

Principal's Update – 22 November 2024

Dear all,

Well week 6 was no where near as busy as week 5 and so we all had a chance to just enjoy teaching and learning and a calm school. On top of that the weather has been a little better and so students have been able to enjoy our outdoor areas.

Parents however have been busy, with the P&C Sports Committee on Tuesday night and then the Wellbeing and Inclusion Committee meeting on Thursday evening.

These will be the last meetings for these committees in 2024 and on behalf of the school a huge thank you to the chairpersons of the two committees, Phil (sport) and Natasha (wellbeing), as well as the parents that give up their time to provide a parent voice in these areas. Both committees have had extremely successful years but obviously in different ways.

GAT sport at Mosman is going from strength to strength and this was evident in one of the sports with our Under 15's boys basketball team being placed third in the state (and we are not a sports high school). This is testament to the great job parents and coaches are doing in supporting our students. The wellbeing team supports the organisation of Paul Dillon, Y Safe and other initiatives for students and parents.

It was also great to have members of the Year 12 Leadership Council attend these meetings providing a student voice. This coming week (as mentioned earlier) the Art Committee meets on Monday at 6.00 pm in the art block and the Music Committee meets at 6.00 pm in reception and of course the P&C meeting is on Level 3 of G block - the new building.

Also next Monday evening is the Summer Concert. Belatedly we were informed that Year 10 were having a formal that evening. As you know the school is not able to organise or participate in formals. It is my understanding that those students from Year 10 who wanted to be part of the concert have been placed at the start so that they can also make the formal as well. Mr Feros is so kind 😊.

Also this week we held a meeting of Year 10 and 11, 2025 art students and their parents. This meeting related to students who were interested in attending an overseas art excursion to Paris in October 2025. The Dodwell theatre was full of excited students and we were all amazed at the opportunities available for our students both in the art galleries and museums in Paris as well as the surrounding areas. There were thirty places available for this tour and by the following morning 29 places had been filled.

Next week is week 7, and on Wednesday 27 we will be holding the first of the award ceremonies. This ceremony focuses on sport and it is a reflection of the value we place on physical education and student wellbeing as well as sport that we hold a special ceremony. All award winners and their parents have already been invited to the event and I am sure with our guest speaker Jaye Stevens who at a previous ceremony told us about his proposed climb to Mount Everest, ... it will be a memorable morning.

Then on Friday Years 9 and 10 will receive their semester 2 reports. So another big week coming up!

Best wishes

Susan