Welcome back to everyone for 2016, in particular to our new students and to staff joining us this year. This is a school community that works together to create the best possible education for your daughters to flourish. It is a community that values each and every one of our students and staff, and seeks to demonstrate our core values in everything we do. I am proud of the way students and staff in this school reflect our values every day. We have always modelled and promoted the best values, and we always will. We have continued to teach with heart, and care for and support our students and their welfare.

As a whole school staff we have raised the bar for high expectations and quality teaching and programs, resulting in greater success for our students in a plethora of arenas. The high calibre of our students in the academics, leadership, sport, performing arts and public speaking, to name a few, indicates the wide ranging talents of our students, who are capable of attaining distinguished recognition.

And I am proud to champion the excellence of public education. Your children are receiving the best possible school education available. Public education has 170 years of outstanding achievement. It plays a major role in creating a fair and just society, free of class distinction and allowing for all students regardless of background to have equal opportunities and attain success. The core values of the country you love are seeded in public education.

Future emailed newsletters - This initial newsletter of the year has been posted to ensure that all families receive it. All future newsletters will be emailed, not printed for distribution. The newsletter will also appear on the school website.

In this newsletter pack there is a Student Information sheet for you to complete. Part of the forms requested your preferred email address. Please ensure that these forms have been returned and the school has the correct information so we can effectively communicate with you during the year. Year 7 parents provided this information when enrolling last year – if there has been a change to your email address please inform the office.

Staff news - New to the staff this year are:
- Ms Stephens in Social Science and Mr Prichtor in Science replacing staff on leave or filling an additional staffing need
- Ms Davies, School Counsellor on Mondays

The overall stability of the staff is a result of this being a truly great school where teachers choose to remain. In turn, your children benefit from such highly skilled, professional teachers.

Retirement of Ms Penfold - Our Head Teacher Administration, Ms Jacky Penfold, has left to head into retirement. In her 19 years at Mackellar Girls, Ms Penfold has been unwavering in wanting the best for our students and wanting to do her job in the most professional way. She has taught Mathematics with passion and a delight in students’ successes, with a positive impact on many girls, and has invariably shown great care for our girls.

Many of the highly functional systems, structures and organisation in the school, particularly around timetables and all the complexities involved in student subject selection and staffing, are the result of Ms Penfold's enormous knowledge and her ability to have everything running smoothly and efficiently without fuss and her notable commonsense. She has great capacity to effectively solve very complex problems.

Ms Penfold has influenced our school in such a positive way and put in place some of the very foundations that make this school such a success.

Ms Penfold is highly valued by the Mackellar community. She will be sorely missed by both staff and students alike.
On behalf of the school community, I wish her all the best in retirement, and wish her good health and happiness in the years ahead.

2015 HSC Results - I am thrilled with the superb results for Mackellar Girls in the 2015 HSC, which were absolutely excellent and continue the year by year improvement over the past eight years. Our students achieved some outstanding results that were attributed to both their hard work and dedication and their teachers’ expertise over the two years of their HSC courses.

- Mackellar was ranked 15 in the HSC for comprehensive schools in NSW.
- Mackellar was ranked 2 for comprehensive schools on the Northern Beaches.
- Mackellar was ranked in the top 15% of all schools.
- At least 20 students gained an ATAR above 90, with Jennifer Horton achieving the highest ATAR of 99.25 and being on the All-Round Achievers List with all results being Band 6.
- Our school gained 81 HSC Honour Roll listings, representing marks in courses of 90% or higher.
- One student in Visual Arts was selected for ArtExpress - the ‘Best of the HSC’.
- 25 courses studied at Mackellar had more than 50% of the class receiving Bands 5 or 6 results; some courses had 100% or 90% of the class achieving a Band 5 or 6.
- Exceptional whole class/classes results were attained in – English Extension 2, Advanced English, Standard English, all Science courses - Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environment, Physics and Senior Science, all History courses – Ancient History, Modern History and Extension History, Business Services, Economics, Legal Studies, PDHPE, Food Technology, Textiles & Design, Design & Technology, Chinese Background Speakers, Japanese Continuers, Society & Culture, Dance, Music 1, Music 2 and Visual Arts

In 2016 a school focus is to continue to foster the improvement in academic excellence throughout the school.

Meet the Teachers Night - I invite all parents of Year 7 students to our Welcome Night on Tuesday 16 February 2016 in the school Administration Block from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. It is an opportunity for new parents to meet other parents and some of their daughter’s teachers and learn more about the school and the subjects your daughter is studying.

I ask all new parents to contribute to your child’s school and join a wonderful group of parents at the first P&C meeting of the year on Wednesday 2 March at 7.30 pm.

Comedy for a Cause - Mackellar is very fortunate to be holding a Comedy Night, featuring comedians from both the Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festival on 19 March at 7.30 pm in our Performance Space. Mackellar will receive part of the proceeds. It should prove to be a fabulous, funny night for you and you will be assisting your school at the same time. The flyer in the newsletter provides booking details. I encourage you to come along, bring your friends and have a great night.

School Trivia Night - The P&C runs a Trivia Night each year as a major fundraiser for the school. Put Saturday night 28 May in your calendar for a fabulous night of fun that also supports your school, and hence your daughter/s.

Come Prepared - All students are expected to come prepared for school in all subjects, both theory and practical. The expectations include:

1. All students have all writing implements, exercise books, textbooks and subject specific items e.g calculator, dictionary for every lesson for each day. Years 8 - 12 students also need their netbook or computer device charged.
2. All students bring the necessary equipment and clothing for practical lessons, including PE and sport. To be appropriately equipped students need a suitable school bag in preparation for a full day’s work. Lockers are available for hire by students.

Important Inclusions in this newsletter for your reference:

This plan indicates the focus areas of our school community in 2015 - 2017 to create further improvement and enhancement of our school.

2. Year Planner
The Year Planner indicates the major events in the 2016 school calendar that have been determined at this time. Of course there will be many other events, excursions and dates that arise throughout the year – your children will be informed about them during the year.

3. School Fees for Years 7 – 12
This newsletter includes the school fee invoice that relates to your child / children. Parents have the choice of paying school fees in full or in three instalments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The invoice indicates the fees that are applicable to all students, as well as the costs involved in studying elective subjects in Years 9-12.

The payment dates for each year are as follows:
- Year 12 Monday 22 February
- Year 11 Tuesday 23 February
- Year 10 Wednesday 24 February
Year 9     Thursday   25 February
Year 8     Friday     26 February
Year 7     Monday    29 February

If you would prefer to pay fees earlier than your child’s designated date, the school office can easily accommodate it. All fees can be paid by cash, direct deposit, cheque, visa card or by telephone. Fees should be paid to the office in the administration area between 8.30 am and 2.30 pm.

I am aware that many Year 7 student fees have already been paid; we appreciate that very much. It enables us to purchase resources to support our teaching programs early in the year.

School Uniform - Most girls are wearing the Mackellar uniform beautifully. The Mackellar school community has high expectations regarding school uniform and our uniform code is strictly enforced. All girls must be in correct school uniform every day, including to and from school. Please assist us by ensuring that your children have the correct uniform and are wearing it in full when they leave home in the morning, and arrive home in the same attire.

A reminder that skirts and dresses must be worn no shorter than just on the knee. Black, leather, enclosed shoes must be worn. Jewellery is not part of the uniform and can be confiscated until the end of term. Make-up, nail polish and face piercings also are not part of the uniform and must not be worn.

In compliance with the NSW DET uniform policy the following applies:

Students will be excluded from certain school and school-linked activities:

- if their clothing compromises agreed upon school community standards articulated in the school uniform requirements, and might be considered damaging to the image of the school in the larger community context;
- where the health and safety of the student or of other students, particularly as defined by work health and safety legislation, would otherwise be compromised.

School Leaving Age - Since 1 January 2010, the compulsory schooling law means that all young people must attend school until they complete Year 10 or turn 17, whichever comes first. A child who has completed Year 10 and is below 17 years must continue schooling unless they participate in full-time paid work or an approved education course, or a combination of both.

Community Support - The Rotary Clubs of Balgowlah, Dee Why and Brookvale provide wonderful support to the school and our students. Last week, these clubs sponsored five of our Year 10 students in attending a Leadership Camp. The girls gained skills in leadership, team work and communication, and reported that it was a wonderful and new experience. Mackellar is extremely grateful for the ongoing support for our students that is provided in many ways by Rotary.

We are delighted that the Freshwater Community Bank, Branch of Bendigo Bank has a solid relationship with Mackellar Girls. The bank provides financial assistance, awards, seminars, mentors and other various support. It has already provided a $5 000 grant to the school for audio visual equipment and has provided business mentors for Australian Business Week. Also, Bronte Munro of Year 12 received a $5000 University Scholarship for 2016. We look forward to continuing productive relationships with our community.

Asthma - The Asthma Foundation requests that parents be alert and vigilant at this time when a repeated spike in asthma incidents and hospitalisation occurs soon after the return to school from the summer break.

Road Safety -

- During school travel times 4 or 5 young high school students are injured each week in NSW
- The number of transport related casualties during school travel times increases during the first years of high school
- Young high school students are more likely to be injured during school travel times than in any other time, including holidays and weekends

Lower levels of adult supervision, using public transport, rushing to catch buses, longer school hours, longer travel and heavy traffic at drop off and pick up all contribute.

Parents, please provide your child with advice to raise their awareness of road safety to keep them safe.

School Ambulance Scheme - DEC has a licence arrangement covering all DEC schools in NSW. If a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

Congratulations to:

- Bronte (Y12 2015) for her Freshwater Community Bank $5000 University Scholarship
- Bianca (Y12 2015) for her Distinction for her Personal Interest Project in HSC Society & Culture
- Tahlia, Sara, Amy and Rebecca (Y12) for their $1 250 scholarships for Year 12 from Dee Why RSL
- Olivia and Amy (Y12) for their participation in the NSW Secondary School Student Leadership Program and meeting with the NSW Governor
- Ella (Y10) for her playing in the Australian Futsal Championships, being awarded the Golden Boot and

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selected in the U16 and U19 Australian School Futsal teams

- **Maureen (Y12)** for her winning the Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest and the award of a trip to Japan
- **Brittany (Y11)** for her competing in the National Sprint Kayak Regatta
- **Julia (Y9)** for her placings at NSW Sprint Kayak Championships – 1st in K1 200m, 500m, 1 000m and 2nd in the 2.5km and competing in the National Championships and in New Zealand
- **Kasey (Y11) and Stella (Y7)** for their selection for CHS Cricket
- **Alyssa (Y11)** for her selection to attend the UNSW Women in Engineering Summer Camp
- **Brianna (Y12)** for her Regional Sports Blue for state representation
- **Rachel (Y11)** for her bronze medal at Regional Archery
- **Pihuka (Y10)** for her selection in the Regional Softball team
- **Sienna (Y9)** for her selection in the U18 Northern Beaches Water Polo team
- **Erika and Indiana (Y10)** for their selection in the NSW Public Schools Senior Dance Ensemble
- **Alianna (Y8), Tess, Emma, Alice and Minni (Y7)** for their selection in the Northern Sydney Schools Bands and Choir 2016
- **Boronia (Y11)** for her selection for the NSW Arts Unit Solo Vocal Camp
- **Holly (Y9)** for her place in the Warringah Library 2015 Writing Competition and Danae and Riley being finalists in the Write4Fun Writing Competition
- **Tea (Y9)** for her selection to tour Canada for athletics
- **Yasmin (Y9), Ineke (Y8) and Olivia (Y7)** for competing in the NCA All-Star Cheerleading National Championships in Dallas
- **Isabella and Brooke (Y11)** for their assistance to Seaforth PS
- **Charlotte, Geita, Taylah, Natalie and Jemma (Y10)** for their selection to attend the Rotary Rypen Leadership Camp
- the Year 10 2016 Peer Mediators: Vannia, Eilidh, Charlotte, Jessica, Taylah, Laura, Steffy, Kasey, Charlotte, Sharlet, Alannah, Andrew, Mimi, Joy and Madisyn
- **Australian Business Week Grand Champions – Natasha, Emma, Jina, Charlotte and Kate (Y11)**

Christine Del Gallo, Principal
FROM THE LIBRARY

A warm welcome to our new students from the library staff, Robyn Beyer (Teacher Librarian), Bec Reed (Teacher Librarian), Wendy Cavanagh, Jan Evans and Sandy Bensted (Library Assistants).

We hope everyone finds the library a welcoming and stimulating place to read, study, research, collaborate and relax. Regular displays of student artwork, writing and research projects are popular events as well as our regular Book Club meetings, the Book Parade and our Book Swap in support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The library space is used for meetings such as the Zonta Club and as a learning space on Enrichment Days.

Our first event of the year was a reading promotion to celebrate Library Lovers’ Day. Staff and students this week had the opportunity to have a blind date with a book!

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS - 8am; Recess except Thursday; Lunch; After school until 3.30pm.
BORROWING: Books may be borrowed for 3 weeks. Library cards will be issued to Years 7 and 11 after photos have been taken on Friday 12 February. Students may reserve books and extend their loans.
BOOK CLUB: The Mackellar Student Bookclubs with Mrs Reed and Ms Coles meet during lunchtimes in the library starting in Week 3. Senior Book Club - Monday lunch, Junior Book Clubs - Friday lunch.
BYOD AND COMPUTER LOG INS: Explicit How to Connect your Device to the School Wi-Fi laminated guides are available at the library. Our experienced IT and library staff are on hand to assist students who have problems connecting to the school’s Wi-Fi or network.
CLICKVIEW ONLINE: Clickview Online is a database of videos which can be accessed by students at home through the student and staff links page on the school website. It is an excellent research tool.
http://www.nbsmgirls-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/home

DEAR: Teachers and Mackellar students in years 7-11 Drop Everything and Read every Tuesday and Thursday morning for 15 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax with a book. Girls, check out the library’s great fiction, manga and graphic novel collection for DEAR ideas….and why not suggest new titles?

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB: Monthly brochures are available from the library.

LIBRARY ETIQUETTE: Seniors may bring their bags into the library but students in Years 7-10 should leave their bags outside. Valuables should be brought into the library, however, the library is a no mobile zone so phones should be kept in uniform pockets or bags. Of course no food or drink with the exception of water should be consumed in the library.

LOST PROPERTY: The library is the collection point for lost property in the school. If personal items are labelled with an initial and surname our staff can easily return items to the correct owner.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE - The 2015 School Magazine is now available at the Library for those who have paid for it.

MESSENGER DUTY – Students in Year 8 during Terms 1, 2 and 3 and Year 7 during Term 4, carry out duty as office messengers. This occurs approximately twice over the year and is usually for a half a day only. The girls carry out simple office tasks, deliver messages, help with recycling, filing etc, greet and escort visitors around the school, help the Deputy Principals set up for meetings, conferences etc. They must be dressed in perfect uniform. This is NOT a day to leave books and equipment at home. Girls must bring their books and equipment for all the day’s lessons to school. They visit their class teacher to get class work and complete it if possible between tasks. Students do not miss out on class tests.

Apart from being an invaluable help to the front office and both Deputies and Principal, it is an opportunity to operate in a different environment and gain important skills in organisation and leadership. Girls are often rewarded with a merit slip.

SAFETY – At Mackellar we take a number of steps to protect students and teachers. One of these is to ask all visitors to the school to call at the office first and obtain a visitor’s badge. Students are requested to report any one who is in the grounds without a badge, to the office immediately.

Supervision is only provided in the playground at recess and lunch and from 8.45am on Mondays. In the afternoon, students should leave the school grounds immediately at the end of the day and go directly home. If they are taking a route through the park, they should try to walk in groups, or at least with one other girl. After 8.00am students who need help or assistance in the morning can see a Deputy Principal who will be in A Block.

‘QUICK PAYMENT’ ENVELOPES - The ‘Quick Payment’ envelopes are available at the front office for payments of excursions and school fees. These envelopes can be used for payment of more than one excursion or activity and deposited in the ‘Quick Payment’ box in A block.

USE OF SCHOOL DIARIES - Each student is given a school diary for the purpose of recording and planning for assignments and homework. It may be at different times during the year that staff use these diaries to communicate with parents. Parents may also like to use the diaries if they wish to communicate with teachers. It is important that the students get into the habit of using these diaries each day and recording all homework which is set. Please check that your daughter/s are using their diaries regularly and appropriately.

NUMERACY CENTRE - Assistance is available for students who have been away and missed work or who would like extra help with their classwork or homework. This assistance is provided by our teachers. It will operate Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch in A14 for Mathematics.
MOBILE PHONES, iPods and their equivalent - If your daughter elects to keep a mobile phone with her during the day, it must be switched off at all times except recess and lunch and kept out of sight. Please do not ring your daughter while she is in class and she will not be permitted to ring you. If her phone is lost or stolen it is her responsibility.

INSURANCE - The school does not carry insurance for students whilst they are at school or involved in school related activities. All claims need to be made through parent’s own insurance policies or through special insurance that can be taken out by parents to cover accidents/injuries related to school.

ATTENDANCE - For learning to occur, girls must attend class. Mackellar has one of, if not the best, attendance records of any school on the Northern Beaches. The NSW Government mandates that attendance is compulsory for all students up till the age of 17. Obviously from time to time, whether due to illness or for family reasons, girls are absent from school. All absences must be explained with a signed note or phone call from the caregiver. If possible, please advise the school by phone on the day before 10am. You will receive an SMS if your daughter is absent without an explanation.

It is not appropriate for students to miss school because of family holidays. Holidays should happen in the school holidays only.

Only senior student are permitted to start late or leave early depending on the pattern of their classes. It is most important that senior girls use their ID card to swipe in at the front office before going to class. As seniors do not attend roll call, this is our official record of their attendance.

Furthermore, it is important that all girls arrive on time. The school day starts at 8.44am, except Monday when it starts at 9.30am. Persistent lateness without a good reason will result in after school detention.

Please do not make a dentist etc appointment for your daughter during school time. Family holidays should not be taken during term time. Please remind your daughters that they must attend all timetabled lessons and are not to leave the school grounds without parent and school permission.

At Mackellar we take our “duty of care” very seriously and expect to know where our girls are at all times during the school day.

UNIFORM - On the rare occasion when the wearing of full school uniform is not possible a note must be brought from home with an explanation. This is to be given to a Deputy Principal before school and a uniform pass obtained. Girls out of uniform twice without a note from parents will be placed on after school detention.

Full school uniform (not PE uniform) must be worn to school every day. Girls must change out of their PE uniform immediately after their PE or sport lesson before going to their next class. Years 9 and 10 girls may wear their PE uniform all day on Wednesdays. However, they must wear black leather lace-up shoes in all TAS, Science and Creative Arts lessons.

We remind you also of the importance of wearing hats for sun protection. The uniform shop sells the Mackellar cap, but girls are free to wear their own plain (without writing/design) blue hat.

SAFE SCHOOL FOOTWEAR - The safety of the girls is a very important issue for us at Mackellar. The school diary clearly states that enclosed hard leather school shoes are to be worn.

This type of footwear is specified because of occupational health and safety issues and the duty of care responsibility that teachers have for their students. All girls from Years 7-10 must attend lessons in science laboratories and a large percentage of these students would also have lessons scheduled in TAS classrooms. Additionally, a large proportion of the girls in Years 11-12 would also have lessons scheduled in these classrooms. The nature of these lessons means that there are times when the girls will be working with chemicals, machinery and/or heated liquids.

Whilst all teachers conduct these lessons according to strict safety guidelines, there is always the possibility of accidents. Accordingly, we have stipulated enclosed hard leather shoes as part of the uniform for all girls to promote the safety of the girls in case of accidents. Ballet-type shoes are not uniform. This is in line with the Department of Education and Training Policy on Chemical Safety that stipulates enclosed shoes must be worn in a laboratory.

We would appreciate the co-operation of parents in assisting us to ensure that all items of the girls’ uniform are in line with our school uniform code.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PE UNIFORMS AND SPORTS POLICIES - It is compulsory for all students to wear sports shoes during PE and Sport. Canvas shoes are unsafe and unacceptable. We are taking this very seriously and request that parents and students do the same. This is for your own safety.

Correct PE shirt and shorts must be worn for every lesson. If your uniform is dirty, please bring something else that is appropriate to participate in PE lessons, as well as a note to explain the circumstances.

Hats, sun cream and water bottles are necessary, especially in the warmer months. This is for your own health and safety, please be responsible. There are sports visors now available in the Uniform Shop.

Attendance and participation to all carnivals is expected and strongly encouraged.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT MACKELLAR - If you are involved in a recreational activity that you
would like more people involved in, or you would like to put together a Mackellar Team to enter into a sporting competition, please come to the PE office and inform us.

We do need the support of parents and the community in many cases, so ask around and hopefully we can increase the Mackellar domination throughout a variety of leisure pursuits.

W@M Report – February 2016

Happy New Year to everyone and a big welcome to the Mackellar family to all new our parents.

In each newsletter the Year Advisers will give a brief report about what their year group has been up to within the school and any special programs that the girls have done.

We hope you enjoy staying in touch with your daughter’s education.

MACKELLAR WELFARE TEAM
Deputies - Ms Trudy Taylor – (Years 7, 9 11) and Ms Cassandra Morrison – (Years 8, 10, 12)
Head Teacher Welfare – Ms Heidi Warne
Counsellors – Ms Sue O’Brien and Ms Debbie Davies

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We will be continuing on with our focus from 2015 and reminding the girls about the core values we represent at Mackellar. These core values are excellence, care, kindness, integrity, respect, responsibility, cooperation, democracy, fairness and participation.

At Mackellar we want to reward those girls that show these values. Each month we will be targeting one of the core values.

The Value for February is KINDNESS - Teachers will be specifically looking for students that show that particular value and pass their name to their Year Advisers who will keep a record of the students and an award will be given out at Year meetings at the end of that month.

Congratulations to all the girls who received ‘Values’ certificates last year and look forward to more girls displaying these different values in their everyday life.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -
If you have a child who suffers from Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes or Epilepsy could you please forward the latest up-to-date Action Plan you have for your child to the school as it is imperative that the staff at Mackellar are aware of your child’s condition in case an emergency arises.

UNIFORM -
One of our targets for 2016 is to improve the appearance of our girls at school and in the wider community. To achieve this goal we require your help and support.

YEAR 7 – Year 7 is settling into Mackellar very well so far this term. The girls are being allocated lockers; thank you for being patient with this. Year 11 students are helping the girls get to know each other through weekly Peer Support sessions.

We are very excited about The Great Aussie Bush Camp coming up in Week 7 from Wednesday 9th-11th March. The permission notes will be emailed out to parents on Friday 12th February and need to be returned as soon as possible so cabins can be organised.

The Year 7 Parent Information Evening is coming up on Tuesday the 16th of February from 7pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this as there will be some important information and it is a chance for you to meet the teachers.

Last week was the Swimming Carnival and it was great to see so many girls getting involved and enjoying themselves.
Please make sure students and parents are checking emails regularly as important information will be regularly sent via email. We look forward to getting to know all your daughters this year.

Mrs Collings and Ms Hawes

YEAR 8 - Year 8 has settled in well and are working hard in their new classes, whilst also being very welcoming and supportive to the new Year 7 students.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 8 girls participating at the school swimming carnival. A special congratulations goes to Charlie of Year 8, who won the All-Ages 50 metre event for the second year in a row.

SRC members for 2016 will be nominated in an upcoming Year Assembly, so the girls should be considering if they would like to represent their year group.

There are plenty of events to look forward to this year, particularly the Year 8 Sleepover. This is coming up early in March so keep an eye out for the permission note as there are limited spaces available.

Ms Secrett and Ms Guest

YEAR 9 - The girls have settled well into Year 9 and are excited on the many fun challenges they are about to embark on with their elective classes. They are also enjoying and participating in Wednesday afternoon sport of their choice within or outside of school.

Many of the girls have grown over the summer holidays and so it is important to check with your daughter in regards to the length of their dress and also all the buttons are sewn securely onto the uniform as they may become loose and fall off during washing.

In the upcoming Year Assembly we will be working with the girls on goal settings both at school and outside of school. We will be constantly reviewing them throughout the year to ensure everyone is working well.

Ms Reeves and Ms Leung

YEAR 10 - Year 10 has started the year well with all students having been given a clear understanding of the importance of working diligently towards completing their Record of School Achievement. To assist them in planning their study effectively they have received an assessment manual which outlines the nature and timing of all tasks for the year ahead. They have also been reminded of the importance of the Schools Assessment Policy and given guidelines to ensure they know what is required of them.

There are also some exciting excursions coming up in Weeks 6 and 7 for History and Geography as well as some great Enrichment Days in Week 4 for those girls involved in the Gifted and Talented Programs.

Mrs Griffin and Mr Snow

YEAR 11 - Year 11 have had an eventful start to their second last year of school, participating in the swimming carnival, study skills sessions and a motivational speech. They have begun the year "setting the example" to our new junior students through the school's Peer Support program where they have been practising their leadership skills.

They have begun cross campus and off-timetable classes and received their Assessment Manuals for the Preliminary HSC.

Year 11 looks wonderful in their senior uniform and must ensure they continue to follow the school's rules regarding makeup, jewellery and nail polish. A reminder that all of Year 11 is expected to attend every Wednesday Assembly and sit in their allocated alphabetical spaces as demonstrated at Monday’s Year Meeting.

Mrs Wiggins and her beautiful new baby Holly wish you all the best of luck in your first year as senior students!

Mrs Barker and Miss Campbell

YEAR 12 - Four students were selected as winners of the 2016 Dee Why RSL Club School Scholarship Program. A very big congratulations to Tahlia, Sara, Amy and Rebecca.

YEAR 12 DATES TO REMEMBER:
Friday 11th March- Guest speaker from UTS on how to deal with managing HSC stress (9am-10am).
Weeks 10 and 11- Year 12 Half Yearly Exams.

Miss Robb and Mr Fisher
PEER MEDIATION

If students have been affected by disputes such as name calling, teasing, loss of property or exclusion then Peer Mediation might be a solution. Mackellar Girls Campus offers a Peer Mediation Program which is run by the students for the students. Student mediators have been trained by an accredited trainer.

Students from Year 7 to 9 are encouraged to use this service. Peer mediation is a process where a dispute between two people can be solved in a relaxed environment and both sides can agree on the end result. Both disputants get to say what happened from their side so it can be a fair mediation. The mediators are in Year 10, they are there to listen to both sides of the argument and guide the two disputants, so that hopefully there will be no further conflict.

Everything that happens or is said stays confidential (won’t be revealed, kept private). Students can organise mediation by going to their Year Adviser or Ms Lambkin, Ms Parsifal or a trusted teacher. Students can approach them and ask if they can help you organise mediation for the next day or week. Mediation is available every day of the week except Wednesday, as Year 10 is at sport. Peer Mediation is completely voluntary. A teacher may recommend a student go to Mediation but both parties must agree to it.

NSW SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM - 2016

Each year NSW Ministry of Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

Year 7 students

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

Parent Information Kits have been sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/carers are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive and return the completed consent form to their child’s school. Please ensure the child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

If you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated, please indicate this in writing.

Parents/carers who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so in writing to the School Principal. The procedure for withdrawal of consent is on the NSW Ministry of Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses through the year where possible.

Please note that the HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Register and for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/carers should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of Vaccination.
NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

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- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

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**NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus**

**TERM 4, 2016**

**Monday**

1. Faculty Meetings
2. SUMMER UNIFORM
3. HSC Extension Courses Start

**Tuesday**

1. Yr 7 Vaccinations Visit 4

**Wednesday**

1. HSC Exams begin.
   - Year 11 Clearance Process (2A - 2B)
   - 2016 HSC Assessment Booklet Distribution (3A)
   - Yr 11 Visual Arts Exhibition Common Room 3:30-6:30pm

**Thursday**

1. Yr 12 2016 Study Skills Day

**Friday**

1. Yr 12 2016 Study Skills Day
### WHO SHOULD I CONTACT ABOUT….??? PARENT GUIDE

Usually the first port of call for parents who would like subject information, advice or who have a specific concern or query is the class teacher. Following that, the Head Teacher or Year Adviser can usually answer most questions that arise.

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### PRINCIPAL: Ms C Del Gallo - whole school educational leadership, management and administration.

### FACULTY HEAD TEACHERS:

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Do you have what it takes to advocate change, serve your community and make a better world? Find out by joining the Z club at Mackellar Girls Campus!

An extracurricular activity, titled the “Z club” is being offered to all Mackellar students from year 7 through to 12. Supported by the Zonta club of Northern Beaches Inc the “Z club” has been successfully running now for 2 years and is one of only two clubs operating in a NSW high school. We hold a meeting in the library on a Monday three times per term during the lunch time break to work on projects that deal with social justice issues in the community. Meetings for this term are: 8 February, 29 February, 21 March 2016.

About Zonta International -
Zonta, is a global, non–partisan and non-sectarian organisation whose members are culturally diverse and from a wide array of working lives in professional, business, government and academic roles. Zonta International is closely linked with the United Nations and, as an international volunteer NGO, brings women’s concerns to the UN, suggests solutions and draws public attention to issues.

Zontians worldwide have provided more than USS22 million for international programs such as:
- The Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women program (ZISVAW) which seeks to incidence of violence against woman and girls
- The prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda
- The UNIFEM Safe Cities for Women Project In Guatemala City and San Salvador
- The reduction of Obstetric Fistulas in Liberia

What does the Z club at Mackellar do?
- Provide financial help to women and girls in our local community to enable them to continue their education when they would otherwise not do so
- Discuss social justice issues around the world
- Fundraise and assemble birthing kits which are sent all over to developing countries. This kit is a cost effective tool used in developing countries to prevent death for both mother and baby in child birth and associated infections, particularly tetanus
- Make breast cushions for women who have undergone breast surgery
- Support the Cancer Foundation by selling Pink Ribbons
- Give material assistance to local Women’s Refuge Centres
- Hold a campaign against ‘violence against women’

Does this sound like you?
- Working with enthusiasm and skills to contribute
- Interested in the big issues for women and girls
- Able to make time to get involved
- Willing to work on a team to help women and girls
- Want to be part of a world wide effort
- Meet monthly, in B14 to support events throughout the year
- Then contact Ms Biswell in TAS to learn about the Z club at School.

For more information about Zonta International, go to www.zonta.org

Excellence in Japanese at Mackellar
Mackellar Girls Campus student Maureen of Year 11 was awarded first prize in the senior division of the Australia-Japan Relations Contest for NSW and NT Secondary Students.

Maureen was presented with the award of a trip to Japan by the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney. This was a major achievement as she competed against 584 students from public and private schools across the state and the Northern Territory. She was supported by the competent and enthusiastic Languages staff at Mackellar Girls.

Her essay was an articulate response to the topic “Both Australia and Japan face the challenge of an ageing population. Discuss some of the specific strategies each country is debating and employing to address this issue.”
**MUSIC NEWS -**

Welcome to 2016 and a new year of fabulous music making at Mackellar. A warm welcome to our new Year 7 families. Please see below the music ensemble schedule for 2016.

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**Performance Uniforms** - Members of the band programs perform frequently in the Mackellar Performance Shirts along with long black pants, black shoes and socks. All years 7’s will be measured up for shirts sizes on Wednesday 25th February during rehearsal time and then the order will be placed.

**Music Groups Photos** - All music ensembles will have photos taken on **Monday 15th February at 8:44am**. Girls who don’t usually rehearse that day are reminded to bring their instrument and to arrive at the time above dressed immaculately in full school uniform.

**Open Day - Performance Band and Big Band** will be performing for Open Day on **Tuesday 23rd February**. Girls are to arrive no later than 8:15am ready to perform from 8:30. **Stage band** will rehearse from their usual time that day but finish at 8:15am.

**Other dates for diary:**
- **Monday 7th March – Music night 7pm.** Student Arrival 6:30pm All ensembles.
- **Tuesday/Wednesday 15th & 16th March – “On Show”** – (Evening Performances) Big Band plus 2 other groups
- **Sunday 3rd April – 5th April - Music Camp** – Instrumental Ensembles and Vocal Ensemble

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Vanessa Patterson, Band Director
CAREERS -

I am very pleased to announce our new website www.mackellargirlscareers.com. Students please register with your Department email to access resources.

A separate Careers News email will also be sent to all Year 11 and 12 students and parents. Students need to check their department emails regularly. The email caters for all students and the content layout will be University Information, TAFE and Apprenticeships, Private Colleges and Other News. Please read the relevant sections.

Year 10 Careers lessons will be once a fortnight for the year. Year 10 students need to be aware that they will be involved in Work Experience or Australian Business Week during the week of 28th November - 2nd December. It is a great idea to start looking for a suitable Work Experience employer as soon as possible.

Year 11 Careers lessons will be once per week for two terms.

Year 12 students are very welcome to book in to see me during lunchtimes, recess or free periods. Year 12 will be attending The Northern Beaches Careers Expo early in Term 2. I have also organised for University representatives to present at upcoming Year 12 Assemblies. They will be on the following dates: UTS - 12th February, Macquarie University - 4th March, Sydney University - 6th May and UNSW - 10th June.

Years 10, 11 and 12 students are welcome to come to an information session run by Professional Cadetships Australia on Monday 7th March at lunchtime in A18. The presentation will cover Business, Engineering and Technology Cadetship programs.

Mrs K. Erskine, Careers Adviser

BUS TRAVEL -

OPAL TRAVEL CARDS - From 2 November 2015, a new online application process was introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card.

Students who received free bus passes in 2015 automatically receive a 2016 OPAL pass for school travel.

Year 7 students will have received their 2016 OPAL pass in the mail if they applied in 2015.

Students in Years 8-12 may collect their 2016 OPAL pass from the school library.

However, students should use the new online Application Form if they:

- Have changed their address
- Are in Year 7 and did not apply for a card in 2015
- Are in Years 8-12 and have not received an OPAL CARD

Parents and carers are advised to check the Transport Information links on our school website. The link to the School Opal CARD FAQs contains the online application form as well as other very useful information.

School bus timetables and maps are now available online at www.sydneybuses.info/schools.

Conditions of use for school students on buses:

1. The holder must not remain seated whilst adults stand.
2. Any change of name, school or address requires the holder to immediately present a new application form to the school.
3. Lost, stolen, damaged or mutilated passes must be replaced at a cost of $20.00.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES -

To ensure their safety and the comfort of other passengers, students will:

- Behave safely at all times;
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers;
- Behave appropriately at all times (e.g. no use of offensive language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats or throwing things in or from the bus);
- Protect bus property and report any vandalism;
- Show their travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested;
- Only use the travel pass for its intended purpose;
- Maintain possession of the travel pass at all times;
- Follow the driver’s instructions about safety on the bus (e.g. instructions on where to sit);
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses;
- Only eat or drink (other than water) on the bus with the written permission of the bus operator;
- Keep arms, legs and other parts of their bodies inside the bus;
- Only attract the attention of the driver in the case of an emergency.
- Concession cards (16 years and over) and Proof of Age cards (15 years) are organised through the library.
2016 MACKELLAR GIRLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL -

Last Friday our talented students displayed their amazing skills in the pool at yet another fun and exciting carnival. We had 2 records broken in the backstroke with Charlie and Christine racing down the pool. Our 2016 age champions were Layla (12 Years), Sophie (13 Years), Charlie (14 Years), Jessica (15 Years), Kathleen (16 Years) and Christine (17 Years).

Beabau (Blue House) were House Champions! Not only did they have the most points from winning races, they also had the most participation points so well done Beabau!

Good luck to Christine of Year 12 who has Olympic Trials coming up soon!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to all the girls for an amazing day and to all the staff for their enthusiasm and organisation which helped make the day so successful.

Sammy Waterhouse, PD/Health/PE

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS -

Welcome back everyone.

Please find below the volunteer roster for the remainder of FEBRUARY and MARCH 2016:

Monday 15 Feb: Annie Gaal, Jacinta Desmond
Wednesday 17 Feb: Nicola Bird, Nicola Hartley (we need one more helper)
Monday 22 Feb: Annette Ryan, (HELP REQUIRED)
Monday 29 Feb: Annie Gaal, Stephanie Guerin
Wednesday 2 March: Suzi Lomlin, Leonie O’Brien
Monday 7 March: Maxine Bronier, (HELP REQUIRED - 10.30am-11.30am + 1.15pm-2.15pm)
Monday 14 March: (HELP REQUIRED - 9am-11am + 1.15pm-2.15pm)
Wednesday 16 March: Annette Ryan, Suzi Lomlin, Emily Craker
Monday 21 March: (HELP REQUIRED - 9am-11am + 1.15pm-2.15pm)
Wednesday 23 March: (HELP REQUIRED - 12pm-2pm)
Wednesday 30 March: (HELP REQUIRED - 9am-11am + 1.15pm-2.15pm)

Please contact myself if you can help out on any of the HELP REQUIRED days or times above.

If you cannot make your rostered day please contact myself at school on 9949 2083 Mondays & Wednesdays, or email uniformshop@mackellar-pandc.com.

Please be advised ALL blouses (both white and blue) will increase to $35.00 from 1 March 2016.

A very big thank you to Mr Gary De Souza (father of Asia, Y7) who delivered refreshments to all my volunteers whilst open during the holidays, very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Leigh McPherson, Uniform Shop Manager, uniformshop@mackellar-pandc.com
Presented by:
Rotary Club of Balgowlah
In Support of:
Mackellar Girls

Dave Williams
- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Hove, Headliners, David Williams Live
- 4.5 stars - Adelaide Advertiser

"brings the house down" - USA Today
"Williams is the Best Live Stand up Working… Accept No Substitutes" - Rip It Up

Bruce Griffiths
- Triple J Comic of the Year Winner.
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

"The best one-liner comic in the business".

Sam Bowring
- Opening Act - Arj Barker 2015
- Raw Comedy National Finalist
- Nominee, Best Newcomer and the Piece of Wood Award - MICF
- Rove Live; Stand Up Australia

"His jokes are like ninjas quietly sneaking up on you ... undeniably funny." - Adelaide Advertiser

Oliver Phommavanh
- Sydney Comedy Festival
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- The Footy Show
- Stand Up Australia

+Special Guests

Mackellar Girls Campus Performance Space
Campbell Parade, Manly Vale 2093
Adults: $35 / Students $20 at comedyforacause.net/Mackellar

7:30pm - March 19, 2016
**Siblings of Children with a Disability**

*Presented By*

**Kate Strohm**

Director, Siblings Australia Inc.

& Author of ‘Siblings - brothers and sisters of children with disability’ (Revised edition 2014)

**Date:** Tuesday 1st March 2016

**Time:** 7pm - 9pm

**Refreshments provided**

**Venue:** Coastal Environment Centre, Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen

The workshop will assist parents to:

- Understand the concerns of siblings
- Identify behaviours that might indicate stress
- Explore factors affecting the adjustment of siblings
- Identify parent’s role in supporting siblings
- Identify other sources of support for siblings
- Meet other parents with similar experiences

**Cost:** $15 pp

For bookings log on to: [http://www.trybooking.com/169955](http://www.trybooking.com/169955)
gear up girl
Sydney’s largest female only recreational ride

20km Beach Ride • 40km Classic Ride
60km Coast Ride • Kids ride free!

Sunday 13 March 2016
For more info and registration:
gearupgirl.com.au
STOP the supply of alcohol to minors.

You’re a parent, not a mate.

Secondary Supply of alcohol to a person under 18 years is against the law and results in a minimum on the spot fine of $1,100 or fine of up to $11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

Here’s your drink, it cost me $1,100.

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www.stopthesupply.org.au
Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short-term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Families, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 02 9479 5000 or email fostercareservices.nsw.gov.au

INTERIOR DECORATION MASTERCLASS

19 - 20 April

Thinking about redecorating a space in your home but don’t know where to start? Then join us for our 2 day intensive Interior Decoration Master Class and create the perfect scheme.

Contact us: 02 9437 1902
sydneydesignschool.com.au

If you email us at nbscmgirls-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au we can email the school newsletter directly to you. It can also be accessed online at www.mackellargirls.nsw.edu.au

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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