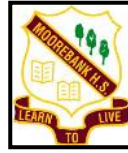


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Principal's Report - Ms Grego



Ending the term with a year 12 Graduation Celebration is always a major highlight of the year. This year has proven to be an even bigger highlight with outstanding presentations from all concerned. This newsletter highlights the event, so please continue to read the following pages and share in the photos that highlight the celebration.

As we come to the end of term 3 and the warmer weather surrounds us, let's ensure that we reflect over these holidays on the school's BRAVE values.

We pride ourselves as a school in the wearing of uniform and in the respectful manner in which we engage with each other and members of the community. Over the past few weeks I have received some very complimentary reports in regards to our students' behaviour in the manner in which they present themselves and greet and welcome our community. To the students who consistently demonstrate a high standard of behaviour, let me express my thanks and pride.

It is with a heavy heart that I do need to forward concerns from our partner primary schools that openly welcome our students to collect siblings. Despite announcements at morning musters, items in previous newsletters and being spoken to by the Principals of our MCOS community, some of our students continue to abuse this privilege. High school students entering the primary school are expected to sit quietly and await the end of the school day. Our students are not permitted to enter corridors or classrooms and playing ball games is prohibited. These behaviours pose a safety risk to smaller children and parents. Please be aware that entering the school as a sibling is a privilege and should inappropriate behaviours continue, students may be asked to wait for their siblings outside the school gates.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to the commencement of Term 4 on Monday 9th October for all students.

Vally Grego
Principal

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Year 12 Graduation
& Picnic



Graduating Class of 2017, Family and Friends of Year 12, Special Guests Mr Hayes, member for Fowler, Ms Faros, Principal Newbridge Heights PS and Members of Staff.

Today is a day of great celebration, particularly for the graduating class of 2017 and yet, embedded in all the celebration there are the emotions of sadness and even grief.

Sadness because we all take for granted the stable and predictable elements in our lives, as one significant element draws to a close for Year 12 today.

This week saw Year 12's final classes and the traditional picnic day where students and staff enjoyed the day celebrating the end of a milestone.

I look forward to hearing from the younger students at this assembly as they show their respect to you as the senior students and role models of our school.

I also look forward to enjoying a farewell morning tea with you all on Friday 15 December and your formal at La Montage on the 16 of November.

A great adventure awaits you all as you go from the safety of this controlled environment to one where you are far more at liberty to choose your paths. The joys of greater freedom and responsibility await you and I believe that Moorebank High has prepared you well to take on this challenge and the awaiting change in direction in your lives.

I am proud of your achievements over the years, your various successes in a wide range of pursuits, from the great scholarly achievements, to the cultural pursuits of performance and music through to sport. You have willingly and enthusiastically accepted the challenge we gave you at the beginning of last year, to grasp the many leadership opportunities, both formal and informal, to positively influence the student body as a whole. I would like to make particular mention of Mimi and Marco our 2017 school captains, and the prefect body for making a significant difference this year. For that, I and the teaching staff, thank you.

To the teachers of Year 12 – thank you for the exceptional job you have done in providing quality teaching and learning programs to our students in preparation for the Higher School Certificate exams.

To your Parents /Carers/Grandparents - You should be justly proud of the work you have done in assisting your children in preparing for the HSC and their future lives. You must be full of pride as you sit here watching this fine group of young people, preparing to move onto the next step of their life long journey of learning.

Thank you for your support – it has been greatly appreciated by the staff of Moorebank High and, most importantly, by your children.

On behalf of year 12, parents and staff, I would like to personally thank Ms Tonguarian, Year 12 Year Adviser, Mr Ghossain, Head Teacher Wellbeing, Mr Khodragha, stage 6 coach and Mr Lewis, careers adviser, for their outstanding work and the personal and academic support they have provided to the students and their families. My thanks also to Ms Jones who, as Ms Tonguarian's assistant, was able to provide additional support and opportunities to Year 12 – in particular the preparation for today, the picnic and formal.

Thanks also to Mr Greg Horsley who, as Deputy Principal, oversaw the welfare and discipline of this year group. Mr Horsley has forged exceptionally strong relationships with the students individually and as a year group and I know that many parents and carers were fortunate to have had the support of Greg throughout the last 2 years.

Both Mr Horsley and myself are extremely proud of the young men and women you have become and the mature way in which you have all conducted yourselves in the senior years.

I look forward to meeting with you all individually at the conclusion of your HSC examinations for feedback on your experiences whilst at Moorebank and about your future goals and career plans. Congratulations to those students who have already secured an apprenticeship, employment or advanced entry to university or further training – On behalf of the Moorebank High Community I wish you all the very best in your future careers.

Congratulations to you all for reaching this fundamental milestone in your relatively short lives. Today signals the end of your school life. This is indeed an auspicious occasion - a rite of passage, one which might be characterised by contradictory feelings such as loss, confusion and sadness on the one hand and sheer jubilation, exultation and unmitigated joy on the other.

Year 12, you entered Moorebank High School to Learn to Live. Our very best wishes go with you as you make your final preparations for the HSC and then as you take on life beyond the walls of Moorebank High. With considerable guidance from both home and school, you have reached this milestone with credit and integrity, well equipped for the world you now enter. If nothing else I hope you have learnt to live your lives always demonstrating generosity, respect, responsibility, safety of self and others, value of learning and excellence in all that you aim for. I hope that now that Moorebank is no longer providing that touchstone, that you do not lose sight of these BRAVE values.

At times such as these, speakers often call on the wisdom of great philosophers. I would like to do just that. One that you probably have all read when you were learning to read way back in kindergarten.

Dr Seuss. His words of wisdom and advice.

Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to Great Places!

You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes

You can steer yourself

any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.

And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.

On and on you will hike

and I know you'll hike far

and face up to your problems

whatever they are.

You'll get mixed up, of course,

as you already know.

You'll get mixed up

with many strange birds as you go.

So be sure when you step.

Step with care and great tact

and remember that Life's

a Great Balancing Act.

So...

you're off to Great Places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting.

So...get on your way!

Year 12, I thank you and on behalf of the school community I wish that you achieve your dreams.

Here's to a bright and amazing future.

Vally Grego

Principal

FACULTY FOCUS— TAS

Faculty News

Technologies 2017

Some brief news about staffing in 2017. Mr G Shuker, who was a highly committed and enthusiastic member of the faculty staff, obtained a transfer to a Jervis Bay high school and this year has very much been enjoying his sea change. Replacing Mr Shuker and doing an excellent job is Mr M Boyd. We farewelled Mr Boyd at the end of last year after he very successfully replaced Mr Callaghan who was on leave for the year. We have been very thankful to Mr Boyd who stepped into a difficult situation at the start of this year and his commitment to providing quality instruction to his classes is highly commendable and very much appreciated. He has established a wonderful rapport with his classes and is much liked and respected by his students. A permanent replacement to Mr Shuker will be joining the faculty staff at the beginning of term 4 this year. Mr S Clark will bring a breadth of experience to the school and will certainly be an asset to the faculty. Ms T Isiah has been on maternity leave for much of the year and is enjoying being a mother at home caring for her new arrival. We have been very lucky that Ms C Cato has filled in throughout the year and has done a wonderful job. Ms Dunbar, having led year 12 through their studies this year and having given more than 30 years of service to teaching, is taking a well earned holiday and Ms Cato will stay and fill in for Ms Dunbar.

The Technologies faculty in 2017 continues to provide a diverse range of learning experiences for the students of Moorebank High School. Despite the broad diversity of subjects made available to students in all years additional demands are being made of the faculty in the coming year. A new syllabus for years 7 and 8 will see students engaged in coding and programming and learning real world applications of this technology.

A reminder about the need for all students to attend school in full uniform. Within the practical classrooms the need to wear fully enclosed leather shoes as part of the whole uniform is very important for the safety of all. This includes Tuesday, Sport day, when some students forget.



Moorebank High School

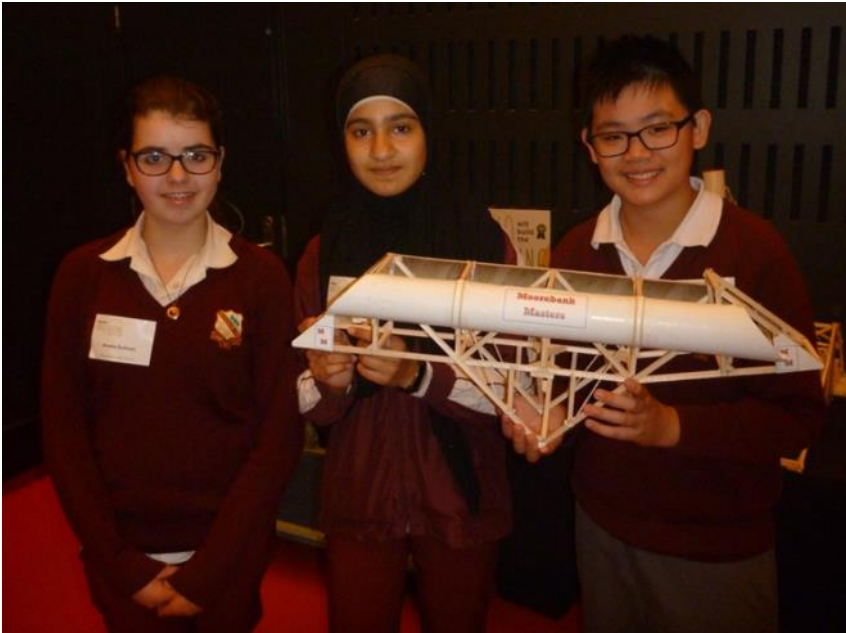
Acceptable shoe styles for both Boys and Girls

All school shoes must have a full leather upper (polished or suede) and a substantial sole

Plain black shoes only, with no other markings or colours

FACULTY FOCUS—TAS

YEAR 8, 9 & YEAR 10



A team of three **year 8 students** successfully competed in the annual Aurecon bridge building challenge again this year.

Although we did not win this year we competed admirably and the students pictured, Amelia, Hamna and Hayden really enjoyed the opportunity.



Year 9

Similarly, the IT Timber students have completed, or as of now, nearly completed some lovely furniture pieces. Something to keep for years to come even after leaving home. We know so many of our students finish their projects with such pride and with the rare opportunity to say "I made that."

Year 10 students in Industrial Technology Timber have taken on the challenge of designing and manufacturing a project of their choosing. It is a big ask at that age to develop what is effectively a prototype but to finish it to a high standard.

To enhance the project capabilities of the timber classes a new table saw with a tilting arbour will be installed later this year.



FACULTY FOCUS—TAS

YEARS 11 & 12

VET Construction remains a very popular course for year 11 and 12 students. The faculty endeavours to provide as realistic as possible practical experiences for students. Year 12 students prepared some concrete slabs onto which outdoor picnic tables will be placed. The picnic tables are under construction by the year 11 Construction students and between now and the end of the year they will be installed with a covering roof. They are arranged so as to also provide an outdoor classroom facility for the PDHPE faculty when the weather permits. They have proved to be very popular with students, providing them a comfortable and covered area at recess and lunch.

We are now at that time of year when our year 12 Industrial Technology students have finished their Major Independent Projects and the next group have already begun theirs. Mr Akkoui and Ms Patel led the year 12 classes through the process of project completion extremely well. Ms Patel and Mr Akkoui have worked enthusiastically with the Graphics and Timber students and some of their Major Projects look very promising for high results.

YEAR 12 MAJOR WORKS

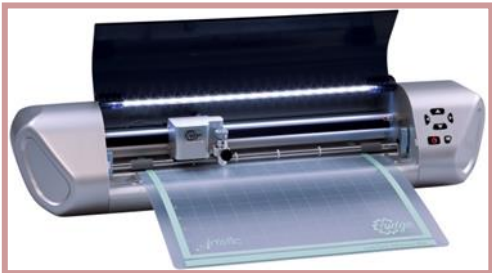




Graphics students, and indeed all students, are experiencing the fun of 3D printing. We purchased a second X Box printer in 2016 and they have had a lot of use with Graphics and year 7 and 8 students. We haven't reached the full potential of these machines but will expand their use in 2018, perhaps a third machine to speed up printing and give students quicker access to their work.

New Technology is being made available in Textiles.

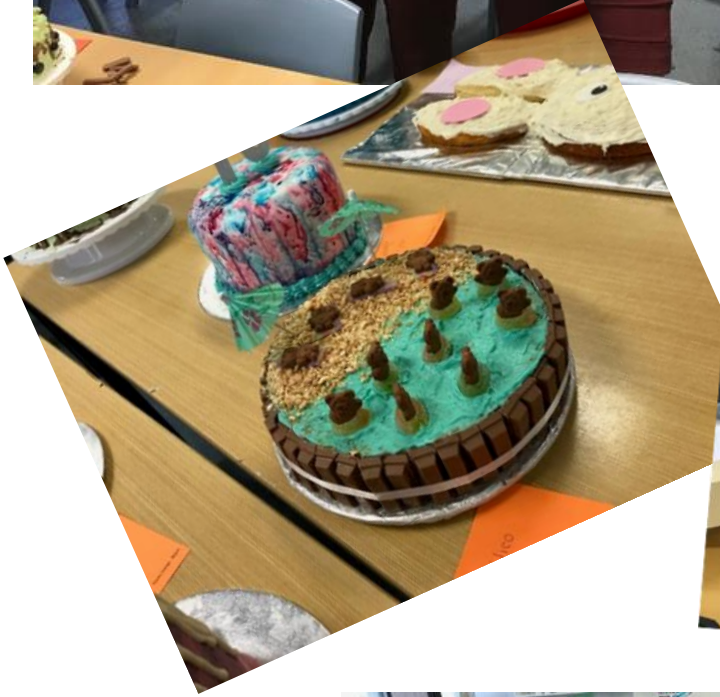
New sewing machines with computer input and embroidery facilities matched with new computerised fabric cutters will expand the project capabilities in this area.



The faculty looks forward to all our students working productively in the acquisition of new skills and knowledge and continuing to succeed as Technology students. As always we are looking to enhance our Technology base with new or improved equipment and as a Faculty we are very thankful for the support of Ms Grego who understand the challenges of providing a relevant 21 C education to our students. The hope in 2018 is to purchase a Laser cutter and Etcher.



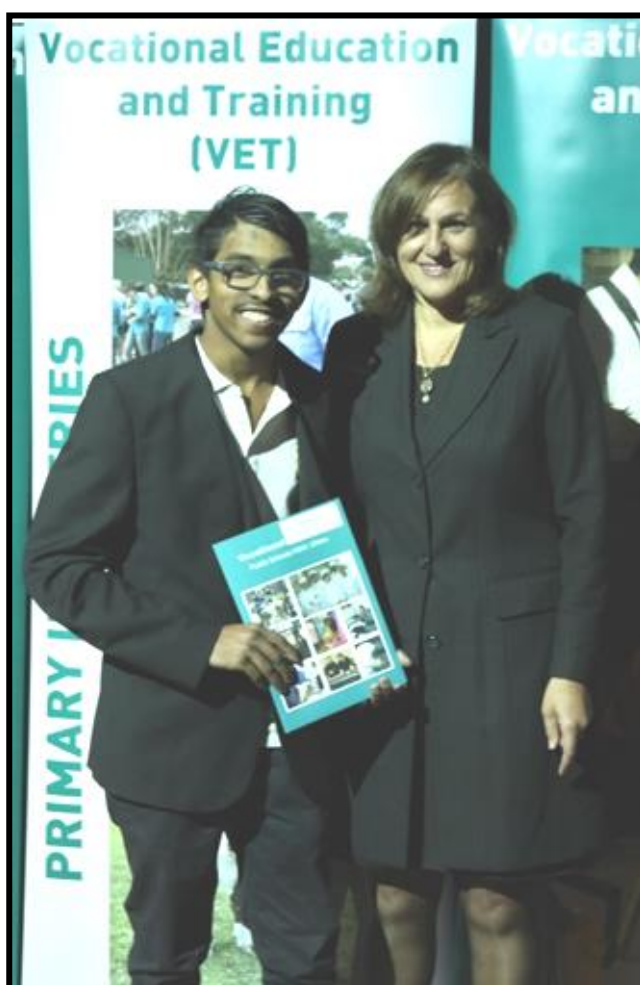
YEAR 10 CAKE DECORATING





VET AWARDS 2017

Moorebank High School has again been a proud supporter of VET In Schools during 2017. Students enthusiastically took part in Hospitality, Construction and Sports Coaching and have been recognised with a range of awards.



Prayash Narayan was a proud winner of the 'Public School Ultimo VET award 2017' for Diligence in Construction.

We also had three Year 12 students receiving the 'Rotary Youth Vocational Awards' for 2017. They received these awards for making a diligent and sustained effort in their chosen course.

The students who received these awards were Serena Nian for Hospitality, Jake Hewetson for Construction and Cayla Fitzgerald for Sports Coaching.

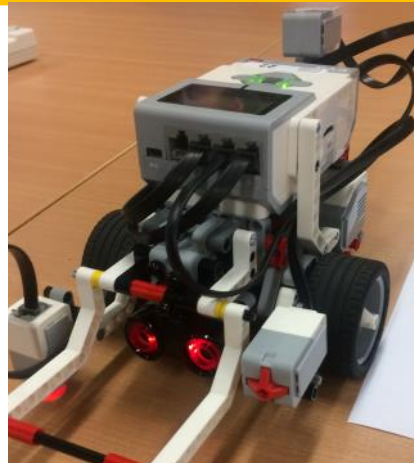
Congratulations!

ATSI NEWS

Year 10 ATSI student Kali Rowe is to be congratulated on being a recipient of the NSW Government Public Schools 2017 Aboriginal Student Achievement Award. The annual award celebrates excellence and achievement of Aboriginal students. Kali has received an award under the category of Creative Arts for her outstanding achievements within the field of Music. For the last four years, Kali has been a member of KARI's Aboriginal Vocal Identification Program (VIP). VIP aims to seek out young Aboriginal singers from the South West area and provide them with unique musical and performance opportunities. Kali has performed at important events such as NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week and at various prestigious venues for VIP including Government House, Sydney Town Hall, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Opera House.



This term, year 7 student Ryan Morgan was lucky enough to participate in the 2017 Twugia program at the University of Western Sydney. Twenty-four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from a number of different schools, were invited to participate in the program based on their excellent NAPLAN results. During the three day camp, students built friendships and developed an understanding of Aboriginal Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Workshops actively promoted STEM; including Computing, Information & Communications Technology and Engineering. Due to his outstanding results in NAPLAN, Ryan is also a recipient of a 2017 Aboriginal Student Achievement Award from NSW Government Public Schools, under the category of Numeracy.



SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

Twelve Year 8 students have been participating in a STEM initiative for the past 12 weeks. In this time the four groups created, tested and modified model solar cars for racing. Congratulations to all four of our teams who competed in the Minisprint at UNSW on the 2/9/17 and a special Congratulations to Cassandra, Kai and James who won first place.

A massive congratulations to our senior Solar Car team who have won the Sunsprint State event. They are now off to Adelaide for nationals in November. Thank you to Ms O'Connor and our parent mentor Mr Edgecombe for all their support.



CANTEEN MENU PRICE CHANGES AS OF 09/10/17

Hot Food

Spicy Chicken Wraps	\$4.00
Chicken Burgers	\$4.20
Beef Burgers	\$4.50
Fish Burgers (Lunch Only)	\$4.50
Chicken Dinners	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.00
Meatballs Sub (Lunch Only)	\$4.00
Pizza	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.80
Chicken Stix & Sauce	\$3.00
Hot Dog & Sauce	\$3.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$2.80
Chicken & Corn Roll	\$2.50

Rolls, Sandwiches & Wraps

Rolls

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Ham Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Cheese & Salad	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.00

Sandwiches

Cheese & Salad	\$3.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00

1/2 Wraps

Chicken Salad & Sweet Chilli Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Caesar	\$3.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$3.00