



Monaro Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 6

Key Dates

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Thursday 27 May - Yr 12
Biology Depth Study

Worlds Biggest Morning Tea

Term 2 Week 7

Tuesday 1 June - Sport Athletics
Carnival

Wednesday 2 June - Coondoo
Mountain Bike Classic

ACT Rugby 7's Girls

Thursday 3 June - Day 2 Coondoo
Mountain Bike Classic

'Masquerade' Musical Technical
Rehearsal

AIM Class Ex. to Potoroo Palace

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 7 June - 'Masquerade' Dress
Rehearsal

Tuesday 8 June - Zone Netball
Yr 12 Biology Depth Study

Musical Production 'Masquerade'
Evening Performance

Wednesday 9-11 June - HSC History
Lectures Sydney

Thursday 10-11 June - The Tempest
Performance Sydney

Thursday 10 June - Musical Production
'Masquerade' Matinee & Evening
Performances

Friday 11 June - Regional X-Country
TAFE 'Yes' - Be a Mechanic Program

MHS Students Talk to NASA astronaut, Live!

It was a "WOW" moment for a group of Monaro High School students when they spoke with astronaut Mark Vande Hei. Their questions were broadcast live across the world over amateur radio. The audience were on the edge of their seats while, Astronaut on the International Space Station (ISS), Mark Vande Hei responded to 20 questions in a 10-minute window.

130 people had the privilege of attending the event on Wednesday 19 May, while others watched the live stream.

The students did a fantastic job, asking great questions and presenting them like clock work.

Astronaut Mark Vande Hei's response to Maya's question was relevant for many of us, "...do things that are outside of your comfort zone, do things that you love, always do things that involve risk of failure, always do your best...."

Charlee asked about the most important aspect of training in preparation for living in space, and the response was, in addition to the technical training "getting along well with each other" was also very important.

Eloise and Laura's question received some chuckles from the audience. "How do you cut your hair and shave in space without making a mess?" The answer was with an electric razor with an intake vent and wet wipes, or hair clippers attached to a vacuum cleaner.

Astronaut Mark thought that Hollie's question was a particularly good question, "What goes through your head while on the launch pad, about to launch?"

The response from Mark as a first time pilot was "do not mess this up", the second time Mark was able to soak it all in.

Lani was intrigued with being able to see the climate of our planet changing and geophysical hazards from the ISS. Astronauts could see fires, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and shrinking of glaciers.

Julian's question was about unexplained occurrence or suspicious things in space. The response was about M & M's floating suspiciously to one side, the reason was due to orbital mechanics. Like Kristy McBain MP, many people in the audience noted that aliens were not mentioned.

Sophie's question was about the Milky Way, for the astronauts to see its beauty, they need to turn lights off.

Mark told Natasha that they do not use Facetime but video conference their families instead.

Cameron asked his final question about WIFI on the ISS, but the signal cut-out.

Congratulations to the students who asked questions to Mark Vande Hei: Cameron Taylor, Noah Schubert, Maya Ferguson, Charlie Alcock, Julian Pereboeff, Lani Holfter, Lex Oz, Hollie Worrell, Cameron Rees, Tiffany Clifford, Charlee Tozer, Alexi Alcock, Sophie Rix, Natasha Kelly, Jackson Cook, Emma Lloyd, Amy Mood, Laura Dawson, Chloe Perrin, Eloise Kanowski and Josie Holfter

Thank you to the Snowy Mountains Amateur Radio Club for making this once in a life time experience possible through amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS).



MEET MORE OF OUR NEW STAFF

Miss Gemma Fitzpatrick

Miss Fitz has returned to Monaro High School to take on a Learning and Support Teacher position after spending the last couple of years in local primary schools combined with maternity leave. She initially joined the Monaro team in 2017 as a casual teacher, working across all key learning areas and then as a Supported Education teacher.

Miss Fitz is a primary trained teacher specialising in primary PDHPE and has a longstanding background in snowsports instruction. It was in the snowsports position that she developed extensive teaching skills with athletes with a disability and has fostered ongoing relationships with Disabled Wintersports Australia, the Special Olympics Australia and Cooma Challenge.

Miss Fitz is enjoying being back at Monaro High School and especially enjoys getting to know students and developing Learning Support Plans. She is excited to see all of the new changes at the school and looks forward to seeing the completion of the building works.



Ms Trish Mulhall

The TAS (Technology and Applied Studies) faculty welcomes Ms Trish Mulhall to the team.

Ms Mulhall comes with 20 years teaching experience in Food Technology and Textiles.

Ms Mulhall grew up in Canberra and has links to the Snowy region. Her father was one of the workers on the original Snowy Scheme.

Having moved to the Snowy Mountains region, Ms Mulhall is looking forward to spending time bush walking and snow shoeing at Mt Kosciuszko.



AIM Classroom

The students in AIM classroom have worked on an Easter placemat during Term One and decorated biscuits, to take home and share on Easter Sunday. So far this term they have completed a carry bag with a decorated pocket, which reflects their personality and interests.



Jack, Kiahna and Lee very proudly showing off the work they have been doing in class this term

Anti-Bullying Resources

Following on from identifying bullying in the last newsletter, this time we look at:

What to do if your child is being bullied.

1. Students should report all incidents of bullying when they occur to their classroom or supervising teacher. This allows the matter to be dealt with in a timely manner.

2. As a parent, you may wish to also follow up the matter with the student's Year Adviser.

Year 7- Ms Elissa Duncan

Year 8- Ms Sarah Walsh

Year 9- Mrs Kari Ingram

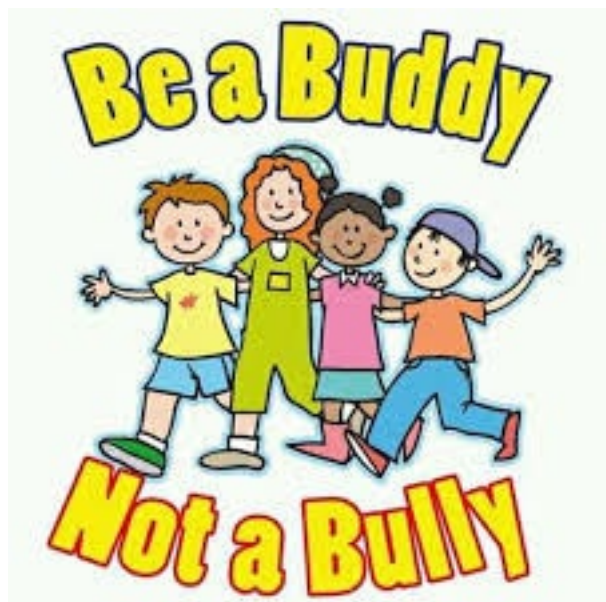
Year 10- Mrs Lee Riley

Year 11- Mrs Renae Crawford

Year 12- Mr Matt Charlesworth.

There are a number of resources available to support parents and carers whose child is experiencing bullying. The following website has useful information to assist when dealing with the situation:

- Department of Education Parent information site: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/anti-bullying/nsw-anti-bullying/parents-and-carers>
- Department of Education Student information site: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/anti-bullying/nsw-anti-bullying/students>
- Bullying No Way: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>
- Kids Helpline also has a parent line with trained teams who provide support, information and counselling for parents of children aged 0-18 years. You can call them for the cost of a local call between 9am to 9 pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends on 1300 1300 52.
- If your child is experiencing cyber bullying the eSafety Commissioner website has some useful resources: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

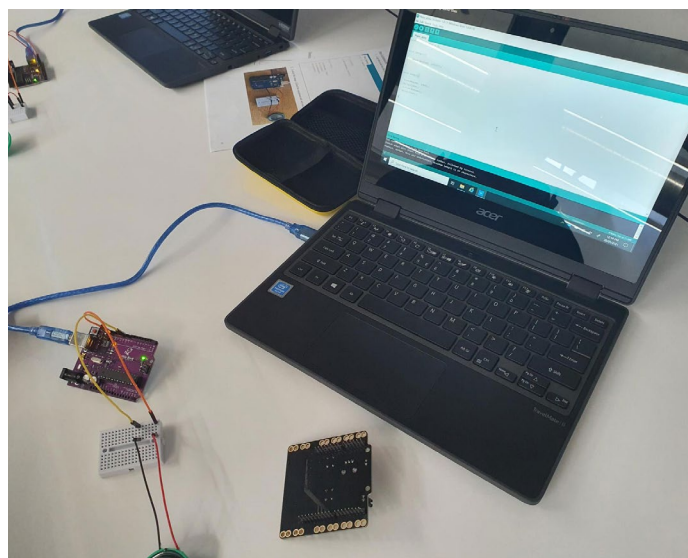


Year 8 Digital Technologies

Both Mrs Fenton and Ms Marshall's Digital Technology classes are coding and constructing an alarm system to go onto a jewellery box or treasure chest to let them know if someone tries to open it.

They have been experimenting with different types of inputs - such as motion sensors and light sensors, and outputs such as buzzers and LED lights. Student will construct their own battery powered circuit and adapt a computer code to make the alarm work.

The new Innovation Hub has been a great space for learning about Digital technologies. We look forward to seeing their finished products.

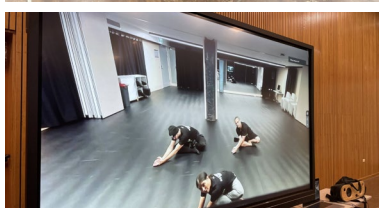


Bangarra Dance Theatre

Each year The Arts Unit and Bangarra Dance Theatre offer a select group of schools the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous dance workshop with company dancers. This year Monaro High School applied and were selected to participate. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the workshop was held over Zoom in five separate sections.

The students worked with company dancers through warm-ups, contemporary sequences and composition activities, and throughout the five sessions choreographed a piece unique to our school and local areas.

We would like to thank The Arts Unit and Bangarra Dance Theatre for the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed exploring Indigenous culture through the artform of dance.



Bill Turner Cup Round 2

Round 2 of the Bill Turner Cup was played at Lambert Park in Queanbeyan on Monday 3rd May 2021 against Karabar High School.

The Under 15 boys team seemed very quiet or possibly still asleep on the bus on the way to the game but came to life about half an hour into the trip.

It was a hard-fought contest with both teams having many shots for goal which were unsuccessful. Karabar High got the breakthrough goal and unfortunately Monaro High was unable to score an equaliser with the final result being 1-0.

We stopped at McDonald's Queanbeyan for lunch on the way home and an elderly lady said to some of the boys that she was very impressed with their lovely behaviour.

Well done boys on the good manners and better luck next Cup. A big thanks to Mrs Jackie Fenton and Mrs Kari Ingram for driving the bus for the team.

Kerrie Coach Neenan

Zone Touch Football

Well done to our Open Boys and Girls Touch Football teams who travelled to Bombala to compete in the Zone Carnival. Both teams played well and held their own in a strong competition.

Our Open Boys were second overall on the day, narrowly losing one of their games. Given they are a younger team, all bodes well for next couple of years.

Our Open Girls worked well as a team, coming third overall. They had some successes, however, were unlucky in some close games.

A big thank you to Mr Jux for driving the bus and Mr Brown and Mrs Cliff for your organisation.



Athletics Carnival

Due to the weather the date for the Athletics Carnival has been moved to **Tuesday 1 June.**

