

### Principal's Report 8/11/18

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4. It is a busy term with many examinations and assessments for each year group. Whilst the HSC has now concluded, our Year 12 students have felt confident in their performance and thanked their teachers for the thorough preparation they provided the girls with. Year 11 have now commenced their Year 12 courses and have quickly settled back into learning after a great camp at the beginning of term. I congratulate all of the students for their hard work and study leading up to the yearly exam period.

In week 2, P&C positions were filled and I welcome Mrs K Moors as President, Mrs S Cain as Treasurer and Ms L Bridgen as Secretary. I am very confident that this team will have a positive impact on areas within the school and hope to see you at our next P&C meeting (14/11/2018).

NAPLAN results were released in September and if you haven't received them in the mail, I encourage you to contact the school. At Moorefield Girls High School, we were above state average in Reading, Writing, Grammar & Punctuation and Spelling for both Year 7 and Year 9. We have continued to exceed our targets for the NSW Bump It Up strategy, with more girls achieving in the top 2 bands. Our value-add continues to be positive, demonstrating that our programs and focus on literacy are having the desired effects. These are all very pleasing results for our school.

We have been successful in gaining 8 places for our students to attend SPACE CAMP USA in October 2019 and have additionally gained a \$20,000 grant from the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation, Science to support this trip. This is an outstanding opportunity for our students and we would be one of few schools in our area to be involved. We are in the early stages of planning however 2019 will be a big year for fundraising and preparing for this incredible trip.

This week we inducted our 2019 Student Leaders and Captains in a formal ceremony with parents and carers. We have such talent within our student body and these girls have already demonstrated a high level of commitment to their peers, to the school, and to wider society. I congratulate Savina and Coco as being elected School Captains, and look forward to working with the entire team of Prefects and SRC. (How exciting!)

*Ms N Hale, Principal*



## Space Camp

During the October holidays, Ms R Ahmed (Science Faculty) had a great time attending Space Academy in the USA. Ms Ahmed participated in the 5-day Advanced Academy program that involved lectures and professional learning sessions as well as amazing activities. The activities included scuba diving, rock climbing, rocket building, experiencing g-force, spinning about in a gyroscope, climbing a 10 metre pole and leaping off, flying shuttle simulators, suiting up like an astronaut and many, many more amazing experiences. To top it off, Ms Ahmed was in the group of teachers that had the opportunity to watch the Neil Armstrong movie, First Man, before anyone else in the world!



## Shopfront at Sunset Square, Kogarah

Shopfront Theatre worked with year 8 students to design an exhibition including a series of banners, an audio installation and an interactive writing station to showcase to the public, ideas about communicating with others through art and listening to others. This was a three month project and the final event proved to be a very proud moment for Ms Portelli, Ms Sladek and our students.



## From the Mathematics Faculty

### Choose Maths Awards

This award celebrates mathematical achievement and excellence in Australian schools. The awards encourage students to become creative as they step away from the classroom to bring their understanding of mathematics to life on film.

Four of our Year 10 students entered the senior Choose Maths Competition. They competed with students around Australia to produce a 3-5 minute YouTube clip entitled 'Our World Needs Maths'. Congratulations to Orchhna, Nabila, Victoria and Prayashna for their participation and collaboration showcasing their imagination and creativity.

## ICAS Awards

Congratulations to all the girls who entered the ICAS Mathematics Competition. Special mention to Nabila (Merit), Prayashna (Credit) and Victoria (Distinction) from Year 10 and Mahjabin (Participation), An & Zizhou (Credit) and Zahra (Distinction) from Year 8.

*Ms F Diakos, Head Teacher Mathematics*

## National Organisation of Russian Scouts

During the recent school holidays, I represented the National Organisation of Russian Scouts in a conference located at Rydges Hotel in the CBD. The aim of my presentation was to let the Russian community know about this organisation, which has been running for many decades. Professional teachers and principals, as well as many Russian community members were present at the conference throughout my presentation.

It was an honour to participate in this amazing event and I am glad the scouting organization, that I have taken part in for nearly 10 years, appreciated my courage and leadership skills.

*Ksenia (Year 10)*



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## Update Contact Information

Please keep your contact details current by informing the school whenever there is a change. You can update by phoning the school (9587 6095), emailing [moorefielg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:moorefielg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au), or collecting a form from the office.

## Invictus Games



Our students in the Talented Athlete Program spent a day at the Invictus Games recently with Mr Kane. They spoke with Damien Irish, a former student of James Cook Boys High, at the discus event.

*The Invictus Games was a thrilling experience for not only myself, but for everyone that went. It was amazing to see the strength all the athletes showcased after serving their country. It was a truly eye-opening and inspirational day. Wai Maria (Year 11)*

*Visiting the Invictus Games was a great experience watching athletes with different disabilities from many countries take the opportunity to compete in sport. I had so much fun participating in wheelchair basketball and knowing how hard it is to play. Grace (Year 11)*



## Sydney University Visit

Last school holidays, we were fortunate to attend the 'Life at Sydney' day at the University of Sydney where we were given an opportunity to observe and understand what a university environment is like. We were able to talk to student ambassadors about the different pathways and courses we might want to undertake in the future.

There were many interesting sessions and activities. One workshop was in the Faculty of Health and Medicine and another was "The Light Diet" in the Faculty of Science, which explained how plants create energy from sunlight. This course was hands on and we participated in an experiment that extracted the structures of plants required for the photosynthesis process. The last course was at the university Sport and Fitness department that involved in a karate session.

We had an incredible experience at Sydney University, there were many friendly students willing to assist and the environment was very encouraging. It was an enjoyable experience, that gave us good insight into university life and studies.

*Anastasia & Francesca, Year 11*

## Careers News

Access the November/December Careers News at the following link:

<https://www.careertools.com.au/mailplag/download.php?id=13097>

### **Items this month include:**

- Year 11 information on dropping a course for the HSC
- Year 10 Mock Interview program
- Year 9 work experience 2019
- University information and decision days
- Alternate study pathways - Traineeships and Apprenticeships

*Ms K Stack, Careers Advisor*

## Inspiring Young Women Awards

Each week two students (one junior and one senior) receive the 'Inspiring Young Women Principal's Award' for their academic achievement and/or outstanding effort in a specific KLA (Key Learning Area). Students are presented with their award at the weekly assembly. Congratulations to our latest award recipients:

**Mathematics** – Yasmine (Yr 8), Sabrina (Yr 11)

**Information Technology** – Zeinab (Yr 9), Taj (Yr 9), Lily (Yr 11)

**English** – Kathryn (Yr 11), Zahra (Yr 8), Poojaben (Yr 12)

**Creative Arts** – Xiyin (Yr 12)

**Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)** – Felicity (Yr 12)

**Science** – Jasmin (Yr 8), Alyssa (Yr 11)

**Special Education** – Isabella (Yr 9), Joanna (Yr 11)

## UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday 13 November – LEAPS Graduation, 6.30pm, Common Room**

**Wednesday 14 November – P & C Meeting, 6.30pm, Common Room**

**Friday 14 December – Annual Presentation Day, 9.30am, School Hall**