



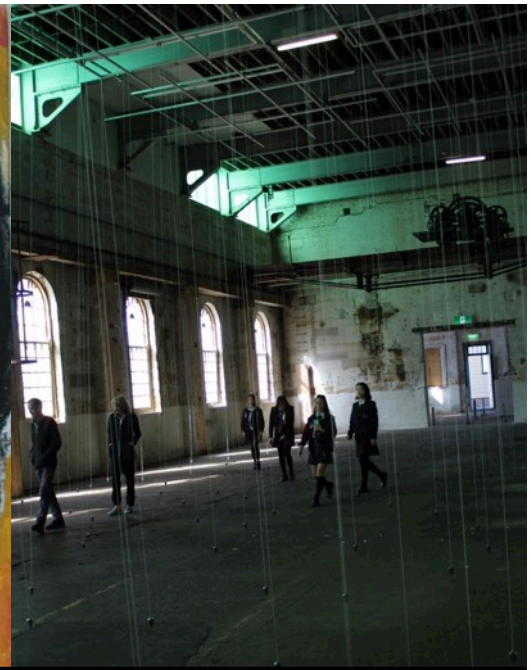
# Macquarie Grammar School

## *June Bluey*

*'Truth and Virtue'*



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*The Biennale*



*Visual Arts*  
*Makes Your Imagination become Reality*





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## June Bluey Newsletter

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### Autumn Term

Awards Assembly

Concludes for Years 7 to 12

Professional Development Day

Chinese Cultural Tour, Hengshui High School

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> June

Thur 30<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July

7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Winter Term

Professional Development Day & Orientation  
Commences for Years 7 to 12

Australia Mathematics Competition

Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5:00- 7:00pm

HSC Chinese Continuers Oral Test

ISD Girls' Netball Competition

Sydney Uni Visit Yrs 10 & 11, 9:00 – 10:00am

ICAS Mathematics Test

ISD Athletics Competition

HSC Chinese Beginners Oral Test

Annual Activities Day, Coogee Beach

Concludes for Years 7 to 12

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

Mon Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

Tue Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Tue Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Thurs Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

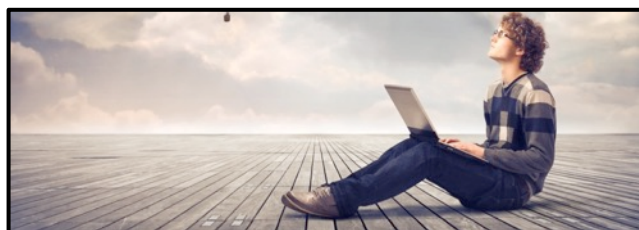
**Uniform Ordering Hours**

9.00am- 5:00pm

### House Points

BRADMAN	FRASER	FREEMAN	THORPE
1234	1005	1092	1009

### Motivational Quote



*"All your dreams can come true; if we have the courage to pursue them."*  
Walt Disney

### Message from the Headmaster

This has been an extremely rewarding Autumn Term for our students and staff. It has been full of wonderful activities that our students have participated in and made positive contributions towards their personal, sporting and academic growth. There have been a plethora of sporting activities that included the Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, Ju-jitsu, and various ISD competitions

in football, basketball, cross country and rugby. This was complemented with academically based excursions like the Biennale, Chinese Background Speakers HSC Day, the China Cultural Tour and our own in house activities like the Pork Bun Fundraiser or ANZAC Day Commemorations and concluded Autumn Term with examinations and the Awards Assembly. All of these activities enabled our students to engage in them and have the opportunity to experience, experiment and blossom in their on-going personal development. It has been my privilege to see them involved and enjoying in being a part of the activities but above all else, partaking in the school's broad educational curriculum that develops school spirit. Many of our students were rewarded for their efforts by receiving academic awards, sporting ribbons or special certificates of commendation. Congratulations to everyone for such wonderful memories and outstanding achievements!

I wish everyone a well-deserved mid-year break and I look forward to your safe return, to face the challenges of Winter Term (3) on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July in full school, as we commence the new term, with a special assembly.



### Awards' Assembly Recipients

#### Student of Autumn Term

Jessica Dai

#### Academic House Point Champion by Year:

Year 7:	Hailey Gonzales
Year 8:	Joshua Pantea
Year 9:	Alisa Zhang
Year 10:	Jessica Dai
Year 11:	Ellie Kim
Year 12:	Judy Lu

#### Junior Boys' Sports Champion

Raphael Kesor

#### Junior Girls' Sports Champion

Hailey Gonzalez

#### Senior Boys' Sports Champion

James Elbanna

#### Senior Girls' Sports Champion

Laura Rose



### **Teacher Commendation Awards for:**

*Academic Excellence across the Curriculum* Boa Vu

*Outstanding Academic Effort* Devina Li

*Outstanding Commitment to the MGS Community*  
Tarin Khondukar

*Consistent Effort* Kei Masuda

*Outstanding Creativity and Effort Across the Curriculum*  
Eden Gorton

*Academic Excellence* Jessica Dai

*Outstanding Effort and Initiative* Alisa Zhang

*Consistent Academic Effort* William Wang

*Consistent Academic Effort* Zekai Huang

*China Trip Support Group Fundraiser*

Harry Wang, Sam Zheng, Judy Lyu and Hilton Wei



Congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding achievements!

### **Final Academic House Points**

BRADMAN	FRASER	FREEMAN	THORPE
246	237	278	201

### **Farewell to Mr Valenti**

It is always a sad moment in the life of a school when a teacher departs. I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mr Valenti who has decided to take up a position at the University of NSW. Mr Valenti has been with us for four years and during this time he endeared himself to the students, staff and parents through his caring nature and outstanding service as an English teacher.

A teacher's contribution makes for the most priceless of memories in a student's life. No matter how much students grow up, they can never forget the positive compliments, self-truths, generous words of encouragement and unflinching support from their teachers.



In this instance Mr Valenti has received a heart-warming farewell card from the students and staff, outlining their sincere appreciation and respect for his service to the School Community. On behalf of the School Community I wish Mr Valenti all the very best for the future and we thank him graciously for his service and good work.

### **Farewell to Mr Masuret**

Mr Masuret joined us in mid February this year under difficult circumstances as a science teacher, as the students had commenced their studies a couple of weeks earlier. As a thorough professional Mr Masuret took the task on with great endeavour and worked diligently to build a good rapport with both staff and students and covered the content superbly and meticulously. Mr Masuret has accepted an offer from Moriah College and we thank him for his good work and wish him well at the future.



### **New Appointments**

The School has secured the services of two new staff and they will be introduced at the Special Assembly on the first day back next term and in our July Bluey.

### **Message from the Director of Curriculum & Compliance Autumn Term 2 Awards Assembly.**

The conclusion of term was celebrated with our traditional awards ceremony, in recognition of student achievement. Macquarie Grammar School is well known for its development of outstanding academic successes but also its well rounded mature intelligent students. Throughout the term there has been consistent excellence demonstrated by the majority of our students and it is celebrated on Awards Assembly. Not only where the stand out achievements recognised but also those students who have consistently worked and achieved a standard of excellence throughout the term.



We had presentations from our school captains and key teachers, there were many outstanding awards, perhaps most notably the Teacher Commendation Awards where the



recipients have been nominated by the teaching staff. These students may not have won student of the term or come first in their house but have worked at a commendable standard throughout the term. Mrs Cawood presented these to the applause of the whole school. We all stood proud in recognition of the best students in the school.



With Winter Term 3 almost upon us we have the wishes of our Year 12 cohort in our hearts, this will be their last term here at MGS and we all wish them a very successful HSC. I'm sure they will carry on in the tradition of our previous Year 12 cohorts and do Macquarie Grammar proud in their HSC results.

*Put love in your hearts.*

*Mr Hagan*

*Director of Curriculum and Compliance.*

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

#### **HSC Study Day**

#### **for Chinese Background Speakers HSC Exam Preparation**

It was my privilege to be a presenter at 2016 CLTANSW HSC Background Speakers Course Study Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Burwood RSL. This is the most important student service activity organised by CLTANSW for 2016. Our participation was much appreciated by all the teachers and their students. We had more than 500 students and teachers that benefited from our experiences and expertise on the day. Every teacher and their students were delighted with our contribution to this event and provided valuable guidance to the 2016 HSC candidates.

The HSC CBS Exam Study Skills Day provides a comprehensive overview of preparation for HSC Exams and Assessment Tasks. Students develop strategies for effective independent study and time management, which can be applied across a number of exams. It is designed to enhance examination performance and results, the study day is a must for Year 12 students preparing for examinations and other related assessment tasks.

#### **Mini Music Concert**



*Year 7 Mike and year 11 Kai with teacher Mr Zarb*

On Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of June we were treated to magnificent performances from our students. The performances were delightful and showcased just how talented they are. Their love of music also shone through.

Every Wednesday some of our students have been receiving guitar tuition from Mr Zarb. After months of hard work the students performed songs from a variety of artists as well as Chords and Scales.

If you would like your child to learn a particular instrument, there will be further opportunities in Winter Term. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sun for more information.

### **Annual Swimming Carnival**



The Swimming Carnival was held at the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre on Thursday 23 June and although the weather was not as sunny in the previous days, there was a very large turnout of competitors and spectators. Many students took the opportunity to sport their House colours as well as wearing some fancy dress costumes. The different House teams had a number of competitors and there was an exciting atmosphere as each House fought for top position.

Our congratulations go to all students who participated and Mr Green, who organised a very successful Swimming Carnival.



Holidays are a great time for resting and refuelling the body and mind and catching up with family members and friends. They are also a great time to consolidate the learning that has been occurring throughout the year. I encourage parents/guardians to utilising the holiday time to ensure your children continue regular reading practise, and revise any areas of work, noted by the teachers.

I pass on my personal thanks to everyone for all your support and encouragement throughout the term. It has been a delight to work alongside such wonderful staff, students and families, who all share a common goal – to make the lives of the students in our care purposeful, enriched, fulfilling and full of promise. The start of Winter term 3 is on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Enjoy your safety, good health and happy family times ahead.

### **2016 MGS China Tour**

The Macquarie Grammar School Tour of China is the second tour to China undertaken this time by three (3) staff and ten (10) students. This tour has been in the planning for almost



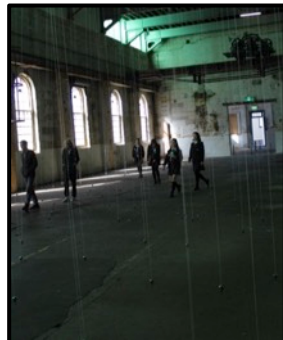
six months and the main aim of the tour is to give our students firsthand experience in using language and culture immersion that can only be obtained by visiting China.



This tour provides two (2) weeks for our students to connect deeply and engage meaningfully with the richness and complexities of Chinese culture with hands-on experiences in local communities.

Visiting Hengshui High School will open to the students an entirely new world beyond the scope of an ordinary classroom experience. One of the world's oldest and greatest civilisations, China has developed throughout history to become the most populous country on the planet and a dominant modern economic power. From the Great Wall in the north to the Hengshui in the south, and everything in between, the Chinese landscape offers our students a unique and highly enriching opportunity to expand their academic and personal horizons.

It will definitely be challenging to leave home and travel to a new country, which is so different from our own, but in the end they might just find embarking on such a trip to China to be the best decision they ever made!



We will be visiting China's most famous sites and meeting lots of people in our travels from the cities of Beijing to Hengshui. I encourage all students to speak Chinese to practise what they have learned over the year or months. We also need to be open-minded with the differences of Chinese culture and behaviours compared to our Australian culture.

This opportunity does not come round often and your parents have been extremely generous in providing you with this chance. I encourage you to make the most of it and take all that you can from this valuable experience.

I have prepared a student handbook with a diary for students to complete of their experience. They will be required to write down their thoughts and memories each day. At the end of the tour their diary will be handed in and returned in Term 3 to become their souvenir.

I would like to wish all the students and other members of the tour an enjoyable trip.

Mrs Sun

Director of Welfare and Operations

## Curriculum

### 20<sup>th</sup> Biennale of Sydney MGS visits Cockatoo Island

*'The future is already here, it is just not evenly distributed'*

The Biennale of Sydney takes place every second year and is Australia's largest contemporary visual arts event, showcasing innovative and thought-provoking



works from around the world. This year the exhibition titled, *The future is already here, it is just not evenly distributed*, reminds us of the privileges that we enjoy in Sydney, with access to information, the internet and other resources. The title also alludes to the way we communicate and how different spaces can be used as a new means of communication.

Cockatoo Island offers rich spaces steeped in history and was chosen as one of seven exhibition venues across Sydney, conceived as *Embassies of Thought*. Cockatoo Island transformed into the Embassy of the Real where local and international artists explored reality and our perception of it, in our increasingly digitised lives.

The large spaces inside and around the former convict settlement and shipyard facilitated a unique study of the virtual and the physical reality, through the breathtaking installations and multimedia artworks. The students and teachers enjoyed exploring the spaces and artworks around Cockatoo Island.

Some thoughts from our students about their experience:

*"The best experience was walking through the pendulums in William Forsyth's artwork" Quella (12).*

*"Some of the artworks were so intriguing that we had to run back to see it again and again" Bao (12).*

*"It is fascinating to see a waterfall appearing through mapping and dotting" Jessica (10).*

*"It was unique" Raphael (7).*



*"It was a fun experience, I enjoyed immensely" Annelise (8).*

*"A day full of amazement and discovery" Tarin (11).*

*What a wonderful way to learn - immersed in art and bathed in brilliant sunshine!*

Mrs Cawood  
Visual Arts Teacher



## Sport

### Athletics Carnival 2016

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at ES Marks Athletic Track. With inclement weather the weekend before the carnival, we were fortunate that by Monday it had cleared.



We had an outstanding participation rate and the students were well-behaved and enthusiastically cheered on their housemates. The house spirit and passionate display of house colours from the students and staff was remarkable.

A big thank you to all the staff members for their assistance on the day, allowing the carnival to run smoothly and effectively. Thank you also to the students who contributed in making the day such a success. There were large numbers of talented athletes that progressed to the ISD Athletics Carnival to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August.



Rosalind Malolo- Shot Put and Discus Champion

### Event Results

Event:	Age:	Name:	Result:	House:
800m	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Trunks	4.22 5.59	Freeman Frazer
800m	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. A. Hientze 2. L. Rose 3. D. Cheung	3.08 3.55 4.14	Frazer Bradman Freeman
800m	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. R. Kesor 2. R. Khan 3. J. Panthea	3.13 3.17 3.40	Bradman Thorpe Freeman
800m	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. O. Tory 2. J. Paterson 3. S. Zheng	2.47 2.49 2.57	Bradman Thorpe Thorpe
400m	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Trunks	1:45 2.37	Freeman Frazer
400m	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. A. Hientze- 2. J. Lee 3. E. Wang	1.16 1.20 1.37	Frazer Bradman Thorpe
400m	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. R. Kesor 2. I. Redzovic	1.27 1.29	Bradman Bradman

		3. R. Khan	1.30	Thorpe
400m	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. J. Elbanna 2. C. Xie 3. S. Qu	1.11 1.12 1.17	Frazer Bradman Frazer
Shot Put	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. A. Ryan 2. S. Trunks	5.28m 4.83	Bradman Frazer
Shot Put	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. R. Malolo 2. A. Heintze 3. E. Gorton	8.33 7.19 6.79	Bradman Frazer Frazer
Shot Put	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. J. Zhao 2. N. Salvestro 3. J. Park	8.20m 7.97m 7.18m	Thorpe Thorpe Freeman
Shot Put	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. J. Elbanna 2. W. Wei 3. W. Wong	8.90 8.19 7.83	Frazer Thorpe Bradman
200m	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. A. Ryan 2. S. Trunks	First Second	Bradman Frazer
200m	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. A. Heintze 2. E. Kim 3. L. Rose	30.20 34.50 5:22	Frazer Frazer Bradman
200m	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. I. Redzovic 2. J. Pantera 3. H. Wang	31.13 31.22 32.20	Bradman Freeman Thorpe
200m	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. L. Xue 2. J. Elbanna 3. S. Zheng	26.25 26.59 27.37	Bradman Frazer Thorpe
Long Jump	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. J. Elbanna 2. O. Long 3. L. Xue	4.77m 4.55m 4.52m	Frazer Bradman Bradman
Long jump	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. J. Pantera 2. J. Park 3. N. Salvestro	4.18m 3.90m 3.65m	Freeman Freeman Thorpe
Long Jump	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. A. Ryan 2. H. Gonzalez 3. S. Trunks	3.30m 3.21m 3.00m	Bradman Freeman Frazer
Long Jump	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. A. Heintze 2. R. Malolo 3. L. Rose	4.09m 3.51m 3.42m	Frazer Bradman Bradman
100m	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. A. Ryan 2. R. Malolo 3. H. Gonzalez	13.97 14.91 15.46	Bradman Bradman Freeman
100m	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. A. Heintze 2. E. Kim 3. F. Yang	13.16 13.78 14.25	Frazer Frazer Bradman
100m	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. J. Pantera 2. H. Wang 3. K. Wong	12.30 12.85 13.43	Freeman Thorpe Bradman
100m	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. J. Elbanna 2. K. Masuda 3-Chales Wu	11.62 12.10 12.13	Frazer Thorpe Frazer
High Jump	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. H. Wang 2. R. Kesor 3. R. Khan	1.15m 1.10m 1.08m	Thorpe Bradman Thorpe
High Jump	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. L. Xue 2. W. Song 3. P. Hui	1.40m 1.35m 1.30m	Bradman Bradman Frazer
Discus	<b>Junior Boys</b>	1. J. Pantera 2. R. Khan 3. J. Park	20.31m 19.72m 16.64m	Freeman
Discus	<b>Senior Boys</b>	1. K. Masuda 2. J. Signh 3. W. Wei	28.23m 24.52m 23.91m	Thorpe Thorpe Freeman
Discus	<b>Junior Girls</b>	1. A. Ryan 2. H. Gonzalez 3. S. Trunks	10.17m 6.59m 6.29m	Bradman Freeman Frazer
Discus	<b>Senior Girls</b>	1. R. Malolo 2. L. Rose 3. C. Bui	19.77m 15.23m 14.27m	Bradman Bradman Frazer

BRADMAN	FRASER	THORPE	FREEMAN
<b>695</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>350</b>

Well done to all competitors.

The final house tally for the day was the following:

Congratulations Bradman House!!

### *Annual Swimming Carnival*

On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June we had our Annual Swimming Carnival at Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre. It was a wonderful day for our student's to show their swimming talents and for the student's that were not competent swimmers to enjoy the vast array of novelty events.

An extended thank you to all of the staff for assisting in ensuring the day was safe and successful and to all of the student's representing their House and for being very well behaved.



*Hollen Wang*

### *Event Results*

EVENT	AGE	NAME	HOUSE
50m Freestyle	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Junior Boys	1. H. Wang 2. R. Kesor 3. J. Panthea	Thorpe Bradman Freeman
	Senior Boys	1. J. Elbanna 2. J. Saveskul 3. O. Tory	Frazer Thorpe Bradman
	Senior Girls	1. E. Gorton 2. L. Rose 3. A. Hientze	Frazer Bradman Frazer
50m Breaststroke	Junior Boys	1. R. Kesor 2. H. Wang 3. J. Panthea	Bradman Thorpe Freeman
50m Breaststroke	Senior Boys	1. J. Saveskul 2. K. Masuda 3. Jack	Thorpe Thorpe Freeman
	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Senior Girls	1. A. Hientze 2. Judy Lu	Frazer Freeman
50m Backstroke	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Senior Girls	1. E. Gorton 2. L. Rose 3. A. Hientze	Frazer Bradman Frazer
	Junior Boys	1. R. Kesor 2. Neil	Bradman Freeman
	Senior Boys	1. C. Payne 2. S. Zang	Freeman Thorpe
Diving	Junior Boys	1. R. Khan 2. Norouzi 3. J. Elbanna	Thorpe Thorpe Frazer

	Senior Boys	1. J. Elbanna 2. O. Tory 3. E. Gorton	Frazer Bradman Frazer
	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Senior Girls	1. L. Rose 2. E. Gorton 3. A. Hientze	Bradman Frazer Frazer
Underwater Challenge	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Senior Girls	1. E. Kim 2. E. Gorton 3. R. Malolo	Bradman Frazer Bradman
	Junior Boys	1. J. Panthea 2. R. Khan 3. M. Norouzi	Freman Thorpe Thorpe
	Senior Boys	1. Owen 2. J. Saveskul 3. K. Masuda	Bradman Thorpe Thorpe
Kickboard	Junior Girls	1. H. Gonzalez 2. S. Tunks	Freeman Frazer
	Senior Girls	1. V. Cheng 2. A. Hientze 3. L. Rose	Freeman Frazer Bradman
	Senior Boys	1. J. Elbanna 2. J. Saveskul 3. O. Tory	Frazer Thorpe Bradman
	Junior Boys	1. J. Panthea 2. R. Kesor 3. R. Khan	Freeman Bradman Thorpe

Well done to all the competitors who received a place ribbon.  
The final House tally for the day was:

BRADMAN	FRASER	THORPE	FREEMAN
<b>300</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>305</b>

Congratulations Thorpe House for being 2016 Champions!  
We look forward to 2017 Annual Swimming Carnival with students breaking new school records.



*Senior Girls Backstroke*



*Novelty event- Dolphin Rescue*



### Autumn Term House Results

A term of success, a term of new records being broken and a term that had an abundance of school sport taking place. With Independent School Division Competitions taking place such as football, cross country and touch rugby. We held our Annual Cross Country, Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnivals.

For many students they were able to showcase their sporting talents, both representing their school and their House very proudly on numerous occasions. For some students it was their first opportunity to play in a team sport, swim in an Olympic Pool, like the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre or compete on a state of the art Athletics Track like ES Marks.

With so much sport taking place, the Term 2 House Champion would be split between the results of the sports carnivals along with the academic results. There could only be one champion house and for Autumn Term, it is Bradman House.

#### Autumn Results

Bradman	1234
Frazer	1092
Thorpe	1009
Freeman	1005

*Congratulations Bradman House!*

*Mr Green*

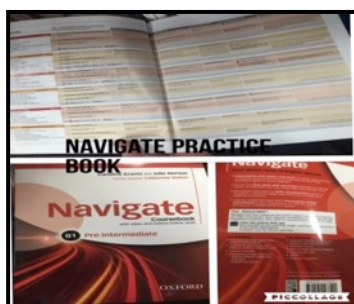
*PDHPE Coordinator/ Sports Master*

### High School Preparation ( HSP ) Self-Study Resources

As part of a thrust in reinforcing teaching-learning, Macquarie Grammar School has procured information resources to cater to HSP students who wish to deepen their learning beyond the regular classroom. These materials cover a range of topics and genre across the skill levels for beginners, pre-intermediate and intermediate.



Students can access these books for additional drills on general English, particularly on developing their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. These macroskills as topics are treated with a scaffolded approach (Navigate Books) to suit the levels and interest of students. Such an approach are a level lower than the usual International English Language Testing System (IELTS) training materials for adults.



For those students looking into doing leisure reading, fiction books (Sherlock Holmes) and other popular resources are likewise available for students' use during school hours, with the assistance of HSP teachers.

*Mr. Manaay*

### Mathematics Faculty News

Autumn Term has been an extremely busy and very successful period for students at MGS in their efforts not only to become more and more competitive and raise their standards in Maths, but also to appreciate the beauty of the subject and the way it captures their interest. At a time when around the world and within the state Mathematics education is in crisis: more than half of all students finishing Year 10 end up dropping Maths in Year 11 since it has become a significant subject. Our students seem to ignore the overall trend and continue to work consistently and in a healthy positive manner that will eventually be reflected in their results. A big contribution to maintaining such a high level is due to the school culture of review and reflection leading to a learning environment where success and excellence are nurtured and every effort is made to instil in our students a willingness to "have a go", to participate to the best of their ability and to take responsibility for promoting the spirit, culture and reputation earned in the short history of the school.

#### NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 and 9 sat the NAPLAN test in May and the assessment results will provide valuable information and assist the school in planning and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Once again, we expect the results to confirm students' achievements in numeracy.

#### Sharemarket Game

Students from Years 9 to 11 took part in the Schools' Sharemarket Game, where students buy and sell shares in ASX-listed companies in real market conditions. Nick and Hayden from Year 9 were the most successful students in their attempts to develop strategies to understand the intricate ways of how the financial world works and beat the market.

#### Year 12

Our senior students had a very intense term especially for Year 12, who are focusing on fine-tuning their revision skills in the lead up to the HSC Exams. A special mention for Bao Vu who has been preparing exceptionally well.

Finally, a word of appreciation to all students who are working so hard toward their final exams, and especially Year 12 who are now ready to take on their HSC Examinations. Congratulations for such a successful and productive term and best of luck to all of you!

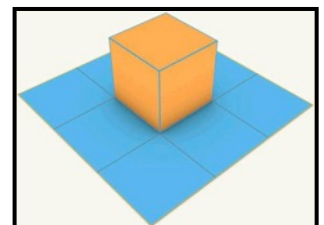
#### Mathematics Competitions

Winter Term will find some of our best students involved in two major Mathematics competitions: Australian Mathematics Competition (28<sup>th</sup> July) and The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) (16<sup>th</sup> August). They have started practising for these competitions to compete to the best of their ability.

#### Probability Puzzle

Since most of our students will study Probability as one of their topics next term, here is a warm-up puzzle to enjoy over the holidays:

*What is the probability of having at least two students with the same birthday (day and*





month, not year) in a class of 20? What is the minimum number of students in the group needed to have a fifty-fifty chance of having at least two students with the same birthday?

And yet another puzzle for those who want to test their creativity:

Is it possible to wrap the cube with a  $3 \times 3$  piece of paper below it? Handling of the paper is subject to two conditions:

1. The paper may be only cut or folded along the crease lines.
2. The cutting should not cause pieces to separate.

Mr Alexandru  
Mathematics Teacher

### Year 7 TAS

#### Product Design

Today's designers need to be ethically and environmentally responsible. The Year 7 students designed and manufactured products, using recycled materials. They used traditional and innovative techniques to complete designer bags and other carry devices.



Traditional basket weaving, using old maps.



## Visual Arts Works of Creativity



Rosalind Malolo (11)



Eden Gorton (11)



**Jessica Dei (11)**

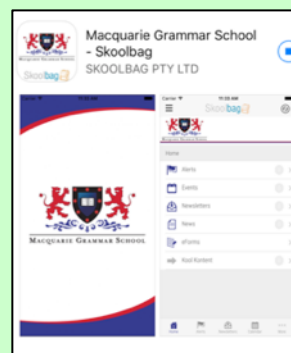
*Mrs Cawood  
Technology and Applied Sciences*

### **School Uniform**

I have been assured that the supplier has all items in stock for parents/guardians to buy. I suggest that students have two of every clothing item except off course the blazer, jumper and tie. You 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 Autumn Term.

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

### **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 Grammar Skoolbag App 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.

SEARCH OUR  
SCHOOL NAME IN:

Available on the iPhone  
**App Store**

Available on Android  
**Google play**

## **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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