

NEWSLETTER

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14th December 2018

Term 4 - Week 9

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Success

I would invite you to read an article below, written by Yr 11 student Michael van Doorene at my request, regarding his recent experiences at the Shine Awards.

The Shine Awards were held in the Castle Hill RSL on Tuesday 17 November. I, Michael van Doorene, was honoured to attend the award ceremony alongside Charlotte Price, Jayden Bruce, Kate Klass and Amelia Burge.

The Shine Awards were held to recognise student success in several categories, including academics, sport, music and creative arts and community service. All five of us were finalists in our categories, meaning that we competed against other schools in the Hills Shire and were awarded educational scholarships for our achievements.

I was also lucky enough to be recognised as the overall winner of the academic category. (Principal's note: no luck involved, well deserved). I would like to



thank Mrs Leghorn for organising the event and attending the awards ceremony with us as we all certainly appreciate it.

All of our success further highlights the strong education, sporting and music excellence and insightful leadership programs we have here at the Farms. It proves how our school is a strong competitor with others in the region. Well done to everyone who was nominated and every other student in our school who worked hard to achieve their goals in 2018.

Over the weekend, Cameron Murray in Year 10 competed for NSW in the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Cairns. Cameron competed in the following events:

U18 Para Discus - placing first and winning the Gold medal, and;

U18 Para Long Jump - placing third and winning a Bronze medal.

Cameron also competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney in March where he won a Bronze medal in the Javelin.

Congratulations to Cameron on his outstanding achievements.



Congratulations to all of our students who had their effort and achievement rewarded at the Recognition Assemblies and Presentation Evening. All events showcased the array of talent we have at Model Farms High School.



Student Leaders

It is with great pleasure, that I introduce to you, the 2019 Student Leadership Team. I look forward to working closely with this outstanding group of students.

Captains: Amelia Burge and Rivir Candelario

Vice Captains: Amy Broker-Towart and Indie Mahendran SRC Presidents: Nikita Byrnes and Michael van Doorene

SRC Executive: Domenica Antonutti, Zoe Etchemendi, Isla Hogg, Connor

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Sports Captains: Hanif Vejdani and Sophie Westerbrink





Skin Cancer Awareness

As we move into the summer months, and after my recent visit to the skin specialist, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the need to be sun safe whilst at school and outside during the vacation period. Australians of all ages are urged to use the five forms of sun protection. These are to:

- slip on sun-protective clothing
- slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- seek shade
- slide on sunglasses.

A combination of these measures, along with getting to know your skin and regularly checking for any changes, are the keys to reducing your skin cancer risk.

Further information is available through the link below.

http://www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection/campaigns-and-events/national-skin-cancer-action-week.html

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, staff, parents and community members for their work and contribution to the school in 2018. I would also like to particularly thank the wonderful contributions of both the School Council and P & C, led by both Nick Akon and Belinda Schuster. It has been a very enjoyable year at "the Farms", seeing so many of our students thrive and achieve their personal best. I look forward to continued success across all sectors of the school in 2019.

Mark Grady Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - MS PLEDGER

2019 Return to School

Years 7, 11 and 12 – Return on Wednesday 30th January

- Please note that school finishes at 2.40pm on a Wednesday. There is supervision in the playground until 3pm when the buses arrive.
- Year 7 wear your normal school uniform. When you receive your timetable you will be told what day will be your sport day. On that day you will wear your sports uniform to school.
- Year 11 wear your sports uniform. During the afternoon you will be doing sport.
- Year 12 you may wear either your full school uniform or sports uniform. As long as your permission to leave note has been returned to Mr Dawson you will be allowed to go home at 12.15pm.

Years 8, 9 and 10 - Return on Thursday 31st January

Reminder about Bell Times

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	Monday Thursday Friday	Tuesday Assembly	Tuesday No Assembly	Wednesday
Roll Call	8:30	8:30	8:30	8:30
Period 1	8:42	8:39	8:39	8:39
Period 2	9:35	9:28	9:34	9:28
Recess	10:28	10:17	10:29	10:17
Period 3	10:48	10:37	10:49	10:37
Period 4	11:41	11:26	11:44	11:26
Assembly		12:15		
Lunch 1	12:34	12:45	12:39	12:15
Lunch 2	12:54	13:05	12:59	12:40
Period 5	13:14	13:25	13:19	12:46
Period 6	14:07	14:15	14:15	13:43
End of Day	15:00	14.15	14. 13	14:40

Uniform Reminder for 2019

The P&C and the wider Model Farms community strongly support the wearing of the school uniform. Before parents purchase any uniform items I urge parents to use the uniform shop to ensure that the purchased items will definitely be approved by the school. The Department of Education has very clear guidelines on what is appropriate footwear. To help parents avoid any confusion I have included images of what is approved footwear in this newsletter. Also to further help parents, information about uniform and footwear is also available on the school website. To avoid students getting into unnecessary trouble next year please support the school when purchasing uniform for 2018. I thank you all in advance for your support.

The most common items that our students wear that are NOT uniform are:

- Undershirts
- Black socks only white socks are allowed on any school day
- Non-leather shoes on both boys and girls
- Black shorts on sports days

Sometimes our young people tell their parents that, "It doesn't matter" or "That everyone is wearing these." It does matter and most students do not breach the uniform requirements. Please support us in maintaining our positive public image and strong school spirit that wearing correct uniform engenders. Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated.

The uniform shop opening hours:

- Open on SATURDAY 12, JANUARY 2018 from 9.00 am 1.00 pm
- Uniform Shop will NOT be open on the first days of school 2019
- Uniform Shop RE-OPENS Friday 1 February 2019
- All uniform requirements MUST be purchased prior to school starting



^{*} Students undertaking practical based subjects need to wear lace-up shoes that protect their feet against drops and spills. WHS requirements may result in students who are not wearing shoes with sufficient protection being excluded from some practical activities. If in doubt, please purchase lace-up shoes.

Scripture Arrangements for 2019

Scripture will continue to operate in 2019 using the same model as 2018. Scripture at this stage will only be taught to Years 7 and 8. They will continue to have lessons once a fortnight. Scripture will continue to be delivered by the Northmead Anglican Churches.

In Week 1 of next term a letter will be sent home outlining these scripture arrangements

I would like to take this opportunity, again, to thank all the staff at Model Farms High for all their hard work over this very busy year. I would also like to wish everyone in the Model Farms community a happy and safe Christmas.

Have a wonderful week,

Jennifer Pledger Deputy Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - MS KENNON

Orientation Day

Last Tuesday we welcomed over 200 Year 6 students and their parents for the Year 7 2019 Orientation Day. It was an exciting day for the students as they got their first taste of high school life. After the formalities in the hall the Peer Support leaders took the students for activities with their new peers such as a tour of the school, a scavenger hunt and the all-important sausage sizzle. Throughout the day teachers presented taster lessons for the students across a variety of subjects. It was great to see the excitement on each of the faces of the Year 6 students, hear them having fun and see them look with wonder at what 'big school' looks like. We all look forward to welcoming them again as they start Year 7 on January 30th 2019. Thank you to all involved in the organisation of the day, in particular Ms Battistella who will take on the role of Year Adviser in 2019.

Recognition Assembly

As we approach the end of the school year it is time to reflect on the achievements of so many of our students. Today we celebrated and rewarded these successes at our Recognition Assembly. Students were acknowledged for their achievements academically, on the sporting field and citizenship. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us in this celebration. Masters of Ceremony Erin Milostnik, Year 10 and Eden Overton from Year 8 did an outstanding job and we also witnessed some exceptional musical talent with exceptional solo performances from Nicholas Porter Year 8 and Justin Yang Year 10. Thank you to the Year Advisers Mrs Owen and Mr Puleo for your hard work and commitment to Years 8 and 10 and the great organisation of today's event.

Our celebrations will conclude tomorrow evening with our formal presentation assembly where 'first place in course' and major perpetual awards will be presented.

Year 10

Congratulations Year 10 students! You have just about completed Stage 5 of your education journey. Your subject selections for Year 11 should now be finalised. You have now earnt the right to wear the senior uniform when you commence school in the New Year. Make sure you have purchased your senior uniform in readiness for your first day as a senior student. Year 11 commence on 30th January 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to working together to make 2019 an enjoyable and successful year.

Have a good week,

Kerrie Kennon Deputy Principal

TERM 4

Week 10

Monday 17th December Yr 11 English Standard and Advanced

Multimodal Task

Yr 11 Economics in-class Essay Supports Rewards Excursion

Tuesday 18th December Yr 11 English Standard and Advanced

Multimodal Task

Yr 12 Maths Standard 1 - HSC Assessment 1

Class-Test

Wednesday 19th December Yr 11 English Standard and Advanced

Multimodal Task

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS

Thursday 20th December Friday 21st December Staff Development Day Staff Development Day

2019 TERM 1

WEEK 1

Monday 28th January Tuesday 29th January **Wednesday 30th January Thursday 31st January** Friday 1st February Public Holiday
Staff Development Day (No students)
Yrs 7, 11 and 12 return to school

Yrs 8, 9 and 10 return to school

WEEK 2

Monday 4th February Tuesday 5th February Wednesday 6th February Thursday 7th February Friday 8th February

School Photographs

Yr 7 Elevate Study Skills Session

FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Congratulations to the following Maths merit recipients:

Year 9
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Year 11
Jacob W x 2

We have almost reached the end of another busy year. Students are reminded that the work they are currently doing in their Mathematics classes is important preparation for their studies in 2019.

Buying Textbooks for 2019

- ➤ Years 7, 8, 11 and 12 will need to buy their own Mathematics textbooks for 2019. This is necessary for Year 7 and 8 due to the transition to 'bring-your-own-device' for Years 7 and Year 8 for next year.
- ➤ Senior students doing Advanced Mathematics, Standard Mathematics Year 11, Year 12 Standard 1 and Standard 2 Mathematics will need to buy their own textbooks because of the new Mathematics syllabuses. Year 12 Ext 2, Ext 1 and Mathematics are not buying their own textbooks.

Year 7 (currently Year 6): students who will be attending Model Farms High School next year will have received the notification about how to purchase their Year 7 textbook in their information pack. All students will need to purchase the digital version of the textbook. It is optional to purchase the hardcopy.

Year 8 (currently Year 7 students): students will receive their notification in the next few days with instructions on how to purchase their Year 8 textbook. It will be done in the same way as the purchase of the Year 7 textbook. All students will need to purchase the digital version of the textbook. It is optional to purchase the hardcopy.

Year 11 (currently Year 10): students will receive their notification in the next few days with instructions on how to purchase their Year 11 textbooks. Once the hard copy of the book is purchased, the digital version is available usually via a password provided with the book. Make sure that you buy the correct textbook for your child's level of Maths (Standard or Advanced) for next year.

'Textbook Round-Up' for School Issued Textbooks

In the last few weeks of school we need to collect all of the textbooks that we have issued during the year. Please look around your home to see if you have any Model Farms Mathematics textbooks and return them this week. If your student has not returned the textbook that was allocated to them this year, you will be asked to pay for its replacement.

Ideas for Christmas Stocking Fillers:

School stationery and equipment can make really practical stocking fillers. Examples are: good quality geometry sets (can cost up to \$18 at Big W, Office Works or at newsagents), or items as simple as pens and pencils, rulers, textas and colouring pencils.

Calculators:

Please make sure that all students have their own calculator. The Casio fx-82AU PLUS II is sold at the uniform shop for \$35. Students need this calculator from Year 7. It is vital for their progress that students are familiar with their calculator and know how to use the different functions.

Fun with Maths at Christmas

We would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe school holidays. Don't forget to look for the mathematics in the 'real world' situations that you are engaging in as a family at this time:

- > Travel times, petrol usage and distances for trips in the car.
- > Time differences if you are travelling across time zones.
- Estimating how much wrapping paper that you will need to wrap different sized presents (and how much sticky tape you will need!).
- > Calculating how much your Christmas cards and parcels will cost to post.
- When cooking with your family, remember to engage them in measuring, estimating, capacity and volume. Also scheduling of cooking so that everything is ready to serve at the same time.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mrs K Lumley and the Maths Faculty Staff

FROM THE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE FACULTY

What a year!

It has been a very busy 2018 in the Science Faculty. This would include: two new members in the Science staffroom (for those that don't know, Mr McNamara and Mrs Moore), new members at the farm, new Senior Science Programs, stacks of incursion and excursions, science groups activities.

This also includes talks by specialist scientists, organised by Ms Owen and Mrs Manson. These specialists communicated with our students either via Skype or by attending the school.

The Scientific fields of these Scientists include the following:

- A Palaeontologist
- An Astrophysicist.
- A Quantum Physicist
- A third year Aeronautical Engineering and Physics student (an ex Model Farms Student)

An Aeronautical Engineer at MFHS

On the 26th of November Harrison Papagianis an ex-student of this school, who is now the NSW Outreach Manager for Australian Youth Aerospace Association gave a talk to a whole range of students at Model Farms High.

He gave the students an insight about the Aerospace industry in Australia and its potential in the future. The students found the talk relevant and applicable, especially those that are interested in the Aerospace field. He also educated the senior students about university courses in the field of Science and Engineering. He was inundated with questions about the content he was learning in the fields Science and Mathematics. His knowledge was an asset for all those that attended.

We would like to thank Mrs Manson for organising this talk.





Spectacular Science On Wednesday 21st of November Year 7 studer

November Year 7 students went on the Spectacular Science excursion at Sydney University. Students learnt about microbats, played with liquid nitrogen, make slime, watched cool chemical reactions and searched for bugs under the microscope.

Below: Students performing experiments at Sydney University





Our Gifted and Talented Year 8s at WSU

On Thursday the 6th of December, 30 of our talented year 8 students attended Western Sydney University. Students were able to complete 13 different experiments and demonstrations in three exciting labs sessions - "Cool", "Colour" and "Create". The day was enjoyed by all our budding scientists!





Year 8 Incursions

On the 7th of December Year 8 students attended an incursion called the Case of Identity, students used different forensic techniques to solve a crime.

28th Tuesday On November the whole of Year 8 were treated to a "Liquid Nitrogen Show" run by the Science Faculty. Students were able to see how food is snap frozen, and were able to witness milo cans exploding due to the rapid expansion of the nitrogen from liquid to gas. To cap it off, each received student portion of ice cream made with the liquid nitrogen.

Mrs Edwards and Ms Owen stirring the pot to produce ice cream with the aid of liquid nitrogen.

Year 7 Incursion

A Planetarium attended Model Farms on the 30th of November, students were introduced to the wonders and the phenomena of space. The Planetarium left heads spinning.

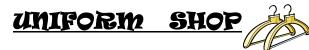






Have a safe and great Holiday!!!! From the Agriculture and Science Faculty.





Trading Days and Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.10 am until 9.00 am

Payment Options

Cash - eftpos - Visa - Mastercard

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

The Uniform Shop is operated on a Volunteer basis.

Do **YOU** have a spare hour to volunteer please?

~~ Even one day per month - especially in Term 4 and Term 1 ~~

We can guarantee lots of laughs and smiles. Please come in and see me or ring the office and leave your details.



A huge

to our cur Amazing Volunteers

Di Mayer Kathy Doherty Marta Irvine Ann Simmonds Fiona Bennetts Sarojini Subramaniam Cathy McMillan

Your dedication, hard work, friendship and laughs is always appreciated !!!

#### uniform shop



Trading Days and Hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.10 am until 9.00 am



Payment Options

Cash - Cheque - Visa - Mastercard

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YEAR 10 STUDENTS

PURCHASE YOUR SENIOR UNIFORM NOW

We recommend you purchase your Senior Uniform as soon as possible. Don't leave it until the last minute

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

TRADING DAYS and HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.10 am until 9.00 am

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash - Eftpos - Visa - Mastercard

ITEM	PRICE
BOUS	
Shirt - Blue (Junior) / White (Senior)	\$35
Shorts - Grey	\$35
Long Trousers - Grey	\$45
GIRLS	
Blouse - Blue (Junior)	\$25
Blouse - Blue (Junior - New Style)	\$40
Blouse - White (Senior)	\$40
Skirt - Check (Junior) / Grey (Senior)	\$65
Long Pants	\$40
JUMPERS	
Fleecy	\$45
Wool - (Australian Wool)	\$85
SPORT	
Тор	\$40
Shorts	\$35
TRACKSUIT (By Order	
Only)	
Jacket Only	\$75
Pants Only	\$50
Complete Set	\$120
<i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>	
Apron	\$15
Calculator	\$35
Tie - Junior / Senior	\$20
Blazer	\$200
Exercise Books - ie. maths, music, normal	\$various

2018/2019 - Prices subject to change without notice – includes 10% GST



uniform shop

Trading Days and Hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.10 am until 9.00 am



Payment Options

Cash - Visa - Mastercard

2019

Saturday - 12th January 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

The Uniform Shop Re-opens FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY

For Normal Trading

PLEASE NOTE:

SHOP WILL **NOT** BE OPEN ON FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

uniform shop



Trading Days and Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.10 am until 9.00 am

Payment Options

Cash - Eftpos - Visa - Mastercard



TRACKSUITS

Please be advised that

ALL ORDERS

for Tracksuits

CLOSE

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

Model Farms High School P&C

The P&C WANT TO SAY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO ROZ NOEL AND ALL THE UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR WORK THIS YEAR. WE COULDN'T OPERATE WITHOUT YOU.

WISHING THE ENTIRE MODEL FARMS COMMUNITY A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC 2019 AT MODEL FARMS HIGH.

SPORT BUS PASSES CAN NOT BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAYS

Please in	dicate preferred pass:						
A 5 trip pass for \$37.50		No. of passes		Total \$	-		
 A 10 trip pass for \$75.00 		No. of passes		Total \$	-		
Name of	Name of Student/sYear/s						
Payment by: CASH CHEQUE							
	PAYMENT FO	R SCHOOL FEES, EXCL	JRSIONS AND	OTHER ACTIVITIES			
	When paying through the Parent Online Payment (POP) it is important that you itemise what you would like to pay for. In some instances when we see "School Fees - \$450" for example, we have applied the money against activities that you did not intend to pay for.						
	Please see example below:						
	Itemise as: Year 7 Camp- \$330, Visual Arts - \$90, Welfare - \$30. This will greatly assist us in applying your money to the correct fee						
	Regards						
	Kay Lewin School Administra	ation					

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

Name of Student:	Year
New Address:	
	Postcode:
Correspondence:	
	Postcode:
Email Address:	
New Home Phone No.	
Mother Mobile:	
Mother Work:	
Father Mobile:	
Father Work	
Emergency Contact if changed:	
Phone No	_
Any change in Medical Condition e.g. Allergy, Asthma etc.	
Details	
Bus Pass: YES / NO	



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Model Farms High School P&C



Floral Expressions

We have registered with Floral Expressions, Northmead, and every time anyone purchases from their store, the school will receive 10% of the purchase price as a donation.

If you are purchasing flowers, please consider using Floral Expressions, and don't forget to tell them you are from Model Farms High School.

Northmead Shopping Centre 7/2 Campbell St , Northmead NSW 2152 info@floralexpressions.com.au
PH: 02 96831116

Term 4 Tuition:

- K-9: Preparation for Yearly Examinations
- Year 10: Preparation for Yearly Examinations and get a head start on Year 11 courses FOR ANY SUBJECT AREA
- Year 11/12: Start of the 2019 HSC, get a head start on content and skills for ANY SUBJECT AREA

WHY HIRE A TUTOR?

- Some children need individual attention. In todays over crowded classroom atmosphere, teachers will not be able to provide this.
- A tutor will prepare the child well for class tests and final exams.
- Working with a tutor will help the child to develop a study schedule.
- While studying, children easily get distracted with videogames, TV and other activities at home. A tutor will help in minimising these distractions.

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