November 2010

The School Certificate and Higher School Certificate have concluded for 2010. Results for both of these important examinations will be available before school breaks for the Christmas vacation.

The new policy ‘The New School Leaving Age’ has been enacted in the school. Legislation is in place which indicates that students must now remain at school until they turn 17 years old. Exemptions can only be granted by the Principal in cases where students are going on a family holiday (and travel itineraries are provided) or in the case of sickness or injury (where medical evidence is provided). 2010 Year 10 students can leave school after they receive their School Certificate on December 10th. Parents who wish to apply for exemption need to complete the application for exemption, but there is no guarantee this will be agreed to unless their application fits the above categories. All other applications will be considered by the Department of Education and Training and not the school who can only approve the two categories indicated.

Tickets for the Year 10 Dinner/Dance and Year 12 Formal will only be available to students who have paid their subject contributions and the consumables fee.

Whilst assessment for yearly reports has occurred it is very important that students settle into positive work in all of their classrooms in preparation for the next year of work. Please encourage your child to continue to put in the effort to learn, and do all assigned work so they are placed in the most appropriate classes for 2011. A reminder that students finish their schooling on 15th December. Teachers and staff remain at school for two days of intensive professional learning and will finish on the 17th December.

Occupational Health and Safety requirements for footwear have been introduced to all schools. Students have been advised of the acceptable and appropriate footwear. Shoes for both boys and girls are to be all black leather, and must either be lace up or cover the foot with a substantial leather strap. If you are anticipating buying footwear for your child now or in the holidays please ensure that this purchase is appropriate to the new regulations. All footwear outlets in Maitland have been advised by the local schools of what is acceptable and what is not. Students have been advised that coloured or white logos, trims and laces are not acceptable. Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

The Department of Education and Training has begun the refurbishment of our Science laboratories and these should be ready for use from the beginning of next year.

Dr Di Soltau - Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I’d like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to the Maitland Grossmann learning community. It is a pleasure and an honour to be a part of the team at MGHS in my role as Deputy Principal. As I researched the school before my interview, I was amazed at the wide range of opportunities available to students and their outstanding achievements in all areas of school and community life. I believe that a quality education is a means to improving the possibilities that are open to you. I have always had the opinion that the more you can experience at school and through learning, the more choices you will have in life. It is this personal belief that has led me, throughout my career, to have a strong focus on Teaching and Learning and ensuring that all students are aware of the possibilities open to them. Previous to arriving at MGHS I was Head Teacher of Mathematics at Toronto High School and Head Teacher - Teaching and Learning at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumbi Umbi Campus. It is really wonderful to be in a learning environment where students are obviously proud of their school. I’d like to thank everyone for the very warm welcome I have received and look forward to being a part of ongoing improvements at MGHS.

Chris Bice
Deputy Principal

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.

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

Year 10 students who have planned their Work Experience for Term 4 are preparing for their elected week in the workforce. Occupations include journalist, teacher, engineer, physiotherapist, vet assistant and zookeeper. Thank you to the employers who so willingly accept our Work Experience students.

‘Seize the Day’ is the annual Year 12 careers day, usually held in Term 1. This year I have decided to organise the day in Term 4 for the new Year 12 students. This is the first term of the HSC course for these students. Students will participate in 5 workshops, including Goal Setting and Board of Studies information. Thank you to East Maitland Bowling Club for providing the venue on Monday 29th November. At 6.30pm that evening, there will be a Board of Studies Parent Information evening for Year 12 parents in our school library. Students will soon receive notes with details.

Congratulations to the many students who have recently gained full time employment. It is great news when students are successful gaining apprenticeships or traineeships in their preferred field.

The HSC Results breakfast will be held on Friday 17th December, 8am-9am, in our school Hall. Year 12 students and parents will soon receive their invitation. Thank you to the P&C for again supporting this function.

Lee Osborne
Careers Adviser

ADOPT A RESIDENT

Year 10 student volunteers visited residents at Benhome and Largs Lodge on Thursday 14th October. During this visit the students showed the residents their laptops and demonstrated how technology is used in their classes. The residents were keen to learn about school today and some even tested their skills on the laptops. The students have one more visit to their residents before the annual Seniors Concert on Friday 3th December, to be held here at school. Residents from all local aged care facilities have been invited to a morning tea and concert.

Thank you to the staff and residents at Benhome and Largs Lodge for welcoming us again this year. It is 10 years since our Adopt a Resident program began- a great achievement.

Lee Osborne and Karen Goward
Coordinators
TAS

Year 9 Textiles Technology students viewed the Myers Spring Show during the Rosemont Fashion Festival at Sydney Town Hall. The designer works were sensational and the models were outstanding. The highlight was seeing Jennifer Hawkins strut down the catwalk. The students had a long but enjoyable day in Sydney.

On the 17th-21st October, Year 11 Hospitality students participated in hands on work experience at Sea World Resort in Queensland. Two brave teachers (Mrs MacKinnon and Mrs Goward) and the Hospitality class flew to Queensland to participate in The Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L School. Students went to Dreamworld and Sea World, and participated in things such as housekeeping, where they made beds and vacuumed, kitchen, where they prepared food and various other areas of running the hotel. Students also had a good time shopping and playing tennis at night time.

On 19th November, Year 7 students will attend an excursion to Luna Park as part of the “Theme Parks” design unit. This excursion reinforces the design process and designing and marketing for a need.

Suzanne Ross
Head Teacher TAS

SRC

On the 28th of October the Prefects attended a leadership day run by Impact Leadership at Panthers Club Newcastle. Throughout the day the Prefects listened to various talks on the qualities of leaders and how to lead more effectively. There were also elective talks on public speaking, conflict management, leadership types and how to organise an event. These were interspersed with various activities which made the day even more stimulating and engaging. There were also sessions in which Prefects met leaders from some of the fifteen other schools that attended from the Hunter. We all found the talks extremely helpful and challenging – in a good way. The day taught us about how we can lead individually and as a group, leaving us motivated to make an impact in Maitland Grossmann High.

Throughout that week the SRC was also raising money, through the charity CANTEEN for the young people living with cancer. Students and staff could buy bandannas and pens from Tuesday onwards. On Friday students were allowed to wear the bandannas to show their support for the charity and victims of cancer. Over $1400 was donated to CANTEEN.

The 11th of November will mark 92 years since the end of the First World War. Prefects will conduct a special Remembrance Day Assembly on the Thursday morning.
November 2010

Every year the SRC sets up a Christmas tree in the foyer under which students and staff can place Christmas presents and non-perishable food items. These donations are then given to the Salvation Army to sort and distribute to less fortunate members of our society. This year the Grossmann Giving Tree will be going up in the 26th of November (yes, we know it is a few days early) and it will be taken down on the 14th of December. The SRC will also be raising money for Ronald McDonald House as a part of the McHappy Day initiative. Students and staff will donate on a morning assembly. Currently the Year 7 SRC members are in the process of being elected. The SRC would like to extend our warmest welcome to the new members who will be joining our ranks very soon.

Ben Fraser

YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER – END OF YEAR ORGANISATION/CELEBRATIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians

Your son/daughter’s schooling for Year 10 is almost over. There are still important examinations and events to occur. This newsletter aims to inform you about these events and to avoid any confusion about the end of this year. The school leaving age has been increased to 17 years of age and all children are expected to attend school until the last day. After students complete Year 10 there are a number of options they can follow:

- Stay at secondary school, or register for home schooling, or
- Be enrolled in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE NSW, traineeship, apprenticeship), or
- In full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours/week), or
- In a combination of work, education and/or training.

If your son/daughter has any outstanding assignments these need to be completed before the 15th November 2010. Any assignments still outstanding after this date will generate an ‘N’ Determination for that subject. If there have been any letters sent home in regard to this matter then it is important that your son/daughter talk to the teacher involved and resolve any issues.

The School Certificate examinations are from Monday 8th until Friday 12th November. Students are reminded to wear full school uniform. All subjects are finishing off course material and it is now time for students in Year 10 to start collating all of their notes and implementing a study plan. After the School Certificate examinations, students are still required to attend school until the 10th December, unless they have full-time, paid employment. You will need to inform the school in writing if they are not going to attend in the latter stages of this term. Year 10 students are also required to participate in the Learning Showcase. Students have been collecting assessable work which will be presented to a panel which will question the students on their approach to learning and career building. The Learning Showcase will be on the 23rd and 24th November. Students will only need to attend school for their interview. More information can be found on the school website.

The Year 10 Dinner/Dance is on Wednesday 8th December at Maitland Gaol. Tickets are $45.00 and will be on sale at the start of week 5 (Monday 8th November). Students will have until Wednesday 1st to purchase tickets at the front office. To be able to purchase a ticket all school fees (for elective classes) need to have been paid. Presentation day will be on Friday 10th December where students will be required to attend in full school uniform (as well as attend Thursday 9th December for practice) to receive various awards including their School Certificate portfolio. Parents and family will also be invited for this ceremony.

L Matthews
(Yr 10 Adviser)
AN INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE INAUGURAL YEAR 10 LEARNING SHOWCASE

Maitland Grossmann High School Learning Showcase team are organising the Learning Showcase for Year 10 students in November 2010. The students will participate in an interview to reflect on their personal learning capabilities. We are inviting representatives from the local community and parents of students at Maitland Grossmann High School to be part of this exciting new project at Maitland Grossmann High School.

The aims of the Learning Showcase are to:
- Build student capacities in reflective practice
- Provide an opportunity for students to identify and articulate learning strengths and areas to be further developed to the school and broader community
- Provide an opportunity for students to prepare and participate in a formal interview and gain from the process
- Strengthen community links with Maitland Grossmann High School

The Learning Showcase interview panel will comprise of a Maitland Grossmann High School staff member, a student from Year 9 and a community member. The team would appreciate any time that could be given to this event and anticipate that the benefits to the students will be significant.

Please complete the attached form if you are able to participate in the Maitland Grossmann High School Year 10 Learning Showcase.

Details:
Dates: November 23rd – 24th (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Session Times: morning: 9.00a.m - 12.00pm afternoon: 12.30p.m – 3.00p.m
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Could you please complete the attached form and return to Lyne Matthews, at Maitland Grossmann High School.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and we look forward to your reply. If you can be part of our interview team you will be contacted with allocated date(s) and times.

Learning Showcase Team
Title: …………………
Name: …………………………………………
Business/Industry: ……………………………………………..

Contact Details:
Address:
……………………………………………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………………
Phone number: ………………………………………………………………………..……….
Email: ……………………………………………………………………………………….

Available dates and preferred time:
I will be available to be on an interview panel;
Preferred date/s: ………………………………………………………………………………
Whole day ☐
Half day ☐
Morning Session ☐ Afternoon Session ☐

Special requirements:
Special requirements e.g. dietary requirements (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided)
……………………………………………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………………
……………………………………………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………………………………

Please return form to:
Mrs Lyne Matthews
Maitland Grossmann High School
P.O. Box 562
East Maitland 2323
As the end of the year draws near it is an opportunity for students undertaking creative arts courses to present a selection of work at this year’s MADD Night. The evening will start at 6pm with an exhibition of selected Artworks from Visual Arts students, Yr7 to Yr12, and then the stage will be given to the music, dance and drama students to perform and entertain. 

**Tickets will be available from the office and at the door on the night.**

**Date:** Tuesday 30th November  
**Where:** MGHS Hall  
**Time:** 6pm – 8.30pm approx  
**Cost:** $5.00

**Hunter Central Coast Musical Festival**

Lachlan Marks, Sarah Clunies-Ross, James Osborn, Alisa Bittner and Kehani Webster performed at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Wednesday 4th November as members of the Hunter Singers. The four students were among several hundred Coral, Orchestral and Ensemble groups that performed at the 50th Anniversary of the Hunter event. They performed a range of new pieces, some of which had been commissioned by the Hunter Central Coast Region Arts Unit to celebrate the events anniversary. Bands, soloists and choirs entertained and explored a broad range of musical performances and all were impressed by the calibre of talent from around the region.

**CANTEEN**

**TERM 4**  
**RED DAYS**  
**WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**  
**FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER**
**YEAR 10**

**GRADUATION ASSEMBLY**

*Parents, caregivers, friends and relatives of Year 10 students are invited to attend the Graduation Assembly and Presentation of Prizes held on:*

**Friday, 10th December, 2010**

**10 a.m.**

**School Assembly Hall**

Full school uniform, including black shoes, must be worn if a student wishes to participate in the presentation of School Certificate Portfolios during the Graduation Assembly.

All Year 10 students are required to attend a rehearsal of the ceremony, during Period 7 on Thursday, 9th December.

**PRIZE SPONSORSHIP**

Each year this school makes presentations to students who have had outstanding success in one or more of the many aspects of school life. Academic success, outstanding qualities in leadership, citizenship, sport and service to the school are all recognised.

This year we would like to take the opportunity of increasing academic sponsorship in Years 10 and 11.

Courses which do not have sponsorship are listed. Prizes are $50. Any contribution to this amount would be most welcome.

If you can help, please phone Mr Matt Davies, 49 342066.

---

**YEARS 11, 9, 8, 7**

**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**

*Parents, caregivers, friends and relatives of Year 11, 9, 8, 7 prize winners are invited to attend the Presentation Assembly held on:*

**Monday, 13th December, 2010**

**10 a.m.**

**School Assembly Hall**

All prize winners are required to attend a rehearsal of the ceremony, during Periods 5 & 6 on Friday, 10th December.

Full school uniform, including black shoes, must be worn if a student wishes to participate during the Assembly.

**PRIZE SPONSORSHIP**

**Year 11**

Courses which do not have sponsorship:
- Design and Technology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Geography
- Ancient History
- Industrial Technology
- Food Technology
- Community and Family Studies
- Information Processes and Technology
- Software Design and Development

**Year 10**

Courses which do not have sponsorship:
- English
- Intermediate Mathematics
- Standard Mathematics
- Geography
- Elective History
- French
- Italian
- Food Technology
- Early Childhood
- Textiles and Design
- Sport Science
- PD/Health/PE
- Music
- Drama
- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Electronics
HEADSPACE

Services for young people from 12 to 25

Someone else to go to…

You can come and see us about a whole heap of stuff like:
General Health
Mental Health
Alcohol and Other Drugs
Relationships
Accommodation
Education and Training
Social Activities

‘Drop In’ every Thursday from 3:00 – 6:30!

… Pretty much anything! We are a one stop shop of youth services so we can provide assistance or support for most problems and if we can’t help you: we will always find you the people who can!

73 Elgin Street ~ Maitland ~ 2320

P: 02 4931 1000
F: 02 4931 1060
E: hunterheadspace@samaritans.org.au
ERIC T. LOI
Professional Guitar/Bass Tuition
All styles & levels
Studios located in Largs & Maitland
All enquiries PH: 49301669/0419642096
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.........................................