



Monaro Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 3

Key Dates

Term 3 Week 4

Musical Production 'Masquerade' Has Been Postponed

Term 3 Week 5

Wednesday 4 August - SnowSports Week 3

Friday 6 August -

Sunday 12 August - P & C Stall and Raffle Draw Rotary Oval Markets

PLEASE NOTE:

Department of Education Guidelines for Level 2 Covid-safe restrictions

Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers)

If it is a necessity to come onto the school grounds please call 6452 4611 prior to entering

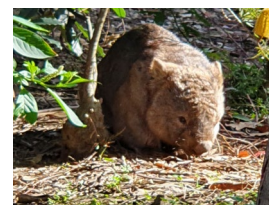
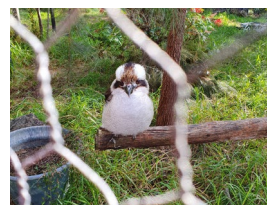
AIM Students Visit Potaroo Palace

On Tuesday 22 June students from the AIM class went to Potaroo Palace in Merimbula as part of their Science topic living things.

The students had a wonderful time seeing and feeding the Australian Native Animals.

They were a credit to Monaro High School and the Potaroo Palace staff loved having them and commended them on their behaviour and commented that they look forward to them visiting again in the future.

The trip was also a nice end of term reward for their hard work and efforts in class and with AIM Cafe which runs every Tuesday during first break. The students take orders and deliver a delicious morning tea which consists of cakes/slices, toasted sandwiches and coffee to appreciative staff.



MEET MORE OF OUR NEW STAFF

Ms Emma Warren

I have moved from Colyton High School in Western Sydney to support my daughter who has been given the opportunity to be coached and mentored to improve her skills in basketball in Canberra.

I am English and History trained and am currently studying a Master of Education (Special and Inclusive Education) at Sydney University. I'm delighted to have met so many friendly staff and students at Monaro High School and to have escaped the chaos of Sydney.

I enjoy learning and trying new things, and listening to the stories and ideas of others. The thing I am most looking forward to is being reunited with my 12 year old cat Cheeky, who got stuck staying with my mum in lockdown in Sydney.

This is Miss Cheeky, she has cute little mousey ears because she had to have her ears amputated as she had skin cancer.



Ms Debbie Thomas

After 6 and a half years of delivering the Links to Learning program at Monaro High School, regrettably due to a change of direction in Government funding the Program is no longer running.

However, I have been successfully appointed the role of Student Support Officer SSO for Monaro High School. I will be working within the school community to enhance student wellbeing and learning outcomes in partnership with the school's wellbeing team and the school counselling service.

This role is a new position being rolled out for all Government high schools across NSW. The role enables me to support the implementation of the school's whole-of-school approach to wellbeing and assist students to develop social and emotional skills through targeted strength-based programs and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships.

I look forward to continuing the support of the students, families and staff of Monaro High School in my new role.



Farewell Julie

After 11 1/2 years of managing the Monaro High School Canteen, Julie has decided to say farewell to MHS.

Julie started in the canteen in October 2009 and quickly became a valued member of the school community, always greeting staff and students with a smile and her 'nothing is too much trouble' attitude.

We wish her all the best in her retirement and hopefully we will see her occasionally in the Canteen as a volunteer helping Kerrilee Turner the newly appointed Canteen Manager settle into her new role.

It is extremely sad to see Julie go but we welcome Kerrilee to the MHS family.



Sydney University HSC Study Days

At the end of Term 2, the Year 12 Ancient and Modern History classes travelled to Sydney University to attend the Higher School Certificate Study Days. These lectures have been organised by the History Teacher's Association for over 30 years and are presented by experienced teachers and markers of the HSC, therefore providing invaluable assistance to students preparing for HSC History.

Whilst expanding on their knowledge of syllabus content, students experienced all Sydney had to offer; they visited the Nicholson Collection at the Chau Chak Wing Museum - the largest collection of antiques in the Southern Hemisphere, saw the sites of Sydney and dined at Pizzeria Da Alfredo. The History students thoroughly enjoyed their Sydney expedition and are well prepared for what the future has to offer.

Students were accompanied by Mrs Schouten, Miss Shelton and Mr Tame.



Spaced Themed Cupcakes

To conclude an action-packed Space Themed Term 2: with Astronaut questions, talking to an astronaut, 'blast off' light coding, Star Wars watching and a colouring in competition, students honed their artistic skills to decorate cupcakes in the LARC.

A huge thank you to Mr Regan's class for baking cupcakes and Ms Marshall for the yummy icing and help.



Earth and Environmental Science

Last term Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students visited the Glen Sewage Treatment facility. Students learnt about the 3 different stages of sewage treatment: primary, secondary and tertiary. With the expertise of Malcolm Anderson and Ben Dwyer (SMRC Water and Sewage Technicians) the students gained a deeper understanding the testing and regulations involved in this real life science application.



Year 9 & 10 Market Day

There was a bustle of activity as students and teachers explored and enjoyed the first Market Day in the Quad at Monaro High on Monday 21 June. Students from the Year 9 and 10 Commerce classes hosted stalls offering a variety of products and services. Cupcakes, lolly bags, homemade slices and treats satisfied sweet tooth's. The sausages and hash browns proved popular as did the gourmet burgers and hot chips. Students wanting something different could get their hair dyed, buy stickers or spin the wheel to win prize.

The homemade bath salts and soaps proved particularly popular with the teachers. The students had been learning about running a business in Commerce and as part of the learning, students formed groups and established their own business. This involved coming up with their own business name, choosing the products, setting prices and marketing.

A percentage of the profit for the day was donated to the Year 12's for their school formal. Students were rewarded with keeping a percentage of the profit. Not all businesses made a profit, which reflected the reality of business. However, 11 of the 18 businesses returned a profit and the highest return was achieved by three Year 9 boys who ran the business Snags and Hashies.

Overall, it was a successful day, the event was enjoyed by all and a great learning experience for the students. Monaro High School Market Day will continue as a yearly fixture and we can't wait for 2022.



Y11 PDHPE University of Wollongong

Last term the Year 11 PDHPE class travelled to Wollongong to supplement their classroom learning of the 'Body in Motion' with practical applications. They travelled down on Monday afternoon and participated in some Indoor Rock Climbing at Hangdog before staying overnight to get an early start at the University of Wollongong the next morning.

Their first activity on Tuesday was attending the Anatomy Laboratory where they were able to look at the skeletal, muscular and cardiorespiratory systems of both models and specimens including cadaveric material. The group then participated in a High Intensity Fitness Class at the University Recreation Centre before completing a tour of the Campus to see what university life was like. The trip proved to be fun whilst an educational way to consolidate their knowledge.



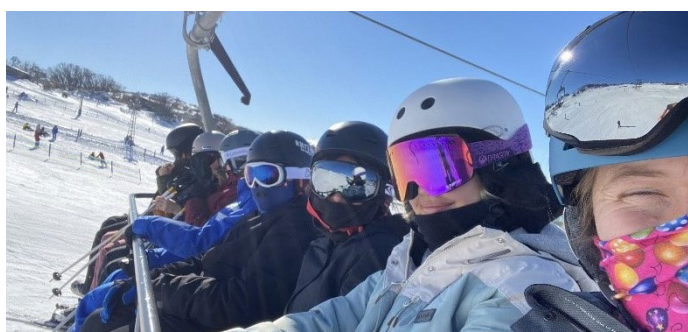
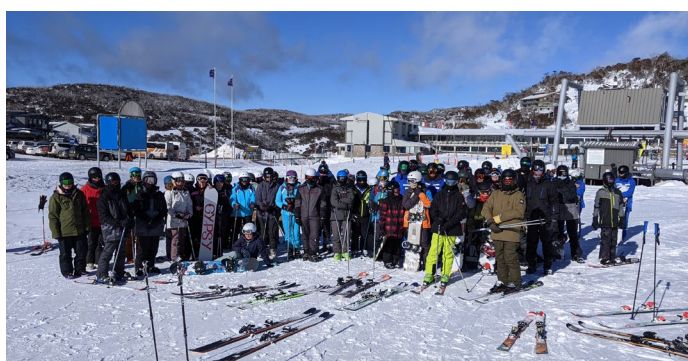
SnowSports Program 2021

MHS students have now completed 2 weeks of Snowsports at Perisher this term. Week 1 was a little rough, with high winds and rain throughout the whole day. The students did a tremendous job of sticking out the day, from 9am until 4pm in these conditions.

Week 2 consisted of fantastic weather, with 10cm of snow falling in the previous 24 hours. At the start of the day students were eager to get out on the slope and try out the fresh snow.

The beginner snowboarders and skiers have improved beyond belief, from just being able to go down the magic carpet at Smiggins to confidently going down Front Valley in Perisher.

The intermediate and advanced snowboarders/skiers are improving their skills and experimenting on a variety of slopes in Perisher. By the end of term what will our students be capable of....?



Semester 1 Rewards Excursion

Our Semester 1 rewards excursion was announced early in Term 1 to the school community. It was based on a student not being out of uniform 3 or more times from Term 1 week 4 until Term 2 week 8. Over 300 students met the criteria and they were invited to attend Monaro High School's first rewards excursion on 25 June 2021.

Congratulations to the 130 students who accepted the reward and had to choose from 3 events for the day - movies, golf or mountain bike riding. Unfortunately, the day before the event we had to cancel MTB due to a very wet track.

First, I would like to thank Snowy MTB shuttle who had donated the use of their shuttle bus and trailer to transport the students and bikes out to Mount Gladstone. Also, I would like to thank Graham as he went and viewed the track Thursday after lunch to see if it was suitable or too wet.

Cooma Twin Cinema offered the larger cinema for us to watch "In the Heights". We had a large number of the students enjoy the movie, popcorn, drinks, lollies and choc tops.

Cooma Golf course offered students the golf course to do a round of 9 holes. I believe that staff and students had a fabulous time and it may have ended up in a challenge between 2 staff members as to who was the winner. It's still not clear who won as it depends on who you speak too.

Once the students finished golf and the movies they returned to school to a free sausage sizzle and drinks. Thank you to Monaro Meats for providing 200 sausages and to Deanne Mould for donating 20 loaves of bread.

Thank you to all students who represented the school in the community and to all the businesses who provided their services to give this reward to students for wearing the school uniform which promotes a sense of belonging and creates a positive identity for the school community.

Thank you to all the staff who supported with supervising students on the excursions, driving the school bus or helping with the BBQ back at school.



Semester 1 Rewards Excursion Cont'd



Semester 2 Rewards Excursion Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Research highlights a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, social and health outcomes. Monaro High School's rewards excursion for Semester 2 will be offered to students who have a minimum of 90% attendance.

We will be collecting attendance data from week 4 Term 3 until week 8 Term 4. The Rewards Excursion will take place during Week 10 or Week 11.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



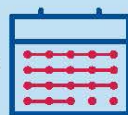
= **3** days



30 mins
per day



= **18** days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Zone Netball

The Open and Under 15 girls represented Monaro High School at Zone Netball in Bega last month. The teams played well in each of the five rounds and displayed great sportsmanship. It was a great day and the girls are ready to take the win in next year's carnival.

A big thank you to Carl for driving the bus.



Kezie Apps League Tag

On the last Tuesday of Term 2, MHS had two teams travel to Bega to participate in the Kezie Apps League Tag Gala Day. Many of our students had never played a game of League Tag before and were excited to get involved in a new sport.

Our Year 7/8 team played 5 games, improving each time, particularly in their defensive plays. The inexperienced team participated with enthusiasm and showed strong team spirit.

Our Year 9/10 team were a more experienced bunch and worked well together to produce some great attacking sequences. They played 3 tough games which were challenging without any subs available, but the girls kept up with the intensity of each game.

All the girls displayed outstanding sportsmanship and had a fun day out. A big thank you to Mr Brown and Mrs Cliff for running some training and their organisation for the day.

