



29 July 2022

Tara McGrath-West



Congratulations to former MHS student Tara McGrath-West who has signed an NRLW contract with St George Illawarra as part of the 2022 NRL Telstra Women's Premiership squad.

Tara was School Captain at MHS in 2019 and attended training weekly in the ACT as well as games each weekend while studying the HSC at Murrumburrah High School.

Tara currently works in Manly with the NRL as a Game Development Officer and said that it has been an awesome experience so far, although she doesn't have a lot of time to herself with training and work so doesn't get a chance to come home too often.

Tara is extremely grateful for the support of her family and support network.

Dates

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From the Principal

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 3.

I do hope our school families had a decent break or at least some relaxing time at home over the school holidays. It is not easy when the kids are at home, and you still have to work. I hope that all the housework was completed, and you came home each night to a cooked meal.....but I am guessing that did not happen as much as you would like. COVID is still doing the rounds of our community and will impact us for a while yet. I spent the whole holidays lying in front of the TV not feeling the best as I tested positive very early in the holidays. COVID and Whooping Cough at the same time and then my wife got sick too. Our house was sick for the whole holidays.

Term 3 has started in its usual way. Students are all back into class with almost all staff on duty each day. A number of students have forgotten some of the basics of being a young adult. It would be greatly appreciated if you could remind your children to be prepared for lessons every day with the correct equipment and to check their timetable each morning to ensure they know which day it is. Two concerns have come to my attention this week which need to be dealt with. The number of students that have come back from holidays with inappropriate language has increased this term. Also social media has become a bigger concern lately. Students need to be reminded that social media is there for good reasons, friendly communication etc. It is not for venting their frustrations, annoyance, or dislike for others. NSW government legislation is very clear, and the students have been reminded of this regularly, including by the Police in Term 1. If you use social media for bullying or harassment of others, you can expect disciplinary action to follow. Threats or intimidation will be referred to the local Police. I hate to raise this in my newsletter report, as I try to always be positive in this forum. Unfortunately, however, the message needs to get out that this is not acceptable under any circumstances. We have a fantastic school and local community, and I would hate for the actions of a few to affect the many.

I would like to welcome Ms Shannon Butler to the school. Ms Butler is on contract for the rest of the year. It has been hard to get casual teachers and when Ms Butler was looking for work, we locked her in straight away. Also learning the ropes in Science has been Kellie Abnett. Kellie will be filling in for a few weeks in the science area whilst Vicki Lovell takes some leave with her husband Wal. Wal is being replaced on the Farm by Michael O'Connor for 3 months. Michael has also been helping out Craig as a General Assistant around the school and has completed all the mandatory online training.

The school hall has had its basketball backboards out of action since before the first COVID lockdown. They are finally going to be fixed ready for use next week. I would like to thank TRIO Building from Sydney for putting our school first on their list of repairs. I believe they have dozens of schools across the state to repair. Also being done soon by Southwest Carpet Cleaning is all our lounges. They will be professionally cleaning all the staff, visitor and students lounges in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there is no update on the solar panel installation or cooler classrooms. We are all waiting for that work to be done, it has now been months since the school was notified of the works. I will be on leave for the next 2 weeks for eye surgery but am very confident that the school will run fine in my absence. I am concerned that staff and students may not even know I am missing!!!! Oh well, I suppose that means I have done my job well.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Will James, Matilda Cranny, Ashton Gadd, Katelyn McMillan and Lewis Shea for achieving Blue Level.

Congratulations to April Drew, Brody Steele, Eleanor Ward, Evan Jakiwczyk, Jayda Kelly and Talai Vasquez for achieving Double Blue level.



P & C Update

Our next meeting will be held on Monday the 8th of August at 6pm in the staff common room. We would like to say a massive thank you to the Harden Country Club for allowing us to be a part of their community raffle. We will be hosting them again on the 5th of August so we hope to see lots of parents and carers there to support the P&C and buy a raffle ticket!

Katrina O'Connor
P&C President

Captains' Corner

Welcome back to Term 3! Beau and I hope you all had a fun, relaxing and safe holiday. We are now back into our learning and we hope you are all thriving.

SRC are straight back into it, and have events planned for this term. Next week, Week 3, we will be doing a coin chase for the whole week. This challenge will be in year groups and the year with the longest line of coins will win a prize, although we do emphasise that if you DO NOT participate or donate you WILL NOT receive/ be a part of the prize. The money will be collected by SRC and the lovely office ladies, SILVER COINS ONLY. We hope to see you all getting involved, as this money will go towards SRC so we can organise and present future fundraising and activity days for you all.

First week back, Ms Young, seven year 12 students and I traveled to Sydney via train after a 30 minute delay. We arrived late Wednesday night and stayed at the YHA hostel. We roamed the streets of the Big Smoke, visiting Taronga Zoo, the Australian Museum, Art Gallery and Powerhouse Museum, just to name a few. After two huge days exploring, we returned home at 1:30am Saturday morning. A massive thank you goes to Ms Young as she was unreal with the way she guided and supervised us. We thank the school for allowing us to attend this excursion before beginning our final term of school and our crazy studying schedules leading up to our trials and HSC. Good luck Year 12!

Remember SRC are still here to listen and voice your concerns and opinions. Please do not hesitate to approach us. Enjoy Term 3!

Beau & Chloe
School Captains

Food Technology

The [Stage 5 & 6](#) Food Technology class had a cracker of a time creating these mouth watering Beef Enchiladas!

Mr Ben Phillips,
Hospitality and Maths Teacher



Year 12 Silent Auction

Fundraising for the 2022 Formal.

This amazing cubby house, built by the [Stage 6](#) Industrial Technology students under the direction of Mr Doug Phillips, is currently available to the highest bidder in our silent auction. Mr Phillips generously donated the cubby house to Year 12 to help them raise funds for their formal.

Year 12 are most appreciative of this donation as COVID restrictions placed severe limitations on their ability to hold fundraising events. Supporters will be able to register their bids via the school email. The auction closes on Friday 16th September at 3.25pm and we will notify the highest bidder in Week 10.

All funds raised will go towards the formal. For more information you can email the school at murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or check out our Facebook page. Good luck!

Many thanks,

Ms Lauren Masson - Library Teacher



NAIDOC WEEK

Yiradhu Marang (good day)! Last week we celebrated our NAIDOC week, with this year's theme being Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! Students enjoyed a variety of NAIDOC activities within the school.

These included bracelet making, a BBQ where students and teachers were able to taste traditional meats including crocodile, kangaroo (wambuwuny) and emu (dinawan). We also enjoyed a BBQ with representatives of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). We also had a display of 50 years of NAIDOC posters in our front foyer, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NAIDOC poster.

The school community was able to reflect on the themes and the importance of these themes over the past half a century.

Students also completed a range of NAIDOC themed activities during IVY lessons. Students researched and created posters of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander figures, who, as per this year's theme, have Got Up, Stood Up and Spoken Up for what they believe in to achieve change.

Mr Luke Cotter



NAIDOC Week

Thank you to Rosie Hetherington for her NAIDOC themed meringues and Mitch Summerfield for the amazing food he baked for the staff development day which included scones with rosella, davidson plum and lilly pilly jam, davidson plum jam drops, anise myrtle and orange biscuits, strawberry gum custard slice, finger lime cheesecake, emu stroganoff pie, kangaroo and bush tomato sausage rolls.

Craig Gray and Luke Cotter cooked up a storm on the BBQ with emu seasoned with bush tomato and mountain pepper seasoning, kangaroo, and crocodile seasoned with saltbush and pepper berry.



Sydney Excursion



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Clio and Shelby



Clio, the Bordoodle, trialling a new job as a therapy Dog.

School Bus

Our school bus was left sparkling, thanks to Mr Priem and some of our [Stage 5](#) students who put in a massive effort and cleaned it from top to bottom.



Kellie Abnett

Welcome to Kellie Abnett who will be filling in for a few weeks in the science area whilst Vicki Lovell is away on leave.



VIP Invitation

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WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

Hard Rock Gym is hosting a consultation with the community to gain information on the needs of our babies to 24 years. Please drop in anytime during the afternoon to give us your opinions and ideas. Afternoon tea served. We have an opportunity to feed this back to the NSW Government.

BETWEEN 3:30 - 5:30PM TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2022
AT THE HARD ROCK GYM

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Word Search

Types of Dog

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BULLDOG
PINSCHER
DALMATIAN
MASTIFF
BOXER
SHEPHERD
BEAGLE
TERRIER
SETTER
CORGI
ROTTWEILER
CHIHUAHUA
COLLIE
HOUND
DACHSHUND

Unwell or have COVID?

Unwell / Testing

Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

For positive COVID-19 cases

If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- Record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW.
- Notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible.
- Follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.

Household/close contacts attending school

Students and staff who are identified as household/close contacts and have no symptoms can attend school if they follow certain guidelines agreed with NSW Health in addition to the NSW Health guidelines;

- They must notify the school.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.