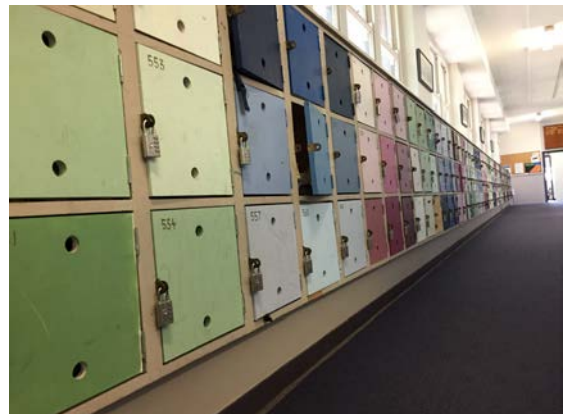


# Manly lockers far too small?

By Vahaan A 02/03/18

Students at Manly Selective hate it when they can't fit their stuff in their lockers. So the students end up carrying a 10-15 kg backpack since the lockers are far too small. Students have to carry all their books up and down the stairs because the lockers can hardly fit a small, diary in it. Let alone everything else! They are wobbly, they break easily and are over 60 years old! They are extremely inconvenient as some of them are on the top floor. One year 7 student gave their opinion on the lockers, saying, "I don't really like the lockers as they are so small. I wish the school would stop focusing on everything else and make the lockers

bigger than a small cardboard box." In addition, as students are carrying all this heavy load, when they grow up, there is a chance that they might become hunched or if they trip over, could cause serious injury...



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Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Mostly Cloudy Winds N 3-6	Partly Cloudy Winds E/SE 3-7	Chance of Showers/Storms Winds S 4-8	Showers/Storms Likely Winds E 4-9	Mostly Cloudy Winds NE 5-12
Low 51° Feels Like: 50°	High 75° Low 54° Feels Like: 75°	High 76° Low 58° Feels Like: 76°	High 74° Low 58° Feels Like: 74°	High 71° Low 53° Feels Like: 71°

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The lockers are simply a little too small to fit all school materials in them without making a mess of the locker, it makes taking anything out a challenge. Lockers might be the cause behind so many laptop breakages, so if students were to receive larger lockers the students will experience less trouble when taking their laptop or

other school supplies out. There would be so much less of a crowd if students can quickly retrieve their materials and arrive to class on time. The students won't have to be stuck in trouble and the teachers won't have to talk to as many students, since students are having an easier time with their lockers.

## Is Manly set to win knockout competitions?

After the very successful knockout team games, including girls' knockout touch footy, boys' open cricket and the senior boys' basketball games, the sporting season looks bright. The girls' knockout game was on Tuesday 20th of February against Killarney Heights High School. Manly held the lead at half time, but the opposition scored some 'sneaky tries.' Manly came back and won 5 - 3. They are taking on Ryde Secondary College on the 14th of March. The MVPs of the game were Hannah L and Malayika R.

The Open Boys Cricket team won an epic win against North Sydney Boys Cricket team on Thursday 22nd of February.



Manly bowled North Sydney Boys out for 73 runs with excellent bowling from Jasper S by getting two wickets! Also, good job by Jarod C (captain) who got 54 runs not out. He scored 7 fours and 2 sixes! They are progressing to round 3 of the knockout cricket competition and will verse the winner between Chatswood HS and Marsden HS.

Another great win was the senior boys' basketball game who defeated Carlingford High School 42-37. It was a very competitive game. They will now be progressing to round two of the knockout competition where they will hopefully beat Cherrybrook Technology High School.

# Wasp interrupts learning, scares students, not the first time...

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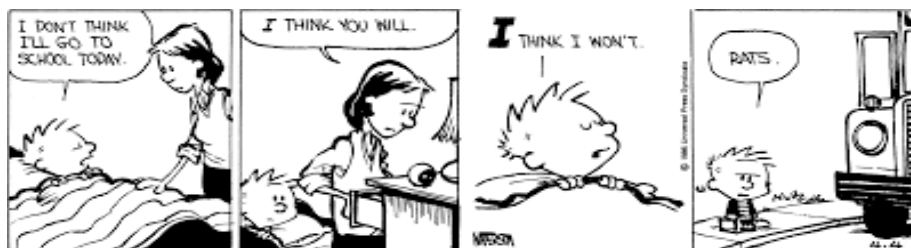
On Thursday, March 1, in the middle of maths class, hard-working students of Manly Selective were about to get their learning interrupted again. If MSC expects their students to work hard, MSC's students should expect to be able to work without getting disrupted.



Year 7 Witness Dominic says, "It was very distracting and I had to do extra homework because I didn't get to do my exercises because of it." Noah who is allergic to wasps, says "I had to be very careful". To

make things worse, it is not the first time. There have been many dangerous wasps flying into classrooms, and staying in them for long amounts of time. In addition to distracting many students from their precious education, it potentially endangers them to bad stings. Unlike bees, wasps tend to be aggressive and have no reservations about stinging people, since they won't die after. I'm sure MSC doesn't want any students harmed, but what are they doing about these extremely dangerous creatures that are flying in whenever they want?

Many students have been wondering where all these wasps come from, and it seems to be partially revealed. Year 7 student, Gabriel, noticed a wasp nest outside the window of Ms Blundell's VA classroom, room 106. But it's not the only one. With so many wasps flying around, it is highly unlikely there is only one wasp nest. But with more wasp nests, where is safe? Where is it "wasp-free"? And of course, what is MSC doing about it?



# Are the H.S.C. changes really worth it?

**By Luke. A**

The N.S.W. government has changed the courses for years eleven and twelve. They stated that the changes will, "Provide opportunities to analyse student's knowledge and their imaginative, organisation and problem-solving skills." But are the changes really worth it? They have affected Maths, Science, English and HSIE. The changes have also meant that the 2018 year tens can't be accelerated. A high school maths teacher says, "The changes for math will be beneficial, as there is statistics, which is important in university." This is supported by a year ten student, who will be the first year to go through the changes, saying, "The changes will help, as

they are more suited and relevant to university." A possible downside is that the working is getting harder, so students may struggle. But the student argues that if the course is too hard, students shouldn't choose it.

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The N. S. W. government says this is a good idea, and so do some teachers, but really, only the students can decide as they are the ones it will affect.

# Students pay for teachers stay

Is camp getting too expensive? On the 26th of February, Year 7 of Manly Selective headed down to Mangrove Mountain for their 3 day camp. There were various activities that the students did such as the flying fox, challenge ropes, giant swing and bushwalk. Many students had strong opinion of camp, some positive, some not so much.

We asked some of our fellow students what they thought of camp. A big minus was the showers. There was not much hot water and only 4 showers for 40 people. A few children didn't shower and came home dirty. A positive was that the instructors were engaging and a lot of kids liked them. Another big thing was that the food was good; all kids liked the food and they also catered for people with special dietary requirements. A thing that was brought up

by a few students was that the beds were like rocks. It was hard to sleep and very few kids got enough sleep. There wasn't really a clear winner in terms of activities as all children had different opinions. Nobody had any opinion on bushwalking. People didn't like it that much.

Although the students' food was reasonable, the teachers' food was different. We may have only gotten a small glimpse of their food but the difference between their food and ours was stark. As an example - the teachers breakfast included beautiful smoked salmon, poached eggs and brioche (French toast). Don't forget that it was us, the students that were paying for this luxurious meal! In comparison, the students had the option of cereal, toast, bad quality pancakes and baked beans. Even though the teachers didn't pay to come to this camp. The teachers even had the nerve to say that the food was good, in the presence of students!

The teachers even had a better bed and room and they didn't have to bring a pillow or a blanket; instead the camp provided them with these items. Most outrageously, they even got TVs in their room! It is undoubted that much of the student's money has been used upon the teacher's comfort, and that the students are definitely not getting what they've paid for.

Surprisingly, we have the support of a teacher as Mr Goykovic does admit that the teachers didn't have to pay for camp and are aware of the circumstances.

*"I think it was fair" Mr Goykovic "As the teachers gave up their time to come to camp for the students."*

*But what do the student think?*



# The truth behind the house mysteries

For all you who are wondering, why does Bligh always win, Phillip always lose and how come Macquarie has never won, we have the scoop.

After asking coordinating teacher Ms Farrow, we found out that around 10 years ago, Macquarie actually won, that they were actually good, but recently, they haven't been doing that well. We really hope that this year, the new year 7s could lead their way out of this misery.

For Bligh, as you all know, they won nearly every single time. So, we wondered, just how long Bligh has been winning? So, we asked Ms Walker about that and guess what we find out, Bligh had been winning continuously for 10 years except for two times. They are on a huge winning streak. It's pretty impressive, isn't it? But how did they keep such a huge winning streak? Ms Walker said that the rumour is, there's more people in Bligh. Reason? Because the houses were sort in alphabetical order. That might explain the mystery of Bligh always winning.

Everyone knows that Philip always lose. They either come last or second last. No one ever knows why. I guess it's a mystery left for you to discover.

"They cheat. One hundred percent cheat."  
This is the claim of Bronte N, Macquarie house captain. Bronte also addressed the manner of Macquarie always losing.

Apparently, Macquarie's moral is, coming a low place, because that's what they expect. They have no faith. She was completely surprised when we told her that Macquarie had actually won 10 years ago. These are the words of Ms Farrow, Macquarie teacher representative, and point system coordinator.

While asking Bronte questions, someone surprisingly intervened, with a completely different story. Adam B, Bligh Age Champion has strongly said that, "Bligh never cheats. Did you not see Bligh win every one of the relays?" After I investigated further, and told him I was there, and that Bligh didn't win all of the relays, he said:

"Well, Bligh won almost all of the relays."  
Aha. There is a difference between winning all, and nearly all. The mystery will continue at the Athletics Carnival soon!



# Ms Munro-real Ravenclaw, or secret Slytherin

Article by Ruby G

We walked into Ms Munro's room and immediately noticed how she aggressively shoves her Ravenclaw banners and blue objects into our faces. It was almost as if she was trying to hide something... Ms Munro has claims that she is Ravenclaw, and that there is no connection between her and Slytherin. But with so many so-called "coincidences", can we really believe that she is a true Ravenclaw? After all, Slytherin's greatest strength is underhand plotting, and masterminded deception.

First, we noticed that her full name, Kate Munro, has the exact same number of letters as Voldemort's name, the darkest wizard in history. Also, her room number is 138, and with its numerals added, it equals 12, and guess what twelve is? It's the number of letters in the word "parseltongue", which is the well-known sign of a dark wizard, and the treasured language of snake-loving Slytherin. Also, 138 or 138 minutes is the length of the movie Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, where Voldemort appears in the ministry. When mentioned, Ms Munro tried to bluff it out, saying it was the movie where Luna Lovegood, her favourite Ravenclaw student, performs a huge role, helping Harry during the fight against the Death Eaters in the ministry. But Luna is also opposed to Aurors; in Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, she says "Aurors are part of the rotfang conspiracy, I thought everyone knew that. They're working to bring down the ministry of magic using a combination of dark magic and gum

disease". It is evident that she is against Aurors, and wants to spread rumours everywhere about how Aurors are bad and that no one would trust them. This would mean that people would not employ Aurors, and they would have no chance to hunt down Voldemort and his death eaters. Given Slytherin's slyness and trickery, it is highly likely that Ms Munro, when asked, would choose a Ravenclaw that has similar ideas with Slytherin as a favourite, since naming a Slytherin would blow her cover.



She has tried to hide all of this by hanging an enormous Ravenclaw banner in her room and removing all Slytherin related things. But, with all these facts that we have uncovered, it is completely obvious that Ms Munro is not a real Ravenclaw, but in fact, a double dealing, secret Slytherin.

# Student games in class, affects learning

By Luke. A

Have you ever had a friend that has played games in class? If you have, you would know how much it distracts others. This is what has happened regularly in year 7. In the last week, there have been multiple cases of students gaming. This is “Very distracting”, according to English teacher, Ms Munro, who also stated that, “Class isn’t the time and place for gaming”. Students have had extra homework because of not doing classwork. Fellow students in the class are “Glued to their screens” as student states. This can be bad as they can miss important information leading up to a test.



This is contradicted by students preparing for tests as they think it isn’t distracting, because you can multitask. Their friend also adds, “If you want to game you can because it is only distracting them, and is the other student’s choice if you want watch him.” This is true to a certain extent, but it is highly distracting, and students are much more likely to watch a fun and entertaining game, rather than just listening to the teacher just talk and talk and talk.

There are two sides to this story but the conclusion has to be that gaming in class is as bad as you think it is.



# The carnation day mystery

There are warm and fuzzies and teddies which you can send to other people with notes on Carnation Day. The notes were used differently for some kids. There have been many rumours that a few boys have been sending mean messages to other boys as a joke - We tried to track them down.



Our first suspect was Zali. She said she wasn't thinking about sending any cards but has recently given her neighbour a thank you card. She may be lying as she does like sending cards but there weren't many clues. She mentioned she isn't sending any cards because she is antisocial. Maya was our 2nd suspect. She was the most talkative and told us she spent \$30 on 14 Carnations which meant each of her friends are worth roughly \$2 each.

The real question is where any of these cards mean? We don't know. Our 3rd Suspect Kurt didn't answer anything until we asked him about sending mean cards. He replied, "Alfie and I were sending mean messages to each other as a joke, He really wanted lollies so I got him some."

Carnation Day is on the 22nd of March and everyone gets cards and presents if friends sent them. It is a good day for people to have fun and talk and appreciate their friends. Year 7's don't seem to be sending many cards in comparison to the senior years. This is most likely due to the year 7's being too shy or just because we are new to the school. But everyone gets excited for carnation day, coming up on the 22nd of March.

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