PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE -
Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Anzac Day Dawn Service - Ms Del Gallo represented our school at a wonderful Dawn Service organised by The Manly Warringah Remembrance Trust at Manly Dam and laid a wreath on behalf of the Mackellar community. I commend this very special service to all families to attend next year. Our students also did outstanding jobs and played a major part in the Anzac Day ceremonies at Manly Council and the 100 years 100 boats Anzac Beach Memorial. Our students carried out their roles with confidence, respect and solemnity, and brought great credit to themselves and our school.

NAPLAN - The national testing of literacy and numeracy of all students in Years 7 and 9 is scheduled to occur on 12 – 14 May. These tests measure each student’s skills and knowledge in these fundamental areas of learning, and enable schools and parents to focus on the areas that are being achieved above the benchmarks and areas where students may need extra direction and learning.

NAPLAN assesses skills that are developed over time through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

Teachers highly value the diagnostic information on individual students that NAPLAN provides to schools. This is quite different to the incomplete and often misleading information that will appear later in the year on the MySchool website.

School Musical - June is our annual school musical time. ‘Sh-Bang’ starts its run on 16th June and tells the story of Shelley, a teenage girl about to turn 17. There are four evening performances on Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 at 7.30pm in the Performance Space. The cast, backstage crew, technicians, musicians, producers and directors are all putting enormous time and talent into making this our best. I encourage you to bring your family along and have a great night. Tickets will go on sale in Week 6.

Winter Uniform - Students have now moved into winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3. If you are unsure as to the requirements, the uniform is listed in the student’s diary. Each girl must wear full school uniform every day. Our uniform is one way we indicate to the community the pride girls have in being a Mackellar Girl. And rightly or wrongly, the community judges how good a school we are, in part, by the way our uniform is worn by our students. It is important, therefore, that students present themselves neatly, wearing a uniform that is uniform. Part of that uniformity is the length of the skirts. Skirts that are short are not part of our uniform. All skirts must extend down to near the top of the knee, with hems sewn. The lengths of the skirts at purchase are the right length – they are not to be taken up or rolled up at the top.

Term 2 School Development Day - On the first day of this term, staff engaged with their colleagues from the other campuses in professional development activities to continue the constant improvement of curriculum delivery and care of our students. The focus of the day was to develop positive approaches to education with presentations from experts in this area including Michael Durrant, Jason Pascoe and Lyn Worsley.

Trivia Night - Last year the P&C ran an absolutely wonderful Trivia Night. It is on again this year on 30 May. You will have a great time while supporting your school so hurry and organise your table and purchase tickets. Further details are later in this newsletter.

Subject selections for Year 10 - In week 6 Year 10 girls will be selecting their subjects that they will study in Years 11 and 12 at Mackellar. These decisions are important ones to lay the foundation for senior study and further education beyond. It is of the utmost importance that students make informed and wise subject selections.

EMAILING THE SCHOOL -
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to select subjects that they will enjoy, be engaged with, are matched to their ability and interests, keep their options open for the future and are beneficial to each student’s career path.

I ask parents to have an active interest in assisting your daughters to seek and take advice from the school, and make these important subject selection decisions.

Mackellar girls are extremely fortunate to have such an extensive subject choice available to them, teachers of enormous expertise in their subjects and HSC marking experience and senior staff dedicated to providing expert guidance in the best study patterns for different career paths.

Congratulations for high achievement to:

- **Tahlia (Y11)** for her gold medal at the Australian Surf Life Saving titles, winning the U17 First Aid Championship
- **Jade (Y7)** for her selection in the NSW Acrobatics State Team
- **Sophie (Y8)** for her selection in the NSW Gymnastics State Team
- **Darcey (Y8)** for her selection in the NSW Tumbling State Team
- **Charlotte (Y7), Cassandra (Y7), Marina (Y9) and Christine (Y11)** for their selection in the NSW All School Swimming Championships
- **Sophie (Y10)** for her selection in the NSW CHS Football team
- **Casey (Y9) and Daisy (Y8)** for their selection in the NSW CHS Girls AFL team
- **Pihuka (Y9), Lucy (Y9) and Mya (Y8)** for their selection in the NSW CHS U15 State Touch Football team
- **Pihuka (Y9) and Abbey (Y10)** for their selection in the NSW CHS Open Girls Touch Football
- **Georgia (Y11), Emma (Y10), Susan (Y10) and Emily (Y10)** for their selection in the NSW CHS Sailing Championship
- **Bianca (Y9)** for her selection to the NSW State Basketball Team
- **Charlotte (Y7), Cassandra (Y7) and Lara (Y12)** North Shore Zone Age Swimming Champions
- **Ella (Y9), Sammy (Y10) and Sophie (Y10)** for their selection to the Sydney North Soccer team
- **Lily (Y7)** her selection to attend Football NSW’s Talented Athlete Camp

**Knock Out teams - Open and Under 15s Soccer, Hockey and Tennis** who are through to the next round

- The School Cross Country Champions: 12yrs: Keely (Y7); 13yrs: Indiana (Y8); 14yrs: Pihuka (Y9); 15yrs: Amber (Y10); 16yrs: Katelyn (Y10); 17yrs: Frida (Y11); 18yrs: Alyssa (Y12) and Bridgette (Y12)
- **Sian (Y7)** on her selection to the Australian Girls Choir National Tour this June
- **Elise (Y12)** for her selection in the 2015 NSW Public Schools Music and Instrumental Ensembles
- **Laura (Y10)** for her selection to The NSW Public Schools Singers
- **Sian (Y7)** for her Centre Medal at the Australian Speech Communication Association (ASCA) Awards
- **Poppy (Y8), Nancy (Y10), Paige (Y8), Jacinta (Y11) and Ashleigh (Y11)** for their selection in the Sydney North Dance Ensemble
- **Gracie (Y9), Alyssa (Y9), Charlotte (Y9), Marnie (Y11) and Ashley (Y10)** for their selection in the Manly/Odawara Student Exchange Program
- **Olivia (Y10) and Jocie (Y10)** for representing Mackellar at the 100 years 100 boats Anzac Beach Memorial
- **Imogen (Y7)** for her selection to feature in a centenary of ANZAC tribute
- **Grace (Y11), Maggie (Y11) and Talia (Y11)** for their musical accompaniment at the Manly Women’s Shelter Afternoon Tea
- **Madeleine (Y8) and Rosie (Y9)** for their selection to attend the Rotary Youth Enrichment Program (RYPEN)
- **Charlie (Y8)** for her 1st place in Cake Decoration 13 years and under at the Sydney Royal Easter Show
- **The Year 7 groups** whose Gifted & Talented Academic Program projects and presentations on Equality were presented at the College: - To what extent does poverty exist in Australia? Tali, Anna and Jessica - To what extent does gender inequality exist in terms of income? Mhairi, Adele and Ella - To what extent do females get treated differently to men in sport media? - Faye, Charlene, Meg and Ava - What forms of inequality are there in the workplace? - Lily, Meg and Jessica

The following students elected as members of the 2015 SRC Committee: Y7 – Sasha, Amy, Kyra and Olivia; Y8 – Leilani, Lily, Sophie, Lexie and Sascha; Y9 – Penny, Andie, Rebecca and Abbey; Y10 – Ella, Olivia, Jocie, Sophie and Zoe; Y11 – Tahlia, Sally, Georgia, Brianna and Amy

Adrienne Scalese, Relieving Principal
YEAR 7 –
Year 7 has a busy term ahead. The girls have settled into Term 2 quickly and are working hard in all classes. On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May they will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. These tests provide important information on the progress of each student's learning. Year 7 will also have their second vaccination day on Wednesday 20 May. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term!

Ms Secrett and Ms Guest (Assistant Year Adviser)

YEAR 9 -
All of Year 9 participated in a study skills workshop in week 2 which gave them the opportunity to learn about effective study skills such as time management, note-taking, note-making, summarising and more, all useful skills that set them in great stead to do their best in their school work and beyond. In addition to the study skills workshop, 9M started the High Resolves program in week 3.

Ms Griffin and Ms Gazzard (Assistant Year Adviser)

YEAR 10 -
We welcome Year 10 back to another exciting term at Mackellar. Students are reminded to be in full winter uniform, and we encourage our year group to continue to 'set the example' in this way.

Ms McLaren and Ms Barker (Assistant Year Adviser)

YEAR 11 -
Year 11 are preparing for upcoming Half-Yearly exams and so thorough preparation and revision should be essential. Anxiety and stress linked to added study pressures seem to be on the increase and so steps to elevate this should be taken before too much pressure sets in. Students need to talk to their teachers, Year Advisors and the School Counsellor if they have concerns.

Students are also reminded to keep on top of assessment tasks from an early stage and ensure full attendance. We wish them all the best for their exams.

Ms Robb and Mr Fisher (Assistant Year Adviser)

YEAR 12 -
Year 12 are forging on towards completing their HSC with some excellent results in the recent Half-Yearly Examinations. It's imperative that the students remain consistent with their study regimes as they will encounter important assessment tasks in all subjects this term.

We are also starting to consider life beyond the HSC with our visit to the Northern Beaches Careers Expo on the 15th of May and a number of speakers from some of the best universities scheduled to speak to the girls over the coming term.

Ms Bayliss and Mr Snow (Assistant Year Adviser)

PASTORAL CARE -
During Pastoral Care in Term 1 students discussed healthy self esteem and created promotional material. The SRC were invited to judge the entries and select the work of 5 finalists to be used around the school as inspiring posters.

Congratulations to the Pearl, Leila, Bree and Arwen team and the Lara, Alex and Ella team.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY -
Please make your daughter responsible for her own belongings and commitments, including bringing her lunch, PE gear and homework. This year there has been a notable increase in parents dropping off items to the school office for their daughter to pick up, and this is to stop. Our girls need to take responsibility for themselves and the office staff cannot be constantly interrupted dealing with forgotten items or interrupt classes.
**P&C NEWS -**

**2015 Trivia Night** - The P&C Trivia Night on Saturday 30 May 2015 is our major fundraising event for the year and we urge parents and friends to book seats and tables as soon as possible. Trivia Night is a fabulous fun night for parents, teachers and friends of the school. The flyer and booking form provide further details. If you have any questions, or would like to make a donation for our auctions and raffles please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Thompson at president@mackellar-pandc.com or phone 419417599.

**Save the date** - Parent/daughter Movie Night, Thursday 11 June.

**Donation Update** - At the P&C Meeting on 1 April we presented a $50,000 cheque to the school. This money is to be used to purchase:

- electronic whiteboards for Maths classrooms
- resources for teaching Aboriginal Studies
- software packages - Sibelius for Music, Premier for Dance, Photoshop for Art and Photography
- a concert bass drum and stand, oboes, tenor saxophone, bass guitar, tubular bells and to provide funding for staffing time to review and refine the new Australian Curriculum in History Social Science
- staff days for working with Aboriginal and Tibetan students in the Major Work in Society and Culture
- a glazier to finish the digital lab
- the installation of a security grill for digital lab
- soundproofing of the music rehearsal rooms

Jenny Thompson, P&C President - president@mackellar-pandc.com
Trivia Night 30 May 2015
Booking Form

Please complete form and return to the school office

Name ____________________________________________

Phone/email ______________________________________

Daughter’s name _________________________________

Daughter’s year __________________________________

Number tickets ______ x $20 each = $ ________

Please tick payment method
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   (please put your name in the comments section)

Table information. This payment is for
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Send details of your payments and ticket requests to
Jenny at president@mackellar-pandc.com
LANGUAGES NEWS -

GERMAN - Ostern - Whilst we have been on holidays, Easter has happened and before the end of Term, Years 8, 9 and 10 have been decorating a traditional Osterstraß (easter willow) with painted eggs. The girls designs were informed by their understanding of techniques used by the Sorbs, a minority group found around Cottbus and Bautzen in Eastern Germany.

Sprachtag - The German Sprachtag (Language Day) Excursion gave our girls the opportunity to embrace their studies of German in a wholesome way full of food, drink and Gemütlichkeit.

The girls were encouraged to collect new experiences (Erfahrung sammeln), to try new things. We started with a bus ride into the City and followed with a tour of the many and varied German sights of Sydney. German sights you ask? Indeed, Sydney has many connections with the Deutscher Sprachraum.

To sustain the students on their tour we firstly stopped in at the Lüneberger Bäckerei in the bowels of the Queen Victoria building. As you may know, Queen Victoria is to this day the longest reigning British monarch (though she may soon be surpassed). Her mother was German and but for her mother being transported across the continent heavily pregnant she would have been born there. Victoria and her Hannoverians forbears, as their name suggests came from Hannover. The original King George from Hannover couldn’t speak any English at all. Victoria married Prince Albert (Albrecht), another German who helped bring Christmas to the English as we know it today.

A trip to the city wouldn’t be complete without a visit to the Lindt Café for some Swiss Lindor Kugeln and other chocolate delights. For the record, if you want to buy a selection, they cost about 95 cents per ball in the pick and mix.

Lunch was an intense immersion experience with a full Bavarian Buffet including Schnitzels, Pork belly, Sausages, Spätzle, Sauerkraut, Rotkohl, Strudel and Fruit accompanied by an accordion wielding entertainment machine. The girls put their knowledge of German music into effect and sang along to such classics as "Mein Hut, der hat drei Ecken" and "O, du lieber Augustin". The atmosphere was truly magical as we enjoyed our time in the Keller.

We were very lucky with the weather which was affecting our area over the last wee while and were blessed with a sunny day calm enough that we enjoyed our Ferry trip back to Manly immensely.

A big thanks to Frau Van de Linde, Frau Coles and Alev our German Assistant for accompanying the girls with such enthusiasm.

JAPANESE—Our Japanese students in Years 8, 9 and 10 had a day totally immersed in everything Japanese on the Language Day on Thursday 23 April.

Firstly, students saw a powerful Taiko (Japanese drumming) performance in the morning followed by a workshop. Many students had amazing workouts as they played the Taiko drums! Then it was time for our morning tea and the opportunity to try Japanese Melon Pan (custard flavoured bread). After morning tea there were workshops on Japanese calligraphy and Japanese card making. They were truly cultural experiences and students were able to take their work back home to show off to their family members.

Our Japanese obento lunch was to die for! Students were able to try different types of Japanese dishes in a traditional obento box, and trying to drink Ramune was a new experience.

Finally, the afternoon was spent immersed in learning about Sumo and associated cultural customs and etiquettes. Students were suited up in the Sumo costume and the Red Team duelled off against the Blue Team, with the Red Team winning due to their energy and excitement. The day concluded with traditional Japanese dancing. There is no doubt that the students now have greater appreciation and understanding of Japanese culture. Thank you for the fantastic day, girls!

Year 8 Red and Year 9 Japanese had a visit from Mr Sato and his grandson and were immersed in Japanese language and culture. Mr Sato was an exchange Assistant teacher at Mackellar many years ago. It was fabulous to see the students so confident using the Language they are learning in class in a real life context.

Year 7 have been busy studying Japanese this term. The focus has been basic introductions and food. Students have had the opportunity to make onigiri (Japanese rice balls), which is a typical Japanese lunch as well as sprucing up their restaurant language skills. This week students were immersed in a restaurant scenario where they had to take the role of waitress and customer and order food from a menu written in Japanese. The students were fantastic so next time you hit that Japanese restaurant, ask your daughter to order for you!

Ken MacKenzie, Languages
MUSIC NEWS -

PERFORMANCE BAND AT POWERHOUSE MUSEUM - The Performance Band played at the highest standard at Interrelates’ launch of their Anti-Bullying program at the Powerhouse Museum on 20 March. The students did an exceptional job representing our school musically with impeccable manners and presentation. The girls impressed dignitaries including His Excellency Sir David Hurley, Governor of NSW and Patricia Occelli, Interrelates CEO. The girls had a small amount of time to view some of the HSC major works for Design and Technology while there.

MUSIC NIGHT TERM 2 - Monday 1 June 7pm. Mackellar Girls Campus Hall - All ensembles and choir will be performing including solo items from Year 11 and 12 HSC music students. Please check you have marked your calendars for this evening of music. Students are to arrive 6:30pm dressed in performance blacks.

NSW BAND FESTIVAL SATURDAY 18 JULY - The Mackellar Concert Band and Performance Band has been entered into the NSW Band Festival performing on 18 July at UNSW Kensington. There will be a separate note coming home regarding this. **ALL band students must attend this important event. They are also expected to be at every rehearsal for a polished performance to be achieved.**

Vanessa Patterson, Band Director

SPORTS NEWS -

MACKELLAR GIRLS 2015 CHS CARNIVAL SWIMMING TEAM! - Congratulations to our amazing 2015 Mackellar Swimming Team who competed at the NSW State Championships in Week 9 Term 1. Our 20 strong team represented Mackellar and the Sydney North Region with great pride, excitement and enthusiasm. We had amazing achievements all round.

Our 12 years relay finished 4th overall. For most of this team it was their first time competing at State! Well done Mia, Cassandra, Hannah and Rebecca.

Our 13 years relay team came 1st!!! Congratulations to Eva, Indianna, Sienna and Charlotte. Our 14 years relay swam an amazing race and finished 5th overall. Congratulations to the team of Bronwyn, Jessica, Claudia and Grace. Our 16 years relay team qualified 3rd going into the final, however finished up in 6th position. 6th in the state is an amazing achievement. Well done Ashley, Christine, Nadine and Aliyah. The Medley Relay included Ashley, Charlotte, Christine and Nadine and these girls finished 8th in the state. The 6 x 50m relay team came 2nd and the 12 x 50m relay team (Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys) came 5th in a spectacular finish. Well done to the Bally Boys and our Ashley, Cassandra, Bronwyn, Marina and Lara.

Progressing to the All Schools Swimming Championship in individual events will be Charlotte (Year 7, 13 years) and Christine (Year 11, 16 years). Our 6 x 50m relay team will also be competing.

Charlotte needs to be congratulated as not only was she the 13 years Age Champion, she also had the most points overall than any other swimmer at the swimming meet!

Congratulations girls.

MACKELLAR GIRLS AT THE CHS SAILING REGATTA 2015 - The Mackellar Sailing Team won this year's CHS Sailing Regatta team event. The girls involved have competed consistently over the last few years. They have improved steadily and their hard work has paid off.

Congratulations to the girls on their individual and particularly the team result. Great work girls!

UNDER 15S SOCCER - Congratulations to the Under 15’s Soccer knock out team who won against Forest High School 4-1 on Tuesday 28 April. It was a muddy game after all the rain but Mackellar played really well in the conditions. A fantastic first round win girls!

R Williams, Head Teacher PDHPE
Z CLUB UPDATE -

On Sunday 19 April 2015 senior members of Z Club at Mackellar attended the ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Service held at Pittwater Rugby Park Warriewood. The day began with our students marching together with the Northern Beaches ZONTA club members and other community groups including, the Vietnam Veterans Association, NSW Police, Local Area Command Force, SES, Cadets and 7 Light Battery. Guests for the Commemoration Service included The Hon Tony Abbott Prime Minister who presented the Prayer For The Fallen and David Hurley, Governor of NSW who gave a poignant Commemorative Address. The day was a great community event and a wonderful experience for us all. A big thank-you to Amy, Jennifer, Montana, Massilia and Grace who represented our school so graciously during the term break.

Emilia Biswell (coordinator for the Z club Mackellar Girls Campus)

THE LIBRARY -

Our new computer pods are the perfect space for collaborative learning. The comfortable seating and large screen are great for small groups working on one computer. They were a great asset during the Year 7 GAT project as the girls could share and review their work as a team.

This term’s art display wraps up at the end of the week. The submissions came from Mrs Ek’s Year 10 Visual Arts class. They are in the style of Archibald prize winner, Del Kathryn Barton. They have brought colour and energy to the Library and we look forward to seeing what the girls produce next.

BOOK CLUB - This term the Junior Book Club are reading Blood Red Road by Moira Young, a dystopian novel that won the Costa Children’s Award in 2011. The girls have also published reviews and articles on the Library website. You can link to the library from the Staff and Students links page on the school website - http://www.nbcsmgirls-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-staff-links

The Senior Book Club are exploring the genre of fairy tales. We started by reading The Werewolf by Angela Carter, a retelling of Little Red Riding Hood which generated animated discussion. This in turn has inspired the girls to find other versions of their favourite fairy tales as well as to research the origins of the stories.

- Senior Book Club, Years 9 – 11 meet on Monday;
- Junior Book Club, Years 7 and 8 meet on Tuesday;
- New members are always welcome.

Referencing Research - An important part of the research process is acknowledging your sources through referencing. All assignments from Years 7-12 must be referenced correctly using the Mackellar guidelines. At Mackellar we use the Harvard system across all subjects. You can find more information on the school plagiarism policy on the referencing page of the library website. The referencing page also includes the Mackellar guidelines on how to construct a bibliography and our guidelines for footnotes. You can also find more detailed explanations of referencing and links to referencing tools - http://mackellarlibrary.weebly.com/referencing.html

Robyn Beyer, Teacher Librarian
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Please see below volunteer roster for the remainder of MAY 2015:

Monday 11 May  Jacinta Desmond, Georgia O’Neill
Wednesday 13 May  Georgia O’Neill, HELP REQUIRED 12-2pm
Monday 18 May  Dzung Gibson, Maxine Bronier
Wednesday 20 May  Natalya Hansson, HELP REQUIRED 12-2pm
Monday 25 May  Julie Devine, HELP REQUIRED 12-2pm

Please let me know if you can assist on any of the above days/times.
Also please let me know ASAP if you cannot make your rostered day so I can attempt to find a replacement, thank you.
A very big thank you to Leigh Quilter who constantly helped us in our shop but has now taken on full-time work, we miss you Leigh.

Leigh McPherson, Uniform Shop Manager, uniformshop@mackellar-pandc.com

Volunteers Needed

The Canteen urgently requires volunteers for a Tuesday and Wednesday (9.30 to 2.00). Support from volunteers allows the canteen to make significant profits that go directly to funding your daughter’s education.

If you can assist at all please contact the Canteen Manager, Bronwyn Moody on 9907 6751 (during school hours), call into the Canteen or complete the Canteen Volunteer form in this newsletter (also available on the P&C website - mackellar-pandc.com).

Thank you.  Jenny Thompson (0419 417 599)
Mackellar Girls Campus
Canteen Volunteer Form

The canteen is the biggest single fundraiser for the school. We need at least two (2) volunteer parent helpers each day to maximise profits and minimise costs. It runs extremely efficiently as it has a number of full-time paid staff who keep things running smoothly. It is actually so efficient there’s even time for a coffee and lunch and there’s always a laugh and a chat! It’s a great way to meet other parents and get a feel for what is happening in the school. Some people team up with a friend or use the time to meet new parents. Without continued help from committed parents we will need more paid staff or have to raise prices substantially. Please volunteer whatever time you can on the days that best suit you.

I am happy to help in the Canteen and am available for roster as follows:

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