



# Newsletter

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### HSC Excellence

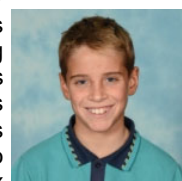
The school is delighted with the HSC results of the seniors of 2020. In Design and Technology 100% of the students in the course achieved a result in the top 3 bands and one student, Ella Gillespie achieve a Band 6 placing her in the top 15% of the state. In Physics 100% of the students were placed in the top 3 bands. In Visual Arts more than half the course achieved a Band 5 result and 89% of the course achieved in the top 3 bands. 70% of the students in English Standard achieved a result in the top 3 bands. In Mathematics Standard 50% of students achieved a result in the top 3 bands and Sam Ticknor achieved a Band 6, placing him in the top 5% of NSW.

Harry Whittaker achieved a Band 6 (Mathematics Advanced) and two Band 5s (Biology and Physics). Ella Gillespie achieved a Band 6 (Design & Technology) and a Band 5 (Visual Arts). As mentioned, Sam Ticknor achieved a Band 6 (Mathematics Standard). Lilli Gillespie achieved two Band 5s (Design & Technology and Food Technology). Chloe Trustum achieved two Band 5s (Agriculture and Mathematics Standard). Tully Brednow achieved a Band 5 (Visual Art). Chloe Hyde achieved a Band 5 (Biology). Mikayla Kennedy achieved a Band 5 (Visual Art). Amy Moylan achieved a Band 5 (Visual Art). Bonnie Smith achieved a Band 5 (Community and Family Studies) and Jazmyn Webb achieved a Band 5 (Visual Art).

Given the challenges of 2020, these are very pleasing results. Congratulations to the Seniors of 2020.

### Max places 3<sup>rd</sup> in U14 Australian Surfing Titles

Max McGillivray (Year 5) turned 11 just a couple of months back. He's recently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U14 Australian Surfing titles. The format of the titles was varied due to COVID this year when compared to previous years, but was as competitive as ever. Max had to send video clips of his surfing to the judges and, based on the clips, which had to be put together over a two week window of time, Max progressed through the rounds surfing all along the eastern seaboard. This link will take you to the final series <https://australianjuniorsurfingtitles.com/>. Be encouraged to check out Max's efforts. Congratulations Max!



### Sky Supreme Champion

Sky-Maree Oldham (Year 8) and her horse 'Piece of the Puzzle' have been competing in Show Horse Queensland events throughout 2020. This is something to which Sky has made a very significant commitment. Her efforts have been rewarded with Sky recently crowned Supreme Leader Board Champion for 2020. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement Sky!

### Bell Shakespeare Mentorship

Congratulations to Drama teacher, Ms Ajita Cannings who has been selected by the Bell Shakespeare company to participate in a Regional Teacher Mentorship. She will spend time at Bell Shakespeare headquarters in Sydney during two periods of time in March 2021 and then be involved in a mentoring relationship for the remainder of the year. This will involve Ajita in learning at the professional performance level and will translate to our students having rich experiences of the highest quality. Congratulations Ms Cannings!



## Diary

### Week 1 Term 1, 2021 - Week A

27-28 Jan School Development Days  
29 Jan Year 1-6, 7, 11 & 12 students 1st day

### Week 2 Term 1, 2021 - Week B

1 Feb Year 8-10 students 1st day  
29 Jan - 3 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments  
4 Feb First day for Kindergarten

## Music Tutoring 2021

We're disappointed but excited by the opportunities presented to our much valued Music Tutor Jessica Johnson. Jess is currently working on an EP, being engaged for many more gigs, and has further recording on the table. Jess has advised she is unable to continue as our Music Tutor in 2021. The school has entered into discussions with Mark Bromley about continuing to ensure our students have a high quality music tutor available to them. More on arrangements for Music Tutoring in 2021.

## Semester Two Student Reports

All students should have received their academic reports for semester 2 2020. Having read each of the reports our students are to be congratulated on their achievements during 2020. It's been a year with plenty of challenges but our students have shown just how resilient they are having done well in their studies and choosing to involve themselves in a range of school activities building their capacities, maturity and personal qualities.

## School, Phone Free for Students from 2021

As previously advised, students in K-6 are not permitted to bring a phone to school. This is a government regulation. To support our students in their focus on studies and in their relationships, our school will have Yondr pouches in use for Year 7-12 students from the commencement of the new year. This will mean that from the beginning to end of the school day students will not have access to their personal phones. If parents have urgent messages for their child, they can be called through to the school office and will subsequently be passed on to the student. The pouches will be issued to each 7-12 student without cost. If they lose them, they will need to buy a replacement. Any ones sighted outside a pouch during the day will be confiscated and parents asked to come to the school to collect. These arrangements have been put in place after discussion at P&C, School Council, Student Representative Council meetings, and with staff.

## Staffing

Mrs Sharpe has entered on leave pending retirement. For the period of Mrs Sharpe's leave Ms Durham will relieve as Deputy Principal K-6. Mrs Delman will relieve as Instructional Leader three days per week and Assistant Principal two days per week. She will focus her work on Early Stage 1. Mrs Fields will relieve as Assistant Principal three days per week and will focus her work on Stage 1. Mr Fields and Mrs Delman will assist Ms Durham in Deputy Principal tasks.

## 2021 Start dates

Staff will return Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January 2021. They will be involved in professional learning and lesson preparation on these days. Year 1-7, 11 and 12 will return for their first day Friday 29 January. Year 1-12 are all attending on Monday 1 February and forward. Kinder are involved in individual Best start assessments for the first few days and will have their first day of attendance in 2021 as a group on Thursday 4 February.

Enjoy the summer break. Please stay safe and healthy.

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## SUNSHINE SUGAR 2021 APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships and Traineeships are available for 2021 at our Harwood, Broadwater and Condong Mills

### HARWOOD

- Mechanical Fitter Apprenticeship
- Store Traineeship

### BROADWATER

- Boilermaker Apprenticeship
- Electrician (Industrial) Apprenticeship

### CONDONG

- Fitter Apprenticeship
- Laboratory Traineeship

### APPLY NOW

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Applications close 24 December 2020



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**HOLIDAY PROGRAM**



WEEK 1	DETAILS	TRANSPORT
TUESDAY 12th JANUARY	Swim + BBQ @ Lake Ainsworth	PICK UP FROM 9.30AM, DROP OFFS FROM 3.30PM
WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY	Movie Night @ Evans	PICK UP FROM 4PM, DROP OFFS FROM 8PM
THURSDAY 14th JANUARY	Skate & Create @ Iluka	PICK UP FROM 9.30AM, DROP OFFS FROM 3.30PM
WEEK 2	DETAILS	TRANSPORT
TUESDAY 19th JANUARY	Skate and Swim @ Ballina	PICK UP FROM 9.30AM, DROP OFFS FROM 3.30PM
WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY	Disco @ Evans Head	PICK UPS FROM 4PM, DROP OFFS FROM 8PM
THURSDAY 21st JANUARY	Movie @ Oaks, Casino	PICK UPS FROM 4PM, DROP OFFS FROM 8PM



AGES 12 AND UP | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

All attendees will need to fill in a permission slip and return to the youth team before the day.  
We will update with transport times closer to the events.

FOR BOOKINGS & MORE INFO : MRNC (02) 66 82 4334  
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The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre Inc. would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung People of the Bundjalung Nation, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work.

## Uniform Store

Thursday 27th January 8:30-11:00am

Friday 29th January 8:30-10:00am

Performance Hall

Eftpos Available