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Principal Andrew Gravestocks welcoming the students on the first day of term.

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Principal's News

Andrew Gravestocks

Welcome back to the 2012 school year. I hope that everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable Christmas / New Year break.

New Staff

I would like to welcome Scott Moore as an English teacher and Brooke Edginton as a Junior Primary teacher to our site. To date we have been unsuccessful in employing a Tech Studies teacher. In order to ensure that we can deliver the curriculum to the students we have a Permanent Relief Teacher here currently. Barry Hajisarva is filling that role for the first few weeks with Sean Carroll assisting with welding workshops for our senior students. Congratulations go to Leigh Rothe who has been appointed the Secondary Co-ordinator and to Helen Moloney who has been appointed as a full-time, Reception to Year 12 Counsellor.

New Buses

As many of you may have noticed we have a number of new buses servicing our school. All of the new buses have air-conditioning, seat belts and security cameras. I am sure that the students are appreciating the amenities! In order to maintain their current good order the contractors have asked that no food or drink (other than water) be consumed on the buses. If you have any questions relating to buses, Fiona-Lee Colliver is taking over there co-ordination whilst Denise White is on leave. The new contractors are also seeking to develop a pool of drivers in the area. If interested please contact Fiona-Lee in the first instance.

Uniforms

It was great to see the vast majority of our students in uniform on the first day of school. Homegroup teachers will be following up with parents/ guardians if students are not in uniform. A reminder that students are expected to wear hats at recess and lunch in the first term. Hats are available for purchase in the bookroom for $7.

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Primary News

Beth Hector | *Primary Coordinator*

New Classes

Welcome back to the new school year. Classes are working well and it is especially exciting to visit the Junior Primary where Miss Sarah Atkins and Miss Brooke Edginton are working within our new structure. They are assisted in Literacy and Maths sessions by Miss Vanessa Secomb. I know parents will enjoy the opportunity to attend the "Meet the Teacher Evening" on Tuesday February 7th to view this and other classes. A separate note with details of the evening were sent home earlier this week.

When school and home work together our children are bound to achieve success. I ask that you support the school policies such as wearing of school uniforms and behaviour management. The staff always welcome and value parent opinion and I hope that you will approach us at any time you have a concern or issue so that we can work together to address this.

I look forward to all that 2012 will hold.

New Receptions

We're very pleased to welcome new Reception students Molly Rowe, Patricia Rankine and Ruby Dyett who have commenced their school life with us.

Swimming lessons

Lessons for Reception to Year 7 commence next week and will culminate with the Primary Splash Carnival on the afternoon of Tuesday February 21st.

Swimming notices with lesson timetable details were sent home yesterday.

Assembly Roster

Primary Assemblies are held each Friday afternoon in the Performing Arts Centre. Assemblies start at 2.30pm, and parents and families are invited to join us.

Assembly Dates

Week 1	Feb 3	*5 McCauley*
Week 2	Feb 10	*6/7 Salmon*
Week 3	Feb 17	*6/7 Tuck*
Week 4	Feb 24	*3/4 Norman Moloney*
Week 5	Mar 2	*Whole School*
Week 6	Mar 9	*No Assembly*
Week 7	Mar 16	*R/1/2 Atkins Edginton*
Week 8	Mar 23	*5 McCauley*
Week 9	Mar 30	*6/7 Salmon*
Week 10	Apr 5	*Whole School*

Point Pearce Cultural Visit The MAS Staff visited Point Pearce for a cultural tour, led by Narungga Elder Uncle Eddie O'Loughlin. Thank you to George Walker and the Point Pearce Aboriginal Council for their support.

Secondary News

Leigh Rothe | *Secondary Coordinator*

Welcome

Welcome to another school year.

This is my first as Secondary School Coordinator and I am looking forward to a positive year working with students, their families and MAS staff. It has been great to see many new faces in the Secondary School and I have been really pleased to see most of our students in school uniform. I would like to congratulate the way in which classes have settled in quickly and are engaged in their learning journey for the year.

Meet the Teacher

I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend Meet the Teacher Night next Tuesday. It is an excellent opportunity to meet with staff and to discuss the year ahead. There will also be a sausage sizzle at 7pm for those who wish to stay and meet the Governing Council.

Finally, I would like to wish our Year 12s the best of luck for 2012. I am sure that with hard work and the support of the school community they will be able to achieve their best.

Canteen

Bronwyn Polgreen | *Canteen Manager*

Helping In the Canteen

If you are able to assist on the days that have no-one listed it would be appreciated. Please phone Bron or Charmaine on 88322 613. Remember without voluntary assistance the canteen will not be able to operate. We would like to thank the Maitland Lutheran School for providing volunteer support to the canteen each week.

Canteen Roster, Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2
6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2

Parents & Friends AGM

A reminder that the Parents & Friends 2012 AGM will be held on Thursday February 9 at 1.30pm in the Library. Children welcome.

First Day Back at School 2012

Community News

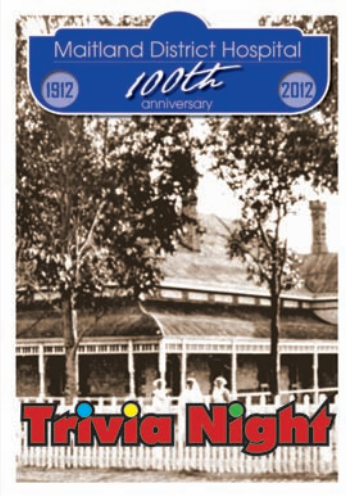
Maitland Hospital Trivia Night

The Maitland Hospital staff are having a Trivia Night, on Friday February 10 at 7.30pm, to begin the 100 years celebration of the Maitland Hospital this year.

Tickets are $10 each, and the Quiz Night will be held at the Performing Arts Centre at the Maitland Area School.

Tables of 10. Please provide supper and drinks for your own table.

Tickets available from the hospital, or call Belinda Dutschke on 0418 859 827.



Australian Red Cross Blood Service

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BLOOD SERVICE

The Blood Service is visiting the Heart of Maitland, 3 Roberts Street.

The van will be in the car park on: Monday 6 February, 6.00pm - 6.30pm and Tuesday 7 February 11.00am - 7.00pm.

Before you donate eat something, drink 4 good-sized glasses of water and bring photo ID.

Call 13 14 95 to make an appointment, or find out more about how your blood type is able to help others. We will also be collecting Plasma in Maitland.

Central Yorke Cougars Netball Club

Registration night Thursday 9th February 5.30pm - 6.30pm at the Cougars netball courts.

All intending players must attend. All junior players to register with a parent or guardian.

Apologies to Janine Sly 0407 719 268 prior to registration night accepted. Also required for 2012 season is a netball canteen manager, position voluntary, but this is negotiable.