



MILLER MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

15 August	University Transition Program
15 August	Year 12 Trials Examination
15 August	Construction White Card Training
15 August	RAS
16 August	Community Access Program
16 August	Women's Group
16 August	ALNF Art Program
16 August	Year 12 Trials Examination
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18 August	Year 12 Trial Examinations
18 August	Parent English Classes
18 August	Year 11 Review Panel
18 August	Refill Program Year 8
18 August	Launch your Career in Hospitality
19 August	Year 12 Trial Examination
19 August	Parent Information Session IEC Exiters
19 August	School Captain Interviews
22 August	University Transition Program
22 August	RAS
22 August	Year 12 Trial Examination
22 August	Book Week
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25 August	Year 8 Refill WOW Casula Powerhouse
26 August	Year 12 Trial Examination
26 August	South Cares Visit
26 August	Bernera Zone Meeting
26 August	Book Week
26 August	Visual Merchandising Workshop

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dear parents and carers,

Over the first weeks of this term, there has been a definite feeling of optimism, confidence, and happiness to engage with life, with a strong sense of school pride. School pride is about everyone doing their part, both teachers and students, to do what it takes to make our school a place where each person is an integral part of what makes us unique.

School pride can be displayed in different ways, with many events over recent weeks allowing students to explore their strengths and talents to broaden and deepen connections to the school.

One co-curricular event I enjoyed this week, along with other staff, was the Year 7 Kite Flying Festival as part of their Term 2 Technology Mandatory (TM) project. Seeing the students so highly motivated and engaged was fantastic, with mobile phones nowhere to be seen!

Another co-curricular event this week involved the Year 9 students in a WW1 Living History experience with artefacts - including replicas, movie props and other items that Australian soldiers would have used during WW1 in France.

An extra-curricular activity that runs every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is the PCYC fit-for-work program. Under the stewardship of Ms Benitez, students in the program work as a group with trainers, youth workers and NSW Police to develop individual goals and implement plans to find employment.

Student leadership is a proud tradition in the school and beyond, with every student having a chance to be a leader. Our House System, Student Representative Council and Prefect Body successfully encourage individual leadership. However, these are not the only avenues as classroom, sporting, and cultural leadership opportunities exist in abundance.

It is not easy to be a student leader, and I would like to congratulate the nineteen Year 11 students who took the courageous step to nominate for the School Prefect position. All the students gave their best through the process and performed admirably at every step.

I am confident that the 2022-23 Prefects Leadership group, recognised by their peers and staff for their achievements and potential to lead, will support one another to foster the strengths of the group and build positive relationships across the student body.

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However, their journey is not complete, and as is our custom, the School Captains and Senior Prefects will be chosen through a rigorous interview process next week.

The induction ceremony to introduce our 2022-23 Prefect Leadership group to the school will take place during our ROSE assembly in Week 7.

Again, I congratulate the new Prefects Leadership Group on your appointment. A big thank you to Mr Yacoub, Ms Atkins, and Ms Northcott for your unwavering support for student leadership in our school.

Over recent weeks, school pride has also been evident through sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship involves a commitment to fair play, ethical behaviour and integrity, and goodwill towards opponents. These team qualities were demonstrated recently by the Opens Boys' Rugby League team when competing in NRL events at Campbelltown and Penrith and by our Year 8 students during the Bernera Zone Gala Day across multiple venues and sports last Thursday.

At the individual level, sportsmanship involves an athlete disciplined enough to have perspective, maintain composure, and do what is best for teammates. These attributes were showcased when Opens Boys' Rugby League team leaders Cyrus Toleafoa and Nini Letuu were voted by players and coaches the most valuable and most consistent players, respectively, at the Campbelltown NRL event.

Leadership and school pride were further demonstrated by Semi Ah Sam when coaches voted him as the most valuable player during the follow-up tournament at Penrith.

Sportsmanship and the competitive spirit were also strongly apparent in the teachers versus student European Handball game in Week 3. A fun time was had by all!

I would like to congratulate all the students involved in these and many other events this term for being positive role models and wonderful school ambassadors.

The performing arts is a collective term for arts performed in front of an audience, whether dance, drama, music, or theatre. With this understanding, during recess and lunchtime this week, the Year 12 Music students shared their HSC compositions and songs with the school.

Under the direction of Mr Wood and Mr Critcher, the 30 performances not only captured the audience's hearts and emotions but demonstrated the students' exemplary musical talents and techniques and school pride.

Next week Year 12 commence their final course assessment, the *Trial* HSC examinations. I am in no doubt that their teachers have well prepared them, and their abilities and efforts will be crowned with the best of successes.

In finishing, firstly, I would like to congratulate Ms Nickel, who, through merit selection, successfully gained a permanent position as one of our highly skilled learning and support teachers. Ms Nickel is very proud of her achievement, bringing a wealth of experience and sound knowledge of the learning needs of Miller students.

Secondly, with Year 12 entering the final phase of their high school education, I would like to leave you with a thought to reflect upon by Malcolm X, an African American minister and human rights activist, concerning the importance of education. He said:

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Finally, as a school, we continued to face workload pressures with higher than usual staff and student absences due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19 and seasonal flu in the community. We are connected to each other, and our school and I value and appreciate everyone's commitment to student learning.

As always, if you have any questions or needs, please contact the main school office. Our staff are always more than happy to help.

Regards,

Dr Ken Edge
(Principal)

Flame Test Experiment—9 Green

The students in 9 Green have been learning about metals. We conducted the Flame Test experiment in our class to test for the presence of metal ions, this determines the colours of the flame. As you can see by the look on their faces they really enjoyed it.

Ms. T. Noble



Regional Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday the 2nd and Wednesday the 3rd of August, our students competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown sports stadium. A massive effort from all students across the 2 days and a great effort in making it this far.

A special congratulations to Elizabeth Afungia who qualified for state with the following results;

2nd in Javelin
1st in Shot put
2nd in Discus

We wish Elizabeth all the best as she goes off to compete at state on the 8th of September!

Ms. K. Christie



Future Focus—Year 11

The University of Sydney welcomed our Year 11 students on campus for their 'Future Focus' day. Students participated in a 'Thinking Ahead Workshop' facilitated by university student ambassadors, to learn about the importance of leadership and extracurricular activities when applying for future scholarships. A campus tour took us around the university and into the Pharmacy building, graffiti tunnel, student study spaces, and the university's "parliament" where important decisions are made. We were then lucky enough to score a faculty session run by the School of Medicine and Health, where students learnt about what first year Pharmacy students do, and how to spot real medicine/scripts from a fake. Thank you to the University of Sydney for organising an engaging and insightful day!

Ms. M. Benitez



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Year 12 UOW Discovery Day and WSC Campus Tour

On the 21st of July a select few of students were given the opportunity to engage in the University of Wollongong Discovery Day event which took place on the Liverpool campus. This opportunity allowed students to broaden their understanding of life after school and a glimpse of what life at university would potentially look like. A variety of events and seminars were held discussing topics such as potential careers, applying to University or delving into specific courses and what they offer. Students were facilitated and supported by Ms Benitez and Mr Yacoub throughout the excursion which allowed students to socialize and learn in a safe and secure environment. Students were encouraged to demonstrate teamwork with other schools to overcome obstacles further developing the student's teamwork and leadership skills as well as their knowledge.

Along with the Discovery Day held at the University of Wollongong campus students were given a tour of Liverpool's Western Sydney University campus to further broaden students' options. The tour provided further insight into the courses and degrees that students could potentially study at both universities presenting students with a range of options at university should they pursue tertiary education.

As a student that was given the privilege to experience the excursion it can be confidently said that having the opportunity to develop our understanding of life after high school was a delightful learning experience. Collectively students can all agree that the excursion was both meaningful and relevant towards chasing their ideal careers, unanimously students would like to thank Ms Benitez and Mr Yacoub for providing this opportunity and would endorse future students to participate in similar school events.

- Andrew Truong (Year 12)



Open Boys Rugby League

After a long wait and 5 venue changes, our Opens Rugby League side was finally able to play in the City Cup Tournament. It has been a long 2 years of no football however the boys showed tremendous effort and gave it everything they had. On the first day, we came away with 2 wins against Strathfield and Mount Annan High School making it through to the second round of games. Unfortunately with a few niggling injuries and playing short we didn't come away with any wins the second time around.

A special mention to the following players who were nominated Most Valuable Player and Most Consistent Players for the tournament: Cyrus Tolefoa, Nini Letuu and Semi Ah Sam.

These students have created a foundation to bring Rugby League back into our school community. We had a range of experienced - non experienced players and we encourage anyone and everyone to give Rugby League a go.

Miss. C Bertucci



Be Street Smart Event—Year 11

On the 2.8.22, the Year 11 Cohort attended the 'Be Street Smart Event' at Qudos Bank Arena. The event was aimed at soon to be learners and novice drivers, featuring a realistic crash scenario re-enactment attended by emergency services. The students were given the opportunity to listen to a range of guest speakers who have been directly impacted by road trauma at some point in their life. Overall, the day was a huge success and left an impact on each and every individual that attended. Behaviour was outstanding from the Year 11s that represented Miller! A huge thank-you to Brooke Alessi, Sian McLaren and Chris Colefax for your assistance on the day!

Ms. R. Greene

Peter Warren Automotive Try-A-Trade Day

Students from Years 10 and 11 were excited to attend Peter Warren Automotive to see if an automotive apprenticeship or school-based apprenticeship is right for them. They were able to tour the European Service centre and speak to current apprentices and school-based apprentices about their day-to-day roles. Students learnt about the exceptional work culture and opportunities within the business to grow. Thank you to Peter Warren Automotive for welcoming our students!

Ms. M. Benitez



Ancient Greece Incursion—Year 8

In Week 8 of Term 2, Year 8 attended an incursion to assist their understanding of Ancient Greece, which was the topic they were studying at the time. Year 8 students were able to see, touch and wear Ancient Greek and Roman armour, as well as some artefacts from later periods in time. Mr Colefax and Mr Podolsak also provided entertainment in the form of a gladiatorial combat, where the victor was the one who got the most cheers.



This semester, Year 8 in History studied Ancient Greece primarily on the way the Persians, Spartans and Athenians were civilized as well as the conflicts that took place. Their rights, society and citizenship quite differed from each other. James came to our school bringing countless ancient artefacts, armour, and weaponry from ancient Greece showcasing why and how they were utilised. We even encountered a gladiator match composed of Mr Podolsak and Mr Colefax. Scores were 2-1, Mr Colefax was clearly victorious.

Yousef 8E

Ancient Greece is an amazing period in history to discuss mostly due to its Greek gods and goddesses, methods of fighting and mythology. It is fascinating to see what the Ancient Greeks did in their lives during different times and what their beliefs were compared to ours! As part of what we were learning, on Wednesday 15th of June, the whole of year 8 had the opportunity to delve further into the world of Ancient Greeks and explore their military beliefs and weapons and tools they used to fight against their enemies. Ames started the function off by cracking a few

jokes and pulling on a red robe for that extra finished look. He then took out a few swords and showed us which ones were the ones that the Greek used to use and the purpose of each one. He showed us 2 metre long spears and demonstrated the way that the Greeks would kill their enemies. James also modelled some of the armour they used to wear on some of the students and how it was effective to the wearer. He showed us certain ways they would defend themselves and attack their enemies. We got to explore on our own, modelling the armour (made of leather, chain, cloth and metal), wielding the weapons and tools (such as intricately decorated shields and short dagger like knives). I myself tried on the chain armour and while it weighed like a sumo wrestler had pushed me down, it was both fun to wear and showed how, while it wasn't that protective of the wearer's body, it was more comfortable and flexible.

Aishwarya 8E



Kite Flying—Year 7



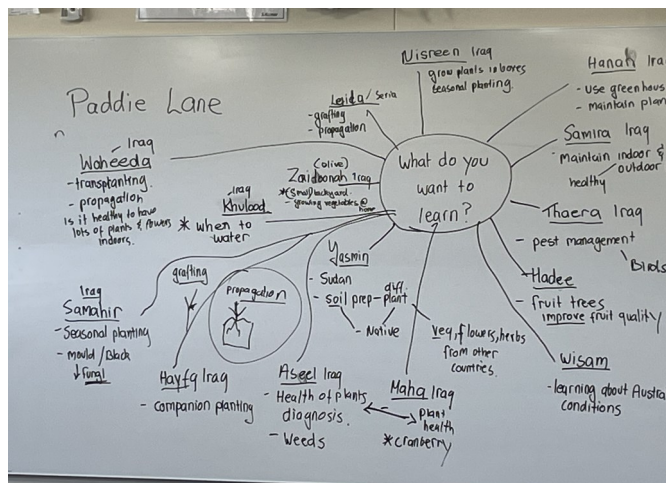
On Monday 9 August, during periods 3 and 4, Year 7 students flew their kites. The students worked on their Kite Project during Term 2. Every student designed and created their kite in the Technology Mandatory (TM) class. It was great to see the students having fun running all over the school oval with their kites flying high. Great work by all our Year 7 students.

Ms. G. Kaur

Miller Women's Group

Miller women's group started new session in Gardening last week. The first session was theory presented by our guest speaker from Community Greening Peddie. Peddie will continue deliver practical lesson for the next 6 upcoming sessions, The women were very excited however , during the session lots of question been asked after that we had a quick tour around school garden.

Ms. S. Shiba



CAREERS

Monday (August 15, 2022)

Defence Careers - Sydney: Air Force Careers Information Session

In addition to defending our nation, the Air Force supports a broad range of operations in Australia and overseas, including:

- supporting international security and counter-terrorism initiatives,
- protecting our borders from illegal activity and incursions,
- carrying out search and rescue missions,
- supporting peacekeeping operations, and
- helping communities affected by natural disasters.

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre, Building F, Level 6, 1 Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes, NSW 2138

Registration: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/lphlc9y>

Online Registration: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/y86raqz>

Wednesday (August 24, 2022)

TAFE NSW - Virtual Open Day

Learn how TAFE NSW could change the course of your life by visiting TAFE NSW Virtual Open Day.

Join in from the comfort of your own space, and experience:

- On demand content including videos, podcasts, and written materials,
- Engaging information sessions and webinars with teachers,
- Virtual expo where you can connect with our support services,
- You'll also learn all about scholarships, degrees, pathway opportunities, flexible study options, enrolment support and so much more.

Time: 10:00am

Location: Online

Registration: <https://www.tafenswevents.com.au/event/virtual-open-day-2022>

Defence - Army Careers Virtual Information Session

Optimise your potential and consider a career that will transform you into a fit, capable, confident and resourceful member of the Australian Regular Army. Discover whether an Army career is your kind of challenge at the upcoming virtual info session.

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Online

Registration: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/t44uqam>

Saturday (August 27, 2022)

The University of Sydney - Open Day

Open Day is your chance to see everything Sydney has to offer. At Open Day you can speak with course advisers about your future studies, attend mini lectures, join a campus tour, participate in

hands-on activities, watch student performances, and much more. The full program will be released in July.

Time: 9:00am

Location: Camperdown/ Darlington Campus

Registration: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

UTS - Open Day

UTS Open Day is a great way to explore your course and career options at UTS. It's your chance to talk to academics and current students and get your questions answered.

Location: UTS

Registration: <https://openday.uts.edu.au/>

University of Notre Dame - Open Day (Sydney)

The Sydney Campus looks forward to welcoming you on Saturday 27 August to chat with academics, alumni, and current students about your study options and university life. Register your interest today to be the first to know when the schedule is released!

Location: Sydney Campus

Registration: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/open-day>

CQU - Interactive Virtual Open Day

Join in online from the comfort of your living room and connect with CQUni's teaching staff, discover the huge range of TAFE and university courses, and learn more about the outstanding range of online and on campus support services.

Time: 9:00am

Location: Online

Registration: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/interactive-virtual-open-day-august>

Sunday (August 28, 2022)

Infrastructure Traineeships

Are you a 2021 or 2022 Year 12 student or school leaver? The NSW Government has launched some amazing opportunities to study and work in Business, Project Management, or Procurement and Contracting. Building your pathway to success:

- 2 years full-time paid work, whilst studying 1-2 days per week
- Nationally recognised Certificate IV-level qualification from TAFE NSW
- Vital workplace experience you can take anywhere
- Nothing to pay for your qualification, and no debt!
- February 2023 start – so you can enjoy your summer first!
- Available in Metro and Regional areas across NSW

There are more than 140 places available across NSW, but applications are closing soon so get in quick

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Ms. M Benitez

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