

Principal's Update – 28 June 2024

Dear all

Well this will be the last of the Principal's Updates for term 2. What an amazing term it has been with lots of fabulous events showcasing our students incredible talents in music, dance, sport and drama as well as academically. Congratulations to our Year 7 basketball team who won their grand final in the Warringah competition but also congratulations to all our teams that made grand finals. We are proud of you.

This week we received the NAPLAN results for Years 7 and 9 and our students results were terrific. Parents will receive their students results soon. NAPLAN now is divided into four categories:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support

In both Year 7 and 9 there were very few students who were in the 'needs additional support' category. We were particularly pleased with the Year 9 writing as there was no student who required additional support. Writing has been a literacy target for our school and congratulations to the English staff for such an amazing result. Also the number of students in the 'exceeding' category continues to increase, both in numeracy and literacy.

Year 10 will receive their reports this afternoon. It has been a busy time for Year 10 with subject selections and an interview week. Further on Tuesday of next week we will be holding the Year 10 Teacher Student Parent interview afternoon from 4 pm to 7 pm. I was very impressed at the recent Year 8 PST interview afternoon to see so many Year 8 students attend and I am hoping that Year 10 will follow this as well.

Year 12 completed their StuVac week in week 8 and Year 11 are in the throws of completing their StuVac week now. Congratulations to our students as very few students have missed an assessment within both Year groups. While Year 12 are used to this assessment block, this is the first time for Year 11 but they have done a great job and seem to have grasped the idea behind a study timetable and planning.

Next week Year 9 will receive their semester 1 reports and then the only year group to receive their reports will be Year 11 next term. I think I mentioned in my last update that we were hosting fifteen principals from Wales this week. They absolutely loved the school and of course the new building, further they could not believe the wonderful artwork on display.

This week we have had two concerts. On Tuesday night, dance, drama and music were showcased to a capacity audience, then on Thursday the ensembles performed. Both concerts were amazing and it was nice to see Year 12 ensemble members acknowledged on Thursday night.

The P&C art committee held a soiree on Wednesday night for all art student's parents. Again a great night as well as an opportunity to see the incredible work of our students and of course meet their exceptional teachers.

Finally, this week has been a very sad week for our school. One of our Year 12 students, Jordan Nzigamasabo had been battling cancer for some time and sadly passed away. He was a very popular and highly regarded young man with a passion for basketball and art. He had a large group of friends who miss him. His sister who is also at Mosman is supported by her large group of friends as well as staff. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Susan