travelling to Italy and Germany to study the ancient and modern sites that can be found here. There are still a few places available on this tour. If you would like any further information, this is available from the History Faculty.



## STUDY TOUR OF GERMANY AND ITALY

NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus

26 September – 10 October, 2024

### Tour Overview

This tour itinerary has been designed for History students of NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus. This 15-day itinerary visits key sites and museums related to the learning outcomes of both Ancient History and Modern History. By experiencing these places firsthand, students can enhance their understanding of key moments in European history.



### Tour Highlights

- ✦ Gain a greater understanding of the scope of the Holocaust at Dachau.
- ✦ Learn about the rise to power of the Nazi Party on a tour of the former Nuremberg Rally Grounds.
- ✦ Explore sites and museums relevant to the Third Reich in Berlin.
- ✦ Investigate the "Cities of Vesuvius" with detailed site visits of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Oplontis.
- ✦ Enjoy a day on the island of Capri.
- ✦ See the landmarks of the Eternal City.
- ✦ Discover Rome in the late Republic and early empire at the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.
- ✦ Learn new skills at Gladiator School.
- ✦ Tour the ruins of Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli.

Price range \$8,000-\$8,400 per student

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## TOUR ITINERARY

**Day 1: Depart Sydney.**

**Day 2: Arrive Munich.** Meet your tour manager on arrival for a private coach transfer Munich city centre. Enjoy an orientation walk of the town centre before continuing to your hotel. Overnight Munich area.

**Day 3: Dachau and to Nuremberg.** Private coach transfer to Dachau where a guide will lead a visit of the concentration camp memorial. We continue to Nuremberg where your tour manager will lead an orientation walk through the town centre. Overnight Nuremberg.

**Day 4: Rise of the Third Reich.** Take a walking tour of the Rally Grounds, where millions of Nazi Party supporters gathered at the site for mass propaganda rallies in the 1930s. Then travel by private coach to the capital city of Berlin. Overnight Berlin.

**Day 5: Third Reich Berlin.** Ascend the Reichstag dome (subject to availability) in Germany's national parliament building. Then an expert local guide leads a walking tour of the city centre, including the Holocaust Memorial, Brandenburg Gate, the site of Hitler's bunker and Checkpoint Charlie. View the ancient treasures housed inside the Neues Museum. Overnight Berlin.

**Day 6: Berlin sightseeing.** Learn about the city's tumultuous history with a guided visit of the German Historical Museum. Enjoy an afternoon cruise along the River Spree to see more of the city's landmarks. Overnight Berlin.

**Day 7: To Italy.** Private coach transfer to Berlin airport for our flight to Naples. On arrival, tour the extensive collection of artworks and artefacts at the National Archaeological Museum with a local guide. Overnight Bay of Naples.

**Day 8: Pompeii.** Begin a detailed investigation of the archaeological sites preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Explore Pompeii with an expert local guide to see private and public buildings, bath complexes, daily life, economic activity, and evidence of the eruption. Overnight Bay of Naples.

**Day 9: Herculaneum and Oplontis.** Tour the excavations of the former resort town of Herculaneum to discover what else can be learnt about life in ancient times. Visit the imperial villa of Oplontis in the afternoon. Overnight Bay of Naples.

**Day 10: Capri.** Travel by high-speed ferry to the island of Capri. A cablecar transports you from the marina to the main town centre where you can visit the cathedral and the Gardens of Augustus. In the later afternoon, your tour manager will lead an orientation walk through Sorrento Overnight Sorrento.

**Day 11: To Rome.** Travel by private coach to Rome. See the ancient Pantheon, the Baroque statues of Piazza Navona and throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain on a walking tour with your tour manager. Overnight Rome.

**Day 12: Ancient Rome.** A local expert guide will lead a tour through the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. Continue your exploration of Classical Rome on a self-guided visit of the Capitoline Museum. Overnight Rome.

**Day 13: Tivoli and Gladiator School.** Travel by coach to Tivoli for a guided visit of the ruins of Hadrian's Villa. Then, participate in Gladiator School. Overnight Rome.

**Day 13: Depart Rome.**

**Day 14: Arrive Sydney.** Arrive in the evening or following morning.

*Itinerary subject to change.*



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We have a huge range of second hand items at the moment. Please come in and have a look, and find a bargain! Thank you for all your donations!

Wool jumpers are on sale for \$49!! Limited sizes available. Check online.  
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We need help in the shop on the following days-

- Monday 21 August 9am -11.30am, 1pm-2pm
- Monday 28 August 9am -11.30am, 1pm-2pm
- Wednesday 30 August -12pm-2pm

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers, we love seeing you in the shop!

Annette Ryan  
Uniform Shop Manager  
[uniformshop@mackellarparandc.com](mailto:uniformshop@mackellarparandc.com)



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