Welcome to an exciting year of educational opportunity at Maitland Grossmann High School. 2011 sees an increasing number of students attending Maitland Grossmann High with additional numbers of students, particularly in Year 11.

Congratulations to the students and parents for the current high standard of dress of all our student body. Maitland Grossmann High students not only look good, but are also by and large, very proud of their uniform. Please ensure your student has the necessary uniform and shoes which comply with our standards. Shoes should be black leather and cover most or all of the foot. Slipper like shoes and canvas shoes are unacceptable. Students have been given more than six months to meet this standard. Should you be experiencing difficulty in providing correct uniform do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance. Senior students who present out of uniform or in the wrong footwear will be asked to go home to change or to phone home to have their correct uniform/shoes provided to them before they go to class.

The Parents and Citizens Association have provided the funding for a further five classrooms to be air conditioned and the school has received a $50,000 federal government grant to commence installation of solar panels.

There has been a great deal of progress in the provision of a healthy food canteen, with the option of treat days which will continue to be well advertised so students can have the opportunity to eat well and have treats at regular intervals. The canteen provides funding to the Parents and Citizens who have made a commitment to continue to provide air conditioning for classrooms. I know they value their volunteers very highly so if you have any time to spare, Lisa in the canteen would love to hear from you.

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who have already paid their fees for 2011 and given us the opportunity to provide the best possible resources for their children’s learning. For all those who
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have paid their voluntary contributions you will shortly receive a letter in the mail giving you access to the school portal online so you can monitor your child’s attendance and progress. This letter will contain the URL, your username and password. Additionally, I encourage you to make positive use of the school webpage by logging on to www.mghs.com.au to keep abreast of the activities in the school, to have access to vital resources, such as your child’s assessment schedules and tasks and to ensure you have direct links to important bodies such as the Board of Studies and many more.

Could any parent or caregiver who requires a hard copy of our newsletter, please complete your details on the slip provided and return to the school.

Dr Di Soltau (Principal)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9 & 11
Welcome back to the 2011 school year. I have been impressed by the enthusiasm our students have displayed in these first weeks, particularly our newest members, Year 7.

Uniform
The uniform at the beginning of the year has been outstanding and I encourage students to continue to maintain this level throughout the year. If your child is not able to wear the correct uniform they should bring a signed note to their Deputy Principal before school who will issue a Uniform Pass for the day. Teachers have been instructed to monitor this and consequences will be put in place for students who fail to follow these directions. NB School shoes must be black and leather!

Dare To Lead
Dare to Lead visited the school on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February to conduct a Snapshot of the school, which will provide us with a ‘point in time’ snapshot of Indigenous education in the school and provide a platform for future directions. The Snapshot is an element of the school’s commitment to ongoing development towards improving the outcomes of its Indigenous students. I would like to thank the students, families and staff who contributed information to help us reflect on our current practice so we are able to provide the best opportunities for our children and community. Soon you will receive some feedback on the findings and also information about activities occurring this term.

Before / After School
When students arrive at MGHS in the morning they should immediately make their way inside the school grounds. Students are not permitted to “hang” on the footpaths outside the school. I have been very concerned to see some students being picked up by their parents after school are neglecting to use the pedestrian crossing on Cumberland Street. The front of the school is an extremely busy area of an afternoon, with buses starting and stopping and large volumes of traffic passing, sometimes at speed. Please encourage your child to use the crossing so we don’t have any unnecessary accidents.

Head Lice
There has been a reported case of head lice in the school. Please take the time to check your child’s hair and if necessary treat appropriately. DET policy prohibits a student with head lice to attend school. I have an “open door” policy and welcome anyone who would like to introduce themselves or discuss any concerns they would like addressed. I look forward to working with you this year to get the best academic, social and cultural outcomes for your child.

Chris Bice

PHOTOS

Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students or classes at school. Please notify the school in writing if you do not want your student photographed.

REMINDER TO PARENTS
When parking/stopping outside the school please be mindful of the residence living in the area. Could you please ensure that there is adequate room for residence to enter and exit their premises at all times during of the day.

Thank you.
ATTENTION PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS
Maitland Grossmann High School
Has a
Web Page
www.mghs.com.au
The newsletter is available on the Website for all to access
If you require a printed copy of the newsletter posted out to your family please fill in the form below and return to school A.S.A.P.

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CURRENT SPONSORS

WESTPAC BANK (Greenhills)
Take out a loan and mention Maitland Grossmann High School. The school will receive a monetary contribution from the Westpac Bank.

ATHLETES FOOT (Greenhills & Charlestown)
Become a Club Fit Member and the school will receive a monetary contribution from Athletes Foot.
CAREERS

Welcome back to 2011 and a busy Term 1. Year 10 will begin Careers lessons this term, focusing on Work Readiness, OH&S and Work Experience preparation. I look forward to meeting the Year 10’s and working together to plan a career pathway. Two OHS induction courses for the Building and Construction area have been booked for Wednesday 23rd March and Friday 25th March. Notes are available from the Careers and Industrial Arts staff rooms. Cost of the course is $65 and payable to the front office. These courses are compulsory for students doing either Work Experience (Year 10), Work Placement (Year 11/12) or any work in the building/construction field. Each course is limited to 20 students. Year 11 students will participate in Money Talks on Wednesday 16th February. The first four periods will be dedicated to workshops assisting students better control their finances eg mobile phones. Hunter Valley Youth Express, in conjunction with local financial institutions, is coordinating the workshops. Some students in Year 11 and 12 are combining TAFE subjects as part of their HSC pattern of study. If a student is leaving school early to attend TAFE they must check with their teachers for any work they will miss. The student must keep work up to date in all subjects to ensure success as a senior student. Just a reminder that Tax File Number application forms are available from the Careers office.

Lee Osborne  (Careers Adviser)

PDHPE

Welcome back to another year at MGHS. Already the weather has shown us the importance of thinking about your health and I encourage all students to ensure they bring a bottle of cold water to school, a hat and apply sunscreen before leaving for school each morning. For new students to our school, the PDHPE department has sunscreen available for students during their PE practical lessons to apply. Please ask your teacher.

**PDHPE SUBJECT**

Students are required to bring the following equipment to their PDHPE lessons. It is *compulsory* that students change into their PE uniform (blue sports shorts, white polo shirt and sneakers/joggers) for all practical lessons. This is monitored and reported on their semester reports.

**PRACTICAL LESSONS:** Blue sports shorts, white sports polo or plain white polo (a collar is important and no singlets please for sun safety) and a pair of sensible sneakers/joggers. It is recommended students place these items into a separate plastic or hessian bag for easy transport and to keep separate from their books etc.

**THEORY LESSONS:** a (minimum) 64 page book, pens, pencils, eraser and ruler. For students with laptops – it is compulsory for you to bring your laptop, charged to every theory lesson.

**INJURY/ILLNESS**

We understand at times, students are not at their 100% best (health wise). If a student/child is unable to participate in practical lessons please send them to school with a brief note excusing them from participating. If students do not have a note, teachers expect them to participate. If a student/child has an extended illness or injury we require a medical certificate from a doctor/physician. They will be given alternate work to complete during this time.

**COMMUNICATION**

Communication between the parent and the school is vital and an important aspect of your child’s education. If you have any concerns/issues or queries regarding anything in PDHPE, I encourage you to contact your child’s teacher immediately. Similarly, if a student is not meeting the expected outcomes of this course, your child’s teacher may be in contact with you to inform you and to work together in assisting your child achieve the best possible academic outcome.
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The PDHPE Staff are; Mrs Nicole Crowe (Head Teacher), Mr Peter Brown (sports coordinator), Mr Graeme Currey (carnival organiser), Mrs Lyne Matthews (Year 11 Advisor), Mr Peter Catt (CHS coordinator), Mrs Willa Kennedy and Miss Laura Jones (sports coordinator).

If you require any information regarding the PDHPE subject, please go to the school website www.mghs.com.au - select the PDHPE faculty or go directly via http://mghspdhpe.weebly.com/index.html

Mrs Nicole Crowe (Head Teacher PDHPE)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL will be conducted on TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY at MAITLAND POOL. The carnival starts at 9am. Transportation will be provided from the school or students can make their own way to and from the pool. There will be a cost to catch the arranged bus to and from the pool, payable on the day.
Any parent volunteers able to assist on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Graeme Currey.

Yours in Sport,
Mr Graeme Currey

CHS KNOCKOUT
If a student is interested in trialling for any Regional/CHS sporting teams, not selected through general sports carnivals (swimming, cross country or athletics), they need to listen on assembly for updates and notices regarding announcements for various sports and/or teams. Mr Peter Catt of the PDHPE staff is the coordinator and students can see him for information and permission notes.

SPORT
In 2011 the school sports organisers will be Miss Laura Jones and Mr Peter Brown. They are responsible for organising and managing Tuesday’s school sport. If you or your child have any issues related to school sport, please contact either of these staff members.
Information regarding sport selections, house groups and general sports notices can be found by students on the SPORTS NOTICEBOARDS outside the PDHPE staffroom and also in the C block corridor (bottom floor).
A reminder that bus money for sport MUST BE PAID IN FULL by MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY. If you are experiencing any issues paying please contact the sports organisers. If a student has not paid their bus money or a parent/carer has not made contact with either of the sports organisers by this date, the student will be withdrawn from this “fee paying” sport and be allocated a “non cost” sport at school.

Yours in Sport,
Miss Laura Jones & Mr Peter Brown

Coles Sports For Schools Promotion

Thank you to all those students, families and community members who contributed to our Coles For Sports Gear promotion late 2010. I am very pleased to announce that we raised a total of 16,135 vouchers enabling the PDHPE department to purchase a range of sporting equipment to support students learning of gross and fine motor skills.
Thank you again for everyone’s contribution.

Regards,
Nicole Crowe (Head Teacher PDHPE)
Welcome back everybody. It is lovely to see familiar faces and some new ones.

**Staff**

**The following is a list of our present staff:**

Suzanne Ross - Head Teacher (Tue, Thurs & Fri)
Denise Goldsworthy - Rel. HT (Mon & Wed), Classroom teacher (other days)
Nicole Ross (Vocational Education Coordinator)
Karen Goward (Year 7 adviser)
Anne MacKinnon (Year 8 adviser)
Courtney McMullen (replacing Stephen Baker who is on leave)
Trudy Brumby (Mon & Tue)
Melissa Wardle
Justine Malinowski (Mon & Wed)
Kathy Bertwistle-Assistant
Karen Maughan-Part time Assistant

**Outstanding HSC results**

Again we gained outstanding HSC results in subjects taught by our faculty. Some of the more noteworthy achievements were:

Amy Paul - Band 6 in Hospitality
Morgan Biggers - Band 5 in Hospitality
Katherine Mudd - Band 5 in Hospitality
Bryana Stanaway - Band 5 in Hospitality
Luke Smith - Band 5 in Information Technology
Kyle Walker - Band 5 in Information Technology
Shane Humbles - Band 5 in Information Technology
Stephanie Cant - Band 6 in Food Technology
Justin Sauer - Band 6 in Food Technology
Teha Christe - Band 5 in Textiles and Design
Tamara Hicks - Band 5 in Textiles and Design
Ellora Wynands - Band 5 in Textiles and Design
Stephanie Cant - Band 5 in Community and Family Studies
Sharna Graves - Band 5 in Community and Family Studies
Ellora Wynands - Band 5 in Community and Family Studies

Many more students achieved their personal best in our area and quite a few have moved on to further education in TAS subjects. Congratulations to all of these people!

**Kitchen Garden**

We will be establishing a series of kitchen gardens, a bush tucker garden and a composting system linked to the curriculum and supporting Aboriginal Education, Environmental Education and Health priorities. If any members of the community would like to help with this project, either through donations of materials, local knowledge or labour, please contact me in the TAS dept. We would really appreciate help from any members of the community.

**Donations**

We need donations of plastic bread bags for our recycling unit as we will be converting them into utility bags. Also if any families are in the "spring" (summer) cleaning mood, we would love donations of fabric, yarn, wool, fibres, knitting needles and buttons. Please leave your donations at the front office.
**Safety**

It is an OHS requirement that Technology and Hospitality students **wear closed in leather shoes** for protection during practical lessons. Students will not be able to participate in practical classes unless correct footwear is worn. Students will be given alternative work to do while the practical work is carried out. A refund for the practical fee will not be given for lessons missed. If a family is unable to provide the school uniform for their child, please contact the school and a confidential arrangement can be made to provide assistance to families with genuine problems. Unacceptable shoes include Mary-Jane, dolly, ballet, Dunlop Volleys, canvas style shoes, sandals and thongs. If in doubt please contact your child’s Technology teacher or myself. If students wish to bring the appropriate shoes in their bag they must change before the lesson in order not to waste time.

**Subject Contributions**

We appreciate early payment of subject contributions. Please let the school know if you have difficulty paying the fee as we may be able to make alternative arrangements.

Suzanne Ross  (Head Teacher TAS)

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**SCIENCE**

Welcome back to another great year at Maitland Grossmann High. Hopefully by now your child has spoken to you about the fantastic new facilities: that is the completed refurbishment of the Science labs. Although at this stage the rooms are not air conditioned, and during the last week have been very warm, they are state of the art teaching spaces. The process of connecting all labs to internet access is complete and the last of the data projectors are ready for installation. We expect all students respect these spaces and the rooms stay graffiti free.

Students will be informed early this year of any variation of routines, particularly Years 7 and 10 who will enjoy excursions to the Zoo and Luna Park in the upcoming months. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Leath Swierenga to the staff this year along with Mr Jarrod Belbin who will be job sharing with Mrs Rose. Students are currently engaged in learning a range of topics including Working as a Scientist, The Atom and Space for Years 7 and 8: The Periodic Table, Motion and Health & Disease for Years 9 and 10.

Thank You

Mr Evans  (Head Teacher Science)

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**ENGLISH**

Welcome back to 2011. Everything is set in place for another great year in the English Faculty. Classes are full and we are off to a flying start in all years. In Term 1, both Year 7 and Year 9 are developing an understanding of persuasive language, which reflects the NAPLAN writing focus for 2011. Year 7 are focusing on the perspective of ‘Sustainability’ while Year 9 will base their emphasis on ‘Conviction.’ Student in both years will examine a broad range of persuasive texts in order to develop their understanding of how we are positioned to respond to texts through its language features. Year 8 are ‘Exploring Cultural Perspectives,’ with ‘Rabbit Proof Fence’ providing the focus text for both developing skills in analyzing film and enhancing student understanding of Aboriginal experiences. Year 10’s attention is on ‘Representations of Australia’ and will explore the way Australia is represented in visual texts, poems and picture books. Preliminary Advanced and Standard students have settled in quickly to their Area of Study ‘Journeys’ and all teachers report that our HSC students have their heads down, working hard.

I am very pleased to say that the new (non-ATAR) Year 11 English Studies course has proven very popular for those students who wish to attain an HSC but do not wish to go to University. We have been waiting for the Board of Studies to develop this course for many years. It has been successfully
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piloted in selected school in 2009-2010. It provides an accessible, skills based course that focuses on employment skills and its implementation is very timely, given the compulsory 17 year old leaving age.

Technology using the laptops is now integrated into Year 9, 10 and 11 programs and new data projectors and access to the internet in all English rooms supports this innovation. It is wonderful to have engaging audio-visual stimuli at our fingertips on a big screen to maximize student engagement, especially when studying visual texts such as film, the media and static visuals.

Please note that all students in the junior school are given an outline of their assessment tasks, outcomes that will be assessed, assessment criteria and task weightings at the start of each term. Year 7 and 8 are given paper copies and Year 9 & 10 are emailed their overviews and are expected to keep their notes organized using the OneNote program on their laptops. (Year 9 will be provided with paper copies until their laptops are commissioned in the next few weeks). Please look at these overviews to help you stay in touch with what is being studied in English and enable you to help with time management at home.

Improving student literacy remains a priority at MGHS and you will notice that students have explicit literacy skills embedded into the assessment criteria in each assessment task, reinforcing the importance of accuracy in spelling, grammar and language. National Testing in Literacy and Numeracy will occur in Week 3 of Term 2. The writing focus, as mentioned above, is Persuasion.

Every year, when new classes are published to students, there is confusion about how classes are organized in English. Please note that classes (other than middle school classes) in Stages 4 and 5 are streamed - an A stream (2 classes), and AB stream (2, sometimes 3 classes) and a B stream (usually 3 classes), allowing students of similar ability to be grouped together. **There is no difference between classes within each stream.**

Mrs Lacey and Mrs Tannock are looking forward to another challenging and successful year with interested debaters.

Thank you to all parents who continue to support the Faculty’s book buying policy by providing prompt payment for books when required. It has proven to be an effective and successful policy over the past two years, allowing for a much wider choice of texts to be studied in the classroom and for students to develop their own personal libraries.

Finally, if you happen to find any texts belonging to the English Department on your shelves at home, please return them to us as soon as possible.

Regards
Libby Guider (HT English)

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MATHS

**Equipment**

Welcome back to 2011 from the Maths Faculty. As usual we have a big year of learning planned and parents can help their child out by making sure they have the right equipment in their bags every day. All students studying maths need to have 2 exercise books – a Reference Book and a Workbook. They also need to have pens, ruler, a pencil and a calculator. (Year 7 students don’t need their calculator until later this term). During the year we will be studying geometry topics and students should bring in a geometry set at that time. Many students will also have been issued with a textbook and they need to make sure they bring this in every lesson.

**Textbooks**

Would all parents please look in their children’s rooms for “old” textbooks. A daunting task I know but the textbooks we use cost between $40 and $60 depending on the variety and as you can imagine the books are far more useful to us at school than under a bed or at the back of a cupboard!

**Mathletics and Mathsonline**

We plan to be using both of these online maths programs again this year. Keep an eye out for a note with more detailed information about Mathletics and the payment required in the next few weeks. This program is interactive and a great tutoring tool as well as being an excellent resource for teachers to...
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use with classes during lessons as well. Mathsonline is a little less interesting to look at but the content is excellent and best of all it is free! Some classes may be using this program during the year. However, all students can use it themselves during the year if they are having trouble in a particular topic or if they would like some extra study questions before an exam or test.

Questions?
If you ever have any concerns or questions about your child and their maths class please feel free to contact either your child’s class teacher or myself. I am still on part-time maternity leave this year, so I will not be at work on Wednesdays and Fridays. However, Steve Ross who did an excellent job relieving, during my leave last year will continue to relieve on the days I am not at work and will also be more than happy to help with any enquiry you may have.

Zoe Cox (Head Teacher Mathematics)

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2010

Our congratulations go to the outgoing HSC students of 2010. Silja Buxton-Soldol in Visual Arts and Nicholas Tam in Music 1, achieved band 6 in their HSC results, reflecting the high quality and standards of students undertaking Capa subjects. Johanna Miller, Alexandra Cosgrove and Brooke Edwards all received band 5 in Visual Arts, with Jenna Matthews and Ashleigh Henry, achieving Band 5 in Music 1. We hope they will continue to follow their talents and reap the rewards of their hard work and dedication.

Dance
With recent refurbishment of the Science labs, a water leak has caused damage to the dance studio flooring, so temporarily the Year 9, 11 & 12 classes will be held in the school hall. On returning to the Dance studio, it is hoped a new flooring system will be in place and will benefit all performers. Ms Roberts will again hold open auditions for Star Struck and Dance Festival over the coming weeks. Students must be aware that there is a costume fee associated with these events.

Drama
On Tuesday 8th February, Mr. Parker and Year 12 students travelled to the Seymour Centre, Sydney to see the On Stage performances, the best Drama performances from 2010 HSC students. The opportunity to experience such high calibre performances will undoubtedly inspire the senior students as they themselves start preparing pieces for the HSC.

Music
Mrs. Alford will be conducting the school concert band. There are still positions available in the school band and any interested students, in particular, junior students or students who have recently enrolled who would be interested in trying out for positions should speak to their music teacher about auditioning. Students are able to arrange the hire of instruments through the music department. Hire fees $30 per term. The choir, under the guidance of Mr. Rose will be seeking members to perform at a broad range of school and community events throughout 2011. In 2010 the choir developed a more contemporary approach, exploring a broader range of pieces seeking to incorporate a range of accompaniment. Both the Choir and the Band rehearse before school on Monday and Wednesday morning from 8.35am.
Visual Arts
Students within the Visual Arts department are focusing on developing their skills in variety artmaking activities as well as the study of art, including a broad range of contemporary and traditional artists. Parents and students are reminded of the need to have appropriate sketchbooks as a requirement of the course. HSC students now underway with their practical components are welcome to utilize the classrooms in lunchtimes and any study periods, if the spaces are available. Time spent on tasks now will ease the burden closer to the submission dates early in Term 3.

Safety
Students and parents are reminded that it is a requirement of students in practical subjects to wear closed in leather shoes for protection. Students must wear appropriate footwear to participate in practical classes.

DER Laptops
DER Laptops have been used by our current Year 10 and 11 over the past year and they have developed a range of skills as they integrate this technology into their artmaking and musical practices. The next roll out of computers will be issued to Year 9 soon. Students need to be aware there are rules for use and storage of these learning tools, particularly when they are not required in practical lessons. Students are expected to treat all equipment with respect and this applies not only to their laptops but materials within the classrooms. It is also important students are maintaining their laptops, by charging them nightly in preparation of use in classes the following day, as well as ensuring they are brought to all classes.

Subject Contributions
In all subjects within the CAPA faculty there are material costs that have to be covered by a subject contribution. It is vital these fees are paid to allow for the purchase of quality material and equipment. Parents and students are reminded of the fees associated with each subject in the CAPA area. Invoices will be forwarded to parents/guardians requesting materials costs be met before the end of the term. If students are having difficulty paying these fees, they should apply for assistance via the Students Assistance Scheme.

We appreciate early payment of subject contributions.

Dance– Yr 9 $20.00 - Yr 11/12 $30.00
Drama– Yr 9/10 $15.00 - Yr 11/12 $20.00
Entertainment Industries– Yr 11 $90.00 - Yr 12 $50.00
Music- Yr 7/8 $25.00, Elective Yr 9/10 $40.00 - Yr 11/12 $40.00
Visual Arts- Yr 7/8 $25.00
Elective Visual Arts- Yr 9/10 $45.00.-.Yr 11/12 $50.00
Elective Visual Design- Yr 10 $45.00
Elective- Yr 9/10 PDM (Photographic and Digital Media) $45.00

Oh Those Kilns!
At the end of 2010 the Visual Arts department were frustrated by the Kiln in our Ceramic area, which required two separate repairs and replacement power supply. This delayed the completion of the Year 7 ceramic works. The kiln is back in full swing and the works are now nearing completion. With such a high standard of work being produced by all students we will be exhibiting a range of works prior to them making their way home.
The year (and the heat) has begun again in earnest. Despite almost unbearable temperatures the SRC are organising the following:
This Valentine’s Day the SRC are planning to run a fundraiser. In the days leading up to the 14th we will be selling lollipops which will then be delivered on the day to students.
The World’s Greatest Shave is coming up on the 11th of March. The SRC is on board again and will be organising hair spraying and shaving to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.
The Prefects have been allocated Year 7 classes which they will start visiting soon. The idea of these Prefect-mentor-visits is for the prefects to let their class know about upcoming events and to represent them in the SRC until Year 7 representatives are elected at the end of the year.
One thing the Prefects will be telling their Year 7 classes about is the traditional Year 7 Handball Competition. This is an event the SRC run each year to help the Year 7’s settle in and hone their handball skills. This will take place either late Term 1 or early Term 2.
Dr Di and the School Captains, Maddy and Tim, will be attending the Maitland Rotary School Leader’s evening on Wednesday 16th of February.
Finally, the SRC and Prefect Induction took place on Wednesday 9th of February during periods 1 and 2. The ceremony went extremely well and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Among the special guests were Mrs Bev Smith and Mr Milton Morris.
On behalf of the SRC I would like to wish you all a great new year.

Benjamin Fraser
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hunter Regional AECG would like to pay our respects to all Aboriginal peoples that reside on the lands of the Awabakal, Wonnorua, Worimi and Kamilaroi nations.

Our achievements
- Increased Aboriginal Community Participation and Engagement in Education
- Designed and Implemented a Community Development Program
- Developed Strategic Directions for the Future Involvement in Regional Aboriginal Education through:
  ➢ Partnership Agreements
  ➢ Community Workshops
  ➢ Cultural Celebrations
  ➢ Recognition Ceremonies
  ➢ Increased Membership
  ➢ Promotion Development

Vision Statement

The Hunter Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) will maintain and further develop its established mandate as the principal source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal Communities on all issues relating to Aboriginal Education and Training in the Hunter area.

The Hunter Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will continue to build a platform based on the empowerment of Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups. To empower and support all members in order to provide the highest level of informed decision-making within Aboriginal Education. To ensure culturally appropriate delivery of Education and Training programs for Aboriginal learners leading to equitable access and achievement of outcomes for all Aboriginal people engaged in Education and Training in the Hunter.

Membership of the AECG

- Full membership (Aboriginal)
- Associate membership (Non-Aboriginal)
- Junior membership (under 18 years)
- Life membership (10 years of active involvement)

In 2010 the following Local AECG’s are active:

- Itji Maru – Morisset/Dora Creek
- Korreil Wonnai – Cessnock/Kurri Kurri
- Maitland – Maitland/Branxton
- Mankillinan – West Lake Macquarie
- Minimbah – East Lake Macquarie
- Muluobinbin – Newcastle/Wallisend
- Muswellbrook – Muswellbrook/Scone
- Singleton – Singleton/Broke
- Youyong – Port Stephens/Raymond Terrace

GET INVOLVED

The NSW AECG

The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organisation made up of volunteer members who are involved in Local, Regional and State AECGs throughout NSW.

The AECG is recognised as the principal source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education and Training.

The AECG gives Aboriginal people a voice at a Local level and takes their views State wide.

The strength of the AECG depends on the participation of all concerned ie; Education Department, Schools, Teachers, Parents, Students and the wider community.

We want to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education ie; Pre School, Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary, TAFE, University, Catholic Education, Independent Education in addition to Community Education.

Our children are our future and should be recognised as an important part of our network.
MGHS SCHOOL RULES

At Maitland Grossmann High School, 'WE CARE'

WORK hard to learn all you can.
EXCEL through striving to do your best.
CO-OPERATE with each other and treat everyone with courtesy and respect.
ATTEND all classes punctually and be in the right place at the right time.
RESPECT all staff members, your fellow students and school property.
EARN our school a good name through good behaviour and wearing of correct uniform.

MOBILE PHONES AND MP3 PLAYERS

Mobile phones and MP3 Players have the potential to disrupt the learning of others. We do not encourage mobile phones or MP3 Players being brought to school and take no responsibility for them if they are lost or stolen. If they are at school they MUST be IN BAGS & TURNED OFF during lessons and may only be used before school, at recess and lunch time. Students must not take photos or videos or record on their phones unless permission is granted from the person/s involved. Students must give the school their mobile phone number and a letter from their parents giving them permission to have their phone at school. Students found in breach of this may have their phone taken from them. It will be returned to the parent.

Maitland Grossmann High School
Parents and Citizens Association

Casual Canteen Assistant (Relief) – Expression of Interest

Maitland Grossmann High School Canteen is operated by the P&C Association and is calling for expressions of interest for the position of Casual Canteen Assistant (Relief). The Canteen operates 5 days per week during school terms and is staffed by a supervisor, assistant and volunteers. This position would be for a minimum of 2 hours and a maximum of 7 hours per shift on a relief basis as needed.

Salary is in accordance with the Educational Services (Schools) General Staff Award 2010 (MA00006).

To be considered for the position, you must address the following criteria:

- Ability to work as a team member
- High degree of flexibility
- Experience in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Understanding of OH&S principles
- Interest in food preparation, nutrition and children

Any qualifications in Food Safety, Hygiene and OHS will be highly regarded.

Applicants will be subject to a "Working With Children Check".

Applications are to be addressed to “The President, MGHS P&C Association, PO Box 561 East Maitland 2323” and close on Friday 4th March 2011.

Contact Lisa Ellicott 49335792 or 0423239338 if further information is required.
UNIFORM & SHOES

It is great to see the vast majority of students wearing the correct school uniform. We will be conducting inspections over the year to ensure that students are following MGHS Uniform Policy.

A copy of the school’s uniform policy is included in this newsletter. A copy is also available on the school website for your information.

Black leather shoes are the only acceptable shoes (except for sport). These shoes will have no markings (like the Nike Swoop etc) and will be a plain black leather shoe.

When you enter a school and see students in the correct uniform it creates a very positive impression of the school. The school uniform is just like a uniform worn in the workplace. If you are working at McDonalds and you arrive for a shift in ‘almost the right uniform’ – you will be sent home. It is an important habit to develop.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school so we can assist.

Deputy Principal
Chris Bice

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Maitland Grossmann High School Community insists that students follow the NSW Department of Education and Training’s policy on the wearing of school uniform. Students are required to wear correct school uniform at all times to promote good school tone and to present a fine public image.

Our uniforms have been decided on by a committee of students, staff, parents, former students and community members.

Unless a variation has been authorised by the Principal, students will not be permitted to participate in school activities away from the school if they do not wear full school uniform.

Students who are not in correct uniform should report to the Deputy’s office in the morning with a note to explain why they are out of uniform. They will be given a ‘permission to be out of uniform’ pass.
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| SC Study Pack – Geography | $5.00 |
| Industrial Technology – Electronics | $50.00 |
| Hospitality | $130.00 |
| Visual Design | $45.00 |

DETAILS OF SUBJECT MATERIALS CONTRIBUTIONS:

Band Instrument Hire $30.00 per term.

Music, Drama, Dance
Maintenance/repair of instruments, consumables, software, guitars, keyboards, sheet music, costumes/fabric/costume hire, make-up, properties construction and hire, recordings, copyright.

Consumable materials and/or products retained by students; special ingredients, fabrics and varied craft materials, plastic, leather, clay, quality product accessories such as clasps, hinges, frames, specialist paper, quality metal, timber, decorative trims, chef's uniform, equipment and facility hire.

Careers
Student resource booklets/Work experience booklet & Certificates/Resume Disk & Folder.

Please tick whichever contributions are applicable to your student and return appropriate portion with your payment.

*** SPORT BUS FEES ***
In 2011 no student is able to attend sport until they have:
(a) paid their bus money in full $35
(b) returned a general sport permission note
(c) returned a swimming permission note
(for students participating in swimming)
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Year 11 Photography

The $90.00 charge is for darkroom consumables, papers, films, film processing chemicals, etc.

Hospitality

This charge covers use of a tool kit and food and beverages. Students are required to purchase their own uniform.

Open High School and Distance Education

- as set by those organisations, is $110 per subject.

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Band Instrument Hire $30.00 per term

Music, Drama, Dance

Maintenance/repair of instruments, consumables, software, sheet music, costumes/fabric/costume hire, make-up, properties construction and hire.

Art, Photography, S.D.D. & I.P.T.

Consumable materials and/or art products retained by students; quality paints, canvas, brushes, clay, dyes, framing, craft materials, photographic paper, photographic chemicals, special cameras, film, camera maintenance, computer disks and stationery.


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Please tick whichever contributions are applicable to your student and return appropriate portion with your payment.
Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend P&C meetings which are held at 7pm in the School Library on the first Thursday of each month during school terms. The meetings are a great way to meet other parents and hear first hand what is happening at our school. Membership is $1.

(Note that membership is optional, but payment of the membership fee must be made by the close of one meeting so that the member is eligible to exercise membership rights (eg vote) at the next meeting.)

Next Meeting — Thursday 3rd March
Annual General Meeting followed by the March Monthly Meeting.

➢ The 2011 AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 7pm in the School Library, followed by the March monthly meeting.
➢ Everyone is welcome to attend.
**MAITLAND GROSSMANN HIGH CANTEEN ROSTER COMMENCING 29.1.2011**

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**On Canteen when other commitments permit or occasionally

If there is a problem with your position on the roster please contact the Canteen on 49335792 or Lisa Ellicott 0423239338

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**H = SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  **P.F. = PUPIL FREE DAY**  **P.H. = PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. Newsletter
Term 1 2011

Kindiplay
Maitland Family Support runs a supported playgroup each Tuesday from 9.30-11.30am during school terms called Kindiplay. Kindiplay is for children ages 0-6 and their carers. Each week there is a different fun theme or dress up. Maitland Family Support provides craft activities, toys and tea and coffee for the carers.
Kindiplay resumes for term 1 on Tuesday 8th February 2011

For further information please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. on Phone: 49 33 8200

Triple P Seminar Series
Maitland Family Support is running a series of two presentations on positive parenting. Parents/carers of children in their care aged 3 to 12 years learn how to use positive parenting to encourage children to learn the skills and competencies they need and to promote their health, development and wellbeing.

When: Wednesday February 16th 9.30am to 11.30am and Wednesday February 23rd 9.30am to 12.30am 2011.
Where: Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre, 19 Galway Bay Drive ASHTONFIELD
Preference given to families residing in the Maitland LGA including Beresfield and Tarro areas

To make a booking please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. on Phone: 49 33 8200

Enjoying your Kids
Newcastle Family Support Services Family Relationship Skills Project and Maitland Family Support Scheme would like to invite parents or carers of dependant children to a free 5 week group program. Conversations may include; how play is kids work, having fun with stories, having fun with play, seeing play with playful eyes, what do kids think and feel while playing? Would it be fun to play again?

When: Wednesday's March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th 9.30am to 11.30am
Where: Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre, 19 Galway Bay Drive ASHTONFIELD

Limited Childcare available

To make a booking please contact Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. on Phone: 49 33 8200

Maitland Family Support provides:
• Generalist Counseling
• Support
• Information and Referral
• Groups and Programs
• Home Visiting
• Centre based visits
• Regular outreach to convenient venues

For further information or to register please contact:
Maitland Family Support Scheme Inc. at:
19 Galway Bay Drive
Ashtonfield NSW 2323
PO Box 416
East Maitland 2323
Phone: (02) 49 33 8200
Fax: (02) 49 34 3237
E-mail: info@mfss.com.au
Cessnock Catholic Debutante Ball  
Saturday 27th August, 2011  
Young ladies in year 11, 2011  
(or 16 years before 1st July, 2011)  
wishing to make their debut  
please contact Michelle O’Donnell – President  
Home: 49903232 or Mobile: 0421041681  
By the 25th March. 2011

Morpeth Schoolboys Rugby League  
Players wanted in all age divisions.  
Registration Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
4.30 til 6pm at the grounds  
GO BULLS!

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Registration Fees (including game fees) for 2011 are as follows:

- Players 5-10: $85 (registration) + $70 (game fees) + $5 (council fee) = $160  
  FREE SHIRT & DRINK BOTTLE WITH REGISTRATION
- Players 11-18: $95 (registration) + $70 (game fees) + $5 (council fee) = $170  
  FREE SHIRT OR JACKET WITH REGISTRATION
- Players – Senior Amateur: $190 (registration plus council fee) (game fees managed by the team)

Families with 3 or more junior players registering will only need to pay $250.00 for registration fees plus game and council fees.

This year, fees can be paid by cash, Visa or MasterCard (surcharge of 2% applies if paying by credit card) and are to be paid in full at registration.

Please note all new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate with them.

Any transferring players need to bring their FFA registration number with them (if known) or full details of their past club and team.

New registration forms need to be filled out on the above Registration Days, so all players will need to attend one of the registration days or contact Trudy Salamone by 1st March at the latest on (02) 4966 5167 or 0412 758 817 Email: registrar@thorntonjuniorfc.com
A Fun Day for Juniors interested in Triathlon!

Come and TRY A TRI!

**Date:** 20th February 2011

**Where:** Maitland Pool, Maitland Park.

**Start time:** 8am until approximately 10am. Registration from 7.30am.

**Ages:** 7-15 years.

**Race Distances:**

- **Race 1**
  - 100m swim
  - 2km ride
  - 500m run

- **Race 2**
  - 150m swim
  - 4km ride
  - 1km run

**Prizes:** Every child who is pre-registered online will receive a Participation Pack.


**Cost:** Free for all members - $10 for non members to cover pool entry and insurances and BBQ.

**Assistance:** Help and assistance will be available for competitors where needed. Please ensure all bike gear is in good working order (eg. brakes, gears, pedals, etc).

**What to bring:** Swim gear, bike (BMX, Mountain or Road), helmet, runners, a shirt to ride and run in, drink-bottle.

**Parents:** All children must be supervised and a parent present to sign race day declaration. We also welcome and appreciate your help with marshalling.

**For more info:** Ja Davis – MTC President – President@mtc.org.au 0419 277860
Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based program.

In 2010, the following vaccines will be offered to:

- Hepatitis B and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccines will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who may have not previously received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby, or, had chickenpox disease.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 girls only as a 3 dose course over a 6 mth period.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) will be offered to all Year 7 AND Year 10 students.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form and return it to their child’s school.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of consent is available on the NSW Health Website at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Immunisation/school_prog/withdraw_consent.asp

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (including all 10 digits) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s health information to the National HPV Vaccination Register and link to the National Cervical Screening Program.

- **RECORD OF VACCINATION** – will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parent/guardians should ensure this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of vaccination. This may prevent the need for repeat vaccinations later in life. If copies of vaccination records are required a fee of $30 will be charged. (Request for Student Vaccination Record form available at: http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/hneph/immunisation)

- **BREAKFAST** – please encourage students to have breakfast on the morning of their vaccinations.

- **CLOTHING** – wear clothing loose enough so the upper arm can be fully exposed.

- **COMPLETING CONSENT FORMS – USE BLUE OR BLACK PEN ONLY** – consent forms will only be accepted if they are an original form, photocopied and faxed consent forms will not be accepted.
Maitland Grossmann High School
Cumberland Street, East Maitland, NSW, 2323
PO Box 562, East Maitland, NSW, 2323, Phone 4934 2066, Fax 4934 5086

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance every day is important for children’s progress at school.
Students who attend school regularly are usually more successful than those who are absent frequently.

PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD CANNOT BE THERE.

Phone 4934 2066, Fax 4934 5086, or fill in the form below

Please detach and send into the school.

Please hand in to your Period 1 Teacher or Absentee office.

Notification of Student Absence

Student Name........................................Year................................
Date/s of Absence.................................................................
Reason for Absence..............................................................
Parent Name...........................................................Phone....................
Signature.................................................................Date..........................