



Monaro Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 8

Key Notes

Department of Education
Guidelines for Level 4 Covid-
safe restrictions

Learning from home; schools
are open for families who need
it

While in indoor settings
in schools, masks or face
coverings are required for all
staff, and all students in Year 7
and above

Applies to all regional NSW
schools (including the Central
Coast and Shellharbour) until
11.59pm - 10 September -
replacing any existing orders in
regional NSW.

For further information please
call the school on 6452 4611.

The Tempest

Earlier in Term 2, Year 12 English Advanced students travelled to Sydney to see a performance of William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' which they are studying in their HSC course. Students benefited from seeing how Shakespeare can cross historical and cultural boundaries to engage a contemporary audience. Whilst in Sydney students also had a chance to visit the city and the University of Sydney, where the performance was held. Thank you to Miss Duncan and Mr Armitage for accompanying the students.



The Seven Stages of Grieving

On the last day of Term 2, Year 11 Drama students travelled to Canberra Theatre to see a performance of 'The Seven Stages of Grieving' performed by Elaine Crombie. After studying Realism throughout the term and performing their own monologues, students were able to appreciate the skill required by an actor to captivate an audience. This moving performance also resonated with students and reinforced the ongoing role of the arts in sharing culture and striving for Reconciliation. Thank you to Miss Duncan and Mrs Macnab for accompanying the students.



The 'Work Crew' Program Contributing to the Community

Over the span of the last eight school weeks the students involved in Monaro High School's 'Work Crew' program made fortnightly visits to the Monaro Retirement Villas with the aim of improving the gardens and grounds of the estate. The students voluntarily gave their time and effort performing tasks that included mulching garden beds in each of the twelve villas and the surrounding grounds, trimming trees and bushes, weeding gardens prior to munching, pruning plants and removing general green waste. The result was a remarkable transformation of the estate and the elderly residents repeatedly expressed their sincere appreciation for what the students were able to do for them and how they felt better about the way their homes presented.

The students involved in this project were Jake Maddrell, Aiden McGuinness, Maison Turner, Jayden McCole, Jason Gill, Olivia Miners and Trystian Shore. The wonderful work attitudes, application to the various tasks, teamwork and sense of giving back to their community were remarkable aspects to see in these young people as they went about providing some goodness into the lives of the elderly residents. A big thank you must also go to Rachel Hawkins, one of our school's Student Learning Support Officers, who brought her gardening expertise to the project and was able to advise the student on the finer points of garden management and maintenance.

After having previously done almost two years of work at the Sir William Hudson Memorial Centre, until a change of management brought to an end our involvement, it was very rewarding to again associate the 'Work Crew' program with the community and allow our students to see what they are actually capable of, gain experience and confidence in themselves, and to get an impression of what awaits them when their time at school comes to an end and it is their turn to enter the "real" world.

I am very proud of these students for what they achieved, how they conducted and applied themselves and for how they represented Monaro High School and showed the best of what our school is trying to achieve.

Kevin Regan



AIM Cafe

We are so lucky to have some wonderful wait staff, baristers and helpers for AIM Cafe, which we do every Tuesday so the Monaro High School staff can have a lovely morning tea. These students come from Mr Macnab's, Mrs Evans' and Mrs Wiggins' class. The funds that are made from our Cafe go towards things for our students that help with their learning and an end of year excursion.

All students involved are a pleasure to work with and are learning valuable skills for the future. I can't wait to go back to face to face teaching so we can continue AIM Cafe.



Learning from Home

With the lockdown coming in basically overnight students and staff were thrown into Learning from Home. Thank you to all the students and families that have transitioned to online learning and embraced the changes to how the classes are now being presented.



Gracye Year 9:
Finds it exhausting and challenging and would rather be at school.



Maddison Year 7:
Finds it different and has enjoyed her music class online.



Lachlan Year 9:
Is finding online learning relaxing, until someone wants his attention.

Stay at Home Orders Continue

Monaro High School continues learning from home while the current lockdown is in place until 11.59pm Friday 10 September 2021.

On Friday 27 August the Premier announced the road map for return to face to face learning at school. This return to school will all depend on our LGA lockdown status.

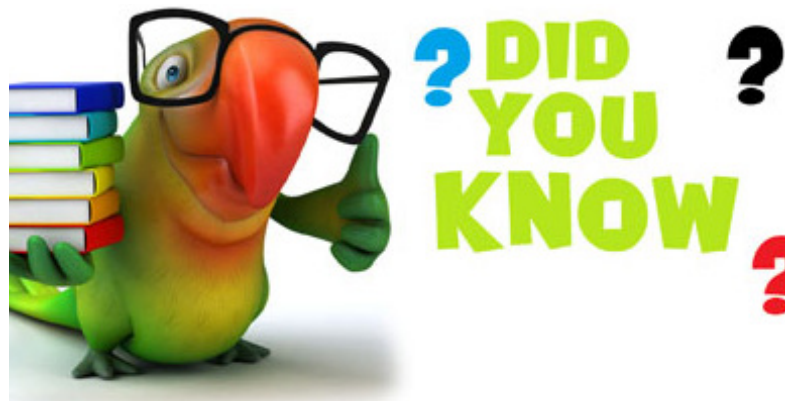
We will provide the information on when we are expected to return to our school community via the Parent Portal on Sentral and through Microsoft Teams for the students. If you need any assistance accessing Sentral please call the school on 6452 4611 to organise a call back to provide you with assistance in accessing Sentral.

Thank you so very much for you and your child's adaptability in transitioning so smoothly to a learning from home environment. We appreciate your patience and support as you continue to navigate working from home and supporting your child to engage in school work.

I would like to sincerely thank the Monaro High staff and their commitment to ensuring a smooth transition to learning from home. The path to online learning started some time ago and we were more prepared this time than we were last year. Significant time and effort has been put into Microsoft Teams across the school so that we could maintain the continuity of learning with as minimal disruption as possible.

Remember to take the time to look after yourselves, stay safe and please call the school when needed.

Lynette Armitage
Relieving Principal



Our staff are working hard to support you and your child in any way they can with 'Learning from Home'.

For any enquiries or for assistance please call the school on 6452 4611.

Keep up the good work!! We are very proud of all our students.