

Principal's Update – 6 September 2024

Dear all

Well a few huge weeks for our senior students! Today Year 11 commence their final Preliminary exams before transitioning to Year 12 and HSC studies in term 4. Of course Year 12 are in their last two weeks of secondary school before they graduate, move to a StuVac and then the HSC examinations. I am sure it only seems like yesterday that it was 2012 and you were holding their hand as they walked to their first day at kindy. Yet here they are now completing another milestone and moving onto post-high school opportunities. They are a lovely group of young people and they will be leaving Mosman High with our highest regard.

Year 11 are nervous about the upcoming exams but also excited to be taking that next step towards the HSC and their own graduation. Each student has been given an individual timetable with the allocated room where they will be sitting their exams. All students are required to be outside the exam venue 20 minutes before the start of the examination.

It will be an interesting couple of weeks as in the middle of the Year 11 exam block and on that middle Saturday, Council elections will be occurring. As you know Mosman High has always been a polling booth, in fact one of the biggest in the area. Fortunately this will not impact on our students. But elections are always an opportunity to raise money for schools so

A message from the P&C art committee:

“ Calling all Bakers! - our school is raising money for our kids with a Cake stall on Council election day....if you are a keen baker and would like to donate a cake, lolly bag or something sweet please get in contact with Ann King on 0414 809 579.”

Bring your cake on the day from 9 am onward and we will pop it in a cake box to sell. If you can't bake anything then come along and buy a cake after your democracy sausage!

The sausage sizzle is being organised by the P&C music committee to raise funds for our music programs including the upcoming music tour to Japan in the October holidays.

On Wednesday of this week all Year 10 students sat the science VALID test. This is the science equivalent of NAPLAN and parents and students will soon receive information relating to how your student is progressing in science. The exam took place in the school hall and as with NAPLAN was completed on computer for each student.

Of course in the last week of term and on the last three days, Year 8 will be heading off to camp ... a perfect way for the students to end what has been quite a busy term. Obviously not as long as the Year 9 camp which is a six day camp, nevertheless it will be an opportunity to focus on the environment and sustainability but also have fun.

The new Leadership Council for 2025 has been elected and I will write more about this in the upcoming High Flyer but the school captains and vice-captains for 2025 are Katie McPherson and Rafferty Laight (captains) and Sabine Soh and Kobi Webster (vice-captains). I am looking forward to working with the new leadership team.

Last Tuesday 3 September was Merchant Navy Day and the 2024 school captains Salma and Orlando represented the school at the celebrations held at the Mosman Art Gallery. The

Consul General of the United States was present to acknowledge one of World War 2 Mosman citizens who was part of the Merchant Navy.

Finally, some good news regarding the continued upgrade of our school facilities. In the summer vacation our 142 year old art block will be getting a new roof. The Welsh slate has already been purchased and waiting installation, probably the first time the existing slate has been replaced in ... 142 years :) Also in the summer vacation our second kitchen will be receiving a new upgrade to a fully commercial kitchen. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our hospitality and food technology students.

Hope you have a lovely weekend and week.

Susan