



Matraville Sports High School Newsletter

Term 2, 2023

As the term draws to a close, we are excited to share with you the highlights and achievements of our school community.

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News from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we approach the end of another busy term at Matraville Sports High School, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our collective achievements and express my gratitude to the entire school community.

Term 2, started off with Matraville Sports High School hosting the Aboriginal Education Symposium. All teachers across NSW were invited to focus on Aboriginal Education on the Staff Development Day. We invited other schools to participate in this event and over 180 staff from 5 schools, primary and high school attended. I would like to thank Shallan Foster for her organisation of this event and thank all the local organisations and our fantastic elders that supported us on the day.

This term I had the privilege to present awards to the students at the Merit Award Ceremonies. These students had been nominated by their Year Advisor for their ongoing commitment to our school community for respectful behaviours and/or commitment to learning. It was fantastic to see so many new students receiving these awards.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible teachers and staff. Their dedication and professionalism have been truly exceptional. Their unwavering support and commitment to our students' well-being and success have made all the difference. I am immensely grateful for their tireless efforts and the positive impact they continue to have on our school community.

An update on the \$2 million dollar grant to upgrade the school gym and install a new toilet block, tennis courts and basketball courts. We are excited to announce that the gym roof replacement has commenced, and the other projects will hopefully be completed by the end of the school year.

I would like to make a special mention and thank you to Ms Dianne Ingrey, Ms Kerry Downes, Mr Liam Diviney and Mr Peter Walsh who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Aunty Di herself has been with the Matraville school community for 26 years and will be sorely missed by all and we thank her dearly for all the support and care she has shown daily for our students, staff and school community. Together, they have provided valuable support to our school, and I would like to express my gratitude to them all for their remarkable contributions and I extend my best wishes to them as they embark on new endeavours.

Ms Walker will also be on leave in term 3 and I will be relieving as Principal. I want to thank Mr Cheng for stepping up and reliving for me as Deputy Principal Inclusion and Support. I look forward to working with you more next term and I wish you a restful and happy holiday with your families.

Mr William London

R/Principal

News from the Deputy

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

It is my pleasure to provide you with an overview of some of the achievements at Matraville Sports High School during and eventful First Semester. As Deputy Principal, I am proud to share the highlights of our school community.

Year 8 have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improvement to start the year. Most students have now found their feet and hit the ground running for 2023. It is an important time for Year 8 as they are preparing themselves for subject selections next term. It will be the first time that they can choose from our elective course options. It is important that students make decisions based on educational interests as it is a good opportunity for them to engage in new content. I would also like to sincerely thank Ms Kiziltekin for all her support of the year group while Ms McCulloch was on higher duties.

Year 9 have demonstrated an excellent maturity and commitment to learning to start the year. Students engaging in our interest-based electives have demonstrated a real passion for learning. With staff organising some exceptional learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. From outdoor recreation bush walks to drone incursions, this year group and thrived in deepening their understanding of content through practical application. As always, I thank all the teaching staff for going above and beyond to create valuable and rich learning experiences for our students.



**YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION
FOR YEAR 9 2024**

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST	SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING - 4PM TO 5PM
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST	STUDENT PREFERENCES SUBMISSION DEADLINE
FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER	SUBJECT SELECTION FINAL DEADLINE




**YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION
FOR YEAR 11 2024**

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST	SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING - 5PM TO 6PM
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST	STUDENT PREFERENCES SUBMISSION DEADLINE
TERM 3, WEEK 6	STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES
FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER	SUBJECT SELECTION FINAL DEADLINE



Year 10 are entering a major milestone in the educational journey. I am extremely proud of the students who have begun taking the necessary steps to prepare for future career aspirations. For some students it is the commencement of transition to work programs, TAFE course entry or even School Based Apprenticeships. For others it is serious considerations around Year 11 study patterns and best positioning themselves for university course entry. I cannot stress that student success can take many forms and a clear direction and hard work ethic are the most important factors during these pivotal years. Student learning Conferences are being introduced this year. This will provide an opportunity for students, parents, teaching, support, and executive staff to meet and discuss your child's:

- Academic progress
- University/Pathway/ TAFE/ Apprenticeship options
- Goal setting
- Elective choices for 2024.

News from the Deputy

Attendance continues to be a major focus and we are grateful for the collaborative effort that is contributing to an ongoing improvement. Together we recognise the importance of regular attendance in maximising learning opportunities and fostering a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

As we move forward into the second semester, let us build upon the successes of the past and embrace new challenges and opportunities. Our dedicated team of teachers, coaches, and support staff will continue to guide and motivate our students to reach their full potential both academically and in their extra-curricular pursuits. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming competitions, events, and initiatives that will further enrich the educational journey at Matrville Sports High School.

Mr Jason Garrido

R/Deputy Principal

News from the Deputy

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

We have had an excellent beginning to our first semester of the school year and I am delighted to provide an overview on the achievements our students and staff at Matraville Sports High School have accomplished this term .

Despite the blistering cold of the Winter months, ILC students have been busy participating in various excursions and events for work-readiness and promoting mental and physical wellbeing. Students have been spending time in industries or roles of their choice to develop the necessary skills experience working in a commercial work environment, completing projects that foster skills in team work, effective communication, problem-solving and time management. I would like to thank Ms Cheryl Furner for consistently bringing together these wonder programs and enriching the learning experiences for our students.

The Learning and Support Team, led by Ms Amatto, have been hard at work throughout this past semester. Year 8 Check in Assessments were conducted this term which are online assessments mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progression. Data feedback from assessments are used to supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help classroom teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. During this process students have also been supported by our dedicated staff members in the LST and Aboriginal Centre of Excellence team.

As we conclude the initial half of the academic year and venture into the third term, I would like to express my gratitude to our committed group of educators and support personnel who consistently strive to assist our students in their holistic development and achieve excellence in academics and sports. With the ongoing colder weather, maintaining proper uniform attire and attendance remains a key priority for the school, and we deeply value the collaboration between parents, guardians, and the school in fostering a robust sense of belonging and pride within our school community.

Mr Howard Cheng

R/Deputy Principal

News from the Deputy

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

Wow 10 weeks goes fast and we are already into the second half of the year and the last stretch for year 12 students on the lead up to the HSC.

Lots of great things have been happening around the school and an even bigger term is on the horizon.

You may have noticed that a new system is being used for excursions and payments. The school has introduced School Bytes which is a management system endorsed by the Department of Education which should make the payment of excursions and fees a lot easier for parents and carers. As new facilities roll out from School Bytes, MSHS will be investigating their effectiveness and looking at how it can be used for the school community. Stay tuned for more updates.

Reports have been written and are going through their final checks ready for Parent teacher night on Thursday the 20th July in the hall. For year 7 students and parents, this will be the first report cycle for high school and we recommend that parents in years 7 through to 11 book times with their child's teachers to discuss their progress. We recommend that students accompany their parents/carers to the interviews so that they can hear what the teachers have to say firsthand and use the information effectively. Information about interview bookings should be out in the next few days. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Subject selection night for both year 8 into 9 and year 10 into 11 2024 will take place this term and it is essential that students and their parents/carers attend the information session and in the case of year 10 the learning conference that will follow where final subjects will be chosen in consultation with parents, students and staff to ensure that students are undertaking the best course of study for the senior years. Vital information will be discussed during the presentations and subject selection booklets will be available for all students.

Year 7 are half way through their first year of high school and things seem to be settling down for all students after such a big change from primary school.

Year 11 have started the first of three workshops for the mandatory Life Ready course. This course is a mandatory 25-hour course designed to prepare and support senior students as they encounter situations related to health and safety – as they become more independent and gain more responsibilities. The first session ran in the last week of term 2, the second session will run during camp and the third session will be held offsite. Students who miss any of the sessions will need to complete and hand in the course booklets so that they can be signed off with the Department of Education as having completed the units.

News from the Deputy

The Year 11 camp is running from the 19th to the 21st of July at the Great Aussie Bush camp in Kincumber. Students will undertake the second unit of the Life Ready course while away on camp and complete some physical challenges while consolidating some valuable friendships amongst the group. Students who are not attending camp are still expected to attend school where the Life Ready session will be presented and an alternative timetable for the three days will happen.

bstreetsmart at Sydney Olympic Park on August 22nd is the final unit in the Life Ready course which covers road safety education. It is an initiative of the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital that has a strong commitment to Road Safety Education. bstreetsmart provides students with firsthand experiences and:

- An understanding of their responsibilities as a driver and as a responsible passenger
- Information and strategies to avoid serious injuries and death
- Information on how to reduce risk taking behaviour through greater awareness of the consequences of distracted driving, inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving and driver fatigue.

The purpose of bstreetsmart is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. All year 11 students will be expected to attend this event.

School is coming to a close for Year 12 with only one term left until the final HSC exams. Before that however there are a few important events happening for Year 12. Trial exams are in weeks 3 and 4 and students are expected to sit for all scheduled exams as they are part of their school based assessment – ATAR or non ATAR students. Year 12 students do not have to attend school during the examination weeks on days when they do not have a scheduled exam unless they are sitting for a rescheduled exam which has been missed due to illness or misadventure. Any student who misses a trial exam due to illness MUST advise the school on the morning of the exam and MUST have a medical certificate with specific details as to why the exam was missed. The student must then submit an illness and misadventure form with the medical certificate attached to the deputy and the exam will be rescheduled in the exam period. In the HSC the same procedure is followed however exams are not rescheduled.

News from the Deputy

The Year 12 graduation will take place on Wednesday the 20th of September in the school hall and parents and family will be invited to acknowledge the end of their students schooling. Information about the event will be sent out closer to the date. The Year 12 formal is on the same night at Doltone House at Jones Bay Wharf and students are looking forward to celebrating. Fundraising has already started to take place with a bake sale and a big thank you to students, parents and staff who contributed yummy cakes and slices.

Graduation will be the end of the school year for year 12 except for their attendance at the HSC exams and school sign out day which is in term 4. Year 12 students are not expected to attend school on the Thursday and Friday of the last week of school. Some fun activities for year 12 students are planned for the Monday and Tuesday of the last week of term as a lead up to graduation and more information will be available closer to the date.

Looking forward to a great term 3.

Ms traci Lewis

R/Deputy Principal

Year 7 Update

Congratulations to Year 7 on completing their first semester of high school! Another busy term with multiple events and programs, along with examinations and assessments to keep our students on their toes. Year 7 have worked hard in balancing sport commitment with academic excellence. Continuing on from last term, our TSP students have competed in a number of competitions and represented the school proudly in elite-level football, rugby league, basketball, netball and surfing, as well as assisting in trials for prospective students in 2024. Along with this, students have participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities involving various school programs such as PCYC focus groups, the Australian Chinese Calligraphy Competition, STRIVE, waste management, Sydney Story Factory, Art Talks and more. I would like to congratulate all Year 7 students on their dedication and efforts both inside and outside the classroom this term and hope next semester is even bigger and better!

Mr Paul Gallico Year 7 Advisor



Year 8 Update

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are as proud as we are of our Year 8 students for successfully completing Semester 1. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we have some exciting news and important reminders to share with you.

We are delighted to announce the exceptional performance of our students at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Out of all the participants, an impressive seven of our Year 8 students progressed to represent our zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. This is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and determination. We would like to give a special shoutout to James Lymberis for his outstanding achievement in finishing 9th in the 14-year-olds 4km event. James will now progress to the State Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. We wish him the best of luck in this prestigious competition and congratulate all the students who participated at the zone level.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the students who participated in the recent "Tell Them From Me" survey. Your valuable feedback allows us to continually improve our school community and the learning experience for our students. We appreciate your input and will continue to work towards creating the best possible environment for your children's education.

Now, we would like to bring your attention to an important upcoming event. Year 8 subject selection for the academic year 2024 will take place on Thursday August 10th from 4-5pm. This is a crucial opportunity for your child to shape their academic path for the next year. We encourage you to mark this date in your calendars and ensure your child attends the subject selection session. If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Additionally, please take note of two other key dates: Thursday, August 17th, is the deadline for student preferences submission, and Friday, September 8th, is the final deadline for subject selection. It is important to meet these deadlines to ensure a smooth transition into Year 9 for your child.

As we approach the cooler months, we would like to remind all students to be in full school uniform every day. The uniform can be purchased at Lowe's, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a sense of unity and pride within our school community.

With the successful completion of Semester 1, it is vital to keep up the momentum for the remainder of the year. We encourage you to support your child in staying focused, setting achievable goals, and seeking help when needed. Our teachers and staff are here to provide guidance and support throughout their academic journey. Should your child require any wellbeing support, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone in the school's Wellbeing Team. Furthermore, we would like to remind you of the resources available to support your child's wellbeing. Organisations such as Headspace, Beyond Blue, and Kids Helpline offer valuable resources and assistance. We encourage you to explore these options should the need arise.

Once again, we congratulate our Year 8 students on their achievements and thank you, parents, for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Let's continue working together to ensure a successful and fulfilling academic journey for our children.

Warm regards,
Ece Kiziltekin Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Update

Year 9 continue to demonstrate growth in all aspects of their school life. When speaking to classroom teachers, and observing the students in the cohort, I have been thrilled to know that year 9 students are engaging with staff, students and the broader community in a respectful and responsible manner. These efforts have been recognised by all their teachers during our Merit Assembly celebration. Congratulations to all our award winners, especially the Bronze, Silver and Gold Excellence Awards Winners.

This term saw the students complete the TTFM survey, engage in RAISE mentoring as well as participate in many sporting activities. Many students have represented the school at a zone, regional and even state level. Well done to all those involved.

With the semester coming to an end, I encourage students to reflect on their achievements and set goals for the coming semester. Congratulations Year 9 on a positive term and first semester.

Year 10 Update

Year 10 students have been working diligently and have consistently strived for academic excellence. They have actively pursued opportunities to improve their skills, expand their knowledge, and explore new areas of interest.

Students have shown great participation and athleticism in recent sports-related events. With their exceptional skills and strategic gameplay, they have emerged victorious in multiple football, rugby, basketball, and netball games.

Our students have started to engage in various work experience opportunities to gain valuable skills and insights beyond the classroom. These opportunities have allowed them to explore potential career paths, develop professional networks, and apply their knowledge in real-world settings. All Year 10 students will be participating in a mandatory two-week work experience program in Term 4 this year. During this upcoming holiday break, students are encouraged to reflect on their interests, passions and aspirations. They are advised to research various career fields and explore potential work experience placements that align with their goals.

Please take note of the upcoming Subject Selection Evening on Thursday, August 10th, from 5pm to 6pm. This event will provide valuable information and guidance regarding subject selection for the upcoming academic year. Additionally, we will be conducting student learning conferences in week 6 that will assist students in choosing the most suitable academic and career pathway. These events will facilitate an informed decision-making process by offering insights into the available subjects, their requirements, and their potential impact on future academic and career pathways.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing winter break!

Miss Grouse



Year 11 Update

Congratulations on another successful Term 2 Year 11!

The school term has been busy for our students. Many have worked hard to complete their assessment tasks, TAFE/School Based Apprenticeships, and represented the school on the sporting field. A huge congratulations to:

- Logan Fletcher - For being selected to play in the Sydney Reds Team, trialing for the NSW squad.
- Chanel Williams - For her role as a member of the NSW CHS 1 Team that went undefeated in the NSW All Schools 7's Rugby Union Championships.

Well done, and congratulations on your efforts!

This term the students participated in the Life Ready Program where they learned the importance of consent, sexual health, and contraception. Next term, the year group will complete two other components of their Life Ready Program. A well-being focus at the Great Aussie Bush Camp, and BStreet Smart (Road Safety) will be held at Qudos Bank Arena—a lot of exciting events to look forward to.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp (mentioned above) will take place in Term 3, Week 1 from Wednesday to Friday (19/07/2023 to 21/07/2023). The students will foster a deeper sense of connection and belonging amongst each other as they navigate through various activities and challenges. Please check COMPASS for more information about the camp. Remember to bring warm items in preparation for the weather.

Have a great break Year 11, and stay warm.



Year 12 Update

As the countdown begins and the end of term draws near, Year 12 students have been busy pouring their efforts into finalising all assessments.

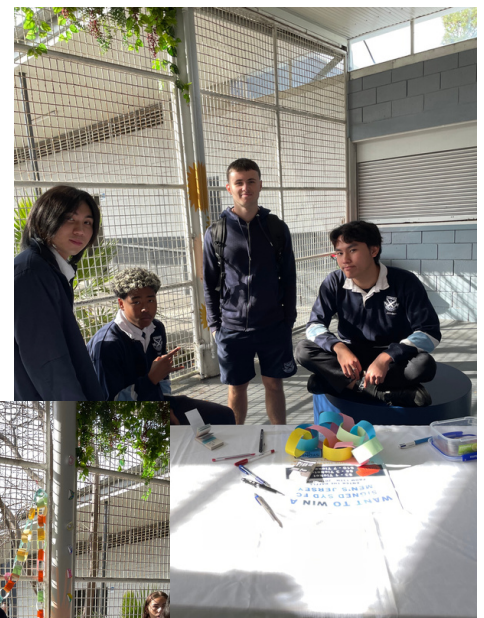
Throughout the term, students received their published HSC timetable and updated their details on Schools Online. This is an important step to ensure they receive their HSC results, and all communication is sent to the correct address. If students missed out, they are encouraged to see me as soon as possible. Additionally, students need to thoroughly read over the required equipment guidelines and times for all final examinations.

A group of Year 12 students attended a career expo, gaining valuable information for their future career pathways. It is important for students to take advantage of these opportunities to develop the tools to make informed decisions about their post-secondary education and professional aspirations.

And finally, we announced that the Year 12 Graduation will take place on September 20th, followed by the Year 12 Masquerade Formal. The formal will be a great night to celebrate students' achievements, enjoy a three-course meal, music entertainment, and bid farewell before HSC exams. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend the graduation, so be sure to place this date in your calendar! A formal invitation will be sent through next term.

A big shoutout to the school leadership team and volunteers who assisted in fundraising for the formal. Year 12 hosted a bake sale and raffle in which they raised \$600, which will be used for decorations, photobooth hire, and a DJ. It was great to see everyone band together for a good cause.

Regenerate response



Faculty Update- English/HSIE

We have just concluded an action packed term in the English/HSIE faculty. 7M and 7A continued with Sydney Story Factory, focusing on characterisation this term. Their Monday morning sessions involved building interesting characters, using features such as clothing, voice and personality traits to reveal unique characters. These writing workshops directly supplemented Year 7's study of the Horror genre for which they had to produce a piece of creative writing as their assessment.

Our senior HSIE students have been busy this term preparing for major works. In Year 11 Aboriginal Studies, students completed a local community case study, choosing an Aboriginal controlled organisation within the La Perouse community. Students conducted interviews with representatives from each organisation, and used this information to put together projects in a format of their choice. Year 11 Geography students have commenced their Senior Geography Project, where they research an issue or problem associated with their area of interest, related to the biophysical or built environment. Year 12 Society and Culture have been putting the finishing touches on their Personal Interest Projects, where they have chosen, researched about and written a research report on a relevant issue relating to persons, society, culture, environment and time. Students have chosen issues such as the role of systemic racism in the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the justice system, and the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the creative arts.

Stage 4 debating participants competed in two debates this term, against Randwick Girls High School and the Conservatorium High School. Topics included 'should teachers retire at 65?' and 'should violent music be banned?'. Cindy Barahona in Year 8 deserves special commendation for her excellent argument in the second debate.

To finish off the term, Year 7 participated in a year-wide Chinese calligraphy competition hosted by the wonderful Ms Wang. Students were treated to a live calligraphy demonstration by special guests from the Australian Society of Calligraphers. Students then wrote their names in Chinese calligraphy, with the finalists invited to decorate a fan with their designs. Congratulations to our finalists Sam Adams-Bennet and Boss Faasootaula (3rd), Ari Margaritis (2nd) and Lilly Gladwin Turnbull (1st).



Faculty Update- PDHPE

It has been another big term for the PDHPE Department. Students have been engaged in both their theory and practical lessons and have developed their movement skills across a number of sports such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Cricket and Badminton.

The scaffolding has gone up around the outside of the gymnasium and as a result the PDHPE staff have relocated their staffroom to the main building in preparation for the renovation. So far there has been little disruption to normal procedures and we look forward with excitement to the upgrade of our facilities.

The Life Ready 25 hour Compulsory PDHPE Course began in Week 10, with students completing Day 1 (5 hours) on "Health and Safety". Day 2, "Owning Yourself" will be completed on the Year 11 Camp and for those not attending camp, will be held at school during normal class time. Please note these hours are mandatory and anyone missing these programs will need to complete assigned work to make up the hours missed. This will be followed up early Term 3.

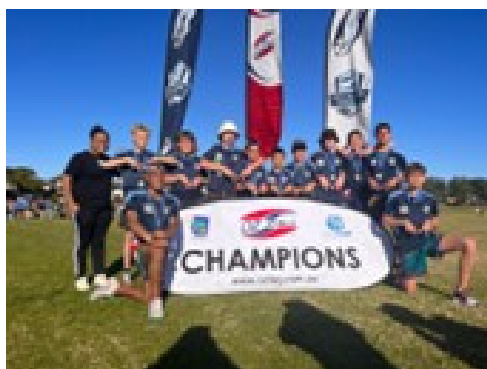
There have been numerous competitions that we have participated in and our students have been very successful in their sporting pursuits (as showcased below).

The Zone Athletics Carnival is our next big event. It will be held on the first Friday of Week 1, Term 3 (21st July 2023). Students have been entered via School Bytes and the team was advertised on Compass on the 30th June. Students are encouraged to check if they are on the list. The venue is Hensley Athletics Field and the cost of entry is \$8 (to be paid on School Bytes). Students will make their own way to the venue and wear the MSHS Sport uniform to compete.

We have completed another successful term of Recreational Sport at Mutch Park. However, next term there will be some changes. Students will be walking over to Pioneers Park accompanied by teaching staff to the turf field and walking track. Options for Term 3 are Multi Sports, Powerwalking and Skateboarding. In Term 3 skateboarding students will travel to a variety of venues in the School Van (Mutch Park, Chifley SkatePark and Rockdale SkatePark). The cost for Skateboarding for the term is \$40. Parental permission is required for all of the sports mentioned and the sooner this is done, the sooner we can start the sports program.

OZ TAG REGIONAL CARNIVAL

A big congratulations to the 60 students that attended the Oz Tag Regional Championship at Gannons Park at Peakhurst early in Term 2. We registered 6 teams (3 boys and 3 girls teams). Five teams were successful in making the Grand final, with 3 actually winning the grand final. All 5 teams will go onto the next level at Penrith in August. A big thank you to Paige Hamilton for her excellent organisation and to the staff helping manage the teams and supporting the students. From all reports, the students had a great day and their behaviour was exceptional. A very successful day was had by all.



Faculty Update- PDHPE

MSHS Cross Country Carnival

The school Cross Country was held on school grounds with 16 students competing to represent the school at Zone. The Age Champions were:

12 years Boys Charlie Randall
13 years Boys Bailey Daubney
14 years Boys James Lymberis
14 years Girls Cindy Barahona



Zone and Regional Cross Country Carnival

We had 10 students compete at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Sir Joseph Banks Park at Botany on the 8th June. The event was extremely competitive and 8 of our students placed in the top 10 to finish and went on to represent the Zone at the Regional Carnival at Miranda on the 15th June. The course at Miranda was tough with long hills and even tougher competitors. James Lymberis finished 9th in his age group and will compete at CHS on the 21st July at Eastern Creek. Good luck James!



Faculty Update- PDHPE

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SOUTH SYDNEY EAST U16 GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Monday 26th June, seven MSHS U16 Rugby League players represented South Sydney East in the selection trials for Sydney Reds. The competition was impressive, with much talent on display and our girls played their hearts out. Logan, Evie, Elouise, Faith and Hannah have been selected to play in the Sydney Reds team, trialing for the NSW squad early next term. Congratulations to all students on their efforts and we wish those selected all the best at the next level.



Faculty Update- LST

Check-in Assessments

This term we have completed Check-in Assessments with all Year 8 students. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. Check-in assessments are an online assessment consisting of reading and numeracy. Each assessment consists of 40-50 multiple choice questions.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

I would like to congratulate our Year 8 students, as they have shown a commitment to their studies through their effort and behaviour during these assessments.

COVID Tutoring

A number of our students received support through the COVID tutoring program. This semester we focused on literacy, whilst next semester will see a focus on numeracy. Our students are identified through various assessments and results show that this model is successful in boosting the results of identified students. Well done to the students who have worked hard this semester, we look forward to increased numeracy results next semester.

Learning and Support

Teaching and learning can be adjusted in many ways, based on every student's unique needs, to enable students with a disability or additional learning and support needs to enjoy the same opportunities and choices in their education as their peers. Teachers and/or parents can make referrals to the Learning Support team when they feel that a student may benefit from support. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly - tamara.amatto5@det.nsw.edu.au

Tamara Amatto

Head Teacher Learning and Support

Faculty Update - Science

Dissections have begun!

Year 7 Science have started dissections by dissecting the squid and the mullet. Thank yourselves lucky that you can't smell through the screen and sincere apologies to anyone teaching on the ground floor of Block A! The students were half excited and interested and half mortified all at the same time!



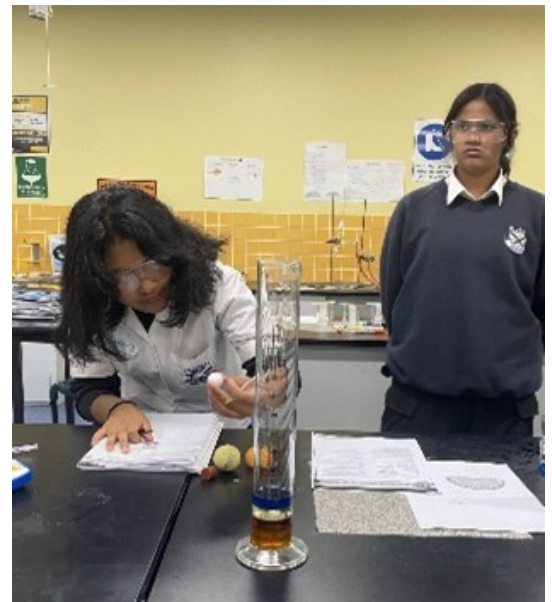
Dichotomos Keys

Year 7 Science have been exploring the basic skills of classification which will be used throughout their scientific journey!



Building a Density Tower

Year 7 Science have been studying the properties of density by creating a density column by using different substances and items and recording their findings.



Faculty Update - Science

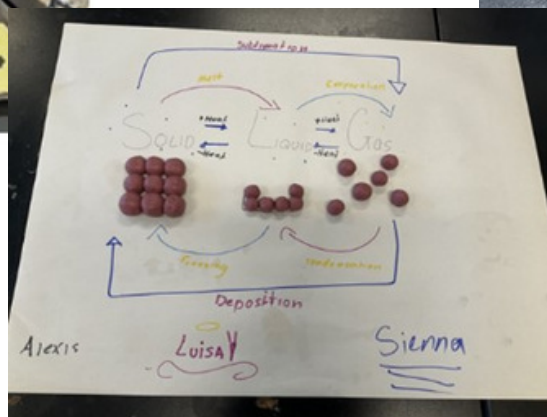


Separating Mixtures

Year 8 Science have been studying separating mixtures and one such technique that they have studied was crystallisation.

Modelling Matters!

Year 7 have been modelling the states of matter using playdoh.



Equipment and Methods

Year 7 Science have been practising using scientific equipment and chemicals by following a specific method and recording their results.



Coming Up!

Coming up next term.... Stay tuned for our Term 3 dissections where we take on the Irvine Eyeball.....

Faculty Update- CAPA



When I reflect on this term, the words that come to mind are "busy" and "productive" across all classes. Our artists have been busy creating different artworks using a variety of materials, showcasing their ongoing creativity and talent.

One highlight from this term was the completion of one- and two-point perspective drawings by our Year 9 artists. Inspired by their exploration of the Surrealist movement, they produced captivating artworks that showcased their understanding of perspective and their unique artistic styles.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have embarked on their 'mini' Body of Work projects, igniting their creativity and sparking ideas for their upcoming Year 12 Body of Work. This early exploration will play a crucial role in shaping their final projects.



Outside of the classroom, we were honoured to have the renowned artist, Ken Done, visit our school and share his insights with our Year 9 - 12 students. Done spoke in detail about his life and experiences as an artist, highlighting the most rewarding moments of his career, including his involvement in the Olympics. The students had an incredible opportunity to ask insightful questions and thoroughly enjoyed their time with him.



As we look ahead to Term 3, I would like to inform parents and carers of some important events and dates to mark on your calendars:

- Monday 3rd and 10th July: School holiday workshop for Year 11 and 12 students.
- Monday 7th August to 11th September: UNSW In the Making workshops for Year 9 students.
- Monday 28th August: Final Body of Work submission date for Year 12 students.

I am thrilled by the progress and dedication shown by our students this term and looking forward to the exciting opportunities and challenges that Term 3 will bring.

Faculty Update - TAS

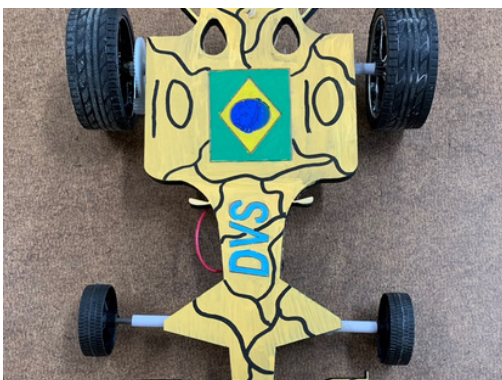
Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we wrap up another eventful term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible activities and achievements that have taken place at our school. The past few months have been filled with valuable learning experiences and impressive accomplishments across various TAS/VET subjects. Let's dive into the highlights:

Our Year 9 Timber students have truly outdone themselves this term. With passion and dedication, they have completed their timber Mantle Clocks, showcasing their craftsmanship and creativity. It has been a joy to see their skills grow and witness the beautiful and functional timepieces they have crafted. Well done, Year 9 Timber students, on your exceptional work!

Meanwhile, our Year 7 and 8 students have been immersed in a world of engineering and design. They took on the challenge of constructing CO2 and electronic dragsters, putting their knowledge of physics and technology to the test. The results were incredible! These young minds created speedy and aerodynamic vehicles, and the races that followed were nothing short of thrilling. Congratulations to all the Year 7 and 8 students for their hard work and impressive creations!

In our Year 9 Food Technology class, our aspiring chefs have been busy exploring the culinary delights of the world. This term, they focused on the art of baking cookies, perfecting their techniques and experimenting with different flavours and textures. They also delved into the realm of celebratory cuisine, studying menu planning and presentation styles for special occasions.



Faculty Update - TAS/VET

Turning our attention to our construction team, they have been hard at work this term, learning invaluable skills in demolition and revitalisation. Their dedication and expertise have transformed various areas of our school, making it a more inviting and vibrant space for everyone. We commend their commitment to making our school look good, and we truly appreciate their efforts.

Speaking of valuable skills, both our hospitality team and construction team had the opportunity to gain real-world experience through work placements this semester. This hands-on learning experience allowed them to apply their skills and knowledge in practical settings, further enhancing their understanding of their respective fields. We are immensely proud of the growth and valuable skills they have acquired during this time. Well done to all the students involved!



Lastly, we are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievement of Ms. Kiziltekin for starting the "Matto Cafe." Her vision, hard work, and passion for the culinary arts have come to fruition, resulting in a thriving establishment within our community. We encourage students to visit and support the "Matto Cafe," where they can experience the delicious creations crafted by Year 11 Hospitality team. Congratulations, Year 11 and Ms. Kiziltekin, on this remarkable accomplishment!



As we approach the end of the term, let us celebrate the successes and achievements of our students and staff. We extend our gratitude to all those who have contributed to making this term a memorable one. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to the exciting endeavours that lie ahead in the next term!

Warm regards,

Mr D Ferreira

Head Teacher TAS/VET

Inclusive Learning Centre (ILC)

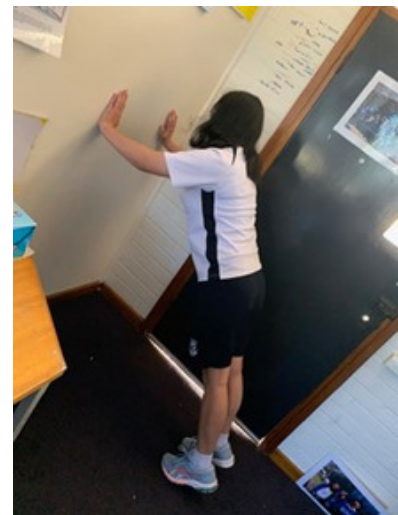
Despite the onslaught of Winter, ILC has been a hub for physical fitness and mental wellbeing. Ms Furner and Ms Darben have been running Burn2Learn program which addresses the issue of physical activity decline of adolescents with disability between 15-19 years of age. Evidence based research conducted by The University of Newcastle confirms that students participating in Burn2Learn's program experience substantial improvements in physical health (e.g. cardiorespiratory fitness and muscle strength) and mental wellbeing (e.g. self-concept, self-efficacy, and social outcomes).

By incorporating physical activity during the day students are more engaged and motivated to learn and are better able to retain information and apply it to real-world situations. It enables students to set goals and track performance. It incorporates the high intensity interval training principles to maximise the greatest benefit from exercise in the shortest amount of time and develop student enjoyment from exercise.

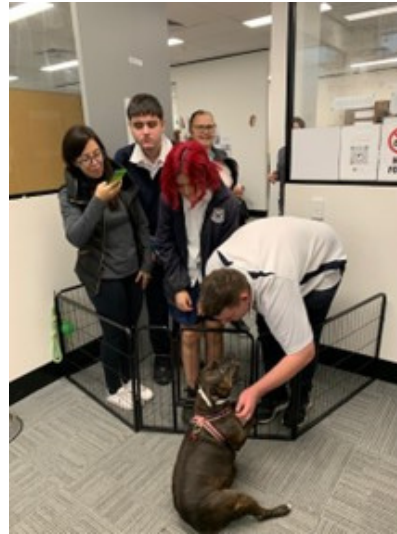
The Yamaha incursion was attended by two of our students with great success. They participated in this valuable work-readiness event explored how to generate an effective resume and how to present self for future job interviews. Then, the event concluded with a re-assembly of a Yamaha motorbike, which required attention to details, communication skills, teamwork skills and resilience. Eve Loye pictured below demonstrated exceptional performance at all the components of the Yamaha event.

In respect work experience, it has been a dynamic term in ILC with many activities taking place. Senior students attended Windgap Foundation, Disability Services Australia and Avenue. Students developed skills in travel training and participated in work activities. Nova employment presented a series of sessions on skills need post school. Two year 12 students Cody Marshall and Liam Burns are travelling independently to TAFE to complete the Retail course; a wonderful opportunity for them. Year 10 students have been completing a school past TAFE course run by Job Quest – Foundation skills for Post-school. Students had the opportunity to visit Enmore TAFE this term to see the excellent creative arts programs offered at this campus. Cody Marshall and Tyirell Raymond-Salmon have both been attending independent work experience at IndigiGrow and have been gaining invaluable skills which will enable them to succeed post school.

However, ILC is not about work, only. There has been a musical gathering where students demonstrated their singing and performing talents. Mr Powell and Danielle Joseph serenaded students and staff with their blue rendition of "Valerie." Daniel Driscoll demonstrated his excellent drumming skills while Mitchell Glacken-Tonnet roared through "Knocking on Heaven's Door."



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Talented Sports Program

Director of Sport: Ante Juric

It has been another great term of TSP sport. Our students have been training and competing with great enthusiasm and great school spirit. Throughout our program's we have seen improvements in individual and team performance, which is a credit to all our students on how they have been approaching training and games this term.

Football

It has been a busy Term 2 for Football, with a number of games played by our boys and our girls. After some good early round wins, unfortunately, we have been knocked out of the Bill Turner Cup (Boys) and Bill Turner Trophy (Girls) in round 3, losing via extra time and on penalties respectively. A great effort by these squads to get that far and to compete so well.

Our young Puma Cup team has had some great games playing against much older opposition in the likes of Endeavour, Hunter and Westfields. Considering our young group, we have competed extremely well, which will set us up well for next year's version of the Puma Cup. This is our first ever year in this prestigious tournament, and we are proud of the progress we have made as a school in Football.

Congratulations also goes out to AJ Bachmann and Jack Thibou, who both made the shadow squads for the NSW CHS 16s, all schools.

We were also pleased to conduct round 1 of our Football trials, for our prospective year 7 students for 2024. The level again was high, and we are looking forward to having these new students at the school in 2024.

Surfing

Our surfers have had a quiet term in terms of competitions and events. However, they have been training hard for upcoming events in Term 3. These students need to be applauded for their efforts and dedication in turning up for early morning starts in often cold and tough conditions. Well done to all of you.

We are also pleased to have had a good number of prospective year 7 students for 2024 trial earlier in Term 2.

Rugby Union

With a busy Rugby League season in term 2 it has been a very quiet season for Rugby Union. Nonetheless, In round 2 of the Will Skelton Shield (under 14's) a team was taken to represent the school in this round. The 11 boys selected played with classic Matraville spirit and come out with a 1 win and 1 loss for the round. Big wraps should go to Sean O'Neill who played an outstanding offensive game in both games and to Falcon Currie who was a tackling machine especially against opposition twice his size. A special shoutout to Malakai Quinlan who helped an injured opposition player whilst a game was still playing show casing high levels of sportsmanship.

Congratulations also goes out to Chanel Williams who represented the NSW CHS Girls 7s team, which went on to be undefeated in the All-Schools Rugby Championships.

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Rugby League

Our League athletes have been extremely busy this term. With our girls and boys competing strongly in several State and National competitions. We have been competing in the Peter Mulholland Cup (Nationally streamed), the St Marys Cup, the Katrina Fanning Cup, the Chase Stanley Cup, Michael Buettner Cup, The Buckley Shield and the Uni Shield just to name a few. In terms of the Katrina Fanning Cup, our U14 girls have again moved onto the finals stage by becoming the champions of the Central Region, a Cup which we won last year. Good luck to those girls next term at these finals.

Also, a congratulations need's to go out to the following students who were selected to trial for the Girls NSW CHSSA 16s – Maddie Jean Stockman, Faith Drollet, Elouise Maher, Orla Graham, Hannah Kalland, Logan Fletcher, Evie Phillips. And the following students were selected to trial for the Boys NSW CHSSA 15s – Jayden Rooke, James Davies.

Well done to all the League students who are doing extremely well in terms of training and playing in all of these competitions.

Basketball

TSP Basketball have had a busy term in terms of training and games. The students have been working hard at training on several areas. Such areas included (To name a few):

- Skill Development: fundamental skills such as shooting, dribbling, passing, and defence.
- Physical Conditioning: Enhancing overall fitness levels.
- Tactical Understanding: Working on the strategies and principles of the game, including offensive and defensive techniques, court spacing, teamwork, and decision-making.
- Game Simulation: scrimmage sessions.
- Individual Focus: Identifying and working on each player's specific strengths and weaknesses.

In addition, the Basketballers competed strongly in the Senior BNSW Schools tournament, which was a 2-day tournament. The Juniors will play in this tournament in Term 3. The juniors also played in the Sydney East Knockout, where we were unlucky not to advance further than the early rounds.

Netball

Our Netballers, have done extremely well this term competing and progressing in the Sydney East U15s competition, moving into round 4. In addition to this our girls were privileged to be a part of the SHSA development day for all age groups upon which they were Presented to and coached by Sydney Swifts players. Our Junior and Senior teams also performed well at the Netball NSW Schools cup, where we won a few games on the day. Well done on a fantastic term of Netball!

Mr Ante Juric

Director of Sport

Merit Assemblies

Zainab Bazzi

We continue to celebrate the successes of the students of MSHS. Our Merit Assemblies are conducted each semester for each cohort. Each teacher selects two students per class in recognition of their respectful behaviours and commitment to learning. The Year Advisors, of each year group, also select three students to be awarded the Bronze, Silver and Gold Excellence Awards. These students are exceptional role models and are recognised for their commitment to improvement. Congratulations to all our award winners!



Beyond the classroom

Ms Zainab Bazzi

Breakfast Club

The Matraville Sports High School breakfast club was re-invigorated in term 2. With over 70 students receiving breakfast each day, our students are happy, healthy and ready to learn. The Breakfast Club provides breakfast to students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am till 8:40am in the Wellbeing Hub. Thank you to Foodbank for your support of this initiative and for improving the health and education outcomes of our students.



Dental Visits

The Australian Dental Foundation is an independent, award-winning health promotion charity working to improve Australia's oral health outcomes and well-being, for a future without oral disease. This term the Australian Dental Foundation team saw over 60 MSHS students and conducted more than 150 treatments. Thank you to the Australian Dental Foundation for their support and for providing our students with an opportunity to improve their oral health.



Beyond the classroom

Ms Zainab Bazzi

Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) Program

Matraville Sports High School and PCYC continue to work together to support the academic and social wellbeing of students. This term, PCYC representatives have worked with a number of year 7 students to support their ability to build resilience and maintain respectful relationships. This program is solutions based and focusses on supporting students navigate difficult scenarios at school and in the broader community.





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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Bidjigal people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land we work on. We also pay respect to Aboriginal elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.