Important Upcoming Dates

- 18th March  
  Mountain Biking Program
- 25th March  
  Cross Country
- 28th - 5th April  
  Alice Springs Basketball Tour

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Leo of the Year
This Sunday 15th March, Jarrod Sopniewski will be representing the Monaro High School Leo Club at the State Leo of the Year Competition in Sydney.

Jarrod will be interviewed by a panel of judges about his Leo/Lions knowledge, his leadership qualities and community involvement. After the interview he will deliver a 5 minute speech about a topic of his choice.

We wish Jarrod well for the competition and we are sure he will do Monaro High School proud.

Your contributions needed
This year we are making an effort to encourage all parents to pay school fees of $100 for the year. ($25 per term).

Every cent raised from these contributions will go towards completing our PDHPE facility, “The Shed”. A suitable floor in the shed will cost approximately $100,000. We appreciate your support.

We are here $44,910.00
$25,000

MHS Shed Drive

ACE Students Start Work Experience

Week 6 saw the first of the Alternate Curriculum Experience (ACE students begin their work placements. Work experience is an integral part of the ACE program, which aims to develop 21st century workplace skills and increase the employability of Year 10 students.

Kane Furner (pictured) spent some time at Just Tyres, Alice Harvey is learning about administration with Monaro Freight and Kiana Swain is discovering the sales side of agriculture with Monaro Livestock and Property. This program could not take place without the support of our local businesses.

Weekly work placements combined with the alternate learning program in the ACE classroom encourages students to become responsible for their own learning while developing the time management, critical thinking and problem solving skills to succeed in any workplace.
Last week, on 4th - 5th March, the 2015 SRC went to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre to work towards developing their leadership skills and teamwork. The SRC consists of:

**Year 12** - Mina Bradshaw, Penelope Grayson, Daniel Hopkin, Cassie Miller, Conna Sheedy, Jarrod Sopniewski,

**Year 11** - Bailey Burke, Liam Callaghan, Thijs De Ruijter, Taya Evans, Jon Field, Chelsea Kreti, Juli Mylan,

**Year 10** - Amy Fraser, Trinity Maat

**Year 9** - Ibrahim Hudson, Jessica Povey

**Year 8** - Sarah Fraser, Hayley Jones

**Year 7** - John Douglas

The students undertook team building, initiative and leadership activities and were challenged regularly. In one activity the students had to make a “widget” without knowing what they were making - which tested their communication skills, teamwork ability and creative thinking. They also undertook a hilarious treasure hunt, climbed high and low ropes, supported each other in each activity, raced and did burn outs on the “big wheels”, safely cooked a gourmet BBQ, listened and shared lame jokes, played terrible charades, ate lots of amazing food and planned projects for 2015.

On Sunday 15th February the following students competed in the Dragon Boat Challenge as part of the Flowing Festival conducted on Lake Jindabyne.

**Seniors (Year 11-12)** - Jarrod Sopniewski, Josh Zammit, Penelope Grayson, Tammy Povey, Meg Poulton, Jazmin Fely and Bella Salvestro.

**Juniors (Year 7-10)** - Bill Zammit, James Cahill, Emma McDonald, Brooke Fraser, Brenna Clayton, Anna Haylock, Riley Williams, Lance McDonald, Jono Tame, Jason Kelly, Aramis Fitzgerald, Claudia Kerr and Jessica Povey.

For most of these students this was their first ever involvement with Dragon Boating. The day started with an instructional and training paddle where the key skills of the stroke, timing and teamwork while in the boat were taught to our students. The competition part of the day consisted of two heats and a final. On each occasion MHS finished third, with the most pleasing aspect being the noticeable improvement as a crew between races one and three. It must be noted that because we were unable to boat a separate Junior or Senior crew we had to combine as a crew and race in the Senior event against other school crews who were made up of only Year 11 & 12 students. So all things considered the MHS Dragon Boat crew performed wonderfully and were only a length off the winners in the final.

Acknowledgement goes to all of our students for giving up their Sunday to represent us at the Festival, for trying so hard and improving so much in such a short period of time. A special mention goes to Jarrod Sopniewski and Joshua Zammit for their wonderful leadership, initiative and the responsibility they took throughout the entire day which was a great help, especially to all of our Junior students.

Mr Kevin Regan
Year 10 Agriculture Class Excursion

On Tuesday 3rd March, Year 10 Agriculture classes at Monaro High School participated in an excursion to the Cooma Saleyards. Students are currently studying about Prime Lamb Enterprises. The purpose of this excursion was to learn ways prime lambs are sold and marketed. We listened to guest speakers, Dr Petrea Wait and Kirrily Gould from the Local Land Services and Mr Will Dixon from Monaro Livestock and Property. Dr Petrea Wait explained her role at the saleyards and concerns for animal health. She talked of the procedures that are undertaken when lambs present with footrot or others diseases. She also talked about checking the ear tags and NVD (how many sheep will be sold, what treatments they have undergone and what property the sheep are from) prior to the sale. Mr Will Dixon the manager of MLP (Monaro Livestock and Property) talked to us about the way the sales are run, who the ground keepers are, the preparation required before the sale commences, during and after the sale. He talked about the features of the saleyards, and the advantages and disadvantages of selling through the yards as a marketing option. He also discussed the current market trends, the active buyers at the sale and where lambs on the Monaro end up.

MHS Basketballers Set New Australian Record

Congratulations to the MHS Basketballers - New Australian Record - 33hrs!

The MHS Basketball teams set a new Australian record for the longest continuous game of basketball. They played from 8.30am Saturday 28th February to 5.30pm Sunday 1st March. All of the 24 students showed amazing school spirit and perseverance to achieve this feat and were appreciative of the support they received from staff, parents, friends and local businesses. Well done to all involved.

MHS Girls Cricket Team head to Crookwell

On Monday 2nd March our girl’s cricket team played Crookwell in the first round of the CHS Girls Cricket competition. It was a great day with both teams displaying an exceptional level of sportsmanship. Crookwell were very skilful with the bat and won the match. Yasmin Williams and Chloe Trevanion opened our bowling and were very consistent. Congratulations to Zoe Fraser who was our top scoring batter. Thank you to all the girls who participated and the boys who offered to be officials.

Team: Hayley Jones, Kaesi Baker, Emma McDonald, Brooke Fraser, Emily Blyton, Zoe Fraser, Amy Fraser, Yasmin Williams Chloe Trevanion, Rachel Hunt, Trinity Maat, Kiana Swain and Grace Nesbitt.

Officials: Archie Allen, Jacob Umbuck, James Cahill, Joe Rossiter.
Monaro High School Swimming Carnival 2015

MHS’ annual short distance swimming carnival took place on a lovely summer’s day, Wednesday 11th February 2015 at Cooma’s Festival Swimming Pool.

The pool environs were decked out in the colourful banners, balloons and mascots representing the house colours for the four participating teams - Gordon, Kendall, Lawson and Paterson.

The day’s competition kicked off with the 12yr girl’s 25 metre freestyle amidst the boisterous encouragement from all the team cheer squads!

Students and staff were dressed in colours supporting their house teams. Amongst the best costumes was Ms Baker sporting a bright blue wig and Daniel Hopkins in a gorgeous 1950’s style bikini!

Catering supplied by the D Block team kept a steady flow of refreshments for the tirelessly working officials, marshals, timekeepers, supervisors and judges. The scones and jam were very popular.

Year 12 manned the barbeque, serving sausages, eggs and bacon with a smile.

Competition was fierce in the pool. Age champions were (12 years) Georgina Ingram, (13 years) Chelsea Lunt and Noah Saddler, (14 years) Chloe Trevanion and Will Sadler (15 years) Livinia Evans and Pierre Wall, (16 years) Katelyn Patricks and Ethan Hunt, (17 + years) Emma Fogarty and Ben Trotter.

This year there were some outstanding swimming performances with many long standing records being broken. Noah Saddler broke the 13 year 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 12-14 year 400m Individual medley record, Katelyn Patricks broke the 16 years 25m Freestyle and 400m Individual Medley record. Chelsea Lunt broke the 13 years 50m freestyle and 100m Butterfly record. Brenna Clayton broke the 13 years 100m Backstroke record. Elia Davis broke the 12-14 years 400m Individual Medley record and Danyon Corby 15 years 400m Individual Medley record.

The last event of the day was Monaro High School Staff verses Year 12 student’s relay. The competition was intense but the school staff proved too strong on the day, winning by a narrow margin.

The final score after a most enjoyable day was Gordon 1st on 979, Kendall 2nd on 840, Lawson 3rd on 838 followed by Paterson on 730 points.

MHS Students Compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 18th February, 21 students travelled to Narooma to compete in the Eurobodalla Zone Swimming Carnival. There were some outstanding performances with Brenna Clayton, Ella Davis, Noah Saddler, Danyon Corby and 3 relay teams all winning races with other team members taking out a significant number of minor placings. Overall 15 students qualified for the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto held on the 5th March 2015.

Zone Team: Will Cahill, Brenna Clayton, Ella Davis, Georgina Ingram, Noah Saddler, Zara Farrell, Jessica Franco, Emma Hopkin, Rachel Hunt, Chelsea Lunt, Emma McDonald, Jacob Squire, Chloe Trevanion, Archie Allen, James Cahill, Ibrahim Hudson, Azzam Hudson, Rachel-Ann Jones and Katelyn Patricks

Regional Team: Brenna Clayton, Ella Davis, Georgina Ingram, Noah Saddler, Chelsea Lunt, Chloe Trevanion, Will Sadler, Danyon Corby, Inbraham Hudson, Katelyn Patricks, Livinia Evans, Rachel-Ann Jones, Will Cahill, Jacob Squire and James Cahill.