



# Macquarie Grammar School

## *April Bluey*

*'Truth and Virtue'*

### *Year 9 Creating Poetry*

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### *Jiu-Jitsu Self Defence*



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### Autumn Term

ISD Touch Rugby Championships	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00 – 7:00pm	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May
ISD Touch Football Championships	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Years 11 and 12 Japanese Sushi Class 1.30pm	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Theatre Sports Challenge, Senior Team 4:00pm	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Language Conventions, Yrs 7 & 9	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Reading, Yrs 7 & 9	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May
MGS Cross Country 10:00am – 12:00pm	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Numeracy, Yrs 7 & 9	Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Parents and Friends' Meeting 6:00 – 7:00pm	Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> May
ISD Cross Country, Centennial Park	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Girls Do Maths, Uni NSW	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Biennale Excursion, Yrs 7 – 12 Cockatoo Island	Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Vaccinations for Year 7	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May
ICAS Science Competition 7 – 12	Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> May
MGS Athletics Carnival, Yrs 7 – 12, ES Marks	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Careers Expo Yrs 10 – 12, Moore Park	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Mathematics Extension 1 & 2, Sydney Uni	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Swimming Carnival Yrs 7 – 12, Ian Thorpe Aqu.	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Concludes for Years 7 to 12	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Professional Development Day	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July

### Winter Term

Professional Development Day	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Commences for Years 7 to 12	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Concludes for Years 7 to 12	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept

**School Office Hours (During Term)** 8:30am 5:00pm

**School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)** 9:00am–5:00pm

**Uniform Ordering Hours** 9.00am- 5:00pm

### House Points

BRADMAN	FRASER	FREEMAN	THORPE
404	393	420	175

### Motivational Quote

*I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.*

*Stephen Covey*

### Message from the Headmaster

I would like to welcome back to the school the students and teaching staff after their well-deserved break. I hope everyone enjoyed their time away from school and are now ready to face the challenges that Autumn Term will bring. The teachers are

very keen to consolidate the work they commenced with their students in Summer Term and the students have been very engaged in their lessons. I wish everyone the very best for the term ahead and look forward to seeing our students partaking in the events and activities that the teachers have organised.

### ANZAC Day Commemoration

"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them;  
Lest we forget "

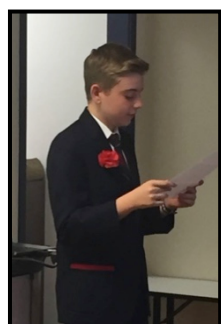
On the 27 of April students from Macquarie Grammar School took part in commemorating ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day or the 25<sup>th</sup> of April marks the anniversary of Australian, New Zealand, British and French soldiers landing on the beaches of Gallipoli in Turkey. Many people believe that Gallipoli was just another battle fought in the First World War but to Australia it was much more, Gallipoli was the first major battle Australians fought as a nation with soldiers enlisting and volunteering from all states of Australia.



Gallipoli lasted for eight (8) and a half months, consuming the lives of 7,600 Australians and 2,500 New Zealander soldiers, and as if those numbers weren't enough another 24,000 young men were injured. Most of the time these numbers would seem very distant to modern society as the ANZACs are sometimes made out to be hardened soldiers ready for war, but in actual fact they were fathers, brothers and friends just like us. Among the wounded lies James Martin an Australian who



enlisted and first set foot on the shores of Gallipoli in September 1915 and was part of the 21st battalion. James died on the 25th of October, at the tender age of 14.



We lost the fight at Gallipoli and to this day people still ask why we celebrate it? The answer is, we don't. In my five (5) years of cadets, there was one major point that was always made clear, we don't celebrate memorial days such as ANZAC Day, we commemorate, thank and respect the men and women who took part and fought and died for people like us, back home.

Along with the help of the SRC (Student Representative Council) they raised funds to donate to a charity named Legacy. This charity helps the families of our veteran soldiers recover from their grief and pain to help their children deal with the trauma of losing an immediate family member.



James Paterson (11)



### **Message from the Director of Welfare and Operations**

As the year progresses and students feel more familiar with their courses and teachers, some students will begin to become

complacent. It is easy to lose sight of goals and go through the motions each day and even each week. Students need to stop and reflect now on how they are traveling academically. Are they on track to reach their goals? Do goals need reviewing? Do new strategies need to be put in place to help achieve these goals?

Most people do not multitask that well. Give me more than one item to think about, and I usually struggle to remember what I was doing before. Efficiency is usually lost with multitasking. In other words, take on one task at a time.

When you notice your child rushing through their homework, show them she/he needs to take more time checking and rechecking their work, before she/he delves into their other assignments. On the other hand, sometimes it is good to switch gears. If she/he has spent hours studying for one subject, suggest she/he switch over to another. Do you ever

think about what you're thinking? Too often we let our mind run loose without even realizing what's going on. If your wandering mind has busted through your immediate task, then get out your "rope" and lasso your thoughts back to where they should be. Encourage your child to take notes. When I take the time to record what I'm reading, it reinforces new facts, helping me to concentrate.

In addition to just learning facts, show your child how she/he can relate what she/he has learned. For example, rather than just learning formulas for finding areas of shapes, have her/him measure something around the home. This will make Maths more realistic and applicable to them.

After your child has completed all their homework, reward them with some free time or a favourite treat. Just having an incentive to look forward to, helps her/him get through her/his homework. These are just a few pointers in helping students improve their concentration. As their concentration improves, so will their grades. And, as an added bonus, they may apply these techniques to everything else in life that requires concentration. One can always hope!

Mrs Sun

Director of Welfare and Operations

### **Message from the Director of Curriculum & Compliance**

The school term is progressing nicely with all of our students working well and achieving. NAPLAN is being conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> May and we are quietly confident that our students will show their true ability in the exams. NAPLAN is an important part of evaluation of student's abilities and allows specific focuses to be made for specific students, it represents an opportunity to shape curriculum in line with individual student needs. Macquarie Grammar has traditionally performed quite well on these exams with some of our students achieving the highest levels of Banding possible. This year should be no different, with both year 9 and year 7 having some very talented students.

I am very pleased to report that uniform has improved and that as a school we are looking quite impressive, this requires a congratulatory comment to all staff and students who have tried to improve the uniform at Macquarie Grammar School. Uniform represents a collective commitment to the school showing membership to the school and a loyalty to the school. I look forward to this trend continuing and the day when all of us are in uniform and looking really special.

Year 12 are approaching the most important time in their school lives to date, term 2 and the final term 3, I urge the whole school community to support our year 12 students in their studies and dreams of what path they may choose in their future. It is really an exciting time when the year 12 students need to really try their best in order to gain the biggest advantage they can in their HSC preparation. All students are encouraged to "make the most" of these terms that are crucial in the formation of a standard and of goals the students may like to undertake. It is my sincere wish that all of our year 12 students succeed at the highest level they are capable of.

The P and F meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May is an event that will be most beneficial in determining the future direction of the schools P and F involvement. All Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend and contribute to the parental vision and direction of the school. At this particular meeting The Headmaster will be presenting a topic on HSC subject choices and optimising ATAR outcomes.

As the year progresses so quickly we find that the ethos of the school that values so strongly; the individual and the integrity of each person. I find that each day these values are reiterated and embed in the characters of our students, the aim of the school to produce individuals of the highest character is being achieved daily. I congratulate all involved on a job well done.

*Mr Hagan  
Director of Curriculum and Compliance.*

### **MGS Guitar Lessons**

The goal of an MGS Guitar Lesson is to provide affordable and quality guitar lessons for students who want to learn the guitar during school hours.

The MGS Guitar lesson is not just a program about guitar teaching – it's a holistic approach. Our students don't just learn to



play the guitar, they have fun and gain more confidence which they can then take with them into their everyday lives and the teacher doesn't just teach – he motivates!



MGS is delighted to introduce the guitar teacher Mr Joseph Zarb, who has ten years'

experience in the music industry and is currently teaching the guitar program at North Narrabeen Primary School and Elanora Heights Primary School. He is best known in the music industry by his band, Marsala Music Sydney.

Students undertake guitar lessons on Wednesdays and have been most impressed with Mr Zarb, saying he explains everything well and makes sure they understand everything before moving on. After the first lesson, everyone came out excited and wanting more!

*Music Co-ordinator  
Mrs Sun*

### **SRC News**

#### **Money Matters**

Since 2015, the SRC has been organising various fundraising events, such as the Cake Sale, Spring Festival, Harmony Day and most recently the Anzac Day Commemoration. We have had a lot of fun during those events and have also raised a substantial amount of money, thanks to the contributions made by students, parents and teachers.

After careful consideration the money we raised has been used to purchase new science, art and music equipment. Additionally the money raised on Anzac Day will be donated to Legacy to support this worthy cause.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of these events. We hope you continue to enjoy the events we organise and work together to support Macquarie Grammar School and the wider community.

*SRC Treasurer  
Bao Anh Vu (12)*

### **Year 9 Poetry**

Stage 5 English in Term 2 has begun with the topic of form and meaning in Poetry. Students enjoyed the dynamic task of creating their own posters in groups that define and express key techniques and devices used in poetry.



*Mr Valenti  
English Teacher*

### **Sports Class**

#### **Jiu-jitsu – a self-defence system**

Two weeks ago, students started to train for the self-defence class under Mr John at the PCYC centre in Woolloomooloo.



Students were initiated into the principles and discipline of martial arts, which uses the force of an attacker against him. It was important that students were apprised of this tenet that jujitsu is used as a means for self-defence to pacify or calm down an opponent and afford him adequate time to re-think of the situation and act accordingly.



## Jiu-jitsu and HSP Communicative Opportunities

Aside from the fun and enjoyment that students are exposed to through this sport, another important element of school activities such as this is that students are provided with other means to interact with fellow students outside of their normal classes, particularly those students in High School.



### Preparation (HSP).

International students are able to communicate with other students using their target language and contextualize their language use based on different needs and situations.



Mr D. Manaay

## School Uniform

In the February Bluey I mentioned that Midford was working towards fulfilling all our uniform requirements by the end of March. I have been assured that the supplier now has all items in stock for parents/guardians to buy. I suggest that students have two of everything except off course the blazer, jumper and tie. You can now order online through the Midford portal [www.midford.com.au/Order-Online/](http://www.midford.com.au/Order-Online/).

The item can be delivered to school for pick up once electronic payment is made. This is a wonderful system and it worked brilliantly at the end of Summer Term.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused in its initial setup.

## MGs ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**When:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June, week 7  
**Where:** ES Marks Athletics Track  
**Who:** Whole School  
**Time:** 9:00AM-3:00PM  
**Training:** Friday- 2:00PM-3:00PM

## MGs SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**When:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, week 9  
**Where:** Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre  
**Who:** Whole School  
**Time:** 9:00AM-3:00PM

## Macquarie Grammar School

225 Clarence Street, Sydney

26th April 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students

The sport choices for Term 2 are listed below. Students have already made their selections and the note below must be completed and returned by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Students are required to wear correct sports uniform. For the students convenience they may wear correct sports uniform all day on Wednesday or change into their sports uniform at the commencement of sport. **Variations to the school sports uniform should not be worn to school or sport.**

Students **MUST** bring the cost of their sport within an enclosed envelope with their name and sport option written on the front of the envelope along with the detached permission slip.

Students are required to attend sport each week. Appointments made during sport should be discouraged. Truancy and unexplained absences during sport will jeopardise students' attainment of school certificates.

### SPORT CHOICES

Sport/Venue	Cost	Requirements (Uniform & Transport)	Code
Basketball	/	Sports Uniform- Valid Opal Card- Train from Town Hall to Central Station -Prince Alfred Park	101
European Handball	/	Sports Uniform - Valid Opal Card- Train from Town Hall to Central Station -Prince Alfred Park	102
Tennis	\$100	Sports Uniform- Valid Opal Card- Bus from St James Station to Moore Park Centennial Parklands Tennis	103
Brazilian Jujitsu- Self Defense	\$120	Sports Uniform - Walk to PCYC Woolloomooloo	104
Badminton	\$50	Sports Uniform - Valid Opal Card -Bus from Castlereagh Street to Sydney University	105

You must remain in your chosen sport group.

- NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE
- YOU MUST FOLLOW TEACHERS DIRECTIONS WHEN WALKING, TRAVELING ON THE BUS /TRAIN AND WHILE AT SPORT
- PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL SPORT MUST BE MADE BY THE DUE DATE

Detach and return to Mr. Green on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports Choice: Code

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the above sport choice. I understand that my child must either catch the bus/train or walk with their teacher to the sport they have selected.

Signed Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Shane Green  
Sports Organisers

Mr Rekoniotis  
Headmaster

Have a lovely half term break, looking forward to term two.

Mr Green PDHPE and Head of Sport.

## Macquarie Grammar Ski Trip 2016

A wonderful opportunity is available for all students to attend the ski trip.

**Departure Date:** Sunday Evening 31/07/2016

**Return Date:** Wed. Evening the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August

**Accommodation:** Station Ski Station Jindabyne.

**Cost:** \$820

**Deposit:** \$300 non-refundable deposit is required by Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

**What's included?**

- 1 Three nights accommodation at Jindabyne Station Ski Resort
- 2 Return trip coach hire and driver
- 3 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 4 Three day ski hire  
(includes jacket/pants and ski/snowboard)
- 5 Three day lift hire
- 6 National Park transfers
- 7 Three day lessons



*Mr Green PDHPE and Head of Sport.*

## Uniform Online Ordering

Enjoy the convenience of online shopping. Save time and energy by ordering your uniforms online in 5 – 6 easy steps!

### New User Instruction

1. Go to [www.midford.com.au](http://www.midford.com.au)
2. Select Macquarie Grammar School from the Online School Shops tab
3. New users need to click the Register New Account button
4. Start the registration process by selecting Macquarie Grammar School from the drop down menu and add the unique school pass phrase [MGS2004]
5. Add your personal information, create a username and personal password
6. Order the items you need, choose to collect from the school or arrange for home delivery.



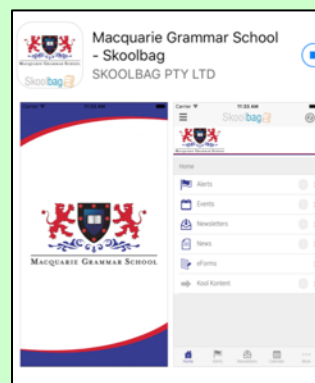
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#### Further information

Tel : 1800 835 643

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## Smartphone School Communication App – Skoolbag



Skoolbag is a mobile App for Macquarie Grammar School to communicate directly to parents, staff and students.

How to Install the Macquarie GrammarSkoolbagApp on your smartphone:

#### *iPhone Users*

Simply search for “Macquarie Grammar School” in the App Store on your phone and install. After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select “OK” to allow push notifications.

#### *Android Users*

Simply search for “Macquarie Grammar School” in Google Play on your phone and install.

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Google play