



# Manly Selective Campus

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Giving Back to the Community



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## The Weekly Pines

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Please take note of the school calendar dates issued at the beginning of the year and revisited in each Weekly Pines. Revision of dates is minimized as much as possible. As much notice as possible is given of key changes.

**NSW School Band Festival** – the excellence of our music program was resoundingly acknowledged last weekend with our participation in this event. Held at the UNSW, we entered six music ensembles winning four gold, two silver and two development awards. The whole school is extremely proud of these achievements. They reflect the dedication, commitment and talent of our students, directors and supportive parents who help in so many ways, notably the Band Committee. The Symphonic Wind Orchestra (SWO) and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble both won gold in their divisions and a \$300 development grant each. The Jazz Orchestra (JO) and the Big Band both won gold and the Concert and Stage Band each won silver. The SWO and the JO were entered in the premier category of their streams making their results even more spectacular and the Concert Band was also entered into a higher division than last year.

The pre-eminence of our school bands over many other highly regarded schools was outstanding and a credit to the music directors Mark Brown and Craig Driscoll. These results make all the early morning rehearsals worth the effort. Our congratulations go to everyone associated with this success.

**Science and Engineering Challenge** – last Friday a very excited group of 23 Year 10 students returned to school thrilled with their success in their heat of this competition presented by The University of Newcastle and Rotary International. Their ingenuity and capacity for problem solving in science and engineering pushed them to the fore over very strong competition in the Sydney North West Region. The team now progresses to the finals in Newcastle later this term.

**Making Tracks School Engineering Challenge Awards** – our school was strongly represented in this pilot program jointly sponsored by DET and NSW RailCorp involving nine schools. Students in Year 10 Industrial Technology: Engineering have been involved in creating a new railway system for a town not currently serviced by trains, and creating a model of a level crossing. The challenge involved a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of various engineering requirements. Three teams were recognized for their achievements:

- the “Zhe Team” (Chuen Tang, Sean O’Neill, Josh Craker, Michael Topham, Sean Broderick and Isaac Beton) received certificates and vouchers for Outstanding Model and Outstanding Presentation and Recognition of Achievement (Runner up)
- the “Kool Team” (Tom Downie, Jarryd Fulcher-Collins, Jake Gibbons, Adam Cosentino, Rory Gazarian and James Cumming) received a certificate and voucher for Outstanding Achievement - most economically feasible project - the “Jolly Men Team” (Jordan Jolly, Jordan Andrews, Alex Stokes, Sam Hall

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and Elliot Wood) received a certificate and voucher for Outstanding Achievement – consideration of social factors

Special acknowledgement must be made of the excellence of designs by other students, in particular the electronic circuit board designed and built by David Thornton as part of his working model. Special acknowledgement was made of the outstanding contribution made by Mr Peter Dawes in the design and writing of this project whilst on secondment last year.

**TAS Display** – on the most bitter night so far this year, a hall full of parents and students were able to view excellent project work done by TAS students in textiles, computing, film, wood and metal technology and engineering with food being served by Food Technology students. All visitors were impressed with the creativity and ingenuity of student's designs and products in the fashion parade, the passive and active displays and models. Behind all of the projects were design principles and deeper understandings that made them highly valuable educational exercises. The evening finished with a fashion parade, including the elaborate and detailed major works of Year 12 Textiles students. Thanks go to TAS staff Mr Peter Dawes (Relieving HT), Mrs Lynda Peters, Mrs Jacqui McNee, Mr Paul Riley, Mr Branko Goykovic, Mrs Jacqueline Ellis, Ms Kate Farrow and Mrs Belinda Harding for their work in setting up the displays as well as the backstage crew.

#### **Other:**

**Year 12 Support** – as previously noted, this is the most stressful period for Year 12 as they manage study, assessments and major works. After the trial HSC beginning next week, we are putting into place some strategies to help them manage their time effectively and maximise the value of their last weeks of secondary schooling. We wish them all the best in the next two weeks.

**NSW Millenium Marching Band** – this unique group was formed for the 2000 Sydney Olympics as part of the DET contribution to those Olympics. This year 157 students were selected from across the state including Naomi Leviton (Year 11) and Katie Garman (Year 10) to be part of the opening ceremony in Beijing. Indeed, they are the first foreigners ever to perform in Tiananmen Square, a great moment in personal and national history. We look forward to hearing of their experiences upon their return.

**Wraps With Love** – this community based initiative has developed a momentum of its own including within our school community. The knitting was led by Ms O'Donnell and largely involved Year 7 students and parents last term. The sewing of the squares was completed yesterday with one more blanket than last year being delivered to Harbord Uniting Church today! Thank you to the group of parents and students who helped fulfil the school ethos of *giving back to the community* in this great project.

**Manly Odawara Exchange** – we welcome our Japanese student visitors on Monday and part of Tuesday, as our participation in the exchange program with Odawara that Gary Zhu, Daisy Wang, Florentine Wood, Ben Muir and Xiao Yin enjoyed in the school holidays. It will also be an excellent experience for the many other Manly students who are buddying the Japanese during these two days.

**Warringah Council's Brewarrina Youth Exchange** – Sian Liddy (Year 9) and Joshua Fielding (Year 10) had the privilege of visiting this outback NSW town in the holidays as part of an exchange program. Both students have returned with very positive stories and increased understandings of life in isolated country towns with predominantly Aboriginal populations. Their reports are included later in this bulletin.

**Change of Date for Year 8** – the elective choice information evening and the Science Techno Museum Display evening will be held together on the 19<sup>th</sup> August in the school hall beginning at 5:30. Parents should all have received a letter of invitation.

**Chess Finals** – the best of luck to the intermediate and senior chess teams who compete in the finals this afternoon.

#### **Congratulations to:**

- \* the SRC for their organisation of a mufti day today to raise money for the Himalayan Foundation's Schools for Schools program as part of the school's ethos of *giving back to the community*. We will be establishing a link with Phulale School in the foothills of Mount Everest. This fundraising will be used to help repair class rooms and establish a school toilet. We hope this will be an ongoing relationship

- \* the "Company" dance group and their teacher Ms Kirsten Waller who have been selected to perform their item "Faded Wings" at the State Dance Festival, Seymour Centre in September

## Year 10 Science & Engineering Challenge 25 July 2008

On Friday 25 July, 19 year students left the bus bay at 7.30 am to take part in the Science & Engineering Challenge at Macquarie University. They competed against six other high schools in various tasks. The outcome was in the balance until the final event which was the judging of the bridge building. We managed to win the contest which means that our next challenge is in Newcastle against other winners of the first round. The photo below shows Jake Gibbons and Harrison Cooper-Trent with their bridge.

George Cowan



## NBSC – SCIENCE TECHNO MUSEUM 2008

Northern Beaches Secondary College is proud to present Science Techno Museum 2008.



How good were the good old days?

### WHAT?

The Science Techno Museum is an activity being conducted as part of Australian Science Week with support from the Australian Science & Mathematics School, Adelaide.

### WHO?

Year 8 students from Mackellar Girls, Cromer, Manly Selective and Balgowlah Boys Campuses are all participating in the project

and will showcase their work during Science Week.

### WHEN?

A museum display will be held at MSC on **Tuesday 19/8/08** from 1.30pm to 7pm in the hall and the best projects will be displayed at the College Administration Centre, Freshwater Education Centre on **Friday 22 August**. (Times to be notified)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The key to this project is that it will be peer assessed by teachers, students and parents. Year 8 would appreciate as many parents as possible to come along to the campus and help judge the display.



## SPORT NOTICES

Wednesday's grade sport was cancelled due to closure of all available sports fields. Some enthusiastic teams played either on the school oval, school basketball courts or soccer on the John Fisher netball courts.

Extremely successful Grade Sport teams as of 23 July are:

### Years 7/8

- \*Boys Soccer "Manly Juniors"
- \*Ultimate Frisbee "That Team"
- \*Girls Soccer "Nerds MC"
- \*Netball "Team Tuna"
- \*Netball "The Muffinmen"

### Years 9/10

- \*Junior Boys Basketball
- \*Senior Boys Soccer
- Girls Basketball (only 1 loss)
- Senior boys Basketball (only 1 loss)
- (\* undefeated teams)

Students who borrowed school T-shirts for the Zone Athletics Carnival from last term please return them to Ms Taylor cleaned. A list of names of students who fail to return the shirt will be published and they will be invoiced for the shirts.

Regional relay teams must ensure that a list of the team members is given to Ms Taylor (for merits).

Gala day coach permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday 6 August 2008 otherwise coaches will not be able to go and students will be spending their day in class. Year 7 and 8 Gala day travel notes need to be returned by Monday 4 August, notes to be returned to Ms Taylor and \$5 to be paid to the front office.

### Grade Sport rounds:

6/8 Boys away to The Forest  
13/8 Girls away to Mosman  
20/8 Boys away to Balgowlah,  
Girls at home to Mackellar  
27/8 Boys away to Killarney  
3/9 Semi Finals  
10/9 Grand Finals and start of Summer Sport.

## Whooping Cough Alert Reminder

A Whooping Cough alert letter was included in the Weekly Pines at the end of last term, following a case of Whooping Cough (pertussis) at the school. As another case has recently been confirmed, please remain alert for signs and symptoms. The illness is usually characterised by a feeling of being generally unwell with an accompanying coughing illness that tends to occur in bouts. The cough may be severe enough to cause the affected person to vomit after a bout of coughing. Whooping Cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing.

People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease or young children particularly children under the age of 1 year. Also, as Whooping Cough can occur in people previously vaccinated, we suggest that any person developing some or all of the above symptoms consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of whooping cough in the school.

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Central Coast, Public Health Unit (Hornsby Office)  
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## CAREER MATTERS

- ✚ St Patrick's Business College – Open Day 10 August 2008 11am-1pm. Email [admin@stpatsbuscol.com.au](mailto:admin@stpatsbuscol.com.au) for more information.
- ✚ UTS Open day 30 August 2008.
- ✚ Sydney Uni Open Day 30 August.

- ✚ International College of Management (Darley Road, Manly). Open Day 17 August 10am – 2pm.
- ✚ Australian Engineering Week 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August. To view activities visit [www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew](http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/aew).
- ✚ International Student Volunteers. Summer Volunteer Education & Adventure Programs – visit [www.isvonline.com/highschools](http://www.isvonline.com/highschools) for more information.
- ✚ Charles Sturt University information day at Powerhouse Museum 30 August 10.30am & 1.30pm School of Communication Bathurst and School of Visual & Performing Arts in Wagga.
- ✚ Year 12 VTAC Scholarship Applications open 4 August and close 10 October for anyone interested in studying in Victoria. See [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) for online applications.
- ✚ Billy Blue College of Design, APM Training Institute and APM College of Business & Communication (Think Group) Open Day 16 August, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. Contact [ebailey@think.edu.au](mailto:ebailey@think.edu.au) to RSVP.
- ✚ EF High School Year Overseas. New brochure out; visit [www.ef.com/highschool](http://www.ef.com/highschool).

## Brewarrina Articles/photos from Sian Liddy and Joshua Fielding

*10 hours from Sydney. 800 kilometres.  
Population: 1500 (80% Indigenous).*

So that's Brewarrina, and to some that's all it will ever be. But after travelling there, and spending a week being looked after by the locals, I've learnt so much more about this little town out the back o' Bourke.



Brewarrina, or 'Bre' as is it known by the locals, is a town alive with Aboriginal culture. The local people are open and friendly and ready to welcome you into any activity, be it fishing down on the Barwon River or a fun game of football or soccer in town. What starts as a small game will turn into a fun 15 a side match, the news spread by word of mouth. The disco at the youth centre gave us a chance to meet even more of the local kids.

During our stay we went to many culturally significant places, like the ancient Brewarrina fish traps, thought to outdate the Great Pyramids, the Brewarrina Mission Station where we learnt about the different, often harsh customs of the time, and Lightning Ridge where we went to a small Aboriginal museum and met "Uncle Roy". He passionately told his story which touched us all and taught us about the land and the tools Aborigines used to wield.

Visiting the information centre, we met Bradley and learnt about the different tribes, their land and language, as well as hearing the creation story of the Fish Traps. Here we had the privilege of seeing traditional Aboriginal dancing to the music of the didgeridoo and tasted some of their fresh native bush tucker including emu, kangaroo, yabbies, emu egg, and damper. It was an eye opening experience!

In Lightning Ridge, we went down and walked through a working opal mine, seeing all the different types of rock, and were shown how to spot an opal. The mine was about 30m underground, and with only a narrow spiral staircase. It was not for the faint hearted, or light stomached!

We then went to see the bottle house. That's right, a house made entirely out of old glass bottles! At the time of construction, it was the cheapest material available, but now it's turned into a museum full of bottles of all sorts, different gems and even bottled fetuses. The 40 degree bore baths were a great way to end the day and to unwind, as well as mix with the locals.

I've learnt so much about Aboriginal culture and way of life, especially from Bradley, a friendly local who became an honorary tour guide. He's a walking encyclopedia, whose talks about his history and his ancestors kept me captivated on the long bus trips, teaching me an incredible amount about the indigenous history.

It was good to visit the local council, meet the council members, and see how they ran their community compared to Warringah. Although Brewarrina is a relatively small town the council covers an area of 19,000 sq kms - the same size as Kakadu. Their efforts in improving the community, such as installing a new playground for the local kids has been greatly appreciated, with children playing on it constantly.

There were many experiences from Brewarrina that I may never get a chance to have again like going to 2WEB and having an interview with their newsreader, wandering the rocky cliffs of Gundabooka and Mt Oxley and experiencing traditional Aboriginal culture first hand. Going to Brewarrina was amazing, and something I'll never forget.

The chance to form strong friendships with the other ambassadors from my local area was brilliant, an opportunity given by this Warringah Council program.

Sian Liddy (Year 9)



## Brighter Future in Bre'

In July, six happy-go-lucky Warringah youth 'Ambassadors' and two youth workers travelled out to Brewarrina, a remote, mostly Aboriginal town in the north-west of NSW, for an enlightening experience.

The trip centered on removing us from our familiar surroundings, the affluent Northern Beaches, and enriching us with the positives of outback NSW. To describe the community in Brewarrina as being simply 'kind' would serve them a great injustice.

The whole community treated us with hospitality not often seen in cities anymore. Through playing soccer with five year olds in the local park to travelling to Gundabooka

National Park and viewing the 20,000 year old Aboriginal rock paintings, we were treated to a fresh perspective of Aboriginal society. One of the greatest things about the whole trip was the dismissal of many of the prejudices I previously held concerning Aboriginal people. From the Aboriginal elders in the community we experienced lessons in the history of our land which no fully-qualified history teacher will ever give us.



There was, and still are, many injustices being dealt to Aboriginal people through the history of our forefathers. What the population in Brewarrina are doing is not blaming this legacy as the source of all their problems. They are breaking an almost irreversible cycle in social problems (unemployment, poverty, teen pregnancy) through positive action within the community.

My experience in Brewarrina was that many of the issues plaguing Sydney at the moment such as alcohol and drug abuse were still felt there, but not nearly as severely. The commercial media have a field-day when discussing Aboriginal society, often portraying it as a 'problem' which should be controlled by government intervention.

The community in Brewarrina are doing a lot more to try to stem these problems than we are on the Northern Beaches. With a strong relationship between police, council and community, they are creating a brighter future for the younger generation.

Knowledge and experience are two of the greatest tools when problem-solving. Through personal experience in Brewarrina we can now impart our understanding of Aboriginal society on to family, friends and the broader community.

There is still a deep-seated ignorance surrounding Aboriginal communities in

Australian society but through programs like the Warringah-Brewarrina Youth Exchange we are slowly breaking it down.

Thank you to Warringah Council for this experience. It's one which was both fun and educational.

Joshua Fielding (Year 10)

## BANDS OF MANLY SELECTIVE CAMPUS



### NSW School Band Festival @NSW UNI

It was a very good weekend for Manly Selective Campus at the School Band Festival this weekend. On Saturday, both the Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Wind Orchestra received a Gold award, both also receiving Band Development Grants of \$300 each. On Sunday, Craig took the Concert Band and Stage to Silver, then the Big Band and Jazz Orchestra to Gold. Each of the stage bands played a lively and entertaining set, with the singers in each band adding a very engaging and enjoyable aspect.

Given the excellent results by the Manly Bands, particularly with the SWO and JO being in the "premier" concert and stage band sections respectively of the festival, our students can take pride from their part in helping to confirm Manly as one of the leading school band programs in Sydney. Much of the credit has to go to Mark and Craig for their enthusiasm and skill in guiding the students to such a high level.

The Festival's MC also commented that Manly has been participating for many years, and our contribution of so many bands helps make this prestigious festival.

### Diary Dates

Parents of students in the Band Programme at MSC, please note that it is not always possible to co-ordinate dates between the school calendar and Bands. The Band Diary Dates Section in Pines has the dates and details for the relevant concerts/competitions, if you are ever unsure about your child's band please contact the parent rep for the relevant band.

## City to Surf

Just over a week to the City to Surf on August 10th. Please see the attached flyer for details. We are down a little on numbers this year, and would really appreciate anyone who wants to join in the fun to come along and help out. It's all over by 1pm, and even a couple of hours in the morning would be great. Car pooling and parking can be arranged for band members or anyone else. Please contact Sally Garman on 9939 2403 or [garman@bigpond.com](mailto:garman@bigpond.com)

## Band Web Site

There is a link for the band program on the Manly P&C website. Go to [www.manlypandc.org.au](http://www.manlypandc.org.au) and click on 'Band' for a calendar, list of committee members, minutes of the last meeting and other important information.

## Band Diary Dates

- **Monday 4 August – Committee Meeting in Band room at 8pm**
- **Sunday 10 August - City to Surf Fundraiser –All Welcome**
- Sunday 10 August - I-Jazz playing at the Oxford Falls Peace Park Anniversary between 11am and 1pm
- Saturday 6 September- Bands Dinner Dance at Cromer Golf Club – Japanese Theme
- Friday 19 September – SWO, Str, JO, SJ are performing in a Concert for Families and Friends of MSC Bands at Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel in the grounds of St Patrick's Estate, Manly, 7-9pm.

## Band Names

SWO=Symphonic Wind Orchestra; WE=Wind Ensemble; CB=Concert Band; JO=Jazz Orchestra; BB=Big Band; SB=Stage Band; SJ=S-Jazz; IJ=I-Jazz; IS=ImproShop; Str=Strings

## FROM THE OFFICE

At the front office we accumulate a small hillock of lost property every term. If any item of clothing is handed in that has a name in it, we can return it to its rightful owner immediately. The moral of the story is .... *Please put a name on your child's school clothes.*



## Calendar

<b>Week 3 B</b>		3/8 to 9/8: Odawara students exchange at Manly
4/08/08	Monday	Trial HSC begins until 15/8/08 Year 7 Scripture Year 8 Accelerated Maths Information Evening 6.30 pm Common Room
<b>Week 4A</b>		<b>Science-Techno Museum Week</b>
11/08/08	Monday	Proposed Year 7 Gala Day
12/08/08	Tuesday	UNSW English Competition
13/08/08	Wednesday	Language Competitions
15/08/08	Friday	Trial HSC concludes
<b>Week 5 B</b>		
18/08/08	Monday	Proposed Year 8 Gala Day (tbc) Merit Week
20/08/08	Wednesday	School tours 9:30am Local GPs visit Year 11 P & C Meeting 7.30 pm Common Room TAS Display 6 - 8.30 pm
<b>Week 6A</b>		
25/08/08	Monday	Year 7 Scripture
27/08/08	Wednesday	UNSW Computer Skills Competition
29/08/08	Friday	SRC Pinestock p 3,4,lunch
<b>Week 7 B</b>		
1/09/08	Monday	Year 10 interview week Year 7 Scripture - no other bookings Period ... PAU State Junior Music Camp (Mon – Thurs)
3/09/08	Wednesday	Creative Arts Open Evening TBC PAU State Junior Music Camp
<b>Week 8A</b>		
8/09/08	Monday	Year 7 Scripture
9/09/08	Tuesday	Prelim Music exams State Dance Festival
10/09/08	Wednesday	
11/09/08	Thursday	Rocka Grand Final at Entertainment Centre
12/09/08	Friday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
<b>Week 9 B</b>		
15/09/08	Monday	Year 7 Scripture Year 11 Preliminary Exams
16/09/08	Tuesday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
17/09/08	Wednesday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams School Tour 9:30am P & C Meeting 7.30 pm Common Room
18/09/08	Thursday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
19/09/08	Friday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Year 8 (2009) Languages choices due
Sep 20 -21	Sat - Sun	Band program Dinner Dance at Cromer Golf Club (Sat)
<b>Week 10A</b>		
22/09/08	Monday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Year 7 Scripture
23/09/08	Tuesday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
24/09/08	Wednesday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Trial SC Mathematics (incl Y9 accelerants) & English in hall
25/09/08	Thursday	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Trial SC Science & Ht/Geo/Civics exams
26/09/08	Friday	Year 12 Farewell ceremonies
Sep 27 - 28		
<b>SPRING VACATIONS to Sunday October 12 (inclusive)</b>		