



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday 13 December	Presentation Day Assembly
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Charity Appeal donation
Thursday 16 December	Year 12 Graduation Day
Thursday 16 December	Last Day of Term (students - Years 7-11)
Friday 17 December	Last Day of Term (staff)
Friday 28 January and Monday 31 January	School Development Days (staff)
Tuesday 1 February	Years 7, 11 and 12 students return
Wednesday 2 February	Years 8, 9 and 10 students return
Tuesday 1 February and Wednesday 2 February	Year 12 Study Camp (city)

Principal's Report

There was a point during this year when I thought 2021 would never end, and yet the last part of Term 4 has flown by and we find ourselves about to finish the school year. It is easy to focus on our lockdown period however it is important to reflect on the first half of the year also as there is much to celebrate.

We started 2021 with a new School Improvement Plan that extends over 4 years. Our focus is on writing skills and study skills for all students, professional development for teachers in the areas of data, explicit teaching and technology, as well as student wellbeing and attendance. There is a lot to work on and we have accomplished many things, even during a very disrupted year. Highlights include:

- Our NAPLAN results for literacy continue to show growth and improvement as we work towards the Department of Education's target. We are easily on track to meet that target over the next 2 years.
- We engaged Dr Prue Salter to deliver a workshop to staff and also to Year 11 on the most effective way to study. Her advice has now been used within our classrooms and by our girls preparing for assessment tasks.
- The school continues to update our technology with the latest equipment including 5 new CleverTouch panels (interactive classroom boards, now a total of 9 in the school) and Smart TVs. We were also able to provide any student without a device during lockdown with a laptop.
- Our strong student wellbeing program has undergone a thorough review and we have implemented further enhancements for 2022 to ensure our girls are known, valued and cared for.
- The school community used Microsoft Teams and other Microsoft apps expertly throughout lockdown as a result of our ongoing commitment by staff to engage with this technology both at school and for home learning. Feedback from students and parents was complimentary of our practice in this area.

- a very successful Bunnings BBQ run by the P&C with the money raised being put towards purchasing Noticeboards for each year group
- School camps are always a popular calendar event - we managed the Year 8 camp in Feb, Year 7 and Year 9 in June at the end of Term 2. So much fun was had. Our new Year 12 group will go on Study camp in the city on the first two days of Term 1 next year.
- Our extracurricular program grew with events such as Chess Club and hosting the Sydney Academy of Chess Tournament and the volleyball after school club.

Rose Daniels (Deputy Principal) returned last term and is now back on site with us after recovering from an injury. We are all extremely pleased to have her back. A big thank you to Nick Tcaciuc who acted in the Deputy Principal role for the majority of the year. (What a team as you can see in the photo!)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for their support during the online learning period and throughout the year. Our school continues to grow with new enrolments in 2022 due to our successful education programs. Have a wonderful Christmas, summer break and let's hope we can all see each other early in the school year.



Ms Natalie Hale, Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

With this, our last newsletter for 2021, we are certainly in a position now to take a deep breath and reflect on the impact of the extraordinary experience 2021 has thrown at us. This year more than ever has tested us in many new ways and each of us has been faced with new challenges to overcome.

This has been true for all our girls. Some have found learning from home a difficult thing to manage while others have found that they prefer to do their schoolwork from home. All of us agree, however, that it is the social contact and the feeling that we are connected with others in our community which we have missed most this year. Enhancing this will continue to remain a focus into next year as we remain committed to supporting our girls to embrace normal lives once again.

As educators and parents, 2022 will be a year where we need to continue to assist all our girls to develop these connections so that they become strong, resilient young women. We are very lucky at Moorefield Girls to be part of a wonderfully supportive and nurturing community and I look forward to continuing our work to ensure that all our girls are supported to achieve their best.

Wishing every one of you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Ms Rose Daniels, Deputy Principal

Australian Poetry Slam

Australian Poetry Slam (APS) is a live literary performance program where the audience decides the champion. With 60 heats across the nation, the best slammers perform for the chance to win the **APS National Final**. School based workshops are organised through the literary arts organisation World Travels, founded by Miles Merrill. A group of talented and enthusiastic students in years 9 and 10 from our school signed up to be involved in this event this year. Through these workshops these students were able to develop their skills in spoken work performance by exploring a range of topics from the controversial to the everyday. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Poetry Slam competitions leading up to the national final were cancelled. However, one of Morefield Girls High School's finest poets, Fatima, was invited by Miles Merrill to participate as a special guest at an alternative Poetry Slam event held at Customs House. Fatima represented both our school and the hard work of all the poetry slam participants from our school at this event.

Congratulations to Fatima A, Rushmila S, Chloe P, Dema A, LJ K, Kayla C, Udval B, Marsha K, Lauren P.



The philosophy of World Travels is:

"We believe that spoken word artists, poets, hop-hop artists, storytellers and monologists can develop an industry equal to that of actors, musicians and writers."

Ms L Ma, Head Teacher, English (Rel.)

Year 8 Science Students

Students in 8SciY made animations on Keynote about fertilisation - some amazing little animations created.



Building bridges across the world



Engineering Studies have been designing bridges as part of their studies in civil structures. We have used our experience in designing and modelling structures to participate in the Connecting Minds Project: <https://onegiantleapfoundation.com.au/the-connecting-minds-project/>

In this project, our team, and a team of girls from a partner school in Dubai work together on a project based around Space. The project will be presented at the world expo in the UAE early next year. Stay tuned.

Ms P Gill, Head Teacher, Science and PDHPE

State Volleyball Tour

Oriwia in Year 9 participated in the State Volleyball Tour this weekend in Port Macquarie, competing in both the Youth division and Women's division. As per usual, Oriwia and her teammate did fantastically, beating many of the women in the adult division and coming in second in the youth division.



Top Tips for Day 1 - 2022

- Year 7-9 students will be provided with a school diary. Senior students should organise their own.
- Ensure you have the correct stationery items and exercise books for all subjects.
- Have your device ready.
- Check Sentral at the end of January to see your timetable.
- If using public transport, check timetables before school starts.

Ms K Bailey, Learning and Support Teacher, Student Adviser Year 7

Year 10 Food Technology Incursion

Year 10 Food Technology completed their final unit and assignment for the Food Technology course -Food for Special Occasions, during the latter part of lockdown and Term 4 of this year.

All designed based projects required detailed preparation and plans, as well as test samples before the final product was approved.



During this unit students individually prepared for their Anti-Gravity range of cup-cakes through:

- Design inspiration/research
- Initial design ideas
- PMI (Positive/Minus/Interesting)
- Testing/Evaluating
- Costing
- Final design idea (practical/incursion)
- Evaluation

Ms K Little and Ms C Kruger, TAS Faculty



ARNCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE

9 TOWNSEND PLACE | ARNCLIFFE

January Youth Holiday Program 2022

Free entry | Bookings at baysideyouthservices.eventbrite.com



WEEK 1 Mon 10 - Fri 14



BASKETBALL CLINIC

Monday 10 January | 9:00am - 12:00pm

Strengthen or learn a new skills in basketball with Charity Bounce. Light snacks & drink provided.

COOKING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 11 January | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Learn easy, low cost and healthy recipes you can repeat at home when you need. Light snacks & drink provided.

BOXING CLINIC

Wednesday 12 January | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

All levels. Engage in boxing fundamentals, footwork and focus while having fun. Light snacks & drink provided.

BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE

Thursday 13 January | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

An interactive and hands-on car maintenance workshop, designed to educate young people about basic car maintenance. Light snacks & drink provided.

DANCE WORKSHOP

Friday 14 January | 11:30am - 1:30pm

Learn a dance routine and sharpen your dance skills in a 2-hour workshop. Light snacks & drink provided.

WEEK 2 Mon 17 - Fri 21

TEEN BOOT CAMP

Monday 17 January | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for a day designed for all fitness levels, with fun in mind. Learn workout techniques you can apply to your everyday routine. Light snacks & drink provided.

MULTI-SPORTS AND GAMES

Tuesday 18 January | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Come along for a day of fun and games. Rotate between different activities and sports. Light snacks & drink provided.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Wednesday 19 January | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Use your creativity and imagination to create music. Light snacks & drink provided.

MULTI-SPORTS

Thursday 20 January | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Multi-sports will keep you busy with basketball, futsal, dodgeball ...and more. Light snacks & drink provided.

ART WORKSHOP

Friday 21 January | 11:30am - 1:30pm

'Paint Your Summer' take inspiration from Van Gogh's Sunflowers and paint yourself a summer masterpiece. Light snacks & drink provided.



WEEK 3 Mon 24 - Fri 28



COOKING WORKSHOP

Monday 24 January | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Learn easy, low cost and healthy recipes you can repeat at home when you need a feed. Light snacks & drink provided.

INDOOR SOCCER CLINIC

Tuesday 25 January | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Come along and strengthen or learn all key soccer skills including, passing, shooting, and dribbling. Light snacks & drink provided.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday 26 January | Closed

MULTI-SPORTS

Thursday 27 January | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Join us for a day of fun and sports. Multi Sports will keep you busy with Basketball, Dodgeball, Futsal and much more. Light snacks & drink provided

MOVIE DAY

Friday 28 January | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Join us for a movie and snacks at the Arncliffe Youth Centre. Light snacks & drink provided

Children and Youth Programs at the library.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Cartooning Workshop
Session 1: 10 Jan, 10.00am-11.30am, Clive James Library, Kogarah
Session 2: 18 Jan, 10.00am-11.00am, Online via Zoom.
Get drawing with a cartoon workshop and learn how to create your own characters!

Papakra Light-up Mask
Session 1: 12 Jan, 10am-12pm, Clive James Library, Kogarah.
Session 2: 19 Jan, 10am-12pm, Hurstville Library.
In this workshop you will learn the basics of electronics and model making to create your own light up mask.

Creative Writing with Ursula Dubosarsky
Tues 11 Jan, 10.30am-12pm, Hurstville Library
Do you ever get stuck when you're trying to write a story? Based on her own experiences writing, Ursula will show you a way to come up with wild ideas, how to string them together into a story - and keep that story going!

[BOOK NOW](#)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

1 Dec 2021 - 31 Jan 2022

Discover the world of books and reading and join the Summer Reading Challenge! For our most enthusiastic readers you will have the chance to win a prize!

[JOIN NOW](#)

Image: 'Our Story, Our Community' by Chris Yee



COLOURING IN COMPETITION

We are inviting children aged 5-12 years old to colour-in a line drawing version of the mural, 'Our Story, Our Community' by artist Chris Yee to go into the prize draw to win a \$50 art supplies gift voucher.

Get your copy at one of our Library branches.

Experience something new at the library.



JAZZ POETRY EOJ

CLOSES: Fri 11 Feb, 5pm

We are seeking expression of interests from poets and performers to participate in a 'Library Up-Late' event. Jazz Poetry is a literary genre defined as poetry that feels jazz-like or that takes jazz music as its subject.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

LIVING LIBRARIES EOJ

CLOSES: Tues 4 Jan, 5pm

We are seeking participants that reflect diverse experiences to sit for a portrait and record their story for a Living Libraries display as part of Harmony Week in 2022. This is an opportunity to challenge stereotypes.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

Various times and locations.

Georges River Libraries offers free beginner and intermediate classes for individuals who want to improve their English. You will be guided through different topics and have the chance to ask questions.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Our libraries offer space for members to come together for lifelong learning through literature and friendships.





We understand that not everyone has the opportunity to come to our library and meet at a prescribed time each month. This is why we pulled down our bricks and mortar and traversed into the online realm, known as Facebook. Each month we offer an eBook that is available for multiple loans through the BorrowBox platform. Our online facilitator posts engaging thoughtful questions that you can respond to, any day and anytime that fits into your schedule.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



The Shack Youth Services School Holiday Program

January 2022 - Week 1

Monday 10 th January	Tuesday 11 th January	Wednesday 12 th January	Thursday 13 th January	Friday 14 th January
Botany Aquatic Centre 10am meet at Bowen Library or 9.30am Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 2pm drop off back to Bowen Library or 2.30pm Hurstville Westfield rooftop. Bring your own lunch or money to buy from the pool café <i>Note that young people are to be a competent swimmer to attend this activity</i>	Yoga Meditation at South Maroubra Beach 2pm meet at Bowen Library or 1.30pm Hurstville Rooftop (as per map) Join us for a afternoon of yoga mindfulness and relaxation in South Maroubra followed by a swim at the beach 4.30pm drop off back to Bowen Library or 5pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop <i>Note that young people are to be a competent swimmer to attend this activity</i>	Blue Mountains Katoomba 9am meet at Bowen Library or 9am Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) We will be enjoying the amazing views while riding the scenic railway and scenic skyway 4pm drop off back to Bowen Library or 4pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop McDonalds lunch will be provided	Archery South Coogee 1.45pm meet at Bowen Library or 1.15pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 4pm drop off back to Bowen Library or 4.30pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop. Snacks will be provided	Movies Events Hurstville 5.15pm meet at Bowen library or 6pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) Home drop-offs after the movie will be provided Popcorn and drink provided Bring an early dinner or money to buy. <i>Movie to be advised</i>
RSVP by Monday 20 th December 2021 Email: theshack@benevolent.org.au Phone: Lara- 0401 540 228 or Irena- 0434 981 922 The Shack Youth Services theshack@benevolent.org.au				
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The Shack Youth Services School Holiday Program

January 2022 - Week 2

Monday 17 th January	Tuesday 18 th January	Wednesday 19 th January	Thursday 20 th January	Friday 21 st January
Sydney Tower and lunch in Hyde Park 10am meet at Bowen Library or 9.30am Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 3pm drop back to Bowen Library or 3.30pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop Bring your own lunch or money to buy from the pool café	Scavenger Hunt Oatley Park 1.30pm meet at Bowen Library or 2pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 4.30pm drop back to Bowen Library or 4pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop Snacks will be provided	Royal National Park Let's enjoy the nature of the Royal National Park finishing off with a swim at Bundeena 10am meet at Bowen Library or 10.30am Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 4pm drop off back to Bowen Library or 3.30pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop Lunch will be provided <i>Note that young people are to be a competent swimmer if wanting to swim this day</i>	3Bridges BBQ Penshurst Youth Centre 12.30pm meet at Bowen Library or 1pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) 5pm drop back to Bowen Library or 4.30pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop BBQ lunch will be provided	Ghost Tour Manly 6.30pm meet at Bowen library or 6pm Hurstville Westfield Rooftop (as per map) Please make sure you have dinner before hand as we will not be stopping anywhere for food!! Home drop-offs after the ghost tour will be provided. Tour finishes at 10pm Note this activity is for ages 15+
RSVP by Monday 20 th December 2021 Email: theshack@benevolent.org.au Phone: Lara- 0401 540 228 or Irena- 0434 981 922 The Shack Youth Services theshack@benevolent.org.au				
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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.



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