



Diary Dates

P&C

Tuesday 13th
November

7pm ILC

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Fri 23/11

- ◆ Prefects' Investiture
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Principal's Report

With Term 4 our school is abuzz with the HSC and I am extremely proud of the efforts that our Year 12 students and Year 11 accelerated students have put in for their HSC examinations. It is great to see the smiles on their faces increase as each exam goes by and they see light at the end of the tunnel. I feel our whole school community assists in preparing students for the HSC and we will all no doubt take great pride in the achievements of our HSC students this year.

Recently Merewether High completed our External Validation process with a panel of Principals visiting the school for an assessment on November 1st. Our team of 20 staff compiled an assessment of our level of performance related to the Schools Excellence Framework in 14 Key Elements. The process allowed us to reflect not only on our achievements in Learning, Teaching and Leading but also on providing evidence which demonstrated our judgements. This was a long and detailed process and the Panel of Principals were impressed with our school and Validated all of our judgements.



Our new school leaders have embarked on their year of representation and leadership and are excited about the possibilities ahead. Our School captains, Zoe Davis and Ryan Stoodley and Vice captains Teza Sankoorikal and Aditya Enjeti are working well with our team of prefects Hamish Teasdale, Kofi Harara, Jade Hunter, Danielle Hallett, Teyjah Abel, Harry Tregilgas, Kevin Heer, Terry Roy, Arthy Mukunthan, Venkat Meyyappan, Chathuni Mabotuwana, Eben Taylor, Hannah Head, Jem Cranson, Eloise Petersen and Alex Plotnikoff. The team recently attended the National Leadership Forum at Darling Harbour which was inspirational. They are pictured below meeting Cate Campbell who was one of the Keynote speakers delivering insights into making a difference in the lives of others.

Students from Year 7 to 10 will embark on their Term 4 assessment period in weeks 5 and 6 and staff are focusing on assisting in final preparations. Ms Crooks and Mr Smith have been visiting with junior year groups to offer an outline of strategies for effective study and a possible timeline. As always, we stress that students reflect on their past success and the effective practices they have used as well as addressing ways to build knowledge and skills. The marks from these tasks are less important than the learning which can be done from understanding feedback given and setting new targets.

In guidance classes and at home, our Year 7 and 8 students are working towards their Learning Reflection interviews in week 8 and 9 this term. Central to these meetings, is an ability to reflect on growth in learning across the year. By recalling what they may have learned *about* their learning from completing specific tasks each student should be better equipped for the next learning challenge. In our interview situation, students share with others their strengths, goals for improvement and strategies they may explore. This is a great sharing opportunity and a chance for peers to encourage each other, support their goals and make them more accountable. I strongly encourage parents and families to engage with our Year 7 and 8 students in having these mature reflections.

Year 9 students recently returned from a successful Urban Challenge excursion which saw them explore the historic, cultural and recreational aspects of Sydney whilst navigating its vast transport networks and self-managing their food and lodging needs. This is a great experience which tests each individual in terms of independence and interdependence and also reveals some great insights into personal strengths. I am excited about the upcoming IBL Presentations for all of Year 9 which are the culmination of the second semester inquiry projects for each student. The real learning involved in IBL pays long term benefits through not only high school but in tertiary study and future employment.



I would like to acknowledge the great commitment and contribution of our P&C at Merewether High School. They continue to offer financial support providing funding for our Student Diaries, subsidising ELEVATE Education and sponsorship for Presentation awards. Their input into building the new awning for the canteen, volunteering in food preparation and serving in the canteen and promoting environmental initiatives show their dedication to our students, school and community. We hope to build the numbers of P&C members and volunteers as we move into 2019 and encourage anyone with ideas, energy and a contribution they could make to contact the P&C President Mr Michael Jonker.



I thank the many talented students who continue to shine light on our great school with their achievements both within school and in the extra-curricular, sporting, cultural or community pursuits in which they excel. Among those I would like to recognise

- ◆ Chris Falley of Year 11 who named club person of the year for Newcastle AFL and Lachlan Falley of Year 9 who was selected in the Joss U/14 NSW team for AFL.
- ◆ Nicholas Martinelli of Year 10 was awarded the Newcastle Jets Academy Player of the year.
- ◆ Junyong An of Year 11 was the State winner for National History Challenge while Emily Bryant of Year 8 was the Junior State Winner and were invited to a presentation in NSW Parliament House in October 23rd.
- ◆ Ava Young of Year 10 and Larissa Mullard of Year 9 recently competed in the FISAF World Championships for Sport Aerobics in The Netherlands winning a bronze medal.
- ◆ Our school teams recently competed in the National Robotics Championships in Melbourne with the "Muppeteers" (William Lyne and Isabel Doherty of Year 7) and were crowned National Champions with an opportunity to compete at International Championships next year in Sydney. Our other 3 teams had amazing performances placing -5th, 6th and 7th in their areas in Rescue Maze and Soccer.
- ◆ Adrienne Hanslow of Year 12 will be representing Merewether at Schools Spectacular this year playing 1st Oboe in this prestigious event. Adrienne also received an early offer from Sydney Conservatorium of Music to study the Bachelor of Music Performance next year.
- ◆ Sharvil Kesawani of Year 11 continues to excel in Mathematics on a National and International Stage receiving Australian Maths Olympiad Silver award, perfect scores in the highly acclaimed CAT competition and AMOC Senior Contest. He has been awarded the AMC Medal which will be presented at Government House of NSW in an upcoming ceremony.
- ◆ George McNamara of Year 9 who recently competed in the Legacy Public Speaking state finals at Art Gallery of NSW.
- ◆ Makenzi Harvey of Year 9 has been selected in the NSW U/15 Indoor Hockey Team.
- ◆ Riley Courtney and Lachlan Bray-Shone from Year 7 have been scoring goals recently. They were selected in U/14 Division 1 Hunters basketball team experiencing success in the Junior League, Country Championship and State Championships as well as qualifying for Club Nationals in Melbourne.



A number of formal school presentations will occur in the next 6 weeks in the Bensley Hall with the Year 11 Prefect Investiture on Friday 23rd of November followed by the Year 11 Presentation on Thursday 29th November both commencing at 11am.

Year group presentations will be held in week 10 of this term,

- ◆ Monday 17th December, Year 10 at 9am and Year 9 at 11am.
- ◆ Tuesday 18th December Year 8 at 9 am and Year 7 at 11am.

These Year group presentations are attended by students of that Year only and parents are welcome. Our whole school final Presentation Assembly for major awards will be held on Wednesday 19th December at 10:30am.

I thank you for your support and look forward to seeing parents and families at these presentations.

Tony Southward



Deputy Principal's Report

This year has presented me with a unique opportunity to experience MHS from a whole new perspective. In my usual role as Head Teacher Science, my school world has revolved around teaching students and supporting teachers of Science. Being a large, cohesive faculty with a heavy senior load creates a somewhat insular mentality – where 10.6 Teachers and 1.5 laboratory technicians eat, sleep and breathe science curriculum, teaching resources, assessment and how to analyse and improve results. My only deviations from this mindset have been a quick cup of coffee from the common room machine, a check on playground duty or the executive meeting; my daily experiences outside the Science faculty were relatively limited.

From mid last term, I have had the privilege of being relieving Deputy Principal. I've been able to take off my rose-coloured Science glasses and put on my whole school hat! Whilst being a very different perspective, this role has confirmed what I already knew, MHS is an outstanding institution that truly values the principles of public education.

- ◆ We provide the opportunity for all students to develop their abilities through providing an incredibly strong curriculum. This curriculum is implemented by qualified and skilled teachers who put an incredible amount of work, both at school and at home, into providing the best pedagogy for our students. I am in continual awe of the steady stream of staff who come to me with a new idea, solution to a problem or a way of approaching a difficult situation.
- ◆ MHS prioritises the welfare of its students. One of the significant differences between my role as a Head Teacher Science and Deputy Principal is an increased focus on student welfare. Every school day involves a new challenge, a new opportunity or a new approach to supporting students directly or working with a dedicated staff towards better welfare solutions. There is a strong relationship between student, teacher and parents which is reflected in our decision making processes. The Learning Support Team along with our School Counsellors work with tireless professionalism and empathy towards better outcomes for the welfare needs of our students.
- ◆ Our school has a well-qualified and supported teaching staff who have substantial opportunities to enhance professional expertise. At the time of writing, I have approved 33 Teacher Professional Development activities and another 37 activities associated with improving teaching and learning. These statistics are amazing considering the short time that I have been in this role and testament to the professionalism of our staff.

I am looking forward to a number of new experiences this term. I will host Parent Learning Groups for Year 7 in week 3, Year 9 in week 5 and Year 11 in week 7. Where previously my entire focus was Science, I now get to provide and receive feedback on whole school initiatives and processes. PLGs provide me with the opportunity to forge new and/or reinforce relationships with parents which is something that I value. In week 3, I attended my first Urban Challenge with Year 9, which was also an opportunity to forge relationships with students in new contexts.

Learning reflections will take place in week 8 for Year 7, which is opportunity for me to work with students to develop their metacognitive skills.

Of course Term 4 is one of our busiest in terms of assessment and reporting. Whilst this involves a considerable amount of hard work for both students and teachers, I believe that our students will be well prepared and that our school systems will support them in making their academic year a success. Please contact me if there are any areas of concern; academic, welfare or organisational that I can assist with.

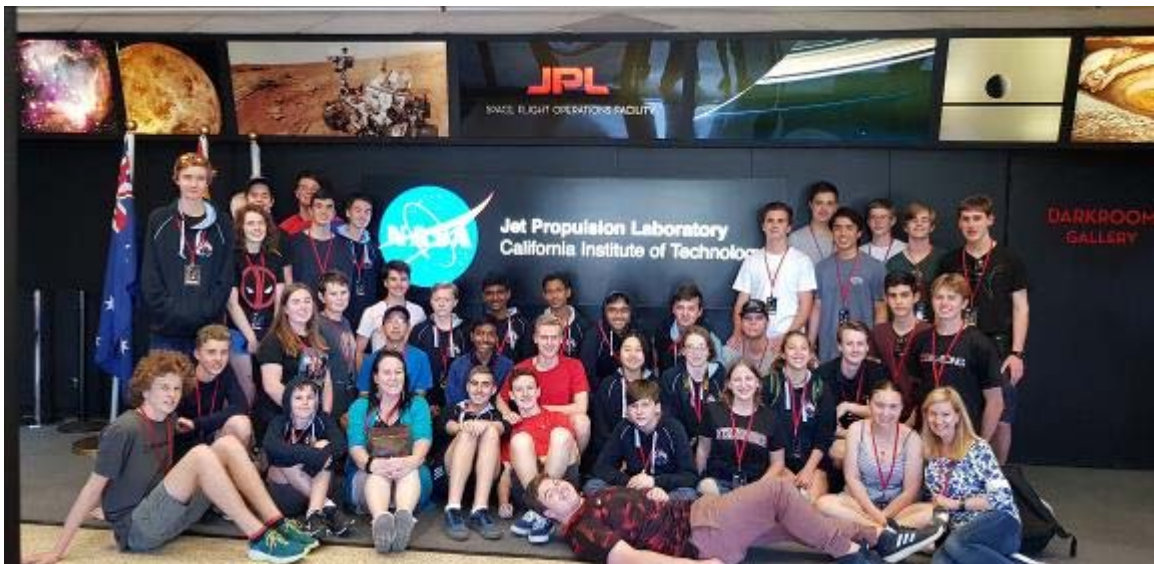
Steve Smith (Deputy Principal – Relieving)

FRED Tour 2018

Forty Engineering students from Yrs 9 to 11 embarked on a two-week excursion to Canada and the USA during the recent September/October holiday period. They visited places such as Boeing Factory, Tesla, NASA JPL, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Gnomon School of visual effects and computer animation, The Tech Museum, Autodesk Gallery, The Computer History Museum, the Seattle Space Needle, exclusive tours through Google X (where we saw and spoke to the chief engineer of the Waymo driverless cars) and Elon Musk's idealised Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (capsule/pod transport). We also toured through three innovative universities, namely Stanford, UCLA and Santa Clara. There were a number of other activities but we will report more in the school magazine. This was the inaugural excursion of its type, and one that we hope to run again in two years' time. To our knowledge, no other high school has conducted an event of this nature for Engineering students. Everyone who went on the trip thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the experiences we gained were incredible.

Lu Taylor - Engineering teacher

TAS



Robocup Nationals

After the success of 6 teams qualifying for State Competition after Regionals in August, we managed to have 5 teams qualify for National Competition at Melbourne University in October. We were only able to send 4 teams due to other commitments for one team. It was an anxious wait to hear the results, but we scored a 5th in Soccer, a 6th and 8th placing in the new division called 'Maze', and proudly, a 1st in On Stage (formerly Dance). We have National Champions in our midst! And they are only in Year 7!! Congratulations to all teams who made the trek down to Melbourne in the school holidays to compete at this level. We are very proud of everyone's successes. More information to come in the school magazine at the end of the year.



Hospitality

Our Hospitality students completed 35 hours of work placement during the last week of Term 3. The placement was completed in an industry setting in various venues around the region. Mrs D'Amico and I received outstanding feedback from the students' supervisors who were very impressed with the skills, initiative and enthusiasm displayed. Six of our student received offers of casual work which is very impressive for their first placement experience. We would like to thank the following venues for their support of Merewether High Hospitality students:

- ◆ Locale
- ◆ Silo Lounge
- ◆ Apollo International Hotel
- ◆ HS Caterer
- ◆ Brown Sugar Restaurant & Function Centre
- ◆ Euro Bar
- ◆ Fennel & Co Catering
- ◆ Anchorage Port Stephens
- ◆ Rustica
- ◆ The Hood Milkbar
- ◆ Iron Horse Inn
- ◆ Sprout Catering
- ◆ Lotus Espresso Café
- ◆ Rydges Newcastle
- ◆ Central Charlestown Leagues Club
- ◆ Pegs Café
- ◆ Newy Burger Co
- ◆ Papas Bagel Bar
- ◆ Restaurant Mason



Wendy Inglis

VET Coordinator

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Social Science

University of New South Wales Business Studies Competition

Each year our Business Studies and Economics students enter the prestigious and challenging Australian Economics and Business Studies Competition run by the University of New South Wales. Congratulations goes to **William Lucas** who received monetary prizes in both the Economics Competition and the Business Studies Competition for his exceptional score.

Australian Geography Competition

Over 70,000 students from 743 schools participate in the National Geographic Australian Geography Competition each year and this year Merewether High School placed 7th in Australia. On top of this fantastic result, congratulations goes to the following Merewether High students who came in the top 1% of Australia:

Year 8 – Samuel Faulding	Year 9- Cameron Upton	Year 9 – Cooper Janzen
Year 9 – Aidan Knipe	Year 9 – Keipei Tan	Year 9 – Andrew Tilley
Year 10 – Madison Reeves	Year 10 – James Punch	Year 10 – Chris Beck
Year 10 – Luca Borserio	Year 10 – Mackenzie Gilligan	Year 11 – Nicholas Wilson

Lake Macquarie Sustainability festival

This year Lake Macquarie City Council held a sustainability festival at Speers Point Park, highlighting key issues in urban and natural environments. Craig Reucassel from the ABC's War On Waste gave an enlightening talk about how we can live more sustainably, the impact his show has had on audiences and even stopped for a selfie with a few keen Geographers!

Lisa Burnett - HT Social Science



LEGAL UPDATE - Mock Trial Team 2018

Congratulations to the Merewether High School Mock Trial team for 2018 who after six successful rounds have bowed out of the competition being defeated by Trinity Catholic College Lismore. The team performed to a very high standard on the day, however, were unable to prove their case enough to gain the win. Regardless of this result, the team worked to an exceptional level on the day and are to be commended on their efforts.

The success of the team over 2018 shows the commitment that they had in terms of their individual work ethic and their ability to work successfully as part of a team. Each role undertaken by team members was done with enthusiasm and the experience was enjoyed by all. Successes over the year were gained with wins against the following schools - St. Pius X High School, Armidale High, All Saint's College Maitland (St Peter's Campus), Newcastle Grammar and Henry Kendall High School.

Congratulations to the following students who were part of the 2018 team:

Harry Adnam, Bianka Arunraj, Jeremy Burns, Aleeyah Clifford, Emelie Cooper, Matilda Dempsey, Saharsh Joshi, Erika Martin, Aidan Mulder and Evina Yadav.

A very big thank you goes out to Michael Evers, the team's Mock Trial solicitor (coach) who gave us his time before every trial to come and help prepare and provide advice to the students on the legal aspects of these cases. Also a big thankyou to Mrs Clark who also generously helped with the organisation and preparation for each trial and to Mrs Burnett who supported the team over the duration of the mock trial competition and who took the final trek with Mrs Clark to transport the students to Coffs Harbour in the Quarter final round.

Rachael Tonks - Social Science



Business Studies Success

Preliminary Business Studies students work on an Individual project producing a business plan for a hypothetical, innovative and creative start up business as a constructive application of their learning. The process helps to develop leadership skills, sound financial management and a creative flair for problem solving.

Students this year produced very high quality business plans that were submitted to external business competitions including the 2018 Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition supported by the Economics and Business Educators NSW and the University of Newcastle Year 11 Business Plan Challenge 2018.

Jade Hunter's business "What the Shell", William Lucas' business "The Newy Collective" and Mackenzie Matthews' "Gaia" all placed in the top 10 in NSW in the 2018 Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition. They travelled to Sydney with Mr Horrell and their families for the award ceremony. Jade placed second in the state in the NSW Division of this competition.

The Newcastle Business School has awarded Lulu Sutera and her business "Jungle Jams" and Isaac Gresham with "NewyDrone Experts" as "Top 20" entrants in the Newcastle University Year 11 Business Plan Competition

Entrepreneurship is flourishing in the Social Science faculty.



CAPA

Hawkesbury Eisteddfod

70 musicians set off for Windsor at 6am on 20th August to attend the 2018 Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. Merewether High School Music Ensembles participated enthusiastically as always, demonstrating a high calibre of musicianship and technical skill. JAM Ensemble, String Ensemble and Concert Band all played brilliantly despite Yr 12 being unable to attend due to exams. The results were: Concert Band 1st place, String Ensemble 1st place and JAM Ensemble took out 2nd place.



Sydney University/Conservatorium Modern Orchestra and Composer Matthew Hindson

On 3rd September, Sydney Conservatorium visited our school for a full day of concerts and workshops. To begin, the day MHS music ensemble members and all elective music classes were treated to a wonderful concert exploring contemporary orchestral music. Each piece was explained and demonstrated in part to enable an in-depth understanding of the repertoire prior to a full performance of each piece. Next we moved into workshops for instrumental groups where students worked with graduate students to give tips of the trade, skill development exercises on instruments and worked on enhancing repertoire performance outcomes. This session also included a presentation on how to overcome nerves when performing, performance techniques and a discussion on what qualities you need to have great stage presence.

The final session of the day was presented by world-renowned contemporary Australian composer Matthew Hindson. Matthew took us on a journey through his work, *'This Year's Apocalypse'*, and explained the process in writing his works and what musical decisions he made and why. This was one of the works performed earlier in the day and having an intellectual understanding of the piece resulted in a greater appreciation of the work.

Sydney University staff and students were highly impressed by the musical maturity that Merewether High School students demonstrated on the day and are looking forward to making this an annual event.

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HSC Music

Congratulations to our Yr 12 students who have now completed their submitted compositions, performance exams and their written paper. We are very proud of your diligence and dedication and wish you all the best in the future.

We were entertained by members of the Yr 12 Music classes at the Yr 12 Farewell Assembly. Dunnill Yohannes performed *To Zanarkand* by Nobuo Uematsu on piano which provided a transient atmosphere. Yr 12 students from both Music 1 and Music 2 combined to perform their arrangement of *Africa* by Toto. Sarah Evans, Callum Smith, Ethan Healey, Adrienne Hanslow, Isabel Formby, Sebastian Leacey, Will Sim and Adrienne Hanslow presented a highly engaging performance that was very well received by the audience.



Sydney University Early Offers

Two Music 2/Extension students have been successful in their early entry audition/interview for Music degrees at Sydney Conservatorium of Music in 2019. Sarah Evans has been accepted into the Bachelor of Music (Composition) degree and Adrienne Hanslow, Bachelor of Music (Performance). These are highly sought after positions and require outstanding musical finesse. Congratulations to Sarah and Adrienne.



Concert Band performs at Sydney Town Hall

Our Concert Band were successful in their audition for a featured item in the NSW Art's Unit Primary Proms concert. Over 300 schools auditioned for approximately 30 places across the Arts Unit Festival series of concerts, this demonstrates the high level that MHS Concert Band is playing at under the direction of Charissa Ferguson. This is the first time that some members have performed in a professional space, and performing on the Sydney Town Hall stage is certainly a spectacular one to remember.





Concert Band Christmas Winds Concert at Newcastle Conservatorium of Music

MHS Concert Band have been invited to perform at the Newcastle Conservatorium's Concert Band Christmas Winds concert. This is a great honour demonstrating the level of musicality that our ensemble possesses to be invited to play at this type of performance.

In addition to Merewether High School Concert Band, The Conservatorium Junior and Senior Concert Bands along with Caves Beach Public School Band will be performing at this festive concert. The concert will be held at the Harold Lobb Hall, Newcastle Conservatorium of Music (Cnr of Auckland and Laman Streets, Newcastle) on **Friday 30th November at 7pm**.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite. Adults \$12, Children/Concession \$8, Family \$25

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-conservatorium-of-music-concert-band-presents-christmas-winds-tickets-51742230404?aff=erelexpmlt>



The poster features a yellow background with several colorful Christmas ornaments (red and blue) and white stars. The University of Newcastle Australia logo is in the top left corner. The text is centered and reads: 'THE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC PRESENTS CHRISTMAS WINDS. Join the Conservatorium Junior and Senior Concert Bands, Caves Beach Public School Band and Merewether High School Concert Band for an evening of entertaining and festive music! FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER AT 7PM NEWCASTLE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC. TICKETS AVAILABLE AT 2018CHRISTMASWINDS.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU OR AT THE CONSERVATORIUM BOX OFFICE FROM 6PM'.

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Bandfest

Bandfest is the local Public Schools' band competition that is held at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre each year. This year there were over 77 entries over the week-long event. Merewether High School participated on 2 of those days with String Ensemble, Sax Quartet, Flute Quartet and JAM Ensemble competing in the 'Open Section' on Thursday 25th October. Strings were awarded 1st place and JAM, Flutes and Saxes were all awarded a Highly Commended. On Friday 26th October, Concert Band competed in a highly competitive section of Premier Concert Bands. There were 8 ensembles in this section with a minute difference in score between First place and all other ensembles. Merewether High School took out Highly Commended in this section.



Year 8 Elective Music Performance Night

Our Year 8 Elective students will be presenting a concert of the pieces that they have been working on in class on Monday 26th November at 6:30pm in the Learning Centre. This performance evening forms part of their assessment and is the pinnacle of the course in demonstrating their skill development by performing for a live audience. The Year 8 Elective Music course is designed to develop students' skills in engaging a live audience when performing. They learn about stage presence, creating variety and interest in their repertoire and what musical considerations need to be made when working in an ensemble and as a soloist.

Merewether High School Music Ensembles 2019

Students who require to continue with the hiring of their musical instrument from MHS, please ensure you let Mrs Tenorio know. Any student wishing to hire an instrument who does not already do so, also needs to make contact with Mrs Tenorio. There will be a *Music Ensembles Showcase* held early next year on 25th March.

Hunter Wind Ensemble

Hunter Wind Ensemble (HWE) is our regional Wind Band that consists of students from Yr 6-12, representing 17 different Public Schools from around the region. We have members from as far as Taree, Singleton and the Central Coast. This ensemble rehearses at Merewether High School, twice a term, generally on the weekend. Merewether High School currently has 12 members in this ensemble. In April 2019, the ensemble will be embarking on a tour of Central Australia. At the end of last term HWE performed as a featured artist at the Opera House as part of the NSW Arts Unit Concert series. If you would like further information on how to join the ensemble, speak with Mrs Tenorio in CAPA faculty or email her at: hunterwindensemble@gmail.com





“Insight” HSC Visual Arts Exhibition

Our HSC Visual Arts students celebrated the completion of their Body of Works with an exhibition on the 5th of September. There was a terrific turn out to support these students. Ex-Merewether High student Nigel Milsom, Winner of the 2015 Archibald Prize opened the show. Ethan Healey provided atmospheric music on guitar.







ICAS English Results 2018

ICAS English is compulsory for students in Year 7 to 10, and optional for students in Year 11 and 12. All students who participated should have received their certificate and result. If this is not the case, please see your English teacher.

Congratulations to the following students who performed at a high level in ICAS English in 2018.

Year 7: High Distinction – Imogen De Vries, Amelie Lersch, Madeleine Newton, Hannah O'Connor, Ruby Parsons, **Distinction** – Mia Bai, Hayden Britt, Sophie Coffin, Lachlan Collins, Harry Cotter, Poppy Davis, Amy De Malmanche, Bethan Forrer, Finn Freeman, Alexander Giles, Ria Gupta, Mitchell Hall, Oz Hartley, Rory Hersee, Molly Hodgins, Clare Johnston, Grace Kim, Keira Knipe, Madeleine Lee, Corben Leneham, Gabriel Logan, Isabella Lukaszewicz, Aditya Mehrotra, Nathan Miller, Hayley Nankervis, Taiki Ohashi, Lucia Parkes, Tirth Patel, Zara Paterson, Breanna Robinson, Isabella Sewell, Isaac Sharman, Niesha Simpson, Christian Spelliers, Jack Squire, Kite Stephen, Alexander Sweatman, Mackenzie Thompson, Alani Tutt, Charlie Walker, Pin-Chi Wei, Harvey White,

Year 8: High Distinction – Brooke Coleman, Emma Cornally, Seth Lever, Mason Mignanelli, **Distinction** – Una Atilano, Yolande Atkinson, Matthew Banney, Lachlan Baker, Imogen Barker, Talara Bosworth, Sophia Devine, Elysha English, Isaiah Fernando, Lukas Gremm, Shaila Heterick, Emma Lucy, Leonardo Milan, Eva Nyman, Rowan Smith, Sam Spratt, Aidhan Stanwell, Malitha Tum, Elizabeth Wood,

Year 9: High Distinction – Neve Eardley, Mirielle Edwards, Lily Francis, Nathaniel Girdler, Sophie Loisselle, Monet Murray, Manon Rouge, Kepei Tan, Jasper Toole, Andrew Weerasinghe, **Distinction** – Smriti Alapatt, Abbie Barr, Isabella Bywater, Aidan Carthew, Patrick Charters, Alison Collins, Tulip Cranson, Claudia Crofts, Dawn Dyson, Liam Fabien, Sofia Fawcett, Laura Fernando, Daniel Flood, Youka Freeman, Elijah Gibson, Naz Gulmez, Makenzi Harvey, Sarah Hayes, Jacob Hughes, Vashisht Jain, Cooper Janzen, Austin Jones, Aidan Knipe, Unai Ladron De Gevara Lorenzo, Crystal Lang-Piason, Naomi Mills, Alec Mowbray, Lily O'Callaghan, Scarlet O'Grady, Charlotte Paterson, Elizabeth Patterson, Lillian Philpott, Dominic Picton, Josh Rana, Oscar Richards-Flanagan, Lily Sabine, Albert Sajee, Fatema Salam, Mia-Rose Sciara d'Andrea, Xanthe Scullion, Tully Sharman, Sophia Suters, Eliot Taylor, Jeremy Thomas, Grace Waring, Emma Welsh,

Year 10: High Distinction – Dharam Arora, Cas Masia, Ella Simons, Jackson Sullivan, Luke Wigney, **Distinction** – Louise Abernethy, Genevieve Ball, Christopher Beck, Jordan Boghos, Nikki Burgman, Martyn Cox, Ella De Grauw, Jesse Fyfe, Lara Fraser-Geddes, Josephine Gallop, Aiden Gluvchinsky, Ruby Hackett, Miles Holland, Ruby Keyte, John Kim, Nicole Maningo, Oliver Marsh, Rebecca Mason, Daniel Nolan, Anna Muddle, Klara Norris-O'Neill, Torquil Prior, Isabella Rayward, Amy Tan, Hannah Tumbers, Callum Wainwright, Martin Willson, Kain Wratten.

Year 11: High Distinction – Aditya Enjeti. **Distinction** – Bella Davis, Sharvil Kesarwani, Jabez Mehanathan, Mia Nash, Eben Taylor.

Year 12: Distinction – Kate Edwards.

In other news, students who have entered any external writing or poetry competition such as *Write4fun*, *Dorothea Mackellar Poetry* and *What Matters?* this year have been invited to email their pieces to Ms Martinez to be included in this year's Vision Magazine.

National History Challenge 2018

Humanities would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of Jun-Young An (Year 11) and Emily Bryant (Year 8) for being the state winners of their age categories in the National History Essay Writing Competition for this year. MHS has a long history of outstanding writings and great achievers in this competition but it has been quite a few years since we last won the senior category of the competition and we have never previously won the Year 8 category.

Both of these exemplary students were invited to an award ceremony in Sydney to be presented with medallions and prizes reflective of their efforts and we hope they had an amazing experience. We also have a number of Regional Finalists who topped the preliminary selection processes in this highly competitive competition. Given that two of our regional finalists were only beaten by other students from MHS speaks volumes of the dedication and skill of our young writers. The regional winners this year were Nicholas Wilson (Year 11), Mia Nash (Year 10), Ala Guner (Year 8) and Genevieve Ball (Year 10).

Congratulations to all and we look forward to seeing how far you can go next year!





Careers

Upcoming Events and Excursions Term 4 2018

- ◆ Permission notes will be emailed in the next few weeks for all excursions but you can reserve your place today with Mrs Abbo.
- ◆ **DO NOT RETURN PERMISSION NOTES TO MRS ABBO IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO ATTEND** as there are costs involved and places are reserved with providers.

Date	Date and Location	Information	Procedure for attendance
13 th Nov	Business Commerce, Innovation Insight evening Location: University of Newcastle	Focus: Business Commerce and Innovation All years welcome Not a school based excursion Cost - Nil	Register online: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/business-commerce-innovation-insight-evening-tickets-50425204143
14 th Nov	Law insight evening Location: University of Newcastle	Focus: Law All Years welcome Not a school based excursion Cost - Nil	Register online before 7 th November https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/law-insight-evening-tickets-50425088798
4 th Dec	UTS STEM workshops excursion Location: University of Technology Sydney	Focus: Maths, Engineering, Science and IT 30 places All year 9-12 (Priority 10-12) School based excursion Cost - \$10	Permission note returned to Mrs Abbo to secure a seat on the bus. Bus to venue leaving at 6am
10 th Dec	University of Newcastle Creative Industries workshops Location: Newspace city Campus	Focus: Film, Animation and music Campus Tour, Conservation visit, Watt Space gallery visit (choose 1 option for workshops) Full Day All years welcome (Priority Years 10-12) 30-60 places School based excursion Cost: Nil	Permission note required To be provided soon via email
12 th Dec	Macquarie University Visit Day Location: Macquarie University Sydney	Focus: Business, Economics, Mathematics, Actual, Law Campus Tour, Accommodation and mini seminars, application information and scholarships All years welcome (Priority Years 10-12) Up to 60 students School based excursion Cost - \$10	Permission note required Bus to venue from MHS leaving at 8am



Girls U/15 Knockout Netball

The Under15 girls' netball team were crowned Zone champions on Tuesday 30th October. They were undefeated in all six games. They will now contest the Regional Knockout final 16 competition in Week 6.



P&C/Canteen News

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

There are approximately 830 families at Merewether High school. If someone from just 25% of those families volunteered for just ONE shift per term on our school canteen, we'd have a very comfortable four people on every day, assisting our canteen manager to prepare fresh, healthy meals for our students and helping raise funds for our school.

We would love it if you would consider offering us one day per term next year or even half a day if that's all you can spare, we can work with whatever works for you!

Thanks to feedback received in the recent volunteer survey, from the start of next year, it will be policy that all our volunteers take a morning tea and a lunch break (which will provide even more opportunity to chat and learn things from the other parent volunteers). We are also introducing new systems to make the days flow better and if we can encourage extra volunteers, it will lighten the workload for all.

So, if you've volunteered in the past and thought it wasn't for you, we'd love it if you could give it another try and see if you prefer the new way of doing things. Even if you can only offer us a couple of hours at the start of the day to help with the morning prep, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help out in 2019, please drop us an email at merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com and let us know which day/s suit you best.

Many thanks in advance for any help you can provide!



FAREWELL TO SHARON

After almost ten years in the role of Canteen Manager at MHS, Sharon Higginbottom has decided it's time for a change and has tendered her resignation.

Sharon's last day will be Friday, 23 November. That means we will all have the opportunity to farewell Sharon and thank her for her service to the school at the end-of-year Volunteer Thank You event on 21 November. We hope to see lots of our volunteers there to send off Sharon in style and acknowledge the significant contribution she has made to the Merewether High School canteen.

We're sure all of the school community, students, teachers and parents alike, will join the canteen committee in wishing Sharon all the very best for the future.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

A reminder to all volunteers and members of the P&C, that the school's annual Thank You evening will be held on Wednesday, 21 November from 6pm till 8.30pm at the Duke of Wellington Hotel in New Lambton. This is an opportunity for the school to show its appreciation for your time and commitment in 2018 and for us all to say farewell to the wonderful Year 12 parents who will, sadly, be leaving us this year.

RETURN AND EARN

A reminder that Merewether High P&C has become a Local Charity Partner with the State Government's Return and Earn scheme. If you are recycling beverage containers through the Reverse Vending Machine at Newcastle Hockey Stadium or the one near Nick Scali in the Kotara Homemaker Centre, rather than receiving a voucher for yourself, you can select "Donate" and select "MHS P&C" to donate your refund to our P&C. Please tell your family and friends – many small donations can add up over 3 months!

HAVE YOU GOT A DAY TO SPARE THIS TERM?

With our Y12 parents hanging up their aprons, we're short of helpers on a number of Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for the remainder of this term. Even if you can only help for an hour or two over recess and/or lunch, to operate a register and reduce student queueing time, that would be helpful. If you can lend a hand, please either email merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com or phone the school on 4969 3855 and ask to be put through to the canteen.

Many thanks to those parents who have recently volunteered at short notice to help out on those days when we've been low on numbers.

NEXT MEETING

The last meeting of the P&C for this year will be held in the Independent Learning Centre on Tuesday, **13 November at 7pm**. All are very welcome to attend. The meeting will conclude by 8.30pm at the latest.



Newcastle Light Rail

School students to tap into Newcastle Light Rail

Eligible students will be able to travel to and from school on Newcastle Light Rail when the service commences in early 2019.

The new service will be available for students if it is required for their journey between home and school.

School Opal card holders who are currently approved for travel on Newcastle Transport including Newcastle Buses or the Stockton Ferry will automatically receive access to Newcastle Light Rail in time for when the service commences in early 2019. Students will be able to use their existing School Opal cards to tap on and tap off light rail services.

Students who have a School Opal card but are currently not approved for Newcastle Transport including Newcastle Buses or the Stockton Ferry can go onto the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) online form and apply to have Newcastle Light Rail added to their cards.

The SSTS online application is available at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

When nominating the transport operator, students or parents should select:

Mode: Newcastle Transport
Operator: Newcastle Bus/Newcastle Light Rail/Stockton Ferry

The SSTS eligibility criteria has not changed. A new SSTS application is needed if the student:

- ◆ has not had a School Opal card before
- ◆ is in a new shared parental responsibility situation (joint custody)

An updated application is required if the student:

- ◆ is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 (only applies if minimum distance requirements are not met)
- ◆ is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- ◆ is changing schools
- ◆ is changing address.

Find out more at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts



Merewether High School

School Uniform Items Available at Alinta Shop Onsite

JUNIOR STUDENTS UNIFORM – Years 7, 8, 9

(A) DRESS UNIFORM (Everyday, formal and representative wear).

- Shirt:** Ice blue shirt
- Shorts:** Dark blue fitted unisex shorts or Dark Blue Cotton drill fitted shorts
- Skirt:** Dark Tartan, double pleated skirt
- Trousers/Slacks:** Dark Blue cotton drill plain slacks or Dark Blue Slacks
- Jumper:** Navy V neck with blue and silver stripes at neck, cuff and basque.
- Socks:** White with shorts, black with slacks (in winter navy blue/black stockings may be worn).
- Shoes:** Black leather (school/business style) No White Sole, Stripes or Branding

(B) SPORTS UNIFORM (sports day, physical education wear only).

- Shorts:** Microfibre Sport Shorts
- Shirt:** Collared polo sports shirt
- Socks:** White
- Shoes:** Track or athletic shoes (only to be worn for PE and Sport)
- Hat:** To be encouraged
- Tracksuits:** Unisex. School Tracksuit – Track Top and Track Pants.
Tracksuit top can be worn year round, tracksuit pants Terms 2 and 3.

The sports uniform is also worn for physical education lessons.

SENIOR STUDENTS UNIFORM – Years 10, 11, 12

DRESS UNIFORM (everyday, formal and representative wear)

- Shirt:** White shirt or White shirt with side splits
Everything else as for Junior Uniform.



THE UNIFORM SHOP

New Uniforms for 2019



Alinta Apparel requires all new and current students requiring uniforms for 2019, to attend a uniform fitting appointment before the end of Term 4.

We recommend this, so that all students will have Uniforms for the start of the new school year and so that the wait times over the January period are reduced, making the shopping experience more enjoyable.

Lay-by Options are available in store only.

To view the Price lists, Contact Details, Opening hours and Booking information for your school please create an account or log into your account at www.alintaapparel.com.au

Thank You

Uniform Shop
www.alintaapparel.com.au



Shop Hours
Monday 8.00-12.00pm
Thursday 1.00-3.30pm

Contact Details
04101 725 885
merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au
130 Chatham Street, Broadmeadow
NSW 2292

Merewether High School Uniform Shop Order Form



Uniform: Yr7-Yr12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Blouse 7-9	J8-L20	\$40.00		
S/S Shirt 7-9	J8-3XL	\$38.00		
S/S Blouse 10-12	J10-L20	\$44.00		
S/S Shirt 10-12	J8-3XL	\$38.00		
Tartan Skirt	J8-L20	\$71.00		
Fitted Formal Shorts	J10-L20	\$46.50		
Fitted Pants	J10-L20	\$50.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$49.95		
Formal Trousers	J10-3XL	\$55.00		
Outerwear	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Jumper	10-16	\$84.00		
	18-20	\$94.00		
	22-26	\$104.00		

Sports Uniform	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	J8-3XL	\$45.00		
Sports Shorts Unisex	J8-3XL	\$39.50		
Sport Shorts Girls Cut	J10-L20	\$39.50		
Tracksuit Jacket MF	J10-3XL	\$79.00		
Tracksuit Jacket - Heavy	J10-3XL	\$89.00		
Tracksuit Pants	J10-3XL	\$51.50		
Bags	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Swim Excursion Bag	one	\$20.60		
Backpack	Large	\$86.50		
Accessories	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sport Socks	All Sizes	\$10.00		
White Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Black Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Microfibre Tights	All Sizes	\$10.50		
Leather Belt	All Sizes	\$17.50		
Bucket Hat	S-XL	\$22.50		
Sports Cap	One Size	\$19.00		
Gloves		\$8.50		
Scarf		\$12.50		
Fabric Marker		\$4.00		

Order Form Details

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Contact Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Payment Options

Visa Mastercard Cash (undernet)

Name On Card: _____
Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____
CVC: _____
Signature: _____

Note:

- Sizes not carried are available by custom order. 3 month lead time applies. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders and all sizes above and including a 4XL/L22.
- Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop the next opening day of the shop. A postage charge will occur for all orders marked for delivery.
- Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.
- Prices Effective from 1-9-2018 and are subject to change without notice.



If any student has any MHS uniforms that they have outgrown, it would be greatly appreciated if they were donated to the school office for our clothing pool.



AUTISM SUPPORT IN LAKE MACQUARIE

The Autism Community Network provides free support during school terms for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your ASD child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings

LAKE MACQUARIE SUPPORT GROUP

When: Last Saturday 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

Venue: Wangi Wangi RSL - 275 Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi

For more information :

www.autismcommunity.org.au | info@autismcommunity.org.au | 02 9543 9036



Merewether High Sports Tour 2018

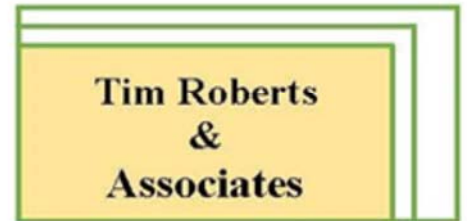


We wish to thank the following for their generous support of our 2018 touring teams

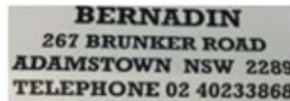
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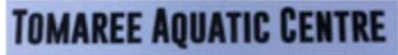


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ASSOCIATE SUPPORTERS





- Bay Dental - Salamander Bay
- Blue Star Elements - Cooks Hill
- BYO Cellars - Hawks Nest
- Darby Street Chemist - Cooks Hill
- Ella Bache - Charlestown
- John Stinker Clarke - Nelson Bay
- Lorraine Lee - Newcastle
- Maxis Caffè - Adamstown
- Pasta di Porto - Anna Bay
- Pharmacy 4 less - Kotara
- Port Stephens 4WD - Nelson Bay
- Sand Dune Adventures - Nelson Bay
- Strike Bowling - Charlestown
- Sweet Poison - Newcastle
- The Home Interior - Nelson Bay
- The Spinning Top - Adamstown
- Wellness Centre - Nelson Bay
- Wilson Pharmacy - Adamstown

- Birdsong Boutique - The Junction
- Brenwood Skin Centre - Adamstown
- CC Hair - Warners Bay
- East Coast Meats - Warners Bay
- Shark & Ray Encounters - Bobs Farm
- Lissome - Carrington
- Macleans Booksellers - Hamilton
- Pappa Sven - Cooks Hill
- Peapods - Nelson Bay
- Piggotts Pharmacy - Lambton
- Reading Cinemas - Charlestown
- Silk Hairdressing - Tea Gardens
- Subway - Warners Bay
- The Edwards - Newcastle
- The Natural Kitchen - Salamander Bay
- Vitamin Bread - Tea Gardens
- Wickham Park Hotel - Wickham
- Yoga Loft - Newcastle



MANY THANKS

To our two **GOLD SPONSORS** of Sports Tour 2018/19



**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPECIALISTS
AND PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE PROFESSIONALS**



- Access Monitoring and Assessment
- Access to Roofs etc
- Occupational Hygiene
- Hazardous Materials Surveys
- Waste Management
- Antislip Surveys and Treatments

- Property Maintenance
- Monthly Maintenance
- Cleaning
- Project Management
- Emergency Response





Providing Professional services across Sydney, Newcastle and the Hunter Valley

NAC Services provides services to the Sydney, Newcastle and Hunter Valley regions. We provide sustainable solutions that are tailored to meet your requirements. We have an intimate understanding of Hazardous materials in the workplace and in the Home.

We provide clients with a cradle to grave solution and comprehensive understanding of our services and how we can help them manage their project or site. We will carry out an in depth hazard analysis and assessment of a variety of contaminants in the workplace and home. This investigative process provides the foundation for the management plan to treat and dispose of these contaminants, in a cost effective approach which meets all legislative and regulatory requirements.

We specialise in Hazardous Materials, asbestos management, building services and property maintenance. We provide accurate professional and confidential advice offering a turnkey solution that fits in with your business processes and operations. We are a leading solutions provider to both local and state government as well as the commercial sector. We are also a major supplier to the domestic market.

Asbestos Management

- Air monitoring and site clearance certificates
- Hazardous material's building surveys
- Risk Assessments
- Asbestos awareness training
- Asbestos sampling & identification
- Asbestos registers and site management plans
- Asbestos removal

Occupational Hygiene

- Indoor air quality
- Mould assessments
- Respirable dust
- Noise monitoring
- Lead Paint & Dust

Environmental

- Site assessments and validation
- Waste classification and soil assessment
- Groundwater monitoring
- Management plans

Property Services

- Garden Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Soft Landscaping
- Weed control
- Arborist Services
- Grounds Maintenance
- Turf Supply and Lay

Hazardous Waste Materials Management

- Site storage assessments
- Dangerous goods storage and segregation
- Waste Audits
- Hazardous Waste Management
- Total Waste Management
- Bulk Liquids





Merewether High School

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

DATE OF CHANGE: _____ Roll class/Scholastic year: _____

STUDENT-First name: _____ Surname: _____

FAMILY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM STUDENTS: _____

ADDRESS DETAILS

MAILING TITLE: _____

NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

NEW MAILING ADDRESS (if different to above): _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

OLD ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POSTCODE: _____

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

1ST PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS – other than parents

1ST EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

FAMILY LAW DETAILS (please provide a copy of court orders if applicable)

TYPE OF ORDER: _____ DATE: _____

ACCESS DETAILS: _____

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



	NOVEMBER
Mon 12/11	Y7 - 10 Assessment Period
Tues 13/11	Y9 PLG P&C Meeting - 7:00pm - ILC
Fri 16/11	Last Day HSC
Tues 20/11	Y10 PLG
Fri 23/11	Prefects' Investiture - 11:00am Students on Track - V8 Supercars
Tues 27/11	Y11 (Y12 - 2019) PLG
Thurs 29/11	Y11 Assembly - 11:00am
	DECEMBER
Mon 3/12	Learning Reflection Y7
Thurs 6/12	Y7 Swim School
Fri 7/12	Y7 Swim School
Mon 10/12	Learning Reflection Y8
Tues 11/12	Y7 (2019) Orientation Day
Mon 17/12	Y10 Assembly - 9:00am Y9 Assembly - 11:00am
Tues 18/12	Y8 Assembly - 9:00am Y7 Assembly - 11:00am
Wed 19/12	Presentation Assembly - 10:30am Last Day of School
Thurs 20/12	Y12 BBQ - 11:00am