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## *April Bluey Newsletter*

*'Truth and Virtue'*

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**Human Anatomy**



**Cultural Harmony**





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### Autumn Term

Parent, Guardian and Teacher Meeting  
School Athletics Carnival  
School Cross Country Carnival  
School Photo Day  
Queen's Birthday  
Examination Week Years 11 and 12  
Examination Week Years 7 to 10  
Vaccination Day Visit 2  
Summer Term Awards Assembly, 2:00pm  
Lessons conclude for Yrs 7 – 12

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> June  
11<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> June  
18<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> June  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June

### Winter Term

Parent, Guardian, Teacher Information Evening  
Australian Mathematics Competition  
2019 ISD Soccer Championship  
2019 ISD Athletics Championship  
Vaccination Day 3  
Year 12 Trial Exam  
ICAS Mathematics  
Year 12 Farewell Assembly  
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug  
26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> Aug  
26<sup>th</sup> Aug - 6<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sep

**School Office Hours (During Term)**

**School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)**

**Uniform Ordering Hours**

8:30am-5:00pm

9:00am–5:00pm

9.00am- 500pm

### Notifications from administration department:

#### **Reminders to All Students**

If you wish to return to your home country during the holiday break at the end of each term, please see the Students Services Officer for a Student Leave Request Form. Complete the form and return it to the Student Service Officer for the Headmaster's approval. Students are allowed to travel only to their home country and they must have the approval from the Headmaster, before booking the air ticket. This is also applied for the students who wish to stay with parents in their visits. A letter of request from parents, their contact details in Sydney and copies of parents' visa, passport and flight ticket also need to be attached to the Student Leave Request Form.

Students who have changes in their contact details, guardians or homestay including address, email and phone numbers please notify the SSO, complete the Student Contact Change Form and submit it back to the SSO.

Ms. Zheng  
Guardianship/Homestay Officer

### *Inspirational Quote*

*'You learn more from failure than from success.  
Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character.'*

*Anonymous*

### Message from the Headmaster

Summer Term has been very busy with our students participating in a number of activities and being rewarded for their efforts. Our Chinese Debating Team has continued where they left off last year and had a comfortable first round win. The four teams that were involved in the ISD Basketball Competition had solid performances and played exceptionally well, especially the senior boys' and girls' teams. Harmony Day and Bullying No Way were successful events in creating positive awareness for our students and contributed to a safe and caring school environment.

Excursions are one of the school's strengths as we are located in the heart of the Sydney CBD. This term was no exception with a number of excursions taking place. The Senior PDHPE class visited the Town Hall to view the Anatomy Exhibits, a visit by the Japanese class to a Japanese Guest House were engrossed in Japanese culture and etiquette, and the term concluded with the Annual Swimming Carnival at the Cook and Phillip Aquatic Centre.

Macquarie Grammar School is a wonderful school and is unique in what it offers its students, all because of the dedication of the teachers and their willingness to make lessons interesting and relatable to the real world, that surrounds us.





Summer Term concluded with an ANZAC Day Commemorative Service followed by an Awards Assembly where a number of students were acknowledged for their excellence in their academic studies, sporting achievements or community service. The Junior School Highest Achiever was David Nguyen and the Senior School Highest Achiever was Gleb Koslov.



I wish everyone a well-deserved break and look forward to everyone returning safely for the commencement of Autumn Term 2.

## Message from the Director of Welfare and Operations

### *Compulsory school attendance*



**Regular attendance** at school is **essential** for students to **maximise their potentials**. School, in partnership with **parents and guardians**, are **responsible** for promoting the **regular attendance of students**.

### *Medical certificate of absence from school*

**Medical certificate** is a **documentary proof of illness** from a **registered medical practitioner** stating that a student is unfit for school. It is generally regarded as **irrefutable proof** that the student was legitimately **absent from school because of the stated illness or injury**.

**Do not**, under any circumstances, **forge or falsify medical documents** to obtain special consideration. **Falsifying documents** is considered as **fraud** and will be treated far **more severely than other academic misconduct** such as plagiarism. **If students** are caught **falsifying medical documents**, for any reason, they are likely to have their **serious repercussion**.

*Mrs Sun  
Director of Welfare and Operations*

## Message from the Director of Curriculum

### *Learning across the curriculum – A little school in Sydney's CBD – April 2019*

The myriad of events that encompass MGS in the quality of teaching and learning that take place were once again evident in our everyday school lives. In April, we saw all the teachers and all the students engaging in a series of **lessons and activities** that were **diverse, interesting, motivating and stimulating**. The quality of teaching and learning at Macquarie Grammar School has always been an element that all of us are very proud of. As we move from subject to subject, we see **scientific enquiry and insightful learning activities** that address **specific syllabus and student needs**.

In **Business and Legal Studies**, students are entertained with **stories and concepts** that engage and produce a clear understanding of **legal structure and function** as well as **business strategy and structure in Australia**.

In **Visual Arts** the students learn to **express themselves** through **color, shape, meaning, form and texture**. The **evaluation of self and others** is paramount in the **expression**



of art that represents the person and environment they are working in.

In Mathematics, the brilliance of the interpretation of systems and models and our reality is continually delivered with exceptional conceptual understanding and a level of interest that can only motivate and create interest in a subjects MGS is well known for as one of the state's top performers.

In English, students delve into concepts and themes that challenge the individual and the notions of society and its development, tone, theme, plot and literary devices are explored with insight and interpretations that are rare in the perceptual understanding of texts and their meaning. Providing the opportunity for our students to read and write at an exemplary standard.

In Languages, the exploration of the wondrous worlds of Japanese and Chinese are skillfully and interestingly delivered with songs that touch the heart and complexity and insight through the teacher's knowledge that we are so very proud of.

These are just a few of the exemplary subjects that are conducted here every day at MGS.

Perhaps above all the MGS spirit was conveyed through the friendship and camaraderie shown during the Swimming carnival. Personally, it illustrated what we are all about, mutual respect, friendship, good health, honesty, and love. Few schools can match us here.

To all of you going on break be sure to continue to live your life with these values and attitudes for it will stand you in good stead and will enrich and develop your future as your progress on life's Journey. Every single one of you has my best wishes and I look forward to seeing you upon the beginning of Term 2.

#### Best Wishes

*Mr Hagan  
Director of Curriculum and Compliance*

### School Events in Summer Term 2019

#### SRC news

“You have a voice  
Speak out  
You have a choice  
Choose kindness  
Stand united against  
Bullying”



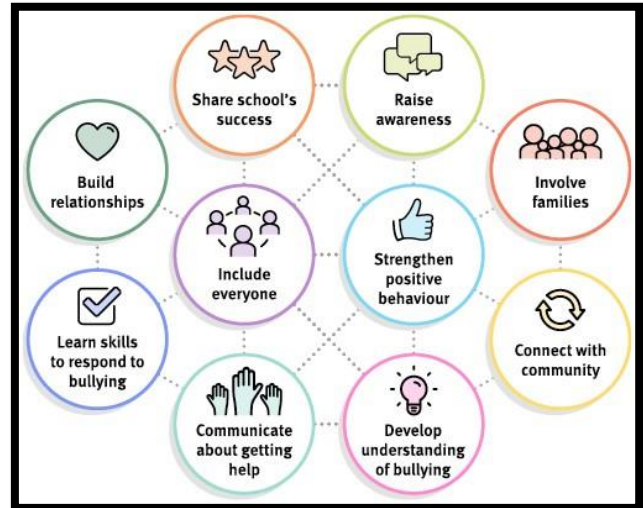
*Year 12*

#### National Day for Action Against Bullying and Violence

**Bullying. No Way!** has identified ten action areas that students can lead to prevent and promote student wellbeing.

SRC members joined Homeroom Roll Calls for a week to talk about and lead conversations around bullying and violence. Individual students and each homeroom roll call came up with a slogan to communicate their feelings about bullying. The slogans were used to make posters that were posted around the school to raise awareness and

provide students with strategies to deal with bullying, should it occur.



Student voices:

*"Include everyone. Bullying is never ok."* Annelise Ryan 11BR

*"If you have a love for people, you have peace."* Daniel LIN HSP1 FA

*"Build a bridge, not a wall."* Hayden CLIFT 12BR

*"Keep in mind to be kind, bullying is mean and should not be seen."* Hewitt FRESHWATER 12FA

*"If your friends are helpful, their hearts are beautiful."* HSP1

*"Consider what you say."* Joshua PANTEA 10FE

*"You should not stay silent about bullying."* Neil LIAO 12FE

Our students and staff will not tolerate bullying. We will continue to promote a safe and happy learning environment, in line with this year's theme: **TAKE ACTION EVERY DAY**



For more information visit:  
<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/WhatIsBullying>

*Mrs Cawood  
SRC*

#### Harmony Day

MGS celebrated Harmony Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.



Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Harmony Day is all about **togetherness and kindness**. It is about **sharing experience and knowledge** with different cultures. In a small but meaningful way this day of celebration - of respect for diversity - creates the conditions that **erase fear and bond friendships**.

Our very best chance for a **happy and harmonious future** comes with what our students learn together every day in our **rich and diverse school communities**.

Communities have come together and really celebrated differences and diversity – as well as the things that we have in common.



This year Harmony Day, we have enjoyed the fantastic events that our SRC put on. As I expected that every student, every member of our school community enjoyed **the feeling of belonging** and the strength of community that comes from cultural respect and friendship. My hope is also that this feeling and celebration of our diversity is something we all continue to **embrace and reflect upon** daily as this year's Harmony Week theme reminds us,



'Everyone Belongs'.

*Mrs Sun*  
Director of Welfare and Operations



MGS celebrated our **cultural diversity on Harmony Day**. Our students participated in activities, including **cultural dress-ups and photobooth, creating diversity paper chains, collaborative artwork and guess the flag competition**. We also learned more about our **school community and enjoyed musical performances** by Lily LI 8FA and Min KIM 8FE. Harmony day is all about **inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone**, which we promote, celebrate and cherish at Macquarie Grammar School.

SRC

### *Year 12 Japanese Beginners Excursion to Ryokan Gojyuuan*

In Term 1, Year 12 Japanese Beginners class visited **Ryokan Gojyuuan**, which is the only **Japanese-style guest house** in Sydney, for the **traditional Japanese tea ceremony workshop**. Our instructor, Tae, who is an expert of the **Ueda Soko Ryu tea ceremony**, taught us about the **manners and a bit of history behind the ceremony**. As the ceremony has very strict and complicated rules to follow, **students were**



**trying very hard to listen to the instructions**. They all

**made a bowl of tea** for their classmates and enjoyed it with the **homemade sweets** provided by Tae. We also had a chance to **explore guest house** to study about the guest rooms and their bathroom which is built in Japanese style. It was a great experience for the students to **acquire first-hand knowledge**. After the workshop, we had nice hand-wrapped sushi lunch. We spent wonderful two and a half hours in Ryokan Gojyuuan, and if there is an opportunity, we would love to go back for other workshops.



### *Years 11 & 12 PDHPE Anatomy Excursion*

On Monday, 4th March 2019, Years 11 & 12 PDHPE students were given the opportunity to attend the **BODY WORLDS** anatomy exhibition at Town Hall.

It is the first exhibition of its kind to **inform the visitor about anatomy, physiology and health through viewing real human bodies**.



*Hanny WANG 12FE, Aurora LI 12TH & Jenny LUO 12TH observing a display of cross-sectional bones.*

The specimens on display were preserved through **Plastination**, the **preservation process invented by physician and anatomist Dr Gunther von Hagens** while he was working at the **University of Heidelberg**. Since the beginning of the exhibition series in Japan



in 1995, more than 47 million visitors in over 130 cities in America, Europe, Asia and Africa have seen the world's most successful travelling exhibition.

Students found the displays fascinating as the exhibition is designed to show visitors the basics of human health and wellness. The exhibition included whole-body platinates, a large arrangement of individual organs, arterial and organ configurations and translucent slices that give a complete picture of how the body works.



*Enzo Amielh 12FE & Dilara Ozhan 12FE*

Following the excursion, our senior PDHPE students were well informed on how best to fight life-threatening diseases through healthy choices and lifestyle changes.

*Mr Slavin  
PDHPE teacher*

### **Macquarie Grammar School Swimming Carnival**

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Cook & Phillip Park Aquatic Centre*

On the second last Thursday of the Term, the school gathered at the Cook and Phillip Park Aquatic Centre for our annual swimming carnival. It was held during our timetabled sport program, 1 pm – 3 pm.

It was a new venue this year as we swam in the leisure pool – a shallower pool than previous carnivals, allowing for greater participation and enjoyment for all.

A good number of students swam 25m races of backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. Freestyle proved to be the most popular stroke with several students racing 3-5 heats!



4 x 25m freestyle relays then swam in house groups followed by a range

of fun, energy-sapping novelty events.

To end the day, the centre turned on their wave pool which proved to be a hit with the MGS community. Some students rode the waves like they were in the surf at Bondi Beach. Others saw the opportunity to practice their wrestling skills while a group of junior boys avoided **Ryan JIANG 9TH**, as everyone had fun trying not to be thrown around by Ryan!



Special thanks to MGS staff and Yr. 12 prefects for their assistance in running the carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day and well done to Fraser House for winning the House Championship.

- 1<sup>st</sup> – FRASER – 185 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – FREEMAN – 170 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BRADMAN – 105 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> THORPE – 80 points

*Mr Slavin  
PDHPE teacher*

## **CAREER NEWS**

### **Careers Advisors Association**

*Courses, Workshops and Information Sessions for students.*

*UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) news  
APPLICATIONS ARE OPENING EARLY*

*Applications for study in 2020 will open on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. You'll be able to apply for undergraduate courses as well as Schools Recommendation Schemes, Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships.*

*UAC information*

*UAC Video - Applying for Uni as a Year 12 Student with UAC*

*See this quick video guide for Year 12 students applying for undergraduate courses through UAC.*

*Visit <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applica...> to get started.*

*Watch the video here:*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_hZapVNXwDw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hZapVNXwDw)*

*ART and DESIGN*

*Shape 2018 Student Portfolios - Textiles and Design*

*Powerhouse Museum Harris Street Ultimo*

*See how to arrange your portfolio. Experiments with materials, equipment and manufacturing processes applicable to the item and modifies design and/or construction as a result of the experimentation. Provides thorough details of materials, equipment and manufacturing processes used and justifies their use on the basis of comprehensive investigations.*

*<https://maas.museum/event/shape-2018-student-portfolios-textiles-and-design/>*

*Date and time: To 5<sup>th</sup> May*

*SCIENCE*

*Sydney University Science Forum - The Light Side: Illuminating Life*

*Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney*

*Join Dr Alice Motion and Associate Professor Liz New from the School of Chemistry in a discussion of the fascinating and useful properties of light.*

*Cost: Free*

*Registration:*

*<https://thelightside.eventbrite.com.au>*

*Date and time: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. 5:45pm for 6pm – 7pm*

*Experience UNSW Science Day*

*Have you ever wanted to experience what it would be like as a student conducting research and experiments in a lab at University? Let us take you on a journey through some of the branches of Science that you can study at UNSW. You'll have*

the opportunity to ask questions and speak to our academic staff and current students.

Then, **get a hands-on taste** of what you can expect as a first-year Science student in our labs! This event is designed for high school students in **year 9 and 10** who are keen to explore types of Sciences broader than what they may be exposed to currently.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-science-day>

**Date and time:** 29<sup>th</sup> May

#### **ACTUARIAL**

##### **Bond Actuarial Experience Day**

**14 University Drive, Bond Business School, Robina**

As a result, we are inviting interested students to attend the **Actuarial Science and Commerce Experience Day on Wednesday, 22 May, 2019.**

Open your mind to a range of disciplines, including digital business, management and marketing, gain insights into the growing global tourism industry and discover how your start-up idea could be the next big thing with the **Transformer**, **Entrepreneurship and Big Data facilities.**

<https://bond.edu.au/event/46362/business-and-commerce-experience-day>

**Date and time:** 22<sup>th</sup> May

#### **My Health Career Videos**

Watch a variety of **specialists** who give their candid insight on why they enjoy their careers.

##### **Pharmacy:**

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/pharmacy/>

##### **Physiotherapy:**

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/physiotherapy>

##### **Podiatry:**

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/podiatry/>

##### **Psychology:**

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/psychology/>

##### **All:**

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/videos>

Ms. Cawood  
Career Adviser

## 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.



#### Further information

Tel : 1800 835 643

Email: [Info@midford.com.au](mailto:Info@midford.com.au)

### Mobile School App for phone and Android

The school has its own mobile application that it uses as a portal to disseminate information such as Newsletters, permission notes, notifications and even forms. If you haven't downloaded the Macquarie Grammar School Application from the App Store or Google Play be do, so that you can be up-to-date with what's happening at Macquarie Grammar School. 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.

