Dear Parents, Staff and Students

School Visitors - As a school we have a duty of care of our students. As such, all visitors to the school must firstly go to the office, and if their visit is appropriate beyond the foyer area, sign in as a visitor and be given a visitor’s badge to wear for the duration of their stay in the school. This applies to parents who come to the school to see a teacher or student.

It is not appropriate for parents to email any staff directly. Staff will not respond to any email they receive directly from a parent. Parents are welcome to either write a letter or send an email to the school email address, where it will then be forwarded to the teacher, Deputy Principal or Principal.

On Show - The Northern Beaches Secondary College Performance Nights, On Show, were a great success. These nights of excellence displayed the talent of our students in the performing arts. The show was a truly wonderful performance, allowing families to experience some of the fantastic things happening when our talented students get together with our amazing staff. Our comperes, drama students, singers and musicians set a very high standard.

Project Penguin - For the eighth year, Taronga Zoo, in conjunction with the Northern Beaches Secondary College and several of its schools, is planning a learning rich task called Project Penguin. The zoo has obtained sponsorship from a zoo benefactor to support the project. The project will involve students from Years 10 and 4 or 5 working together to help preserve a local endangered species, the Little Penguin. Sixty of our Year 10 girls will be trained by zoo and teaching staff in the relevant science, research methods, geography and mentoring for the project, to lead the primary school teams. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students.

Technology - The rapid pace of developments in technology has provided access to information and new communications that have benefited us enormously. With the privilege of access to technology in schools comes responsibility. Any breach of our school’s code of conduct with technology will result in that student’s computer device being confiscated and disciplinary action, in accordance with the Student User Charter that the student and parent have signed. The following indicates computer use that is not acceptable at school:

- using the device to access inappropriate applications and websites for school use
- using someone else’s account or providing your password and account for another to use
- using a proxy to access sites blocked by the Department of Education and Communities
- bringing to school, or using, a USB that contains inappropriate material
- senior students using computers in their study periods for activities that are not directly related to their HSC courses.

Mobile phones must be switched off whenever a student is in class or participating in a school activity. Photographs, videos or audio recordings made with a mobile phone may not be taken or made without the permission of those being photographed or recorded and may not be publicly distributed.

Please discuss this information with your child/children to ensure that both you and your child/children understand what is inappropriate use of computers and mobile phones at school.

Student Punctuality - Lateness to school is an issue with a small number of our students. I ask parents to do what they can to instil in their children the importance of being on time, getting to school by 8.40 am and being prepared to start the day in a positive frame of mind. Repeated lateness is a serious misdemeanour and affects students’ progress. The number of days a student is late appears on their school report – a notable number here would not be attractive to a prospective employer, even for part-time jobs.
Congratulations for high achievement to:

- Grace, Maggie and Talia (Y11), with Mr Fisher and Mr Kirkpatrick for their performance at Kirribilli House for the Prime Minister’s wife’s, Mrs Abbott, Benefit Event
- the Performance Band for their performance for the NSW Governor and the launch of Interrelate
- Mia (Y7) for her selection for the NSW U13 Futsal team tour of Italy and Samantha (Y10) for the same tour
- Aliie (Y7) for her competing in the World Irish dancing Championships in Montreal
- Alyssse (Y10) for her qualifying for the Australian Surf Lifesaving U16 Honorary School Team
- Julia (Y8) for her competing in the Australian Kayak Sprint Championships
- Lara (Y12) for her NSW Surf Lifesaving results: 1st in U17 2km swim, 2nd female and 4th overall, 3rd in U17 swim team
- Brianna (Y10) for her selection as Captain of the All Schools Softball team to compete at the Pacific School Games
- The NSW CHS Swimming Championship qualifiers: Lara (Y12), Aliyah and Christine (Y11), Nadine and Ashley (Y10), Kathleen, Grace, Jaime, Marina and Jessica (Y9), Sienna, Indianna, Claudia and Bronwyn (Y8), Charlotte, Cassandra, Rebecca, Hannah, Madeleine and Eva (Y7)
- Brianna (Y12) for her competing in the NSW CHS and NSW All Schools Golf Championships
- Billie (Y11) for her competing in the NSW Surf Lifesaving Championships
- Georgia (Y11) for her win in the NSW Heron Junior State Championships and Emma and Rachel (Y10) for 5th overall and 3rd in handicap
- Samantha (Y10) and Ella (Y9) for their selection in the Regional Football team
- Pihuka and Lucy (Y9) and Mya (Y8) for their selection in the Regional 15s Touch Football team
- Jordan and Brittany (Y12) for their selection in the Regional Volleyball team
- Gaby Journee and Nicci (Y7) for their win in the U12 State Championships in the Metropolitan Serves State Tennis team
- Olivia and Annika (Y11) for their selection for the Australian Science Camp in Canberra
- Laura (Y9) for her nomination for the Warringah Youth Ambassador to Brewarrina group
- Alexandra (Y10) for her selection for a Student Exchange to the Netherlands for a 3 month program
- Arlia (Y11), Claudia (Y12), Karolina (10) and Alenka (Y9) for gaining entry to the prestigious 2015 Mosman Youth Art Prize

Christine Del Gallo, Principal

P&C NEWS

The P&C Committee started 2015 with the hosting of the Year 7 New Parents Welcome Evening on 17 February. This was followed on 4 March by the AGM and first meeting of the year.

The AGM Financial Report showed the P&C Committee donated a total of $310,402 to the school in 2014 to help provide resources to support the best learning outcomes for your daughters. This extraordinary funding was made up of $60,000 from Parent Contributions and the balance from the revenue from our very successful uniform shop and school canteen operations. More detailed information about how the 2014 donations were spent will be in the next newsletter.

At the AGM the P&C Executive for 2015 was also elected:

- President: Jenny Thompson
- Vice Presidents: Kathy Flower and Doug Price
- Secretary: Fifi Spelcher
- Treasurer: Gabrielle Davis

Planning has already begun for the annual fundraising Trivia Night on Saturday 30 May. We are looking for volunteers to assist with advertising, ticketing, donation collection and organisation. If interested please contact president@mackellar-pandc.com.

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday night 1 April at 7.30pm in the Staff Common Room (enter via main reception area). Our guest speaker will be David Ferguson, Area Teachers Federation Representative, who will update the parent community about the Gonski funding situation. All Welcome.

Want to know more about the Mackellar Girls P&C? Just go to our website: www.mackellar-pandc.com or follow the link on the school website.

Jenny Thompson, P&C President  president@mackellar-pandc.com
Report – March 2015

YEAR 7 – Year 7 recently attended a three day camp, ‘The Great Aussie Bush Camp’ at Tea Gardens. The camp provided the girls with an opportunity to form new friendships and get to know each other better. They had a fantastic time, and were supportive and encouraging of each other as they participated in activities such as the giant swing and leap of faith. The camp staff were impressed with the girls’ behaviour and how enthusiastically they participated in each activity.

The girls will be selecting their SRC members to represent them as a year group by the end of this term. They will also be participating in a study skills day on Thursday Week 10. This day is designed to help students develop their skills in preparing for assessments.

Ms Secrett and Ms Guest

YEAR 8 - The Year 8 Sleepover which was held in Week 6 of this term was a great success. The girls enjoyed all the fun activities and games with enthusiasm and have made great friendship bonds amongst themselves and the Prefects of the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Prefects for the organisation as it was a memorable event for everyone to experience this Mackellar tradition, as well as the teachers who had volunteered their time to spend the night with the girls.

As the winter uniform is to be worn when we return next term, it is ideal to check whether your daughter has outgrown their uniform so adjustments can be made before she returns to school. Also, there are still a number of girls who have not returned the blue student information form as well as Mackellar’s Technology and BYOD Usage Charter. Please check with your daughter if she has already submitted them to school.

Ms Reeves and Ms Leung

YEAR 9 - Year 9 has had an excellent start to the year, proving to be a group of girls who embody the values of empathy, integrity and honesty. Recently, the Starlight Foundation recognised the efforts of Year 9 in raising money through their 2014 Christmas Picnic. The money raised will help to brighten the lives of sick children.

Ms Griffin and Ms Gazzard

YEAR 10 - Year 10 is up and running, having been familiarised with the Assessment Booklet at the very start of the year.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the Cyber Safety talk with Leonie Smith and learned a great deal about how to behave responsibly and safely online.

Year 10 Parent Teacher evening will take place on 30 March.

Ms McLaren will be on leave from Wednesday Week 9 until Monday Week 3 of next term. Please direct all welfare issues to Ms Barker and all academic issues to Head Teachers or the Deputy Principals if need be.

Ms McLaren and Ms Barker

YEAR 11 - In week 5 this term, year 11 and 12 had a cyber safety talk presented by Leonie Smith. She shared current and useful information that the students could use to stay safe online. Leonie related to the students well and answered any questions that they had with great knowledge.

Next term, year 11 exams begin in week 5. Students are encouraged to start studying and to use the skills they learnt on the study skills day in term 1.

Ms Robb and Mr Fisher

YEAR 12 - Best wishes to all Year 12 students as they sit their Half Yearly Examinations, which run during weeks 9 and 10 of this term.

Ms Bayliss and Mr Snow

POSITION VACANT

School Canteen Attendant
2 days a week (school term only)
Tuesday 7.30am - 3pm
Wednesday 7.30am - 2pm

Due to the retirement of a long serving employee our busy school canteen requires an experienced and energetic individual to join the team.

Food preparation or cooking experience in a café, sandwich shop or commercial kitchen is highly desirable. Food handling experience, good customer service and communication skills, and the ability to work quickly and safely in a busy environment are essential.

Please send expressions of interest with resume or information about relevant experience to Jenny Thompson, P&C President president@mackellar-pandc.com.

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Parent Teacher Night Bookings

Each year Mackellar Girls Campus hosts Parent/Teacher evenings in Terms 1 and 2. These evenings are very important as they provide an early opportunity for teachers to communicate information about the students’ progress directly to families.

We use a web-based booking system that allows parents to make bookings with teachers through an online system. This alleviates the necessity for students to act as intermediaries for parents.

Specific directions for the booking process will be provided to parents two weeks before each Parent Teacher night. These directions will be emailed to parents. Students may request a paper copy of directions from their Year Adviser.

- **Bookings will open** on Monday **16/3/15** for **Year 7 and 10 Parent Teacher Night ONLY**.
- **Please do not make a booking for students in other Years at this time.** This is for parents of students in Years 7 and 10.
- **Bookings for this Parent Teacher night will close on Friday 27/3/15**, so please ensure that you have made your bookings by that time.

To make a booking for Parent/Teacher evening, parents / caregivers need to log on to the website, [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the Event Number which is **S6CSB**, enter their details, choose the teachers that they wish to see and the times that they wish to see them. **You will be able to book from 9am on Monday 16/3/15 until 3pm on Friday 27/3/15.**

If a teacher or a time is not available, that information will be available for parents to see. **In order to make a booking, it is imperative that parents know the correct details of their child’s teachers and subjects. This information is available on each student’s timetable.**

**Dates for the Parent-Teacher Nights are as follows:**

- Years 7 and 10: Monday March 30th, 2015
- Years 8 and 12 Tuesday April 28th, 2015
- Years 9 and 11 Thursday May 7th, 2015

All relevant parents will be emailed with booking details for the other two Parent Teacher nights before bookings open.
PDHPE -

Year 10 PASS classes are doing some walks around Manly, Freshwater and Curl Curl as part of their Outdoor Recreation Unit of work. PASS camp is in Week 1 next term at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. Final payments are due today for that camp.

Weekend Hockey starts during the school holidays with the first game on 18 April. There will be no training next week due to the Easter break.

Congratulations to:
- The Open KO Soccer team who defeated Narrabeen 4-1 in the opening round of their campaign.
- The KO volleyball team who won against Asquith. They now play off to become the Sydney North Regional Champions.
- The KO Basketball and the KO Tennis teams also progressed but unfortunately the Open Water Polo team was defeated.
- Students who competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Warringah Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 11 March. Age champions were Cassandra 12 years, Charlie 13 years and Lara 18 years.
- The 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 age groups won their relays with the 17 years coming second. Mackellar also won the All Age and Mixed Relay events. All of the relays were successful at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival and will be now competing at the CHS Swimming carnival.

Sydney Swans visit - On Thursday 12 March 20 students from Years 8 and 9 participated in a Sydney Swans training session. The students were taught key AFL skills such as passing, kicking and catching. They also learnt about the players training schedule and development pathways. If your daughter would like to get involved in AFL please visit the following websites for more information manlybombers.com.au or playafl.com.au.

The Year 9 and 10 Sport Selections for session 2 will be held on 22 April. Any students who will be away on PASS camp are required to sign up at the front office on 1 April. Notes have been emailed to students and parents.

Our school Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 29 April; please make sure you get your training in over the school holidays!

The Premier Sporting Challenge was held last Thursday 19 March at Freshwater Senior Campus. The Year 9 and 10 coaches did a fantastic job teaching local primary schools skills in tennis, soccer, league, golf, speedminton, dance and softball. All participants represented Mackellar with pride and enthusiasm. A great day was had by all!

Ms R Williams - HT PDHPE

SWIMMING -

One again the Mackellar Girls have kept up our tradition of domination in the pool. Even though Mrs Collier retired last year and was no longer at the helm, our girls continued to show not only our Zone but our Region that we clearly have the best swimming team around!

At our School Swimming Carnival we had our youngest student ever win our school championship race and Charlie Brown from year 7 was crowned the “Fastest Swimmer in the School!”

Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys were once again the fastest combined team in the 12x50m relay and both schools won the carnival overall. All our relay teams progressed through to the Regional Carnival, Cassandra, Lara and Charlie were age champions (with Charlie also breaking a swimming record!).

The Regional Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park was quite an eye opener for some of our younger swimmers but nothing was going to hold them back from complete pool domination! Congratulations to our 12, 13, 14 and 16 years relay teams who have all qualified for the CHS Carnival. We have 20 students who have progressed through to this State Carnival which is outstanding.

Ms S Waterhouse, PDHPE
SURFING REPORT -

*Mackellar Surfing Competition 2015* - Mackellar Girls held the annual Surfing Competition on Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March at Manly with consistent 2 foot swell conditions. We had Brendan and Nick as the experienced judges from Manly Surf School who also offered plenty of coaching tips after each heat. There were 25 Mackellar competitors who were all capable and enthusiastic surfers across two age divisions.

A special thanks goes to *Laura Oliver* of Year 8 who took some great photos and video footage of the girls surfing; these pictures can be viewed on the ‘Macka Media’ site. Also thank you to Mrs Saunders who assisted on the day and to the parents who came to support their daughters.

A successful and enjoyable day was had by all and we look forward to hosting the event next year. The finalists were as follows:

**Junior Division:** 1\textsuperscript{st} Ciara; 2\textsuperscript{nd} Anne; 3\textsuperscript{rd} Molly; 4\textsuperscript{th} Jasmine

**Senior Division:** 1\textsuperscript{st} Alysse; 2\textsuperscript{nd} Mia Marr

Congratulations girls.

*Rhonda Williams, Head Teacher PDHPE*

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**NBSC COLLEGE SPORT -**

College Sport teams have had a busy first term in a variety of Knockout Competitions across the region.

The *Girls Open College Netball* team had a convincing win in their first round game against Barrenjoey HS with a 49 to 20 win in the Freshwater Gym at the end of February. The girls then travelled to Gosford early in March for the next two rounds and showed incredible talent and strength winning both rounds. The first game was won playing North Sydney Girls 96-5 and then Henry Kendall 62-17. The team will now play Northlakes in the 4th round in May. The talented College Squad consists of *Tamara, Cristy, Aaliyah, Bridgette, Grace, Jordan, Chloe, Claudia, Grace, Mia, Pihuka* and are coached by Rebecca Angus.

Congratulations also to the following girls who were successful in making the Sydney North Open Girls Netball Team to attend the NSWCHS carnival from Tuesday 26 May to Thursday 28 May in Wollongong; *Cristy, Bridgette* and *Tamara*.

The *Girls Open College Waterpolo* team was selected following trials early in March before they travelled to Ryde Aquatic Centre for three games in one day. The squad progressed through two rounds but were unfortunately knocked-out in the final game by 1 goal against Burwood Girls. Results by round were; NBSC College defeated Pittwater HS 27-0, NBSC College defeated Riverside 8-7, and NBSC College were defeated by Burwood 10-11. The girls played well together coaching and mentoring themselves through each of the rounds and are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and dedication. The squad consisted of *Charlie, Natalie, Isabella, Bridget, Sienna, Catherine, Nadia, Jade* and *Dakota*.

The *Boys Open College Waterpolo* team were equally successful in their games at Ryde Aquatic Centre the following week again progressing through two rounds to be knocked-out by Balgowlah Boys in their final game! Results for this talented team were; NBSC College defeated Galston 24-5, NBSC College defeated Homebush 12-10, and NBSC College were defeated by Balgowlah Boys 8-13. It was nice to see the final round for the day being played by two very strong NBSC teams where friendships across the teams were evident. The boys squad consisted of *Conner, Ryan, Greg, Ejay, Isaac, Ian* and *Oisin*.

Congratulations to the following NBSC students who have been selected in the *Boys Open College Hockey* team to compete in the Knockout Competition toward the end of term; *Wil, Todd, Sam, Harry, Zac, Sebastian, Andrew, Cooper, Tom, Jai, Lochie*, and *Liam*. The team is looking for a few more players to join the squad in their first round match against North Sydney Boys in coming weeks. If you play Representative Hockey or Hockey at a high level please contact Vicki Busse for further information. The *Girls Open College Hockey* team will be announced shortly.

A big thank you to Ms Saunders (Mackellar Girls Campus), for running the trials and selecting the teams.

*Vicki Busse, Relieving College Sports Coordinator, Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC)*
MUSIC NEWS -

MANLY WOMEN’S REFUGE BENEFIT - Grace, Maggie and Talia of Year 11, Mr Kirkpatrick and I were invited to provide background music for a Benefit for the Manly Women's Refuge at Kirribilli House on Friday 20 March. The event was hosted by the Prime Minister’s wife, Mrs Abbott, and despite the windy weather and the magnificent view, the students created a lovely background to the event and all notaries were suitably impressed. (Simon Fisher, Music Teacher)

MUSIC NIGHT - The first music night of the year was a great success with girls in all large ensembles and a couple of soloists performing to friends and family. The next Music Night is in Week 7, Term 2 on 1 June.

BIG BAND - On Show - Congratulations to the Mackellar Big Band for a wonderful, energetic performance at On Show last week, it was a fabulous item to end both nights.

PERFORMANCE BAND AT THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM - The Performance Band performed on Friday at the Powerhouse Museum for the launch of the Anti-Bullying Campaign and program run by Interrelate. It was a fabulous event to be involved in with many dignitaries in attendance including his Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC, Governor of New South Wales and Concetta Fierravanti-Wells the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services, Senator for New South Wales. The girls not only played to an extremely high standard but also sat beautifully still for over 2 hours during the presentation. The Interrelate organisers and the many dignitaries were very impressed by the beautiful musicianship and manners of our girls. I was very proud to present our students at this event.

BAND REHEARSAL DAY AND RECORDING – PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 20 APRIL, TERM 2 - Performance Band and Big Band will have an extra long rehearsal on this day. Please arrange to be returned from holidays so everyone is at this rehearsal. FULL attendance is required for Big Band as we will be recording a better version of “Out of the Doghouse” for the Art Alive auditions.

Girls will need to be at school for a 10am start having already had morning tea. Mufti clothes may be worn but no shortie shorts, singlet tops or thongs are to be worn. Schedule - 10:00am- 12:30pm - Performance Band rehearsal; 12:30pm – 1:15pm - Lunch; 1:15 – 2:45pm - Big Band. (Vanessa Patterson, Band Director)

ON SHOW 2015 - The fun and excitement of On Show was again upon us in Week 8! On Show is a brilliant showcase of the dance, drama and musical talents of students from each of College's five campuses. This year Mackellar presented a Year 12 Drama item, as well as performances from the Big Band, String Ensemble with vocalists and a Year 11/12 smaller ensemble performing their interpretation of the classic INXS song “Never Tear Us Apart”. Congratulations to all of the girls who represented Mackellar.

NORTHERN COMPOSURE BAND COMPETITION - Congratulations to Erin, Tahlia, Emma and Caitlin for competing in the Northern Composure Band Competition at Yoyos Youth Centre on Friday 20 March. They performed a set of original compositions and won legions of new fans from other schools. The girls were also featured artists in the Manly Daily, promoting the band competition as well as raising awareness for National Youth Week. (Jack Kirkpatrick, Music Teacher)

LANGUAGES NEWS -

LANGUAGE DAY FOR YEAR 8 - A reminder that Language Day notes and money are due in by 31 March. Don’t miss the deadline!

We are looking forward to a great day of language and cultural immersion based activities.

FRENCH RESTAURANT EXCURSION - Year 10 had a fantastic but very filling experience at CJ's Fondue Restaurant in Neutral Bay. Cheese fondue with chunks of bread followed by chocolate fondue served with fruit and marshmallows ensured that no one left hungry.

Ms Bianchin - HT Languages
DANCE NEWS -

Congratulations to all the dancers selected to be part of our Mackellar dance ensembles for 2015. Ensemble rehearsals are well under way and students are working hard towards the upcoming Sydney North Dance Festival next Term.

We are delighted to have had Indiana, Erika, Freya and Amber selected for the NSW Public Schools State Dance Company. They are excited to start working towards a company piece to perform at State Dance Festival.

The Mackellar Girls dance program recently welcomed Thomas Bradley to our school from Sydney Dance Company who taught the girls a choreographic workshop based on their current seasons work ‘Frame of Mind’. We then saw Sydney Dance Company in action as we saw Rafael Bonachela’s ‘Frame of Mind’ as well as ‘Quintett’ by William Forsythe at Walsh Bay. The girls really enjoyed this spectacular performance and we all felt inspired as performers. Samara describes her experience at the performance below.

“As part of a dance excursion today we were able to attend Sydney North Dance Company to watch the dancers perform. They performed two different shows and by personal opinion I preferred the second ‘Frame of Mind’ however ‘Quintet’ was also amazing.

‘Frame of Mind’ started with a dark stage and they began with slow, simple movements as if afraid to dance. Then a sudden rapid violin came in and the dancers came to life through fierce and urgent movements; they then moved into unison creating a picture of tense movement.

During Frame of Mind I found the lighting and scenery really effective in relation to the piece. A huge prop had been placed around the right corner of the stage, turning the stage into an open room with a large window in the corner. Lighting came through the window and portrayed different times of day. Lighting was also used to create a shadow on the right wall; this allowed the piece to develop levels.

The dancers’ movements were slow and then all of a sudden, they moved each other’s bodies through the articulation of their own with pushing and pulling. This caused a lot of back and forth movement throughout the dance. The dancing also involved a lot of intricate lifting - this brought multiple levels to the piece.

To me each different section of the piece portrayed a different state of mind; this may have been tense or fierce. The choreographer described his work that he had developed and said that he had made it through the use of short collective phrases to create a narrative and we were lucky enough to watch a demonstration from one of his dancers.

One thing I found really interesting and inspiring from today was, one of the dancers had only started dance at the age of 17 and achieved his first job at 21. “

Written by Samara Robertson (Year 9)

Ms D De Bono, Dance Teacher

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Preliminary Training and Practice Expedition -

On Friday 13 March, girls and boys from Manly Selective and Mackellar Girls Campus, with a few Balgowlah Boys, woke up extra early to arrive at Freshwater Senior Campus for a 7am departure to Somerset, in the Colo Valley. On the day, we were placed into our expedition groups and introduced to our expedition leader. We were given a training booklet to complete activities. On the first night we were given a hot dinner of nachos, with cake for dessert. Then we set up our tents at the Somerset Base Camp and went to sleep; lights out was at 9:30pm sharp.

In the morning we packed everything up and hopped into a mini bus and drove to Ward Park, where we would start our hike. On the first day, we hiked 10km, with the start being a tiring, steep ascent to the ridge. Thankfully the weather was fine and we didn’t have to worry about rain. That night, we set up camp again and ate our freeze-dried meals. No one seemed to enjoy them, but I thought them quite tasteful (for what they were).

The next day we hiked our way back to Somerset, where we were picked up and eager to go home for a nice, long shower. I believe that we gained a lot of knowledge out of the amazing experience. We learnt how to orienteer and gain our bearings using land features and the map, how to survive emergency situations and how to use a compass, how to plan a route and what different features of the land are called. Overall it was an awesome and wonderful experience that I wouldn’t have missed for the world!

Laura, 9M.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Please see below volunteer roster for the remainder of March and April 2015:

- **Mon 30 Mar**: Ruth Laird, Julie Devine, Nicki Fox, Brenda Harris, Janelle Dearden, **HELP REQUIRED 12-2pm**
- **Wed 1 April**: Emily Craker, **HELP REQUIRED 9am-11am + 12pm-2pm**
- **Wed 15 April - Holidays**: **HELP REQUIRED 9am-1pm**
- **Sat 18 April**: **HELP REQUIRED 9am-1pm**
- **Wed 22 April**: **HELP REQUIRED 9am-11am + 12.30pm-1.30pm**
- **Mon 27 April**: Mel Pearse, **HELP REQUIRED 9am-11am + 1.15pm-2.15pm**
- **Wed 29 April**: **HELP REQUIRED 9am-11am + 12.30pm-1.30pm**

Please let me know if you can assist on any of the above days/times.

ALL STUDENTS to return to school in Term 2 in WINTER UNIFORM.

I want to thank all my volunteers that consistently help in our uniform shop, you are very much appreciated. I wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Leigh McPherson, Uniform Shop Manager, uniformshop@mackellar-pandc.com
Tumblr is a site where people create their own blog which is a set of pages which can include text, photos, quotes, links, music, and videos. Users choose a look (theme) and customise their page to reflect their chosen image. Users follow, share and comment on other Blogs. It can be accessed through any device that has internet access.

Tumblr states that users must be at least 13 years old. If your child is over 13 you should still consider the following before agreeing to Tumblr.

What are the risks?

As with all social media that encourages interaction between users, the risks come from contact with people your children don’t know, and from your child potentially accessing inappropriate content.

There are many blogs specifically hosting adult content, and some that promote risky behaviour such as eating disorders and self harm. However, your child can choose the topics they do and don’t follow.

Does your child understand what is safe to put online?

If they might put their name, address, school, sports club or information that allows people to identify and locate them (even after you have talked through the dangers) they may need your help with using Tumblr. Talk about the risks of posting sexy pictures, meeting online friends in person, making offensive comments, and what is and isn’t acceptable.

My child wants people to know who they are and have more ‘followers’. What should I do?

It is normal for teens to want to achieve status and fame. They will probably want as many people following their blogs and reblogging their information as possible.

The key to doing this safely is convincing your teen that it is better for them to use a fake name that can be their ‘brand’. Check the brand name they come up with to make sure it isn’t overtly sexual – that will attract the wrong audience.

Does your child know how to report abuse and offensive or pornographic content?

Tumblr does not provide a safety or reporting centre, but users are able to email support@tumblr.com with concerns. All primary blogs are public and cannot be made private, but users can set up a secondary blog which can be password protected to restrict who can see it. Users can “ignore” others by visiting www.tumblr.com/ignore

How do I talk to my child about my concerns?

Be honest with them. Express your love and concern about what might happen online. Ask if they have experienced bullying or sexual advances. Banning smartphone works and children will find other ways to get online and may stop talking to you about issues to avoid getting in trouble. Keep the communication open. If they won’t talk to you about things, recruit a trusted family friend or family member to keep the communication going.

When should I be worried about my child?

If your child’s behaviour changes at home and/or school you should talk to them. Examples of changed behaviour could include disinterest in things they used to like, seeming very unhappy and/or their sleep and eating is being impacted. Seek professional advice if necessary from a school counsellor, your GP or a psychologist. If your child has particular vulnerabilities, be vigilant about their contacts offline and online. Help them join groups out of school where they can find friends and support. Talk to the school and make sure they are supported.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC - 2015

As a tribute of respect and remembrance, St John’s Anglican Church, Oaks Avenue, Dee Why will have a wall of hand-knitted poppies and other memorabilia on display for the Anzac Centenary commemoration in April this year.

Visitors are invited to leave a name on a memory card in remembrance of a relative or friend who died in any war, conflict or peacekeeping operation over the past one hundred years. The cards will be attached to the poppies.

The tribute will be on display from Saturday 11 April to Saturday 9 May 2015.
Director General’s Award for Turning Potential into Performance
Director General’s Award for Excellence in Girls Education
Director General’s Award for Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education
Director General’s Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Programs

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WARRINGAH YOUTH WEEK 2015

YOUTH EXHIBITION

CALLING ALL ARTISTS
AGES 12 - 25 / ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 22
$1000 IN PRIZES

TO ENTER, EMAIL YOUR ARTWORK IMAGES, MEDIUMS USED, SALE PRICE & MOBILE PHONE NUMBER TO GEORGE. KATOS@BIGPOND.COM

OPENING NIGHT
FRIDAY APRIL 10, 6:30PM TILL 8:30PM

ENTRY CONDITIONS
31/2 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH ARTWORK ACCEPTED & UP TO 2 ORIGINAL ARTWORKS ALLOWED PER ARTIST
ARTWORK MUST BE ON CANVAS, BOARD OR ANY MATERIAL THAT HANGS WELL IN A GALLERY
MAXIMUM SIZE PER ARTWORK IS 1.5M x 1.5M
ARTWORK SUBJECT MATTER CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
NO PROMOTING BUSINESSES OF ORGANISATIONS IS PERMITTED IN ARTWORK
NO COMMISSION TO BE CHARGED ON ART SALES MADE DURING EXHIBITION

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CALL GEORGE 0419569483

KALOF
WARRINGAH
NORTHERN BEACHES

WARRINGAH

skateboard express

Westfield

Platinum

RECYCLED BEATS

Tuesday 14 Apr
2 - 3.30pm (12 - 18 Years)
4 - 5.30pm (18 - 24 Years)

Create your own rhythms from recycled stuff with musicians from Drum Beats.

Bring clean, recyclable materials from home including, plastic bottles, empty tissue boxes, tin cans, milk formula tins, pre pipes, cardboard tubes, yoghurt containers, bottle tops, old pans, pots and buckets to make your instruments.

FREE
YOYO's Youth Centre
Freshes Forest

Bookings essential via KALOF app.

Fluro Party
Fri 17 Apr
7 - 9pm
YOYO’s Youth Centre
Freshes Shopping Centre
Freshes Forest

FREE
Entry includes skate hire
Bookings essential on 9442 2401
or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au
**Club 567 Breakdancing Workshop**

For students in school years 5, 6, and 7. Learn popping, lockpops, footwork, drops, freezes.

**Fri 17 Apr**
4 - 5.30pm
YOYO’s Youth Centre
Berebet Shopping Centre
Brenchlesford
FREE
Bookings essential on 9942 2081
or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au

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**3D Design & Printing Workshop**

Create your own social or environmental superhero using a 3D printer.

**Mon 13 Apr**
Warringah Mall Library
10am-12pm
Ages 13-18
FREE
Bookings essential on 9942 3449
Harry as spaces are limited

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**Soccer Camps**

Boys & Girls — Ages 5 to 18 — 9.00am to 3.00pm
Easter 2015

**Book 3 Get the 4th FREE**

Call 0412 602 999

**Star Sports Camps is a Registered Daily Care Provider**

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**Resumes for Results**

Are you preparing for your first job or looking to transition to a new job? This workshop is for you! Learn how to write an effective resume.

**Wed 15 Apr**
Dee Why Library
10-11.30am
Ages 16-24
FREE
Bookings essential on 9942 3449
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**Social Media Savvy — Build Your Brand**

Learn how to take control of your online image and start building your online brand. Presented by Etiquette and Co.

**Thu 16 Apr**
Warringah Mall Library
10am-12pm
Ages 13-18
FREE
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