



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

Issue 4 – Term 2, Week 3

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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12
& Thursday 13 May

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN

Wednesday 12 May

P&C Meeting – 6.30pm (Common Room)

Tuesday 18 May

Athletics Carnival – Sylvania Waters Field

Thursday 27 May

Poetry Slam Workshop – (Selected Year 9 & Year 10 Students)

Thursday 3 June

Australian History Competition

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2. At the end of Term 1, the school finalised and published our 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan and our 2020 Annual Report. Both of these documents can be found on our website (www.moorefieldg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html) and I encourage you to contact the school if you would like to discuss these further. Each newsletter will reference our new 2021-2024 Plan to showcase the work we are doing to support the achievement of each target. Below, you will read about our *Learning to Learn* initiative and how we can all support students to improve their study techniques and homework completion. Our Strategic Improvement Plan is very student focused – it refers to improving students' writing across all year levels, and also includes activities to support student wellbeing and community engagement. Our high expectations regarding attendance, academic achievement and teacher professional growth are additional priorities over the 4 years.



We have a couple of big events coming up in May which I look forward to being a part of. Firstly, the Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 18 May and all students must attend. Parents are asked to provide a written note or medical certificate to the school if their daughter is absent. I can't wait to see the Teacher v Student relay at the end of the day. The teachers were the winners at the Swimming Carnival - let's see if the students can win the running race.

The second event is our Bunnings Fundraiser at Rockdale Bunnings on Sunday 30 May. We hope you can either help out, or encourage family and friends to visit us if they are in the neighbourhood on the day. More information will be emailed shortly from the P&C and we will meet on Wednesday 12 May at 6.30pm (a week earlier than normal) to plan for this event and run our first P&C meeting for the term.

Wishing all the mums (and those who take on the role of mum) a happy Mother's Day.

Ms Natalie Hale, Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Check-In Assessment Year 8

During week 2, Year 8 students participated in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online assessment which supports schools to assess and monitor student learning. At Moorefield Girls High School, it supplements our existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy. By tracking student growth between Years 7 and 9 NAPLAN, it helps our teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Teachers helping students develop effective study skills

Teachers began Term 2 with a day of professional learning about 'Enhanced Learning' with Dr Prue Salter. Dr Salter workshopped with Moorefield Girls High School teachers a range of practical strategies to equip them to explicitly and effectively teach students how to learn. This is an integral part of our school's 'Strategic Direction 3: Engagement for success' where Head Teacher HSIE, Steve Kakoulidis, is leading the key initiative of 'Building educational aspirations'. Mr Kakoulidis along with the executive team have mapped out a 4-year plan to ensure our students develop as self-regulated learners through a deeper appreciation of *learning to learn*.

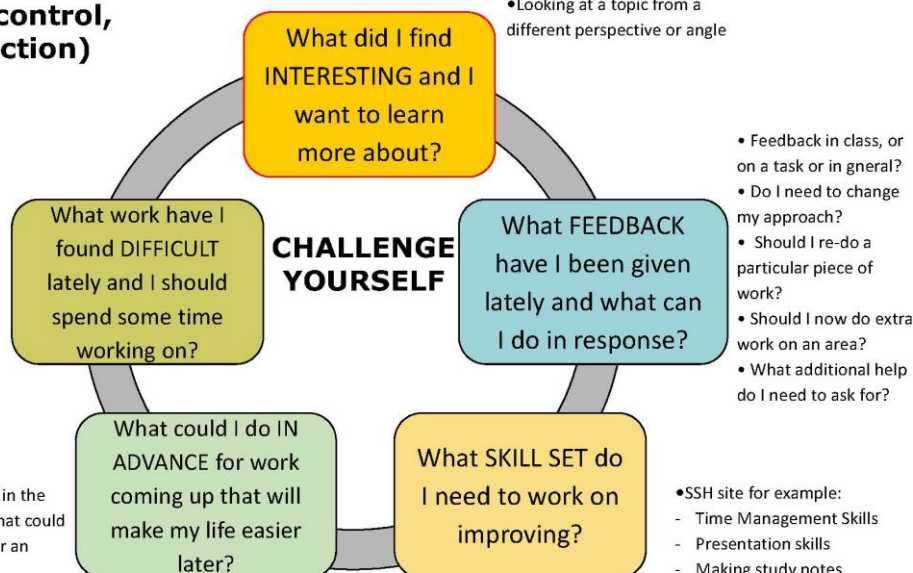
Mr Kakoulidis has included the following snapshot from the professional learning day.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CYCLE (choice, control, self-reflection)

- Daily review of work covered
- Extra time on things you find hard now rather than waiting till exam time to try sort it out
- Using other resources textbooks, study guides

- Consider the steps in the RESEARCH cycle – what could you do in advance for an upcoming task?
- Consider the steps in the REVIEW cycle – what could you do in advance for an upcoming task? – Especially STUDY NOTES

- Exploring a topic in greater depth or breadth
- Looking at a topic from a different perspective or angle



- Feedback in class, or on a task or in general?
- Do I need to change my approach?
- Should I re-do a particular piece of work?
- Should I now do extra work on an area?
- What additional help do I need to ask for?

- SSH site for example:
 - Time Management Skills
 - Presentation skills
 - Making study notes
 - Touch typing

Helping students increase the range of study techniques they use will contribute to further success in their studies:

3R's Read, Recite, Recheck	Re-do Class exercises from textbook
Write out what you remember in your own words	Do past test papers
Look, cover, check	Re-do past topic tests
Make up rhymes or songs to help you remember	Do questions and submit to teacher for feedback
Have a parent or friend test you	Create a test and swap with a friend
Write out lists of questions and answer them	Ask teacher for extra worksheets
Make and use flashcards	Do chapter reviews and summaries
Type what you remember without looking at notes	Target areas that need development
Teach what you have learnt to someone else	Do sample essay plans
Form discussion / study groups	Keep a list of things you need to ask your teacher

Mr N Tcaciuc, Deputy Principal (Rel.)

Year 7 Camp, 23-25 June



Has your daughter secured her place on camp this term? There is still time. Don't let her miss out on this amazing experience. School camp promotes team work, fun and bonding for all students.

A deposit of \$50 is required, weekly payments of \$10-\$20 can be arranged to pay off the final balance. Please contact the office if you would like to access this payment plan.

Ms K Bailey, Year 7 Student Advisor

Premier's Reading Challenge

All Year 7 and 8 students are currently participating in the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge. For those unfamiliar with the PRC, the challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and it enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

To complete the task, students are required to finish 20 books by August. Each class attends a library lesson once a fortnight where they have the opportunity to loan a book from our extensive collection.

Parents and guardians can provide support by encouraging their children to read each night and by signing the reading log in the back of their English books. We look forward to our students receiving the certificates at the end of the year.



Ms L Ma, Teacher Librarian

Are you ready to be back at school?

- Black or blue pen
- Coloured pen
- Lead pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Diary or e-diary
- Highlighter
- Calculator
- Workbook for a subject or a device

Students in Year 7 will have their equipment checked next week.

Ms K Bailey, Year 7 Student Advisor

Bunnings Rockdale Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser: Sunday, 30 May



Please attend our P&C Meeting to assist in the organisation of this event.
Wednesday 12 May, 6.30pm

Anzac Day

Waking up at 4am on a Sunday morning was a new experience for the both of us. But, we were willing to risk sleep for the event: a dawn service at Brighton Le Sands to honour and respect the soldiers who fought, risking their lives for our sake.

On the 25th of April, 1915, 16,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed in Gallipoli at what is now called Anzac Cove, in ships in the pitch black of night. For many of the soldiers, it was their first experience of combat, and by that evening 2,000 of them had been killed or wounded. The dawn service had speakers who talked about that day and what those brave soldiers' actions have done for us. If it wasn't for them, we probably wouldn't be here right now.



Our school was one of the many who laid a wreath at the front of Brighton's RSL, as a way of remembering those who lost their lives in war. Seeing so many people come together both those who served, and those who have not was a refreshing display of how people can still come together to remember those who have fallen despite the busyness of our own lives.



Overall, the experience was very new to us but we are proud to have done it, representing our school outside the school community as well as paying respect to the soldiers and their families who attended the service.

Deena, Year 12
Halena, Year 12

Inspiring Young Women Awards



Uyanga Oidov and Emily Wang were two of our many Year 8 students that participated in the Education Perfect Languages Championships this year achieving great results in class as well as in the competition.

Uyanga Oidov answered 1,848 questions during the Education Perfect Languages Championships 2021 and was placed in the top 20% of 208,000 competitors from around the world.

Congratulations to both girls. Year 8 Italian, Greek and Year 11 Greek will be competing in our own Moorefield Language Competition beginning May 3.

Ms G Dellis, Teacher, Co-Ordinator

Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 27th March 2021 our students finally had the opportunity to complete in the Cross Country Carnival. Our first two dates were cancelled due to heavy rain and flooded paths.

We had a modified version and students ran two laps around a 1.5km track. Girls ran hard and fast and we formed a strong team to complete at Zone Cross-Country on 4th May.

Top 3 times for each age group:

U12's

Emily Nowak -17.46
Sofia Vaca Salazar - 18.34
Brooklyn Razmovski - 20.05
Antonia Su - 20.05

U13's

Zahra Malas - 14.51
Natasha Camilleri - 17.32
Tamika Tamariki – 18.22

U14's

Dema Al-Juboori - 17.01
Vonne Gacad - 20.21
Jia Liao - 20.22
Sophia Zhou - 20.22

U15's

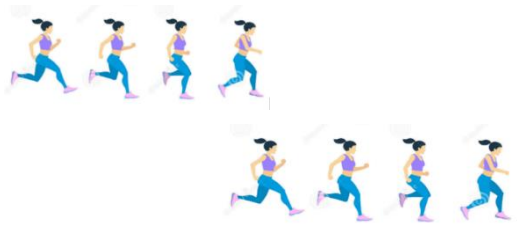
Maral Tuvshintugs – 21.51
Gurleen Kaur – 26.57
Kayla Chen – 27.11

U16's

Emma Beche – 22.14
Clarine Halim – 25.1

U17+

Zaahida Khan – 18.34
Alexandra Delis – 23.39



Ms M McCauley, Teacher PDHPE

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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