



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

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7 December, 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 30 Nov

Year 10 Work Experience begins

Wednesday 9 Dec, 6.30pm

P&C Annual General Meeting, School Common Room

Friday 11 Dec

Presentation Day Assembly (students & staff only)

Tues 15 & Wed 16 Dec

Year 9 Camp to Taronga Zoo

Wednesday 16 Dec

Last day of school for students

Thursday 17 Dec

School Development Day (staff only)

START DATES 2021

Wednesday 27 Jan

School Development Day (staff only)

Thursday 28 Jan

School Development Day (staff only)

Friday 29 Jan

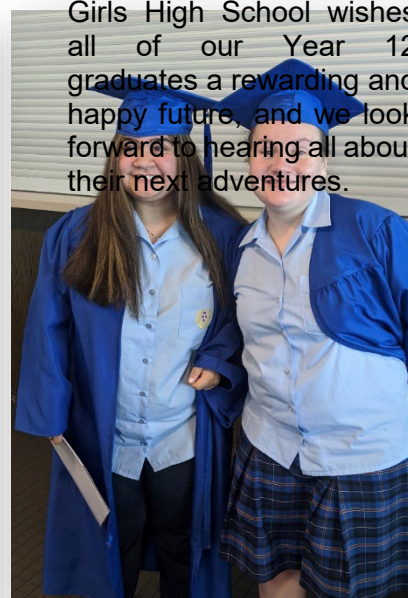
Years 7, 11 and 12 return

Monday 1 Feb

Years 8, 9 and 10 return

Principal's Report

I was most pleased that our Year 12 students safely, and without interruption, completed their HSC examinations early in Term 4 and then had an opportunity to be officially farewelled. The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony may have looked a bit different this year due to restrictions, however the event was a wonderful formal occasion which parents/family attended to celebrate students' successes. I would like to thank the outgoing School Captains, Ksenia and Orchna, for their contributions as leaders this year and in the past. They were always willing to step up to any challenge and lead by example in all situations. We have over 20 Early Entry offers to university for this talented group which is a significant achievement. Moorefield Girls High School wishes all of our Year 12 graduates a rewarding and happy future, and we look forward to hearing all about their next adventures.



Our Wellbeing Days at the end of each term are highly valued by the students, parents and staff. These events allow for students to engage in an enjoyable activity whilst connecting with each other and their teachers, and the program supports our high expectations around attendance. We continue to keep the cost at a minimum and I encourage parents who need financial assistance to contact me via phone or email. Year 9 will definitely enjoy their night 'camping' at Taronga Zoo.

Semester Two reports for years 7-10 will be issued in Week 10 in hard copy and will also be available on-line through the Sentral Parent Portal for the first time. If you haven't yet registered for a login to the Portal, please contact the school via email or phone so we can provide you with your individual login details.

On reflection of what has been a very challenging year, I am extremely pleased with our school community's accomplishments and progress. Our continual growth in enrolments is a sign that we are delivering high quality programs which ensure each student reaches their full potential. Unfortunately, I won't have the chance to see many of you at the Presentation Day assembly, so I thank all of the parents and carers for working with us this year. I appreciate the flexibility you showed around all of the changes and the work you did with your own children to ensure their learning and safety were priority.



Wishing all of our families a wonderful Christmas and start to 2021. See you back at school at the end of January.

Ms Natalie Hale, Principal

Art Rules Exhibition

Congratulations to Maria of Year 12 for being selected to display her HSC Body of Work in the annual exhibition Art Rules at Hazelhurst Gallery, Gympie. The exhibition celebrates over 20 students work from St George and Sutherland Shire schools. The exhibition will run from 19th December 2020 to 17th January 2021 in the Broadhurst Gallery.

To atrophy is to be without sustenance, to wither and deteriorate. Atrophy exists as an everlasting aspect of life. My body of work explores this concept through two mediums, photography and textile art. The motif of rusted objects represents how the remnants of an object can tell a valuable story, and whether this tale is as valuable as the object in its prime or what it created.

My artwork reflects the ephemeral nature of memories and life; how the past is quickly forgotten. The importance and ascribed value these objects once held have been lost to time, now viewed simply as rusted fragments of something once whole.

When a tool degrades it becomes rusted and brittle, no longer serving its purpose effectively, now standing as a testament to what once was. From tool to memory, from tangible to ethereal. The object becomes a visual author of its story.

Maria, Year 12.



2021 School Captains & Student Leaders

Congratulations to Halena and Deena – our 2021 School Captains.

Congratulations also to the following student leaders for 2021.

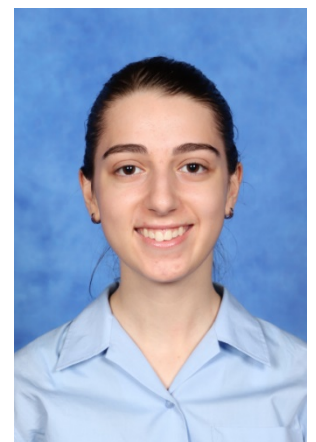
Year 12 Prefects – Jasmine, Kristine, Muska, Fatima K

Year 11 SRC – Martina, Faith, Mahjabin, Amali

Year 10 SRC – Bipsana, Marianne, Grace

Year 9 SRC – Rhianna, Milica

Year 8 SRC – Ammrutha, Emily W, Heaven



November Month

Moorefield Girls' High School regularly supports and promotes issues and events of significance to women in our school community and the wider community. However, this November we thought it was time to support our grandfathers, fathers, brothers, uncles and mates through the men's health charity Movember.

Movember is a charity whose aim is to raise awareness and make a difference in the areas of mental health, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Donations were made to our Movember team to raise money and awareness to help men around Australia get the specific support and help they need to have a positive impact on their mental health. It's been a rough year for us all and we are hoping that through this fundraiser we all remember to take a moment to check in on a mate or a colleague or a student.

Our team link is
<https://movember.com/t/MoorefieldGHS?mc=1>
and there is still time to donate if you can.
Thank you all for your support.

Mr M Thomsett, Teacher, Science



Lunch Time Games

A fabulous well-being initiative has been introduced at our school designed to encourage students to take a break from their screens and interact in the old-fashioned way. *Lunch Time Games*, supported by the Moorefield Girls Welfare Team, was set to run on Mondays at lunchtime, however, due to its popularity Year 7 students are now in the library at recess and lunchtime every day!

Students have been honing their strategic and mathematical skills with the classic game of Rummikub. The much-loved Uno, with a Harry Potter twist, has also been a hit. However, it's the jigsaw puzzles, known for reinforcing connections between brain cells, improving mental speed and short-term memory, that have really been the star. For those who are not as games oriented as others we have a selection of intricate mindfulness colouring pages, also beneficial for our brains and parasympathetic nervous systems.

As we know, these old-fashioned games have had a resurgence all across the world this year as they are a great way to bring people together, engage brains, create some fun as well as provide relief from our stresses and worries. Based on our current success we plan to increase our games stockpile and the number of days the event runs next year.

*Ms L Ma,
Teacher Librarian*



Frangipani Café – our newest Baristas

A small group of lucky Year 9 and Special Ed students completed their Barista training last week in the city. The day started very early for some, catching the train at 7am however every student was on time and ready to participate. This course is a TAFE accredited course with a theory and practical component. We can't wait for them to start next year in our very own school run Frangipani Café.



Gym upgrade

The school's finance committee recently endorsed a submission to upgrade our Gymnasium. The largest part of the cost is the new floor – over \$60,000 – to make it a multi-purpose space, with the highest quality flooring for both sporting activities and school events. The voluntary school contribution of \$100 which appears on fee statements assists the school in continuing to ensure we have the best facilities for our girls to learn in. We are planning for this work to be done during the Term 1 holidays.



Update your 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, or collecting a form from the office.



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/>