

Principal's Update – 8 March 2024

Dear all

Well we are half way through term 1 and it seems that the days are flying past. On Monday we had the last of the parent forums. This one was for Stage 5 and was extremely well attended. Thank you to all the parents who joined the Stage 5 wellbeing team. Then on Wednesday both Year 7 and 9 had their practice NAPLAN test.

I can't stress how much we need your support to ensure that Year 7 and 9 students come to school this coming Wednesday with a charged computer and earphones or a headset ready for their first real NAPLAN test which is reading. Many students did not have headphones and this definitely impacted on the start of the practice test.

NAPLAN goes for four days - Wednesday is writing, Thursday reading, Friday Language Conventions and Monday numeracy. It is fantastic that we have the new school hall to do the test and that the WiFi well and truly copes with so many devices.

Last night we had the welcome evening for new parents. Again it was pleasing to have so many parents join us. A huge thank you to the P&C executive who catered for the evening and particularly Liz (the food was divine) and Georgina our P&C president. Our new spaces are definitely being used to great effect.

This coming weekend represents the end of the Mosman Art Walk. Thank you to the incredible art committee under the chair of Ann King. You have again made this event so memorable. If parents walk along Military Road from the school you can see circular stickers on the pavement indicating art works in shop windows. It is not too late to get a wonderful art work or sculpture from one of Australia's leading artists, remembering that a third of the price goes to the wonderful art department at Mosman High.

The Knock Out sporting competition is in full swing and we have had volleyball (boys and girls) and basketball games all being played in our school hall. The visiting schools I have been told were blown away by the facilities and it is also pleasing that our teams are doing so well.

The main event next week (apart from NAPLAN) is the Year 12 parent teacher night on Tuesday afternoon. This will be held in the school hall and commences from 4.00 pm till 7.00 pm. Merrilyn, our office manager will be sending out via email the opportunity for parents to make appointments with their student's teachers. I encourage you to bring your student to the meeting as well - after all, it is about their learning as they move to the HSC.

Further, can I encourage you to go to the Mosman High School calendar on the webpage at the beginning of each week. This is a live calendar and is populated with all the activities assessments, excursions etc for each year and usually has the forms that parents need to complete located there. The link to the calendar is:

<https://mosman-h.sentral.com.au/webcal/calendar/5>

Just copy the link into your favourite search engine:)

Finally today is International Women's Day (IWD) and four of our school leaders and deputy principal Tania Prowle went to the IWD celebration coordinated by Mosman Council to hear a wonderful local woman Vicki Condon speak about the Raise program she initiated over ten years ago. We were the first school to run this program and now it is not only Australia wide but running internationally providing mentoring support to young boys and girls.

Have a lovely weekend,

Susan