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Principal's News

Week 11 update

Thanks to all our students and staff that assisted in creating a great atmosphere across the school in watching the Socceroos qualify for the knockout stage of the World Cup! It was a great way to end the week. Good luck to the Socceroos for next week's game against Egypt.

I would like to congratulate Aleira Commisso of Year 8 who was the winner in the Wollondilly region (13-15 age category) for the 'Living Stories 2026' writing competition. She is certainly a talented writer, and this is an amazing feat considering how many entries there were. Her piece will be published in the 2026 Living Stories anthology. Well done Aleira.

Thank you to Mrs Beckinsdale for organising the inaugural Greater Macarthur Secondary Education Network Timber Challenge at Elizabeth Macarthur High School. Congratulations to Alisa Shylkova, Sienna Gini and Scarlett West from Year 10 Timbe class, who represented our school with pride and came away with second prize. Well done girls!

Students in our Inclusive Education classes attended a two day camp last week on Thursday and Friday up at Stanwell Tops. Our students had an incredible time building lots of positive memories. Once again I would like to thank our staff for going along and providing a fantastic experience for our students, giving up time away from their own families.

HSC Trial Examinations started last week and will continue into this week coming. If your child cannot make an examination for any reason please don't forget to ring the office the morning of their absence and download an Illness Misadventure form. Please contact our front office staff for more information if required.

Parents of Year 10 students, please save the date, Tuesday 25th August. This will be subject selection evening in our hall starting at 5:30pm. Year 10 were given information last week and provided a link to complete a mock selection. This mock selection will provide us insight into what subjects the current Year 10 cohort want to study in Year 11 next year. The actual subject selection process will start in week 6 of next term.

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Our talented Visual Arts students were selected for the 2026 Clay Gulgong National K–12 Showcase and Competition, a prestigious nationwide event celebrating excellence in ceramics. Students from Years 7, 9 and 11 artworks were showcased as part of the internationally recognised, week-long Clay Gulgong Festival. The showcase was displayed at the Holtermann Museum along with artworks featured in the International Masters Ceramic Exhibition. To view the full 2026 Clay Gulgong National K–12 Showcase, currently featured on the Mansfield Ceramics website, please follow the link below and scroll to the bottom of the page. We are also proud to have student artworks featured in the 2024 Clay Gulgong Showcase.https://www.mansfieldceramics.com/clay-gulgong/k-12/

Congratulations to the following students.

Year 7 (year 9)
- Zoe Barge - Rooster
- Ruby Carlyon - Dachshund
- Piper Jameson - Bat

Year 9 (year 10)
- Amelie Jensen - Praying Mantis dish
- Liliana Belobrajdic - Celebration Flowers Pot (Fisher Ghost Winner 2025)
- Ruby Taylor - Cowgirl Boot

Year 11 (year12) - (theme rising sea -levels)
- Torah Daly - Koala Reef
- Emily Dove - Panther Reef
- Aylisha Packer - Elephant Coral
- Holly Morgan - Bunny Reef

Please note I will be on leave starting Wednesday 1st July and returning on Monday 3rd August. Mr Timothy O'Neill will be relieving as Principal in my absence and Mr James McManus as DP for Years 8 and 11 during this time.

I would like to wish all our students a safe and happy holiday break after another great term of learning.

What's happening in the weeks ahead

Week 10 and 11
HSC Trial examinations

Week 11
Tues 31 June & Wed 1 July Zone Athletics Carnival
Thur 2 July Redbank Park opening (Senior Leaders)

Mr Luke Farthing
Principal