Term 2 has begun with a frenzy of work to be done. Year 12 are revising their examination results and consolidating their HSC studies and preparations. Year 11 have completed their examinations and Year 10 are just about to begin their examinations. All students will have received a formal school report by the end of this term. The HSC timetable is available on the Board of Studies website. Please encourage your students to make use of their school diary to help organise their studies and homework.

The school website provides you with clear information about your child's assessment requirements and will help you to provide them with positive support at this very busy time for them.

The school has had the covered walkway from the library and the provision of an outdoor covered area adjacent to Industrial Arts completed and paid for by the Federal Government through the Investing in Schools Program. There is now adequate shelter for students for both very hot days and inclement weather.

Please remind your students of the need to present to school daily in full school uniform this includes black leather shoes and navy jumpers. Coloured jumpers are not acceptable as uniform. Should you experience any difficulty in the provision of this uniform do not hesitate to contact me so that we can provide the appropriate assistance.

To promote an anti-smoking message, players from the Sydney Swans will be visiting our school this Thursday. Year 7 will be involved in a presentation with the players that aims to reinforce the dangers and health risks associated with tobacco use. The PDHPE staff encourages parents to use this as a discussion starter with their children to discourage the use of tobacco.

Also for Year 7 Mr Peter Brown is trialing a new sport activity. We plan to introduce this program to all Year 7 in subsequent years. The program is aimed at refining motor skills and developing fitness. The students in the group were chosen by their PDHPE teachers as ones that would work best with the program (personality, desire to improve and positive work ethic), not because their skill level is deficient or that they are overweight as has been bandied around the school. It really is a compliment to your son/daughter if they were selected to be involved in this trial.

Year 10 PDHPE classes are half way through their next School Certificate task. The students are learning social Latin dances and in a few weeks time they will be invited to choreograph their own Latin dance and perform with their peers. Students will be assessed on their performance of their own dance as well as nominated dances learnt throughout the unit. Year 10 is certainly enjoying this unit and many are fine dancers!

Year 10 Physical Activity and Sport Studies and Year 12 SLR are in the midst of their golf units. Both classes will be vying for top place in the annual golf tournament. In SLR Mrs Matthews has a big hitter in Jeff Graves who she is looking to play with at the tournament.
Year 9 PDHPE has just started Backyard Games. This unit’s purpose is to develop movement skills and creative thinking. The students will be designing activities in a range of contexts that can be used to get young people up and moving. Again I would like to persuade parents to encourage their sons/daughters to participate in activities that require some expenditure of energy. The health risks of not exercising are well documented and unfortunately no one is immune.

I would like to remind parents that students are required to get changed for practical PE classes into their sport uniform and change back into full school uniform at the end of the lesson. The reasons are so that we don’t offend other students when they return to class after participating in practical PE. As well as we often use activities where students have to be on the ground and we do not want to dirty their school uniform. If for any reason your son/daughter is unable to bring their proper uniform then they may wear something that is appropriate and give their teacher a short note explaining why.

Lastly on the same line as above participating in practical PE lessons is not voluntary. All students must attain minimal outcomes in practical PE in order to obtain their School Certificate. It is difficult to participate in Year 9 and 10 if you have found excuses for not participating in junior years. Again I encourage parents to discuss with their son/daughter why they don’t want to participate and avoid supporting poor excuses for not participating in practical lessons. If you have problems with any of the above please contact Mrs Matthews.

The Hunter Valley Career Expo is on Tuesday 20 May at Tocal College. Students in Years 10-12 have received their permission note and are encouraged to attend. This is the perfect opportunity for students to gather information and talk to experts from universities, industries, private providers and TAFE. (www.hvcareerexpo.com.au)

Representatives from Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University and University of New England presented the Regional Uni Roadshow to interested Year11 and 12 students from Maitland High and Maitland Grossmann High School. Students were informed about University entry schemes, scholarships, accommodation and courses.

Year 10 students have the opportunity to access the Work Experience program this Term. 2-6 June is the nominated week for Term 2. Paperwork is available from the Careers Office and must be returned no later than 14 May. The other dates for Work Experience are 25-29 August and 24-28 November.

Year 10 students are completing a Career Investigation unit this term in Careers lessons and later this term will be discussing senior subject selection and options after leaving school. I have trained two Year 10 students, Jaimie Whitton and Eliza Conroy as Careers Super Leaders. They in turn have trained Careers Leaders Amy Paul, Caitlin Second, Matthew Wilkinson and Noah Scully. The students are going to assist in the Career Investigation unit this term and have been trained on specific Careers programs such as OZJAC and my future. The student Careers Leaders are looking forward to working with me and assisting their peers in this unit of work.

CAREERS

Thank you to all students and parents who attended “A Healthy Career” information evening. The audience of almost 300 were entertained by host Garth Russell as he interviewed our guests from the health and fitness career fields. There is a photo gallery and article on our school website. It was a great night and all guests and representatives from Newcastle Uni, TAFE, Hunter Valley Youth Express and the Careers Reference commented on the value of the evening and the interest expressed by the students and parents who attended.

Year 12 students have been allocated a date and time for their Careers Interview this term. I will interview all Year 12 students about their goal for next year and how they intend to achieve this. With only limited time before their HSC exams all Year 12 should be accessing careers information from as many sources as possible to help them make informed choices.

Congratulations to Nash Hipwell of Year 11 who has been successful in gaining a VET scholarship.
Sponsored by Coal & Allied Trust in partnership with Pegasus Training. Nash is a School-Based Trainee employed by Terex and at the same time is completing his HSC. Brooke Kidcuff of Pegasus Training will monitor Nash’s progress both at school and in the workplace over the next two years. Well done Nash.

The National Careers & Employment Expo will be held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre on 9-10 May. Entry is free. [www.eocexpo.com.au](http://www.eocexpo.com.au) for more information.

The Careers area of the library has been enhanced by the addition of 30 new books in the series called FAQ’s. These books include Industrial Design, Medicine, Entertainment, Advertising, Fashion and Information Technology. These are easy to read and have great career information.

Lee Osborne
Careers Adviser

### SRC

A busy school holidays followed a busy second half of Term 1, and once again the SRC was in the thick of it, organizing and fundraising.

The ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ was run on a sunny 26th of March. SRC efforts ensured the day was a shorn success. We would like to thank all those who donated to the Leukaemia Foundation by having their hair coloured, and paying to see our most hairy staff and students be shaved and, more cringingly, waxed; just over $900 was sent to the Leukaemia Foundation. Yr 12 students Sarah Jones and Megan Yarrington must be given kudos as the driving force behind this charitable day.

The last day of term saw Maitland Grossmann High School students commemorate ANZAC Day at our school ceremony. Wing Commander Jim Kearney represented the RAAF at the assembly, and addressed students on the significance of ANZAC Day.

Prefects, students and Captains also represented our school on ANZAC day district services. Captain Tom Convery read a prayer at the East Maitland Dawn Service, and the Dawn Service and Breakfast was also attended by Vice-Captain Matthew Osborne. Prefects Kelsey Burraston and Matthew Endacott read prayers at the Maitland ANZAC Service, and Grossmann Prefects and students showed their pride in the East Maitland ANZAC Day March. Almost $1000 was raised at the Yr 11 Auction Day, and this will be used by the SRC to support nominated charities during the year.

Members of the SRC assisted organizers of the school Cross Country. This was a competitor’s only event, with SRC representatives acting as recorders. All are to be congratulated for arriving at school on such a cold, early morning.

Advance notice: Term 2 School Dance, Wednesday 2nd of July, 7pm to 9:30pm. Theme: Loud Shirt, Loud Hair.

Senior members of the SRC have recommended to the principal the Senior Girl’s Toilets have a keypad entry system, as well as the Senior Study. Keep watching this space, more SRC updates ahead.

Tom Boak, Yr 11 SRC Publicity Consultant.

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Entertainment Books are now available from the school Canteen for $60. This is one of the P&C’s main fundraising events of the year.

Year 7 and 8 students were issued with their Entertainment Book on 4 April and those books must now be returned to the Canteen if they are not being purchased. Payment can be made directly to the Canteen for families who are keeping the book.

A big thank you to all the families and friends who have supported this fundraiser so far. $12 from every purchase will be used to support school programs. Some families have returned the book but still made a $12 donation to this fundraiser. Thank you.

If you are choosing to purchase a book and paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Maitland Grossmann High School P&C.

If you haven’t purchased your Entertainment Book yet, see Mrs Wells in the Canteen. They are lots of fun and offer huge savings during the next 12 months.

Thank you to the members of the P&C who assisted with the distribution of the books to Years 7 and 8.

Our next fundraiser is a BBQ at the Bunnings, Maitland store on Saturday 26 June. If you can assist please contact Jenny Field or Lee Osborne at MGHS on 49342066.

Advanced notice for your calendar...The Hunter Singers will be performing at St Peters Church East Maitland as a combined fundraiser. The date is Sunday 19 August at 2pm. Tickets will be available at a later date for purchase through the front office at school.

P&C Fundraising Committee
New Stage 4 & 5 programs are up and running in all junior English classes. Students are given an **Overview of Assessment Tasks** for the term with outcomes, assessment criteria, weightings and when the assessment will occur **at the start of each term**. Students now know what they will be doing, the skills that will be developed in class to enable success in the task and when the task is due **for each unit of work at the start of each unit**. This allows much greater scope for students to organise their time effectively to ensure all tasks are completed by the due date.

We would like all parents to be aware of this change and take the time to look at this sheet and help students organise their time to meet their commitments. These tasks are **compulsory**. Students are given advance notice of tasks and support to complete tasks with explicit teaching in class. They are also given opportunity to hand in their tasks after the date with reduced marks. All tasks need to be completed in order for teachers to accurately assess and report on student progress over a range of outcomes and skills.

Unfortunately I have had to send letters home informing parents of students failing to submit tasks already this year. Missing any task will adversely affect their semester results. In order to avoid this occurring in the future, support from home would be much appreciated so that we can work together to assist your children to achieve their best.

Libby Guider
Head Teacher English

The TAS Department welcomes Mr Brown and Mr McLaren. Mr Brown will be replacing Mrs Goldsworthy Term 2 and Mr McLaren is an Intern from Newcastle University working with Mrs Goward’s classes for most of the term.

Students are preparing this term for exams. Students are encouraged to revise class work regularly so they are prepared for the exams.

Some students have not completed assessment tasks from Term 1. Could you please ensure all tasks are completed to the best of the student’s ability and submitted by the due date to avoid the risk of them not receiving a pass in their School Certificate or HSC for subjects with outstanding assessment tasks.

Year 11 Hospitality students are looking forward to their Excursion and Work Experience at Sea World Nara Resort Week 6. Mrs MacKinnon will be accompanying the students. Year 11 Hospitality students not attending the excursion will be given the opportunity to visit a TAFE Open Day to view demonstrations in the many areas of Hospitality that are available.

Year 7 students are enjoying Technology this semester especially in the “Snack Food” unit of work. The “Ready Steady Cook” Competition will be held in Week 4. Students will be given basic ingredients that they will use in their cook off. Students need to plan well in advance for this competition. It will be interesting to taste some of their creations.

I look forward to meeting parents at Parent Teacher interviews this term.

Davina Bowen
Relieving Head Teacher TAS.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION**

Fifty-six students from Years 9, 10 and 11 recently undertook an educational excursion to the national capital Canberra. The excursion included visitations to Parliament House, the Electoral Education Centre, the High Court, and the National Museum of Australia, CSIRO Discovery, the War Memorial andQuestacon. Students were able to participate in a variety of educational programs focusing on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist students in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program, towards travel expenses. The rebate was taken into account when the cost of the excursion was calculated.

The teachers attending the excursion agreed that the students were a true credit to themselves, the school and their families, and felt the trip was a valuable experience by all and will enhance their future studies in Commerce, Business Studies and Legal Studies.

Mrs Wakem

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Grossmann Welcomes Mr Evans

We are happy to announce that Mr Michael Evans is the new Head Teacher of the Science faculty. Mr Evans comes to us from West Wallsend High where he motivated and enabled students to ‘strive for their personal best’. He also brings his real life experience from working in many facets of the building industry and his extensive involvement in community based organisations, in particular the Surf Lifesaving Association. Mr Evans is still very involved in surfboat rowing, collecting several State and Australian Medals (even a couple of ‘Golds’, just ask him). Mr Evans’ motto in life is “Fail to prepare……prepare to fail” and to him it means that if we all take responsibility for our own personal success, anything is possible to achieve.

Mr Evans looks forward to enlightening students in the wonders of Science and leading the Science faculty to inspire our next generation of scientists. He said, ‘Science is the most diverse and dynamic subject offered in High Schools. However, we have a fantastic, inspirational, motivated and driven Science staff that are looking forward to enhancing and developing Science in the Junior and Senior Years at Maitland Grossmann High’. An initial focus for the faculty will be ensuring high expectations of classes and that all students are engaged.

FRIDAYS BREAKFAST

Nicholas Orchard-Stephan, Cindy Lau & Jacob Clulow.

J Jardine, S Martin, M Smart & B Bower.