

Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

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Principal's Report

With one week to go before the Easter break, I am reflecting on how much the school has managed to fit into first term. Our new Year 7 students continue to make a great impression on us and a group recently visited Bezzina House to assist with the establishment of a new garden. Bezzina House is a part of St George Hospital which houses cancer patients and their carers whilst they receive treatment. The staff were extremely thankful for the efforts of our girls.

For Harmony Day, the school paused to recognise the victims of the events in Christchurch and Year 12 students used speech and song to highlight the respectful, inclusive and harmonious culture we have at Moorefield Girls High School.

International Women's Day was celebrated with amazing activities run by our students. At 7.30am, our Year 12 Captains and Prefects were at Kogarah Town Centre, greeting women heading off to work for the day, handing them the purple ribbon and a small gift. We had the generous support of Christopher's Cake Shop to make this happen and we achieved the desired impact of helping women start the day with a smile. One commuter emailed me that morning saying *"This morning, two of your star pupils (captain and prefect) were just outside Kogarah train station handing out the international women's day chocolates and ribbons. Not only were they pleasant, they showed beautiful manners in their nature and took all opportunities to address every woman they could. What a great example for the school."*



Additional to this, we held a breakfast for our neighbouring schools with staff and students from James Cook Boys Technology HS, St George Girls HS and Carlton South PS joining us. Former Moorefield Girls student, Rola El Hoai (1995 DUX), was our special guest at our formal assembly to mark the occasion. She spoke of how her mother's continuous encouragement during her school years had an impact on her own pathway, and how her success in a career traditionally dominated by men could be attributed to developing resilience and having confidence in her own ability. Just as impressive were our current students who addressed the assembly. Year 7 and 8 spoke of women who have inspired them, Year 9 told the story of 'The Women's Wall' in India and Adita in Year 11 played beautifully on the piano, showcasing our talented student body.

This year, we have allocated significant funds to refurbish the library to ensure it meets the needs of our future focused learners. We hope to see the beginning of this work in Term 2. Another area of spending will be for some playground seating and cover. This has been keenly requested by the girls and the school has been able to successfully budget for this. More spending will also ensure our technology is the latest and most up to date to enhance students' learning experiences in the area of STEM.

Please see attached article on Girls only schools.

<https://www.theeducatoronline.com/au/news/girls-from-singlesex-schools-more-competitive--study/261788>

Our school will be represented at the Brighton RSL ANZAC Dawn Service on 25 April. If I don't see you there or at Bunnings this weekend for our fundraiser, I am sure we will see each other at one of our upcoming events in Term 2. Have a safe and relaxing Easter break.

Ms N Hale, Principal



Year 7 Meet and Greet

We were very pleased to welcome the families of our year 7 girls at our Year 7 Meet and Greet evening on Tuesday 19 March. Many families took up the opportunity to meet their daughter's teachers, new friends and their families and to celebrate their very successful transition to high school.

"This was a great time for parents, teachers and students to meet and greet one another. This event was delightful in many ways: there was singing, and you could eat various types different foods, take photos with your friends and family and meet parents and teachers. My favourite part of the event was the food since it was all made in school and it tasted delicious!"

The meet and greet was really fun, I especially liked the food. Mum was enjoying it I mean apart from being dragged around by me she enjoyed it. The Pavlova was a bit under cooked but nice and the meatballs where great. My mum was happy to meet my new friends and their families."

By Phoebe and Myya

This informal get together allowed us to start forming our strong partnerships with parents and carers and allowed teachers opportunity to learn more about their students. Thank you to the many parents and carers who attended this event.

Ms Daniels, Deputy Principal



Student's Ocean Swim for Fundraising

Joanna Chedra swam in the 'Murray Rose Malabar Magic' ocean swim on Sunday 17 Feb. She completed a short swim (under 200m) with fellow participants from the Rainbow Club - an organisation that provides swimming lessons and coaching to children with disabilities all over Sydney.

Joanna has her own fundraising page to help raise funds for Rainbow Club so they can provide services to more areas. So far she has raised over \$800. The link to donate is below if anyone is interested/able to help.



<https://donate.grassrootz.com/oceanswim/murray-rose-malabar-magic-ocean-swim-2019/magic-rainbows/joanna-c>

Ricky Drabsch, Special Ed Head Teacher

Wrap with Love project

'Wrap with Love' charity knitting project is all about knitting squares which are then joined together by our school community to make blankets for the needy. If everyone knitted 2 squares, imagine how many blankets we could create.

Year 7 student Amira Simpson, in just her second week of participation on the Wrap for Love project, has completed her first knitted square. Amira received a Merit Certificate for first in class at completing her task.

Year 9 student Claudia Behan, was assisted by Ms Turner in the process of knitting a square for the same project.

Come to the library and join the fun any lunchtime, Monday to Friday. For more information just ask the Library staff. We look forward to your involvement.

Ms Silva, Library



Moorefield Girls High School will be launching Facebook in Term 2. We would like to remind all parents/carers to update your permission to publish.

BUNNINGS
warehouse

Space Camp
Fundraiser

ROCKDALE

BBQ

**SUNDAY
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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 7 April – Space Camp Fundraiser at Bunnings Rockdale

Tuesday 9 April – Athletics Carnival

Thursday 11 April – ANZAC Day Assembly



For more information about the events and activities of Moorefield Girls High School visit our website at: <http://www.moorefielg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>