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Autumn Term

Staff Professional Development Day	Mon 30 th April
New Student Orientation Day	Mon 30 th April
Lessons commence for Yrs 7 to 12	Tues 1 st May
Parent-Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 12	Wed 9 th May
NAPLAN Testing for Years 7 and 9	15 th – 17 th May
Parents and Friends' Meeting	Wed 23 rd May
MGS Athletics Carnival Years 7 to 12	Thu 24 th May
Winter Term Awards Assembly, 2:00pm	Fri 29 th June
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12	Fri 29 th June

School Office Hours (During Term)	8:30am-5:00pm
School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)	9:00am-5:00pm
Uniform Ordering Hours	9.00am- 500pm

Inspirational Quote



"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."
H. Jackson Brown Jr

Message from the Headmaster

Autumn Term Start

The new term has commenced well with the students quite enthusiastic about the challenges they will face over the coming weeks. As a reminder, it's important that students have a regular study programme that requires them to complete their homework daily, revise the work that's been taught each day and compile ongoing revision notes in preparation for their end of term examinations. I welcome

everyone back from a restful holiday and I wish you all a rewarding Autumn Term.

Summer Term Events and Activities

Summer Term was a busy term with numerous activities taking place, including the first set of exams for the year and Summer Term Reports were issued. I hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter as it outlines our students' participation.

At the end of last year, the school concluded with a Graduation Assembly and the school Captains for 2018 were announced. To familiarise the school community with our new leaders they are listed below. They are an outstanding group of students and I am sure they will serve the student body exceptionally well.

School Captains



Rosalind Malolo



Jintao Ha

School Vice Captains

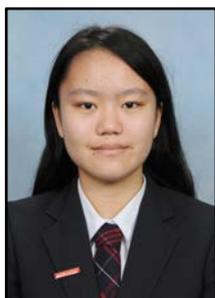


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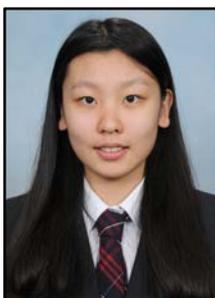


Mia Stewart

Prefects



Kewen Dai



Wendi Li



Amy Shepherd



Wenkoun (Joy) Shao

Parent-Teacher Interviews

In Week 4 a Parent-Teacher Information Evening was held and there was a good response from



parents and guardians. The feedback received was invaluable for our students, parents/guardians and teachers. I would like to thank the parents/guardians for attending and the teaching staff for giving their time so generously for their students. Also, I extend my thanks and appreciation to the President of the Parents and Friends' Association, Mr Clift who made an address and request for our parents and guardians to attend our next P&F Meeting in Autumn Term.

Staff Appointments

I would like to welcome to our school four newly appointed teachers. Mrs Hinton, who joins us from Mosman High School and is a very experienced teacher across all levels of English from Years 7 to



12. She has been an English HSC Marker and will bring the wealth of her knowledge into the classroom.



Ms Palmer joins us from PAL International School as an HSIE Teacher. Her experience at PAL has enabled her to understand the learning needs of both international and domestic students. She has been a Head of

Faculty and has a broad range of skills which enables her to teach across all Senior HSIE courses such as Business Studies, Legal Studies and Economics.

School enrolments have grown over the past two years and the school has increased its staffing in two faculties, Science and Mathematics. Mr Tovar comes to us from Al Sadiq as a Science and Mathematics Teacher and is currently teaching all the Junior Maths and Science classes and Year 11 2Unit Mathematics, and is qualified to teach Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Information Processes and Technology.



The second Science Teacher is Mr Warren who has been teaching for many years and enjoys Physics, Chemistry and Biology and has made a significant impact upon our senior students in the short time he has been with us.

The school is very fortunate to have secured these exceptionally talented and skilled classroom practitioners and I look forward to them making a significant contribution on the learning of our students.

Chinese New Year, Year of the Dog

On Friday 16th February the school celebrated the Chinese New Year as a community. On behalf of the MGS Community I extended our sincerest well wishes and a happy New Year to all our Chinese and Vietnamese students, parents, guardians and staff. This year we celebrate the zodiac sign of the Dog.



The dog symbolizes, loyalty and honesty and those born in the Year of the Dog are said to possess the best traits of human nature.



The Dog is the eleventh of all zodiac animals. According to a myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Monkey, Rooster and Dog were in another country, helping a god defeat evil

spirits. Because they arrived at the same time, the Jade Emperor went by the order they met the god in the other country. Thus, the Dog was placed eleventh.



The Dog is also associated with the Earthly Branch and the hours 7 – 9pm. In terms of yin and yang, the Dog is yang. In China, it is still popular to name dogs. It means “prosperous wealth” and comes from dogs’ barking sounds.



The teachers, parents, guardians and staff prepared food and organized a Chinese banquet of traditional Chinese meals both at recess and lunch for everyone to enjoy. To complete the event, the students performed a number of musical items and had a traditional quiz. It was a unifying experience for all of us and a great

opportunity to familiarize ourselves in the Chinese culture. I thank Mrs Sun for organizing the event so well and for creating an overwhelming response from everyone to partake in the event.

Happy New Year!

School Visit from Hunan Province



In the second week of Summer Term a group of students from a variety of schools across Hunan Province visited our School. They were immersed in the life of the school for a week and assimilated exceptionally well in our school activities. They were involved in classroom learning but were very keen to partake in sport and Friday co-curricular activities. On behalf of MGS, I thanked them for visiting our school and for being magnificent ambassadors for each of the schools that they were representing. I wished them a safe return to China and thanked their leader Ms Jiang Wen for supervising the students so well.



Hunan Province (湖南) is the 7th most populous province of China, the 10th largest in area and it’s quite mountainous. Its capital is Changsha. The name Hunan means "south of Lake Dongting," a lake in the northeast of the province; hu means "lake" while nan means "south."



Higher School Certificate Results 2017

The 2017 HSC results were outstanding for a number of reasons. The students were a very dedicated group who at all times worked diligently and wanted to excel in the courses they studied. An overview of the results is listed below that depicts their overall performance:



- * 12.5% of all students awarded an ATAR above 90
- * 37.5% of all students awarded an ATAR above 80
- * 100% of Mathematics Extension 1 and 2 students attained bands E3 or E4
- * 80% of English Advanced students attained a Band 5.
- * 80% of Chinese Literature students attained Bands 5 or 6.
- * 44% of English ESL students attained bands 5 or 6. This is almost double the state performance.
- * Mathematics Ext 1 students performed 10.7 marks above the state mean
- * MGS was ranked 68th on the Mathematics Merit List
- * MGS was ranked 149th overall
- * HSC Dux was Keyu (Daisy) Chen



Congratulations to Year 12 2017 and we wish them all the very best with their future tertiary studies. Below is a list of courses that our students have chosen to study at university.

Tertiary Courses

Medical Science, Sociology, Physiology, Biomedical Engineering, Arts, Computing, Life Science and Commerce.

Chinese Debating

In the first round of the Chinese Debating Competition our students were up against Strathfield South Community Languages School and we had a resounding win 8-1. Our students were well prepared by Ms Cai and their coach prior to the competition. Alisa Zhang was awarded the title of the best debater in the first round amongst all the schools.



This is a magnificent start and we wish them all the best for the next round.



Sydney University 2018 Go Global Day



The 2018 Go Global Day held at Sydney University provided the participants with adventurous experiences. It opened new lingual gates for high school students through an integration of different languages in a series of short programmes.

Though short and fleeting, the Go Global Day programmes were designed adequately for a new understanding on each interested language. After a few passionate and thought-provoking speeches, students were allocated to corresponding language groups so they could enjoy language lessons according to personal preference.



The one-hour German lesson was a light-hearted tour with the professor giving the students powerpoint presentations as well as paperworks which were rich in both instructional qualities and comic humour. German, as the most widely spoken language in Central Europe, covers Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, parts of Belgium and Liechtenstein, and surprisingly embraces some considerable similarities with English. These similarities are discoverable as early as in the learning of the German Alphabet.

Since the similarities between German and English significantly reduced difficulty in the study of beginners and made the lesson friendly and vivid, the contribution from Professor Tristan and his intern assistant involved the students in boosting their memory on the period's content. Their teaching strategies were flexible with repetition in order to emphasise key points, positively presenting Uni styles of teaching to students who were very interested.

Later, the students were led on a tour of the Sydney University campus. Architectural and environmental advantages of the campus were highlighted to reassure these future uni students of both the intellectual and physical enjoyment they will have if they choose Sydney University as their future place to develop tertiary studies.

By enabling Year 12 students to access Sydney Uni Course-related events prior to their HSC, Macquarie Grammar School provided students with a precious opportunity of deeper engagement with co-curriculum activities. As well as directing them to have a clearer insight in their upcoming moment of choice.

Year 12 Kewen (Jessica Dai)

Chinese Beginners Excursion

"The limit of the world is the limit of my language."

On Friday 2nd March, as one of the Chinese Beginners Students, I had the opportunity to visit Sydney University to learn more about the Arts and Culture courses, more specifically languages.

Before the event, I had no recollection of ever thinking of studying a language in University.

After hearing from the Alumni, current students and further experiencing the learning environment in the classroom, my perspective broadened and my opportunities magnified to a global scale. I learnt of the financial, psychological, societal and personal advantages of learning languages.

A quote I distinctly remember from the Modern Greek Professor was, "Multilingualism means multi-tasking, a multi-dimensional mind."

At MGS, I have come to understand firsthand the precious gift of diversity and multiculturalism. Learning another language breaks cultural stereotypes and opens one's mind to a whole new level of learning and is the key to social cohesion and stability. The future is not so far away, I understand that now more than ever. The way I choose to learn is a determining factor of how I will live.

In saying this, what I know to be true is that learning, understanding and respecting cultural differences, will equip you to be a well-rounded citizen of the entire world.

I'm forever grateful to the language teachers that we have at our school, Mrs Yamashita, Mrs Sun and Ms Cai, for giving me the opportunity to experience a multi-dimensional way of learning.

*Rosalind Malolo
School Captain*

Bullying, No Way

The Student Representative Council organised a presentation on Bully Prevention and it was well received by all our students. A great deal of preparation took place prior to the presentation and it highlighted the affect it has on the individual and why bullying is not acceptable. Well done to the SRC and Mrs Cawood for organising the event.



The World's greatest shave

MGS joined the "World's Greatest Shave" fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation to fund vital research that will save lives. This is an annual event and all money raised goes towards research to cure blood cancer like leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

The SRC organised this in school, asking teachers to colour their hair if the students managed to collect and raise \$500 that would go towards the Leukemia Foundation. The SRC created a poster which was hung in the Assembly area for the students to be able to track the funds raised. The selected teachers agreed to dye their hair bright colours for a week if the goal was reached.



The final amount raised and donated was \$623.65, which meant that Mr Gates, Mrs Cawood, Ms Hinton and Ms Cai had very colourful hair for a week. We thank all the students and the teachers who contributed to this worthy cause.

*Enzo Amiehl and Lucas Kim
(SRC members and project managers)*

Sport

ISD Basketball

On Wednesday 21st February, 27 MGS students participated in the annual ISD Basketball competition at the Bankstown Basketball Stadium.



The teams were coached by Mr. Tovar and I.

MGS entered three teams:

U15 Boys

Ryan Jiang, Arda Lok, Joseph Ratzinger, George Sun, Omar Sutisno, Alvin Wang, Randolph Wikarsa, Dylan Zhou

Open Girls

Aurora Li, Rosalind Malolo, Gloria McDonald, Linda Nguyen, Dilara Ozhan, Amy Sheppard, Dina Tian, Hanny Wang, Alisa Zhang

Open Boys

Brendan Deng, Hewitt Freshwater, Patrick Su, Theodore Tang, Bruce Wang, Warren Wang, Bruce Yang, Vincent Yao Clark Yue, Sting Zhang

Macquarie Grammar students performed admirably throughout the day and I was pleased with their overall playing ability and consistent fair play across all games.

U15 Boys

Won 2, Lost 3

Our first two games were played against Glenaeon and Amity respectively. It was obvious from the first tip off that both schools play the game on a regular basis. Our boys deserve special praise for their ability to persevere with the stronger opponents and playing right up to the final whistle. Omar Sutisno and Dylan Zhou were strong players in both games and worked tirelessly in both defence and offence. Alvin Wang ran up and down the court non-stop - a tremendous

effort!

Game 3 vs Al Sadiq

It was a low scoring game and we came out on top 5-1. Once again Dylan and Omar stood out with great ball skills. At the start of this game, Mr. Tovar asked the boys to work hard on their passing and valuing possession more. Ryan Jiang and George Sun took it upon themselves to rebound their hearts out! Randolph Wikarsa also played a great game as his passes created some fast breaks for scoring opportunities.

Game 4 vs Belfield

Another low scoring game, MGS held on in a thriller, winning 7-6! Joseph Ratzinger created some assists as Dylan Zhou dominated the scoresheet. Arda 'The General' Lok was a key player in this game, especially in the dying seconds. He placed immense pressure on his opponents and was there in the end to regain possession when Belfield had a chance to win on the bell. The MGS bench leapt to their feet when the final siren rang out - holding on by one point - amazing!

Game 5 vs MFIS

Our boys were always in the match as demonstrated in the score of a 6-2 loss. A combination of fatigue and a few balls not dropping for us, cost MGS the game. However, it was wonderful to see a full team effort for our last game. The U15 boys should feel very proud of their efforts throughout the day.

Open Girls

Won 2, Lost 2

Game 1 vs Al Zahra

MGS started with a flurry of points and we raced to an early lead. Amy Sheppard used her height and sound shooting skills to dominate the scoresheet. Rosalind Malolo drove the ball hard to the key and also kept the scorers busy!

Dilara Ozhan demonstrated good dribbling skills as a guard and kept the ball flowing freely. Alisha Zhang and Aurora Li, albeit new to the game caught on quickly and enjoyed the challenge. In the end MGS were too strong for Al Zahra and we had a convincing win 28-8

Game 2 vs MFIS

Our girls worked hard on their defence and played close to our opponents for the entire game. Rosalind and Amy were dominant in both offence and defence and shut out many MFIS raids.

Dina Tian picked up from where she left off last year whilst playing ISD Netball and proved ruthless in defence! Hanny Wang, Gloria McDonald and Linda Nguyen contributed for the whole match and we came out on top with a hard fought win 14-7

Game 3 vs Amity & Game 4 vs Glenaeon

As with the junior boys' games, when the girls came across the might of Amity and Glenaeon, the score line was not

favourable, yet the girls never gave up. Amity played a real physical game and had the most possession. However, not going down without a fight, Rosalind and Amy really mixed it with the Amity girls and ensured their presence on the court was felt. Both girls worked hard bringing the ball down the court and consistently 'cut through' the key when in offence to create scoring opportunities for their teammates.

In our final match against Glenaeon, we came across a well drilled team. Dina Tian and Dilara Ozhan worked well once again in defence. Gloria McDonald put in a big effort and intercepted some long passes preventing scoring opportunities for Glenaeon.

By the time our last game against Glenaeon was over, the MGS girls were tired yet very upbeat about their overall day. Well done!

Open Boys

Won 4, Lost 1

Game 1 vs MFS

The day started well for Macquarie Grammar School as the Open Boys team defeated MFS 12 – 0. MFS were a strong team in defence yet we worked the ball well around the court to create many scoring opportunities. Clark Yue demonstrated great dribbling skills when moving the ball up the court. Theodore Tang played a solid game as did Hewitt Freshwater. Hewitt dominated the rebounds all match.



Game 2 vs Reddam House

Our second game was against the might of Reddam. Reddam had a team full of representative players yet MGS were not intimidated by this powerhouse school. We managed to keep them at bay for a long period of time with a score line of 8-5. However, as the game progressed, Reddam punished us with their fast break transition and the final score was 23-12.

The MGS boys fought well throughout the match with notable performances by Patrick Su, Bruce Yang and Warren Wang.

Game 3 vs Unity

Our game against Amity was a close battle throughout the whole game. MGS took an early lead yet became despondent when a Unity player hit three 3 pointers midway through the match. Theodore Tang and Bruce Wang never gave up and we managed to claw back the deficit and take a 1 point lead

with 30 seconds to go. In the end, Vincent Yao and Hewitt Freshwater ran the clock down perfectly and we escaped with a one point victory – 18 – 17!

Game 4 vs Belfield

MGS dominated this match from start to finish. Our boys never allowed Belfield into the game and we ran out victorious 12-0. Sting Zhang scored two great lay ups one of which included a reverse! Patrick Su worked hard in offence displaying excellent ball handling skills. Brendan Deng was everywhere on the court consistently creating turnovers so MGS received the ball.

Game 5 vs Al Sadiq

MGS played their final match of the day with much enthusiasm and pace. Bruce Wang and Hewitt Freshwater were once again the standout players. Boy boys matched the physicality of Al Sadiq and never took a backward step. Clark Yue continued to dazzle us all with his agility when in possession of the ball. MGS won the match 20-16, however, the score line did not reflect the ascendancy we had over Al Sadiq. A few late baskets flattered their score line.



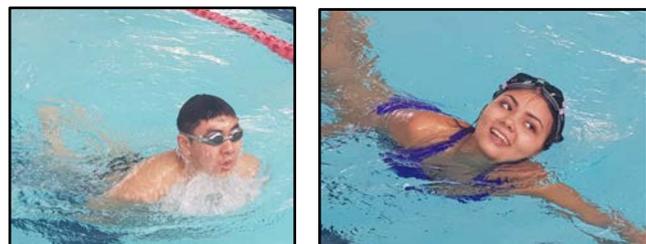
In summary, our school community can feel very proud of our students’ efforts and performance on the day. The behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by Macquarie Grammar School was exceptional.

Special thanks to Mr. Tovar for his coaching and leadership. All students responded well to his direction and tactics. Thanks also to Mr. Kable from Reddam House who convened the day.

Well done MGS!

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 16th March the Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre. It was an outstanding day full of activities for our students to participate in. They varied from the traditional 50m and 100m freestyle and backstroke events to novelties, where every student was able to gain points for their House. It was a tightly fought carnival amongst our Houses with the eventual winner drawing ahead towards the latter stages.



I would like to congratulate all the students for making the day such a memorable one, to the staff for their enthusiasm in encouraging the students to get involved and to Mr Slavin who organised the day so well. Congratulations to our winning House, Freeman (Red).

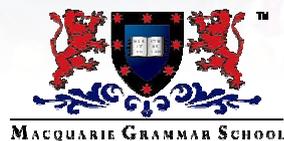
*Mr Slavin
Sportsmaster*

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