

## Principal's Update

Friday 5 August

Dear all

Finally we are having some lovely weather and today is so warm the students really seem to be enjoying it. Also the outdoor settings that we placed on the paving in front of D block are finally getting used.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Winter Concert, if you attended, I am sure you would agree with me it was a great night. The MHS Stage Crew did a great job and the church looks amazing anyway but with some sympathetic lighting looked fantastic. We have now had two concerts in the Kirk and we are very lucky to be able to use it, as it is a beautiful venue with a lovely vibe.

Commiserations to the under 15 boys basketball team who had made it to the top 16 in the state. They were playing in the quarter finals and had been winning in a close game but in the end lost by 2 points. Phil Webster their coach was full of praise for the way the boys conducted themselves.

This coming Monday I will send an email just to Year 9 parents with the Zoom link for the subject selection evening that is taking place this coming Thursday. All parents, families and Year 9 students are welcome to attend.

Tuesday of next week (week 4) Year 7 are off to compete against other schools in their Gala Day. The sports are netball, frisbee, touch football and soccer. Something for everyone. As they are representing our school they have been asked to wear a white t-shirt and black shorts, leggings or track suit pants. Permission notes (as for all excursions) are sent to the parents email account.

COVID seems to be declining at our school and this week there was a total of 12 cases spread across the six years. Thank you to parents for keeping your child at home when they test positive for 7 days. As you know I gave out RAT packs to all students last week. If your child missed out they can get a pack of 5 from me. Next week probably on Friday, I will give out another pack of the tests to all students. We are very fortunate to have many packs and are happy to support families. Many of our students are wearing masks indoors as well which is great. We also have plenty of masks if any student wants one.

Year 9 and 10 students are getting excited with only a few weeks till they head off to ski camp. Hopefully the weather is not too warm at Jindabyne so that all that snow lasts for their week.

The build is starting to make rapid progress. All the metal formwork is taking shape and the scaffolding for the brick work is also in place. The furniture has been largely selected as has all the new technology. With the shortage of supplies, all these products must be ordered early to ensure a timely delivery. Despite the awful weather earlier in the year Multiplex are tracking to schedule.

Of course the end of term 3 is a significant time for Years 11 and 12. Year 11 sit their final Preliminary exams in weeks 8 and 9 before starting their HSC year. Year 12 have their graduation day on the Monday of week 10.

For Year 12 they are working furiously to complete their major works, performances and research projects. Of course we are all wishing them well at this time.

Best wishes

Susan