



Monaro Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 9

Key Dates

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 19 April Staff Development Day

Tuesday 20 April Students return to school

Tuesday 20 April P & C Meeting 6.30pm the HUB

Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 28-Friday 30 April State Swimming

Thursday 29 April Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 4 May Zone Touch

Wednesday 5 May Kezie Apps - Girls Tag/Tackle

Thursday 6 May Zone X-Country

Friday 7 May Year 10 Immunisations

Friday 7 May Year 11 English - Animal Farm Excursion Canberra

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 11 May Naplan - Writing

Wednesday 12 May Naplan - Reading

Thursday 13 May Naplan - Numeracy

Mrs Preston & Mrs Roberts attend NIDA

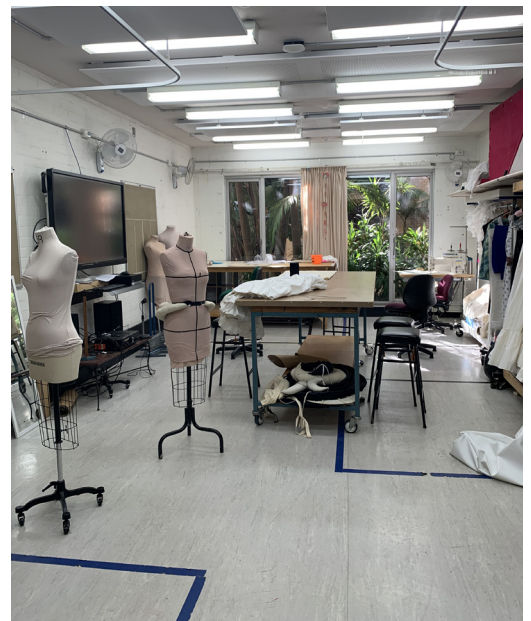
Mrs Holly Preston and Mrs Jessica Roberts spent time this term completing training at NIDA, National Institute of Dramatic Arts, to up-skill as Certificate IV Live Production teachers.

The training included a week's intensive, where both teachers worked in a team to put on productions and take on the roles of each production position in the backstage elements of the theatre, this included lighting, audio, staging, vision and stage management.

Mrs Preston and Mrs Roberts also returned

to NIDA to complete an Industry Day and their White Card, during this time they got to see what other Bachelor Degrees are on offer at NIDA and there are many opportunities for those interested in design and construction.

Both teachers were required to submit applications before being accepted to NIDA and we are proud and grateful of their dedication to the Performing Arts industry. Their participation at such a prestigious setting and the knowledge and skills acquired during this course will be invaluable to both teachers and students.



MHS is now on the new Parent Portal

Our online Parent Portal and Parent App is up and running

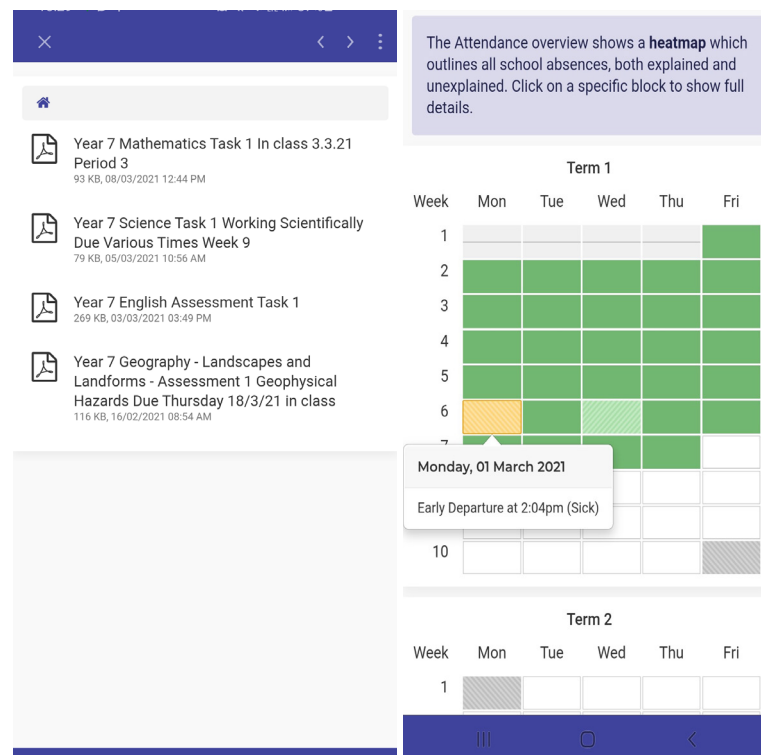
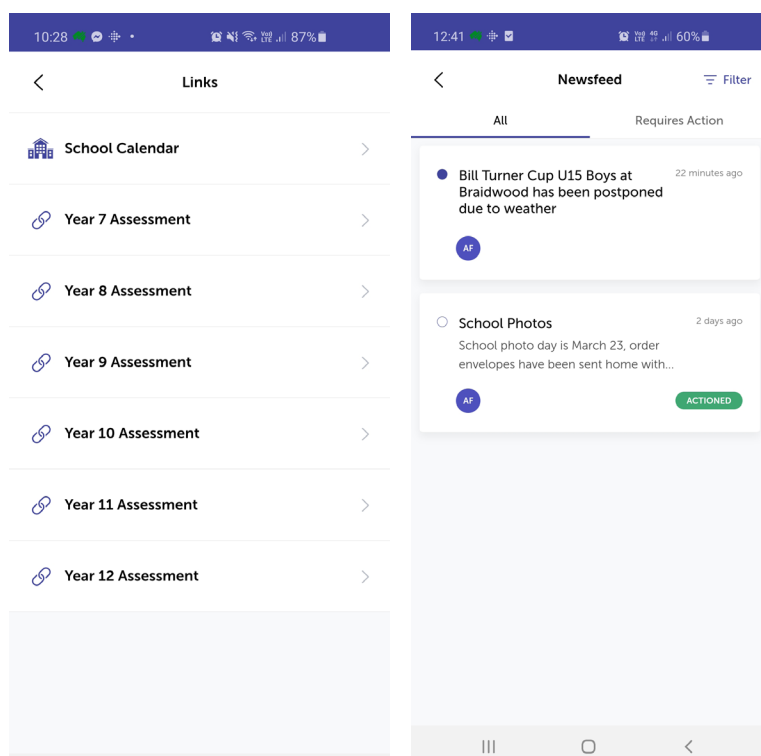
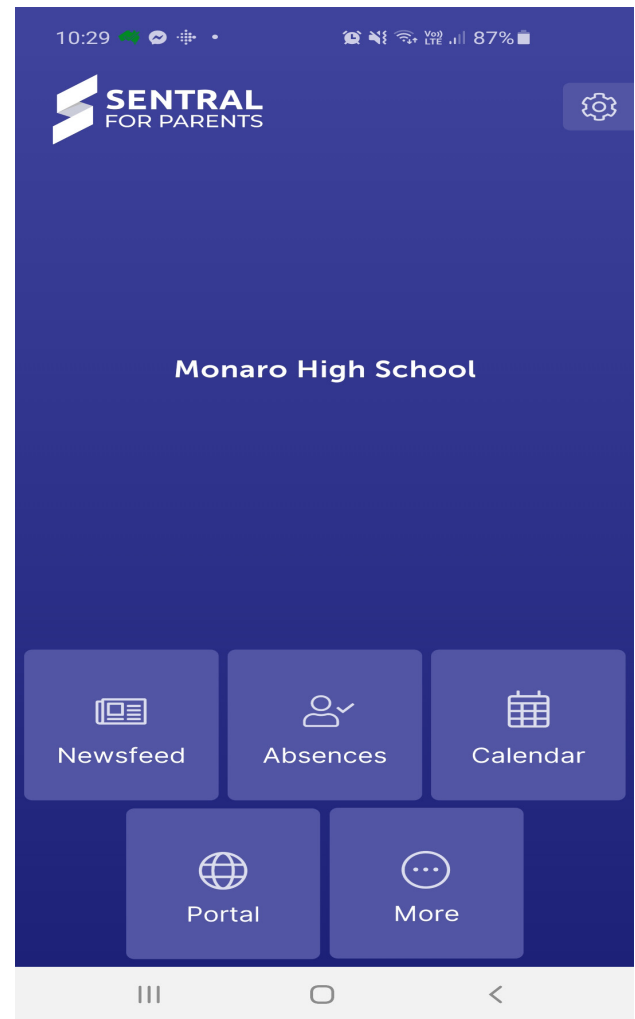
The Sentral Parent Portal is now up and running, and parents should have received their unique family key in the mail. The Sentral Parent Portal app allows you to see your child's attendance, timetable, list of teachers and activity. To access the details of your individual children through the app, click the 'Portal' button, then the drop down menu near the 'Home' icon. You can then select which child's details you wish to see (see screen shot). You can also access school newsletters, the school calendar and notify the school of future absences. We will from time to time send messages via the newsfeed to keep you up to date and send excursion permission requests.

In the 'Links' section you can access the school website to make payments and see the assessment task calendar for each year group. In the resources section we are sharing current assessment tasks for each year group your children are in. This is a new communication platform for Monaro High School and the team are still getting used to using the notifications and excursion permission, so please bear with us as we all become more familiar with the features.

Student Portal

Students can also access the student portal via the same link - although only via a web browser, there is no student app at this time. Students can read the daily notices, check their timetable and see their assessment calendar. They can even see up to date changes to their timetable which can be printed if required. While mobile phones are banned from 9am, students can access their phones prior to 9am if they wish to check the daily notices. Otherwise, these will continue to be read out during Roll Call each morning. To access the student portal, students visit the link below and use their school username and log in.

<https://monarohs.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>



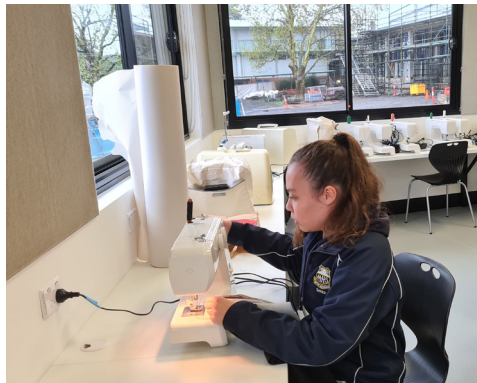
For any further information please feel free to call 64524611 and our friendly staff will endeavour to help

New A1 Hospitality and Textiles Area

Here is a sneak peek of students enjoying their new Home Economics, Hospitality and Textiles work areas.



Year 7 looking excited about their new Home Economics area



Year 11 are straight into using their new Textiles area



Year 11 appear to be happy with their new Hospitality area



? DID YOU KNOW ?

We will be having 2 Parent Teacher Evenings this year
Week 2 Term 2 - 29 April 2021
Week 9 Term 3 - TBC

Early Leavers

If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment or for family leave.

Please send a note on the day which will allow them to leave class on time and without questions and permission being denied.

Thank you

Zone Volleyball

A great day was had by the Boys and Girls Open teams. This is a new sport for MHS and the students acquitted themselves very well. A lot was learned and the students are keen to come back and be much stronger next year.



Country Cup Rugby League

This year MHS was represented by a 16's and 14's team. The competition as usual was fierce and the 16's side were unable to advance themselves further although played well in their two matches.

The 14's team demonstrated promise early and managed a very good win over Bega 7 tries to 1. Their second match against Lumen Christi was more challenging and the boys had to win this to be outright winners on the day. It was a tight match, however the MHS team managed to come away with a 2-1 win and will now progress to the next level.



**Just a
reminder...**

**Did you know there
are 2 ways you can
make a payment**

You can come visit us at the office and pay with card or pay online through the Website - **MAKE A PAYMENT**

Most asked question: Where do I find the reference number? - You do not need a reference number as long as you enter the students year i.e. 10 and their date of birth

Temporary Workshop is in action

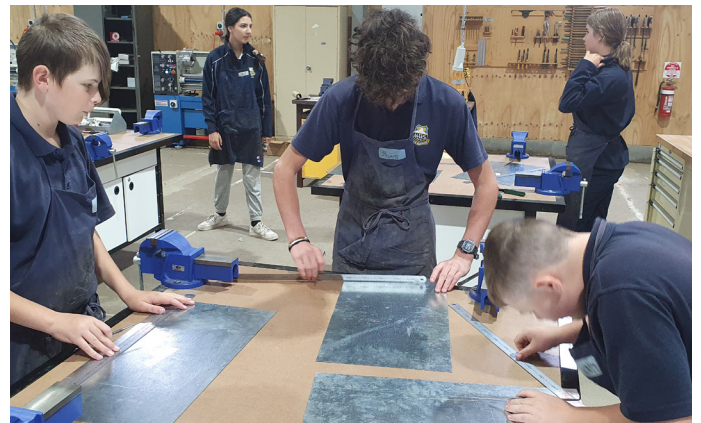
Industrial Technology classes are full steam ahead in what was the sports shed which has been transformed into a temporary workshop.

The B Block workshops have been closed for renovations during which time students are working in 'The Shed' on their practical timber and metal projects. New roller doors, ventilation system and extractors have been installed to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Classes had to focus on the theory components of the course to allow for the safety upgrades to be finalised.

They are now back in and working on their projects focusing on practical work over the coming weeks.

Later in the year, when the newly renovated workshops become available, the shed will be repurposed once again for Agriculture and will provide a wet weather area near our newly grassed playground space.



I've been bumped to the back page!!

Another new building

It was with great pleasure that we formally opened our third new building for operational use this week. A1 is an outstanding facility which will be the home of Food Technology, Textiles and I am delighted to announce Hospitality.

As a result of this wonderful facility Monaro High School now has the capacity to offer students a chance to achieve Nationally recognised qualifications in Hospitality, a skillset which will provide another pathway for many students.



Thank you to our Parents

I would like to thank parents for your support of the recent decision to ban mobile phones at Monaro High School. With the significant levels of addiction to phones this was always going to have an impact on our students and I am extremely grateful for the support we have received from parents. As time goes on I am sure we will see many benefits of this decision on our young people's lives.

Chewing Gum

It is very disappointing to see the number of students who bring chewing gum to school and show no thought behind where they choose to spit it out. When it is not disposed of appropriately someone has to clean it up and at this point in history I am sure I don't need to harp on about the hygiene issue behind this - Chewing Gum is banned at Monaro High School and I would appreciate parents support in trying to make school a cleaner and more hygienic space for all.

Position Vacant: Canteen Manager

Monaro High School P & C Association operates the school canteen on all school days throughout the NSW government school terms and are seeking a Canteen Manager.

TITLE: Canteen Manager

HOURS FOR POSITION: 30 hrs per week (school terms)

WAGES: Level 3 in accordance with Fast Food Industry Award 2010

The Canteen Manager is responsible for the profitable management and operation of the school canteen according to the policies and procedures of MHS P&C. The Canteen Manager will support the development of strong relationships within the school community in particular with students, parents and volunteers, teachers, and other school personnel.

For enquiries and a full job description please email the Monaro High School P & C Association: [monarohspnc@gmail](mailto:monarohspnc@gmail.com)

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BYOD

I would also like to thank parents for your support of Monaro High Schools move towards formalising a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) strategy in 2021. The take up for students in Yr 10, 11 and 12 has been wonderful.

Students please ensure that you bring your device to school fully charged every day.

If any families are having difficulty purchasing a device please speak to your child's Year Adviser about support with accessing a device.

I remind parents and students that the aim of BYOD at this point in time is not to create a full paperless environment where a computer is the only tool. Books and skills in hand writing are still critical parts of a child's education!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter and School Holidays.

