



Diary Dates

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December

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Principal's Report

2019 is quickly drawing to a close and a busy year is nearly behind us. This term many activities have occurred within the school for both students and staff.

Year 7 have participated in our annual swim school throughout the past week ensuring all students have completed the aquatic unit of the PDHPE syllabus at the same time as learning water safety skills and how to be safe around water activities.

Students who are commencing Preliminary HSC courses in 2020 must complete the All My Own Work NESA mandatory course before they can commence their studies towards the Higher School Certificate in 2021. Students will complete this program prior to the end of the year.

Over two days all Year 9 students participated in an interview with a panel for their IBL Presentations. During the interview Year 9 students outlined the learning they had experienced while completing their IBL studies. This process is vital practice for students in an interview and gives them hands-on experience in a situation many of them will find themselves in, in the next few years. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped us out on each of the days.

Years 7 - 10 have completed yearly assessments throughout the past few weeks. The preparation and commitment to these assessments by students was outstanding and all students are to be congratulated for the way they conducted themselves.

HSC Examinations – Year 12s completion date was Monday 11th November and the application of this entire year group was exemplary. Well done Year 12.

Congratulations to our four captains and sixteen prefects who were invested into their office for the next twelve months. The day of celebration which included the parents of our leaders was a fitting one acknowledging the high esteem with which this position is held at Merewether High School.

Our Captains and Prefects attended the annual leadership conference held in Sydney. The conference was attended by 3 500 students from across New South Wales where our future leaders had the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers from across Australia talking about what it is to be a leader and the styles of leadership we choose.

Our Year 12 BBQ will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 11:00am. All 2019 Year 12 students are invited to attend. Our 2020 prefects and captains will be providing the BBQ.

The end of year brings some changes in staff for 2020. Mr Tony Southward, after thirty-seven years of service in the Department, with six at Merewether High School, retires. The work he has completed while at Merewether has been invaluable in shaping Merewether into the school it has become. Ms Kim Sutherland is taking leave which will lead to her retirement. Ms Sutherland has been a driving force in our CAPA faculty as Head Teacher and the experience and expertise she brought to this position has been outstanding. I would like to thank these staff for their continued work and efforts over their years at Merewether. They will be missed by students, parents and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff of Merewether High, to thank everyone for an outstanding year and wish all of our students and parents a very restful holiday and a very Merry Christmas.

Congratulations to Ruby Hackett who has been nominated for inclusion in Shape 2019, the annual exhibition of a selection of exemplary Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students. The exhibition will be at the Powerhouse Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Sydney, from 28th February to 3rd May 2020. Also congratulations to Kofi Harara who has been nominated for possible inclusion in ENCORE, a selection of performances and compositions from Higher School Certificate Music students. In 2020, ENCORE will be held at the City Recital Hall, in Sydney on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March.



Congratulations to Aditya Enjeti, our 2019 Vice-Captain, who received his Gold Award at the Duke of Edinburgh ceremony held in Sydney on the 20th November.

Congratulations to Ruby Parsons who was awarded an ICAS medal in English at the University of New South Wales.

Congratulations to Benjamin Ewin who was awarded the Australian Scout Medallion which is the highest award earned by Scouts and achieved by only the top 5% of Scouts in Australia.

Following is the story of one of our ex-students who is now studying in America. We are always interested to find out what our past students are doing and we are very proud of what Sam has achieved since leaving us.

Samuel Parker PhD in Electrical Engineering (Biomedical Engineering) MIT: Samuel is currently completing a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with Honours from the University of Newcastle. He plans to study a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the field of Brain Computer Interface Neuroprosthesis, to develop new technologies for neurally controlled assistive devices. Samuel has worked as a research and development engineer, and as a contractor at the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). There, he facilitated testing of electric motors for a fully electric, sustainable aircraft. For this work, he was awarded the University of Newcastle Intern of the Year Award (2018). Samuel is passionate about inspiring young engineers, which he has achieved through his presentations at several University events, and public engagement campaigns. From a young age, Samuel has been focused on giving people living with a spinal cord injury, amputation, stroke, or degenerative disease a second grasp on life through the implementation of Brain Computer Interface Neuroprosthesis. He observed the dramatic difference these devices can make in the ability of patients at the University of Pittsburgh's Rehabilitation and Neural Engineering Laboratory in 2017. He is excited to further develop these devices into a clinically viable solution to improve the lives of thousands of Australians, and more the world over.

2020 will see Ms Esme Corney return to the school in the role of Deputy Principal replacing Mr Southward. Ms Corney was successful through the merit selection process in obtaining this position. We look forward to welcoming Ms Corney back to Merewether High.





Deputy's Report

What a busy term we have had so far in Term 4. We are nearing the end of the year and still have many things happening for all years at Merewether High School.

The HSC Examinations have concluded and students will be coming together on Wednesday 18th December for the HSC results and ATAR BBQ. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of their hard work and celebrating the next chapter of their lives.

All students in Years 7-10 conducted themselves in an excellent manner in the yearly assessment period, ensuring they were prepared for exams and submitting tasks on due dates. I would like to acknowledge their mature behaviour in the hall during examinations.

Teachers are very busy marking papers and writing Semester 2 reports at the moment. I thank them for the time and effort they put in at this busy time of the year.

Urban Challenge was a huge success in Week 3, with Year 9 students stepping out of their comfort zone, joining groups within the cohort and being challenged in Sydney with roles to fulfil and having an integral part in each team. Some of the terrific activities included Dragon Boat racing, dancing, negotiating the cost of dinner in China Town and budgeting for lunch on Cockatoo Island. Students enjoyed the challenges and feedback from community members was very positive, which always makes me proud of being a Deputy Principal at MHS.

Students have been displaying leadership skills recently ensuring that they have their Leadership Passports and Bronze and Silver Awards completed in preparation for the Year Assemblies to be held in Week 7 for Year 11, Week 9 for Years 9 and 10 and Week 10 for Years 7 and 8. The Year Assemblies are always a positive way to celebrate the successes of our students throughout the year and acknowledge the diligence displayed on a consistent basis by most students. The Whole School Presentation Assembly is on Tuesday 17th December to acknowledge high achievement across all year groups. We welcome and look forward to parents and carers coming along to join us in their student's assemblies.

In Weeks 7 and 8 students in Year 7-10 are participating in a wellbeing program, High Resolves – Creating Citizens and Leaders. It supports students in facing the complex challenges of our world and increasing citizenship education as well as raising awareness of humanitarian issues.

Year 9 students participated in the IBL Presentations this week and the standard of presentations and products supporting their driving questions was of a very high standard. It is obvious that the majority of students have worked hard this semester and developed skills that will support them in being independent learners in senior years. We would like to thank the parents and Year 8 students involved on the Panels, your contribution was appreciated.

Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in their Learning Reflection meetings in Weeks 8 and 9. This is a valuable process that allows students to reflect on their learning over the year, the tasks they have completed and feedback received as well as setting goals for the following year is a valuable process in encouraging a continuous growth mindset.

Thank you for your support over Term 4. I hope you all have a relaxing break over the holiday season.

Jane Crooks

The Prefects' Address - An Update

Four score and seven hours ago, on Friday the 22nd of November, twenty individuals eager to lead and develop our school became one united team. Bound together in our duties as prefects and captains by a solemn pledge...

Led by our captains, Saskia and Saharsh, who officially announced that "The MHS Prefect Body of 2020 is in action," we have been at work behind the scenes to lay out our goals. Since the end of Term 3, we have conducted weekly meetings to discuss the ways that we can improve the school and serve our broader community through struggles such as the drought and bushfires. We have had opportunities to work together on planning events and attend leadership conferences, helping empower our ability to enact tangible change.

The **Halogen National Young Leader's Day** was our first venture as a group and the 20 of us woke up bright and early to journey by train to Sydney (which gave us plenty of time to bond). We had the privilege of witnessing some truly inspiring speakers such as John Coutis, Erin Molan and Lachlan Smart who taught us lessons in humility and gratefulness (for everyone in this life, especially our parents). The authentic and heartfelt nature of these presenters instilled within us a determination to make the most out of ourselves in any situation, regardless. The remainder of the day was spent discussing politics on the train, having a little dance party and of course eating good food while enjoying Darling Harbour. On the following day, we presented ourselves at the **GRIP Leadership Day** at Newcastle City Hall, which focused on the practical side of leading a school community with engaging seminars, advice and workshops. A special thanks to Miss Corney for accompanying us on both days.

On the 101st Anniversary of the end of the Great War, we had the opportunity to represent MHS at the **Hamilton Remembrance Day Ceremony at Gregson Park**. It was a truly humbling experience as we not only remembered the soldiers that served our country in the world wars but honoured the great sacrifices of current officers and servicemen. Saskia and Saharsh laid a beautiful wreath of red roses and flowers to venerate the fallen soldiers while the last post was played on the bagpipes. Inspired by this event and its meaning, we held our own Remembrance Day service at MHS for the first time, thanks to Mr Gibb and prefect Adrian Harrod.

Looking ahead, we have decided to hold a musical fundraiser for the **RFS and the Salvation Army Foundation for Bushfire Victims** on Thursday the 28th of November. We believe that it is important that the school remains connected to the broader community and is a positive contributor to society. Using the great musical talents within the school, we will use our prestigious stage (The Quad) and spread a bit of song in our school community.

Best Wishes,
Vice Captains
Emy Liao and Dharam Arora



TAS

Year 12 Food Tech Excursion to Thompsons Pies

Last week Year 12 Food Technology students attended a factory tour of local business Thompsons Pies at Gateshead as their Food Industry Case Study. The business is still family owned and operated.

Thompsons manufactures a huge variety of baked goods such as pies and sausage rolls, breads and cakes. They distribute their goods throughout the state and supply canteens and even prisons. Many Newcastle people have used Thompsons Pies as a fundraiser.

Students were given a guided tour of factory operations. We saw pies and bread rolls being manufactured on computerised and automated machinery. Students were very fortunate to be able to view food manufacturing processes up close. This excursion will enable students to complete a case study for their first HSC assessment task. Thank you to David Irwin – Production Manager at Thompsons Pies for the informative tour.

Vicki McCudden - Head Teacher TAS





Our **OPEN BOYS' CRICKET** team has had a great run through the CHS knockout matches this year. After three big victories the team is about to challenge Hunter River High in the Regional Semi Final. Wins saw us defeat Kotara, MHS 202, (Edan Brichta 69, Angus McTaggart 45, Noah Wainwright 39,) to Kotara 67 with Angus McTaggart claiming 5 wickets. In Round 2 we played Morriset who were bowled out for 92 with Edan Brichta claiming three wickets. In response we lost one wicket overhauling their total with Daniel Wall 28 and Sudhan Sridharan scoring 36. Just last week the boys took the long trek to Singleton and after scoring 262, (featuring Angus McTaggart with 45, Edan Brichta with 40, Joey Gillard with 50 and Noah Wainwright with 38), bowled out Singleton for just 43 with Chris Beck taking 4 for 6 and Jacob Humphrey taking 3 for 11. We wish them the best of luck in the last couple of games. The team is certainly talented enough to take out the Hunter Region title. Well done to our **BAKER SHIELD** Junior team who are also in the regional semi of the 20/20 tournament, a tournament we have won twice in the last three years.





Our **ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION** function was held at the end of Term 3 and at this ceremony we recognised all of those students who have excelled in Sport during 2019. A special congratulations to Teyjah Abell and Mitch Robinson who were awarded our Sportspeople of the Year awards. At this assembly students were awarded recognition in a number of areas including School Blues, Hunter Region and State Representatives, team awards for MVP and Coaches' Awards as well as special mention to those students who achieve outside the realm of CHS Sport. A special mention also to Ruby Browne who was awarded the Jack Scott Trophy for the Junior Sportsperson of the Year.



2019 has been another successful year for our **WATER POLO PROGRAM** and building on the State Championship success of our senior boys at the start of the year, both our Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' teams will be contesting the State Finals at Lambton next week. It is an extremely tough competition and we wish them both the best of luck. It would be almost unprecedented if we were successful in winning a second title but we know never to underestimate Merewether High sporting teams.



HUNTER REGION RECOGNITION

Congratulations to three of our students who will be recognised at the upcoming Hunter Region Blues Presentation. **Joe Langlois** will be receiving a Hunter Blue for Football, **Ruby Browne** will be receiving a Blue for Water Polo and **Edan Brichta** will be receiving a Blue for Cricket. Well done to these three students, receiving a Blue is the highest honour that can be achieved in sport and these three individuals are certainly worthy recipients. The awards will be presented at a function at McDonald Jones Stadium early in December.

2019 PASS NEW ZEALAND EXCURSION

Our Annual PASS excursion to New Zealand has been conducted again and a special congratulations to the 43 students who went on the trip for their efforts and behaviour and the way they represented themselves and our school on the International stage. The week-long adventure excursion encompassed many aspects of the school's well-being program and assisted the students in building teamwork and resilience as well as learning how to live and operate with other people in a shared living arrangement. The students met every challenge that was put to them. Every day was jam-packed with challenge and excitement and over the course of the four days the students went mountain biking, sailed, swam in the hot pools, rode a jet boat, freefell (but only 1 metre off the ground), did the giant swing and schweeb, rode a gondola and the street luge, had a traditional Hangi and learnt about Maori culture, played 3D games, escaped from a room, toured Rotorua on a duck and ziplined through the treetops while learning about the environment and how to preserve it. We ended the trip in Auckland at the NZ version of Disneyland, Rainbow's End. Congratulations to all of the students, a job well done.



2020 SPORTS TOUR

Our 2020 Sports Tour program is up and running and we are taking the unprecedented step of offering the opportunity for 81 students to be active in the program. This obviously means a huge amount of organisation and planning. We will be travelling with 2 netball teams, a boys' and girls' Soccer team and a boys' Rugby team. Who knows, we may even play a bit of Girls Rugby 7's while we are away. The trip leaves on New Year's Eve 2020 and will travel to Dubai, England, Wales, Scotland and France before returning home just prior to the start of the 2021 school year. This will be the 15th Sports Tour and without any doubt will be our biggest ever. Included below are some details of how our school community may be able to assist us. Any assistance that can be offered goes directly towards ensuring that the Sports Tour for all of our participants is genuinely the 'Trip of a Lifetime'.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

HAVE YOU GOT ANY UNWANTED BOOKS LAYING AROUND HOME?

We are running a **BOOK FAIR** in July 2020 where we are hoping to have over 30,000 books for sale over three days in the school hall. Obviously to get that many books we need donations of books from our school community. Books can be delivered to the school, all we are asking is that they are vetted first to remove dirty, stained or torn books. Our **BOOK FAIR** is based on the fact that we offer only good quality books for sale to the public and it will certainly save us a lot of sorting time if any donated books are first checked for quality. The students on the excursion are busily hunting up books, if there is anyone out there who can help your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Any genre of books will be accepted.



Book Fair

Friday 10th Jul.
9.00am - 6.00pm

Saturday 11th Jul.
9.00am - 9.00pm

Sunday 12th Jul.
9.00am - 6.00pm

Over 35,000 books

To be held at Merewether High School
Chatham Rd Broadmeadow - opposite Newcastle Racecourse

CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH A DONATION OF A PRIZE?

We are running a **TRIVIA NIGHT** in April 2020 where we will be having 60 tables of trivia buffs fighting it out for the honour of MHS Trivia Champion. More details will be available in the new year as to how you can be involved in this fantastic evening, but before we run the night we need donations from our school community to ensure the success of the night through raffles and other avenues. Our aim is to secure 400 suitable items that we can use as raffle prizes which would obviously help our fundraising. Items can be virtually anything, already we have vouchers for dinners, hair products and a range of other items that have been generously donated. As recognition, all donors will get acknowledged in our school bulletin as well as in other areas of our Sports Tour organisation. We desperately need your support, so perhaps now is the time to clean out that cupboard where all of the unwanted Christmas Gifts are stored or, if you are a business owner, perhaps clear out some of that stock that is cluttering up your shelves. For any of the above please contact Bob Harrison at the school on 4969 3855 or you can email him at Robert.c.harrison@det.nsw.edu.au

Bob Harrison - Head Teacher PD/H/PE



Saturday School of Language

Enrolments for 2020 are now open and applications are available on our school website. Submitted applications must have all sections completed, including signatures and relevant supporting documents. For further information, please refer to our 2020 Enrolment Information Booklet.

Classes commence on 1st February 2020 for applications received before 13th December 2019.

Saturday School of Community Languages

T 02 7814 2115 <http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Saturday School of Community Languages

Connection Diversity Excellence

Saturday School of Community Languages (SSCL) is the largest provider of face-to-face languages education in NSW.

Classes are held every Saturday morning during the school term at each of our 15 high school centres.

Students from public and non-government secondary schools are eligible to enrol if the language requested is their background language and is not available for study at their weekday school.

There are no fees charged for enrolment.

Students at SSCL follow the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses. All languages are Board Developed Courses that can contribute towards a Higher School Certificate.

Languages offered

- Arabic
- Armenian
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Filipino
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Khmer
- Macedonian
- Maltese
- Modern Greek
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Serbian
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Turkish

**APPLY
NOW
FOR 2020**

Visit our website to download a 2020 enrolment form:

www.saturdaycl-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Complete a form and email it to us by Friday 29 February 2020 to start classes for your background language





Merewether High School
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: _____

NB: This is the address where all email correspondence from the school will be sent.

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: _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS (please advise of student medical condition): _____

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

TYPE OF ORDER: _____ DATE: _____

ACCESS DETAILS: _____

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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

Contact Details
0401 725 885
merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au
130 Chatham Street, Broadmeadow
NSW 2292

**Merewether High School
Uniform Shop Order Form**



Uniform: Y6-Y12	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	\$45.50		
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: _____

Pick up from shop
Delivery to above address \$7.95

Payment Options

Visa Mastercard Cash (enclosed)

Name On Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Note:

- Sizes not carried are available by custom order (SMU). During peak times it may take up to 3 month lead time. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders.
 - 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 1-09-2019 and are subject to change without notice.



Merewether High School
Uniform 7-12.



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Merewether High School
Sports Uniform



Merewether High School
Bags and Accessories





	November
Thurs 28/11	Year 11 Assembly - 11am
	December
Mon 2/12	Learning Reflection Year 7
Tues 3/12	Year 7 (2020) Orientation day
Mon 9/12	Learning Reflection Year 8
Fri 13/12	Year 10 Assembly - 9am Year 9 Assembly - 11am
Mon 16/12	Year 8 Assembly - 9am Year 7 Assembly - 11am
Tues 17/12	HSC Results Presentation Assembly - 10:30am
Wed 18/12	Year 12 BBQ - 11am Last Day of School