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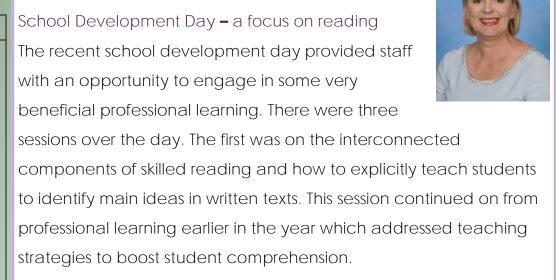
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Issue 4 2021 Term 2 Week 3

From the Principal - Ms. Reeves



This year, a key focus for future professional learning and, crucially a key focus for all teachers' work in the classroom, is teaching reading comprehension. Lifting our students' skills in literal, inferential and critical comprehension is part of our school's strategic improvement plan.

Reading at high school, as in life outside of school, moves beyond being able to decode the sounds of letters. To boost success, particularly as texts become more complicated in high school, students need to become more sophisticated in the range and

flexibility of their reading comprehension strategies. All faculties are making explicit their approach to reading texts and guiding students to draw on a range of reading comprehension strategies.



Advice for parents in supporting their child's reading development often focuses on early reading skills. Listening to skilled readers is still important, especially if the reader can model reading complex texts with increasingly dense linguistic features and vocabulary. It is still valuable for parents to listen to their children in Years 7 & 8 reading aloud.

If your child has a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, where people have difficulty working with the sounds and the written form of language, phonics instruction has to take place along with instruction in the other essential skills in reading. The Learning Support Team or your GP can give advice in this area.

Landscaping and outdoor amenities

Whenever I ask students what changes or improvements they would like,

seating and outdoor improvements always come high on the list. This week, student representatives met with landscape designers from Urban Landscape Projects. (ULP were the company who undertook the upgrade to the senior courtyard. They have also undertaken work in local primary schools.) Our students took on the role of a landscape designer, presenting their ideas

The next step will be a master plan for our school site. We will then identify the areas and the order of work.

for improvements to our

outdoor environment.



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The P&C are supporting this work. Contributions from families to the P&C will help us get more areas upgraded.

Thank you to the SRC who contributed lots of ideas prior to the meeting. A special thank you to the following students who were our landscape designers: Hugo Burness-Cowan, Rex Urquhart, Kaley Roach, Christopher O'Harae, Mikaela Fancey and Jack Sisson of Year 8; Daniel Chin, Bianca Hinchcliffe, Hayley Reynolds and Alexia Campbell of Year 9; and Sophie Balada-Gray, Alannah Cameron, Joan Mashiah and Riley Oakes of Year 10.



Tell Them From Me Survey

All students completed this government initiative early this term. The data from the survey provides the school with a range of information about how students are coping at school and helps provide indicators of where additional support may be necessary.

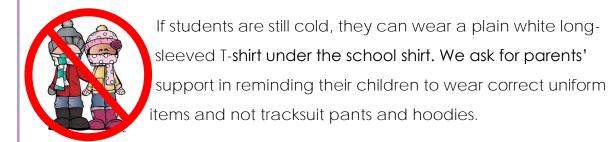
Anzac Ceremony

The school's ANZAC ceremony was held on the Monday following ANZAC Day. The assembly was organised by Mr Read and Mr Brooks, with student leaders officiating. Tolstoy Wilkinson did a superb job playing the Last Post and Rouse – the last time he will be playing at an ANZAC Assembly for us.



School Uniform - cold weather is on us!

As cold mornings are upon us, many students seek to rug up. There are a number of school uniform items to keep students warm: green jumper, black fleece jacket, Year 12 jersey.



We have clear rules with high expectations. Uniform help create a sense of belonging to our school. While no one would say wearing uniform on its own improves learning, in the main, students who repeatedly wear non-uniform clothing, tend to be less engaged in learning and also breach other school expectations. Conversely, students who wear the uniform show themselves to in the frame of mind to be focused on their work.

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School Contributions

Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their contributions. A reminder note regarding due contributions will be sent in the near future. Funds raised are necessary for student electives to continue in their current format, while the general contribution supports a variety of student programs and needs, including the purchase of the most appropriate texts and resources to support student learning.

It is most fortunate our parents and community do so strongly support the school and value the education their sons and daughters receive.

Important message from School Administration Staff

Dear Parents/Carers

Recently we mailed out a Student Emergency Contact Detail Report for your student.

If you did not receive this in the mail could you please let us know.

If you did receive this Report but have not yet returned it, could you please check the details, amend where necessary, sign & date, and return to the School Office as soon as possible.



Message from our First Aid Officer

If you have borrowed a pair of crutches from the front office recently, please return them.



Year 8 Barclay Farm Visit

Year 8 Technology Mandatory visited the Barclay farm to assist in the food and agriculture unit being studied.

Students were able to see how the animals are kept and handled, and were able to see the crops growing.

Our Farm Assistant Deb was able to show us around, and answer questions the students had. Some topics discussed were free-range egg farming, crop growing and animal licences.

By Mr. Hallab





Open Girls Touch Football Knockout

The Open Girls Touch Football Knockout team faced some tough competition this year.

Their first game was up against Rooty Hill High School, taking the win 3-0.

The next round was against Kingswood High School. It was an extremely close game and was drawn at full time 4-4. The girls then played extra time - drop off, and unfortunately conceding a try when we were down to 3 players.

Congratulations to all the girls involved. Emily, Charlotte, Caitlin, Alana, Emma, Chloe, Serena, Felicity, Emily, Jasmin, Layla, Remy and Ella.



Year 12 PDHPE and VET Sport Coaching First Aid Course

Year 12 PDHPE and VET Sport Coaching participated in their First Aid Course during week 1 of this term.

The students learnt about CPR and managing emergency situations such as anaphylaxis and asthma.

This course was a compulsory course for the Certificate 3 in Sport Coaching and also enhanced the Year 12 PDHPE students after studying the First Aid Module in class.



Well done to all the students who participated and achieved their First Aid Qualification.



Is your child thinking about their career after school?

Figuring out your next steps after school can be both exciting and challenging.

The SLIK, or <u>School Leavers Information Kit</u> and the School Leavers Information Service, can help your child discover post school education, training or work options.

The SLIK is supported by an information <u>kit for you too</u> in case you need help to start the conversation.

You can also encourage your child to call the School Leavers Information Service (the Service) - a dedicated careers contact centre your child can call up and can ask any education, training or work-related question they may have. A trained NCI Information Officer will help your child:

What's next for your child?

1800 CAREER

- •navigate the SLIK
- •access and use the <u>yourcareer.gov.au</u> website
- •find relevant support services, if needed.

You can also call the Service together with your child, and where needed, your child can also access a free, 45 minute personalised careers guidance session with a qualified career practitioner.

Your child can get in touch with the Service three ways -

•Call: 1800 CAREER (1800 227 337)

•Text: SLIS2021 to 0429 009 435

• Email: schoolleavers.nci@dese.gov.au

And if you are looking for something fun to send your kids to inspire them to discover their next steps, flick them the link to this video which explains it all: https://publish.viostream.com/player/iframe/o99eudddg9i73

For more information visit www.yourcareer.gov.au/schoolleaver



P&C & Uniform Shop News

P&C News

This year our focus will be on supporting upgrades to our student amenities, including more seating in the playgrounds.

Please join us for our virtual meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

If you would like to contact the P&C, please email us on muirfield.p.and.c@gmail.com.

Charmaine Hetem P&C President

School Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now open to students and parents. Our hours are Monday 12:30pm - 1:30pm and the 1st Monday evening of the month during school terms, 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

You can also continue to purchase online in the usual manner.

If you have any issues please feel free to contact the uniform shop directly via email at mhs.pnc.uniform@gmail.com or via the school office on a Monday on 9872 2244.

We thank you for your patience at this time.

Kate Salmon

MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

TERM 4 TRADING HOURS

Every Monday 12:30 - 1:30pm

1st Monday of the Month 5:30pm - 7:00pm



Muirfield High School Uniform Shop

All uniform items now available on Qkr!

Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') is an easy to use app that makes ordering and paying for your school uniforms quick, simple and secure.

Getting Started is Easy

Step 1 Download Qkrl

Download the Qkr! app to your phone or tablet device (App Store or Play Store)

Step 2 Register

Follow the prompts and select Australia.

Set up your name and a password.

Add your credit card details.

Find Muirfield High School.

Add the names of your children.

Step 3 Start shopping

Choose the next Monday delivery.

Select the items you want, add to Cart, then Checkout when you are finished.

You can view and print a receipt (or email it) if required.

Step 4 Collect purchase

Students pick up their uniform items during Monday lunchtime opening 12:30 – 1:30pm. (Orders to be placed by Sunday midnight for following Monday pick up)

What if I don't have a smart phone?

You can use Qkr! online. Go to http://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store (or Google: qkr Australia) and enter Muirfield in the search field. You will need to register, add a child and you will then be able to order uniforms online.

Questions about using Qkr!?

If you require further information or have any concerns, please email Muirfield P&C Assoc. Uniform Shop Committee on mhs.pnc.uniform@gmail.com.

^{**}Please note that Uniform Shop orders **CANNOT** be made via the 'Muirfield High School' website payment system.



Muirfield High School P&C Association Uniform Shop Price List/Order From Term 1 2021

Wo	Size	No.	Price	Total
Junior Boys Shirt			\$32	
Senior Boys Shirt			\$32	
Unisex Cargo Shorts			\$38	
Boys Tailored Long Pants			\$50	
Junior Girls Blouse			\$32	
Senior Girls Blouse			\$32	
Pleated Black Skirt			\$38	
Girls Black Pants			\$30	
Green Jumper			\$45	
Green Zip Jacket (limited sizes while stocks last)			\$30	
Black Fleece Jacket			\$65	
Unisex Sport Shirt			\$33	
Unisex Straight Leg Sports Shorts			\$30	
Unisex Regular Leg Sports Shorts			\$30	
Tracksuit Jacket			\$45	
Tracksuit Pants			\$30	
Senior Ties			\$25	
Apron			\$15	
Scarf			\$8	
Total Amount Owing			\$	

Please make cheques payable to Muirfield High School Uniform Shop

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TERM DATES FOR 2021 TERM 1: Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January School Development Days Friday 29th January Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school All Students return to school Monday 1st February Thursday 1st April Last day Term 1 TERM 2: School Development Day Monday 19th April Tuesday 20th April Students return to school Last day Term 2 Friday 25th June Monday 12th July School Development Day TERM 3: Tuesday 13th July Students return to school Friday 17 September Last day Term 3 TERM 4: Monday 4th October School Resumes Thursday 16th December Term 4 ends for students Friday 17th December School Development Day

- Year 7, 11 and 12 return for 2021

- All students return for 2021



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- School Holidays

- Public Holidays

- School Development Days

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VOLUNTEER EXPO

TUESDAY 8 JUNE, 11AM-1PM
HORNSBY MALL, FLORENCE ST, HORNSBY
FREE

Try volunteering! Make new friends, help your community and have fun.

Come along to the Hornsby Volunteer Expo and ask about volunteering with your local community organisations.





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