

NEWSLETTER

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1st November 2019

Week 3 Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the end of this week, most of our Year 12 students will be more than half way through their HSC examinations. They are continuing to study hard and their teachers are supporting them with last minute revision. So far, the feedback from students regarding the examination papers has been quite positive. Their next and final school event will be the formal on the 14th of November, which will be a chance for them to relax and celebrate the end of their exams and their school life together.

In the final week of Term 3, Year 12 students held several events including a fun photo afternoon. Well done to all of our students for the way they conducted themselves and for the imagination shown in determining their outfits (below).

On Thursday 26 September, Model Farms High School held the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, to recognise the end of 13 years of formal schooling of our 2019 cohort. I would like to thank the many parents who have passed on congratulatory messages about the organisation of the evening and congratulate our Year 12 students on their achievements throughout their time at Model Farms.





Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two staff member who have been appointed to MFHS.

Towards the end of Term 3, the school advertised the position of Head Teacher Industrial Arts, following the retirement of Mark Cooper. Mark has been an outstanding staff member during his career and has supported many students at Model Farms, particularly those undertaking Industrial Technology Timber as part of their HSC. As a result of the merit selection process, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ben Stevenson as Head Teacher Industrial Arts.

Ben brings with him both knowledge of the school and the vitality to drive the faculty forward in teaching and learning. We have now commenced the process of seeking a teaching position in the Industrial Arts faculty.

I am also pleased to announce that Jen Rubie returns to Model Farms High School as part of our SAS staff. Jen also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of Model Farms and is currently working in both the library and Science faculty.

Student Leaders 2020

During the first two weeks of Term 4, Year 11 students heard speeches and voted for potential candidates for the 2020 MFHS Leadership Team positions. It is with great pleasure that I introduce the elected team to the community and I am certain with the calibre of personnel and the history of outstanding teams that this group will continue the strong tradition of student leadership at the school.

School Captains:	Erin Milostnik and Harrison Moroney
School Vice Captains:	Alicia Kammerer and Brad Chesson
SRC Presidents:	Eloise Kerney and Rishi Misra
SRC Executive:	Parminder Kaur, Amy Bridge.
Sports Captains:	Steph Hulme and Cameron Murray

Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum Breakfast

On Friday 25 October, I had the pleasure of attending the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum Breakfast at The Hills Lodge. The breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate the event and achievements of our students and to recognise the outstanding work of many of the volunteers who collectively put the program in place.

The Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum is a two-and-a-half-day live-in program for Year 11 students who reside in or nearby the Mitchell Electorate. Students are nominated by their schools and the program is strongly based around the values of service to others, integrity and courage.

The Forum is a chance for Year 11 students to come together and share thoughts and ideas on how to be great inspirational leaders in their schools. At Vision Valley, students experienced the wise knowledge of exceptional leaders and speakers, as they shared their personal stories and secrets about what it is to be a great leader each and every day. Inspiring, challenging, engaging, and thrilling are words our students used to describe their experiences at the Forum held at the end of Week 1. A fantastic experience that has ignited the fire within many of our leaders to do more, do better and to work in the community. Well done to everyone involved.



Early Entry University Offers

At MFHS, one of our Strategic Directions focuses on Leadership and Community. A part of this is ensuring we provide more students with opportunities to develop their skills within these areas.

We are very pleased to announce, that already MFHS HSC students have received 15 early entry offers to university courses from Macquarie and ACU, prior to commencing their examinations. Almost all of the offers were based upon the student's demonstrated achievements, leadership and community work. Congratulations to all recipients on receiving these offers. We look forward to hearing from the other tertiary institutes over the coming weeks.

Parking In the Surrounding Streets

We have received several phone calls from local residents recently, concerned about adults parking across driveways at the end of the school day when collecting children from the school. Please ensure this does not happen as residents have the right to access their property at any time and it reflects poorly on the school community. We will be contacting the council to assist with parking ranger patrols in the area.

Best wishes for the week ahead, Mark Grady Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MS PLEDGER

Communication

I included this in a previous newsletter but thought it was worth repeating as well as adding some more information.

There are many school staff members who spend time with your child or have responsibility for different aspect of school life and it is often difficult to work out with whom you should be communicating. The following information will point you in the right direction.

Area of Enquiry	Initial Contact	Further contact or for complex issues
Student becomes ill at school	The office staff MUST be the ones who contact parents – please don't ask your child to contact you directly. This is a procedure that we must adhere to due to child protection and custodial issues.	N/A
Sport	Website – each week the sport sheet is posted on the school website. <u>https://modelfarms-</u> <u>h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-</u> <u>at-our-school/sport/weekly-</u> <u>sport-draw.html</u>	Sport organisers
Student progress in a particular subject	The classroom teacher concerned	The Head Teacher of the Faculty
Student conduct and general progress, in more than one subject	Year Adviser	Deputy Principal for that cohort
Student welfare issue	Year Adviser	Deputy Principal for that cohort
A question regarding school organisation	School Office Staff	
A question about Year 10 -12 Curriculum pattern	Deputy Principal for that cohort	

If you are unsure about who to contact, please briefly outline the issue to the office staff, and they will be able to direct you to the appropriate person.

Teachers attempt to get back to telephone messages within two school days. However, there may be times where this may be longer, for example if they are on excursions or a professional development workshop or are teaching all periods during the day.

Year 12 Dates

Monday 17 th October	HSC Commenced
Monday 11 th November	 HSC Concluded. Return textbooks and ensure all outstanding fees are paid.
Wednesday 13 th November	 Textbook return and sign out morning Period 1 in the TLC
Thursday 14 th November	Year 12 Formal
Tuesday 17 th December	 HSC results available Back to the Farms morning tea (recess Tuesday) – celebrating student achievements and sharing HSC results!
Tuesday 17 th December	ATAR results announced

Resource

NSW Police Legacy have released a child safety handbook. It contains a wealth of pro-active and preventive measures to help keep our children healthy and safe. <u>http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/</u>

Advance Notice

Presentation Night

• 11th December 7pm

Recognition Assemblies

- Year 11 assembly 8.45am
- Years 7 and 9 assembly 8.45am
- Years 8 and 10 assembly 11am

Invitations to these events will be issued closer to the individual dates.

Have a good week,

Jennifer Pledger Deputy Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MS KENNON

Welcome to Term 4 – a very busy term ahead. Students are undertaking exams and finalising assessments and teachers are writing reports to communicate the achievements of students. Planning is well underway for our end of year celebrations of the successes of students with the recognition breakfasts and the presentation evening.

Year 11

Term 4 marks the commencement of the HSC for Year 11 students. This week they were issued with their HSC Assessment Procedures and Calendar for 2019-2020. It is important that all students read this information carefully and make sure they fully understand all procedures for submitting assessment tasks. Unfortunately, during the Preliminary course a number of zero marks were issued because students failed to submit tasks, were late submitting tasks or did not follow the correct procedures. To avoid a repeat and adversely affect your HSC mark, please, students and parents, thoroughly read these important documents.

On Monday 4th November, we will hold the HSC In Focus Evening for both students and parents. During the evening we will explain some of the important NESA regulations, the ATAR and assessment, offer suggestions to parents about how to best prepare for the upcoming year and provide some valuable advice on study and common pitfalls to avoid. I look forward to seeing you then.

Senior Student's and Cars

Many Year 11 students have now turned 17, gained their drivers' licence and are driving to school. PLEASE stress to your child the importance of driving safely, especially when leaving school of an afternoon. It is essential that driving is very careful around school zones. Also be mindful of our community when parking your car.

All students who drive a car to school should have returned the "Permission to Travel to and from School by Private Vehicle". A copy of this form can be collected from the front office.

Year 9

Ms Owen has been very busy over the last few weeks finalising the details for the Year 9 camp. I am sure all students are looking forward to this great event and I can't wait to hear all the stories about the great time that was had by all.

Year 7

Swim school is fast approaching. A reminder that this is a compulsory activity and contributes to a student's PE mark. Apart from this, with Australia's great weather and outdoor lifestyle it is so important that young people learn to swim and engage in safe behaviour in the water. For those unable to attend, an alternative program will be held at school and attendance is compulsory.

Hope you all have a great week ahead, **K. Kennon**

TERM 4

WEEK 4	
Monday 4 th November	English Imaginative Writing Task Yr 8 Science VALID Primary Links Yr 10 Sydney Uni Visit Yr 10 Geography Semester Examination Yr 7 Swim School Focus HSC 2019-2020
Tues 5 th November	Yr 8 English Listening Task Yr 8 Science VALID Yr 9 Japanese – Anime Task 4 Yr 10 Geography Semester Examination Yr 10 Yearly Science Exam Yr 10 Food Technology Exam Yr 7 Swim School
Wed 6 th November	Support Unit Camp – Vision Valley Yr 8 Science VALID Yr 10 Dance Assessment
Thur 7 th November	Support Unit Camp – Vision Valley Yr 8 Maths Yearly Exam Yr 10 Maths Yearly Exam Yr 8 Science VALID Yr 9 Visual Arts - Sculpture by the Sea Yr 8 Japanese – Task 4 Assessment Yr 10 Metal Exam Yr 10 Graphics Exam Yr 7 Swim School
Friday 8 th November	Support Unit Camp – Vision Valley Yr 10 Drama Performance Yearly Exam Yr 8 Science VALID Yr 10 Japanese – AirBnB Advertisement Task 4 Yr 10 Commerce Yearly Exam Yr 10 Timber Exam Yr 10 Timber Exam Yr 7 Swim School

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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

TERM 4

This has been a busy year at MFHS for Years 10, 11 and 12! Year 12 have been studying, doing their UAC applications, organising TAFE courses for 2020 and applying for apprenticeships. Many students started their career selections in Year 11 which meant they only had to tweak their degree selections. Due to their diligence, many students have received early entry into the university of their choice. We wish them all the best in their upcoming careers.

Year 11 students have been seeing me to start their career path by investigating what degrees are available and the types of pathways available for their chosen degrees. As they attended the University excursions last year, many of them know which university they wish to attend. They have also been researching what scholarships and schemes are on offer at each university to assist in their studies.

Year 10 have been really busy with the Careers Expo, Survivor Life Skills, Work Experience and University excursions.

In the last week of Term 3 all Year 10 students attended work experience and proved to be a mature, enthusiastic and resilient cohort of students. The feedback we received from employers showed they had a positive work ethic to the point of gaining part time work and apprenticeships.

This term we are attending Universities to gain insight into campus life, courses available, pathways, scholarships and schemes on offer. We have attended Macquarie University which is always popular with our students. This week we are doing University of Sydney, the following weeks are UNSW and ACU. Each university does a presentation and then a campus tour.

Just a reminder that all Universities have open days next year, a great day for you to check out the university with your child.

Resumes

Many students need a resume to apply for part time work or an apprenticeship. They can see me in the Careers Office to organise this important start to their career.

White Card

If a student needs a white card to go onsite for trade work, he/she needs to book a venue to attend for the day. They are usually on a Saturday and run from 9am – 3pm, costing approximately \$85 with a student card. Please see me if you would like a recommendation for the venue. Tax file numbers

If your child needs a Tax File Number, they must do this online with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Once they have done the application it can be posted to them or they can pick it up from a nominated post office.

Regards Ms Katrina Tiedemann

FROM THE ENGLISH FACULTY

Term 4... to be or not to be? Is that the question burning on the lips of Year 9 this week? Probably not... as some students think Shakespeare is the boyfriend of the third Kardashian... but the incredible is occurring as we speak and Year 9 are actually enjoying the love story of 'Romeo and Juliet', the revenge of 'Macbeth' and the silliness of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. Without lecturing to the masses – we all know that Shakespeare is still very relevant – but it is nice for the student cohort to appreciate the cultural significance of Shakespearian texts and that listening to Shakespeare is not the equivalent of having your eyeballs poked by a possessed witch...

Year 8 are enjoying an equally exciting few weeks in listening to a range of diverse and powerful speeches in their unit, 'Lend me your ears!' (The exclamation is important here...) Although many teachers have complained about random shouts in class of 'How dare you!' (Thank you Greta...) the speech unit has introduced the classes to many incredible speeches, Martin Luther King, President Kennedy, President Trump... okay we are allowed to kid occasionally... On a serious note – it is important for the Year 8 cohort to understand the power of words. Very soon our Year 8 babies will be voting and appreciating that the power of the persuasive is an exciting process... (Alliteration! Yeah!)

Year 11 have just finished their Yearly Exams and without a moment to breathe they are well into the Year 12 course. Where does time go? What is time? What is life? What does it mean to be Human? These are all questions that begin our first HSC Core Module – 'The Human Experience' – it can be an exciting, yet nerve wracking process as the student cohort move towards the HSC – but the teaching staff at Model Farms are more than equipped to deal with the stresses associated with 'that little exam' and we will strive towards success together. (End dramatic music)

Not to forget two important exits in Term 3. We bid a fond farewell to our Year 12 cohort who are currently sitting their HSC exams. As we go to print, the English Exam is but a distant memory with Schoolies narratives already prominent parts of the future... Year 12 be safe and be secure in the knowledge that you have made us proud! It would be a Shakespearian tragedy not to mention the departure of our fearless leader, Ms Coffey. Her years of achievements and stories of success could fill many School Newsletters – but we all know that Ms Coffey's name will live on in Model Farms folklore. Ms Coffey will best be remembered for being synonymous (look that up please Year 7) with passion, commitment to student wellbeing and academic excellence. Enjoy your freedom Ms Coffey and if you are in need of a return there's always some essays to be marked...

FROM THE SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE FACULTY

Welcome back, Model Farms High School, to an exciting last term of 2019. It is going to be a busy end to the year.

Agriculture Important in Australian Education

Many kids in today's society have no idea where or how their food and clothing is produced and this is mind blowing. It is an important subject that ideally would be taught in all schools regardless of their location because an understanding of the basic process of getting food and clothing to our homes gives everyone the information they need to make informed choices about the food we feed our families and goods we consume.



Studying Agriculture at School helps spark curiosity in the Agriculture Industry for those who have never considered it to be an option and there are lots of opportunities both in regional and urban areas for Agriculturalists. The benefits of including Agriculture in the School's Curriculum teaching Agriculture in schools, outweighs the cost of it is so valuable as we are the next generation of people to supply Australia and the world with ethically and sustainably produced food and fibre products.

Agriculture is a subject that can easily be incorporated into a core subject like Science and Home Economics, yet many schools drop Agriculture from the whole school curriculum which deprives students of some unique and important, practical skills that are great experiences while at School and provide life-long skills for adulthood. The School Farm, the vegetables, crops and livestock provides many opportunities for students to grow and develop different skills. Some people who choose agriculture as a subject may not choose a career in agriculture but they might apply the skills they honed to a career that suits them. Therefore it is logical to provide agriculture in the school curriculum despite their location.

By Abby C

Busy start to the end of the term!!

- Year 10 have a yearly exam in week 4 and will start the new topic "The Universe".
- Year 9 have a topic test on "Waves & Electromagnetic Spectrum"
- Year 8 are to sit for two tests, they are: "Forces, Magnets and Sparks" in week 3 and a Practical Exam in week 5.
- Year 7 have a test on "Separating Mixtures" in week 3.

From the Science Faculty

FROM THE PDHPE FACULTY

SYDNEY WEST OZTAG TOURNAMENT





On Thursday the 24th of October, a large number of Model Farms students competed in the Sydney West OzTag tournament. These students were selected to represent the Hills Zone through a trial that occurred in week 1 of this term. Nathan A (year 11), Jackson B (year 11), Zachary S (year 11), Layne A (year 11), John R (year 11), Nicholas H (year 11), Zack S (year 11), Tyler C (year 9) and Trae A (year 8) were selected for the Boys team and Zoe E (year 10), Tamsyn W (year 10), Ashlea M (year 10), Indigo K (year 10), Milla E (year 9) and Jacquie S (year 9) were selected for the Girls team.

Both teams played exceptionally well on the day and represented the Zone and our school wonderfully. Congratulations particularly to the Girls team who placed 2nd overall.



CHELSEA K – JOFFREY BALLET SCHOOL



Congratulations to Chelsea K in Year 8 who has been accepted for a Summer Intensive program at the Joffrey Ballet School in the United States. Over the Term 3 holidays, Chelsea auditioned for the program in the SCHOOL styles of Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Musical Theatre and was successfully selected styles of Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and from an auditioning group of approximately

100. In 2020, Chelsea will be travelling to the U.S. to attend many workshops over a 3 week period. What an achievement, Chelsea. Well done!

YEAR 7 AND 8 TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

In week 4 on Friday the 1st of November, Years 7 and 8 students will be travelling to Kingsway Touch Football Fields to compete in the All Schools Touch Carnival. Well done to all students who have made the team and good luck for your games.



YEAR 7 SWIM SCHOOL

In week 4, all Year 7 students will be participating in the Swim School program at Waves Pool in Baulkham Hills. This is a compulsory event where students will take part in a variety of aquatic challenges and safe participation activities. This is a fantastic learning experience for students to engage in both theory and practical components and to develop Basic Resuscitation and CPR skills.









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

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# YEAR 8 - 2020 BOOK PACKS

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Last Day of Trading 2019 Friday - 6<sup>th</sup> December

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Saturday – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

# 2020

Saturday - 11<sup>th</sup> January 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

The Uniform Shop Re-opens FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

For Normal Trading

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## 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               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| BOYS                                                                            |                     |
| Shirt - BLUE (Junior) WHITE (Senior)                                            | \$35                |
| Shorts - Grey                                                                   | \$35                |
| Long Trousers                                                                   | \$45                |
| GIRLS                                                                           |                     |
| Blouse - BLUE - Old Style - Limited Sizes                                       | \$5                 |
| Blouse - BLUE - 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)                                                       |                     |
| Final Orders Close - 12 FEBRUARY 2020                                           | \$40                |
| Jacket Only - Old Style - Limited Stock<br>Jacket Only - New Style - Order Only | <u> </u>            |
| Pants Only                                                                      | <u>\$75</u><br>\$50 |
| Complete Set                                                                    | \$120               |
| MISCELLANEOUS                                                                   |                     |
| Apron                                                                           | \$15                |
| Calculator                                                                      | \$35                |
| Exercise Books - ie. maths, music, normal                                       | \$various           |

2019/2020 - Prices subject to change without notice - includes 10% GST







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

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Di Mayer Kathy Doherty Marta Irvine Ann Simmonds Cathy McMillan Maanasi Kathy McKay

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

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SPORT BUS PASSES CAN NOT BE PURCHASED ON WEDNESDAYS

| Please indicate preferred pass: | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| • A 5 trip pass for \$37.50 | No. of passes | Total \$ |
| • A 10 trip pass for \$75.00 | No. of passes | Total \$ |
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| Any change in Medical Condition e.g. Allergy, Asthma etc. | | | |
| Details | | | |
| Bus Pass: YES / NO | | | |



GOALS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- 2 X \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JULY-SEPT. 2020 SEMESTER AND YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USA, FRANCE AND ITALY.
- 🍸 APPLICANTS MUST CURBENTLY BE IN YEARS 9-11
- CREATE A VIDEO ANSWERING THE SCHOLARSHIP QUESTION AVAILABLE AT WEP.ORG.AU
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