



Diary Dates

P&C Special Meeting

Thursday 17th September



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Year 12 have commenced their final month at school after completing their Trial exams. I am so very proud of the resilience demonstrated by our cohort, the way they continue to be engaged in their learning and their dedication to their studies. This week I met with Year 12 to discuss their final weeks of school, the start of Term 4 and the lead up to their HSC exams.

The restrictions currently in place from the NSW Government will determine many of the things we are able to do as we move forward. I have asked Year 12 to liaise with their Captains and we will make decisions, within Government restrictions and Department guidelines, as to what the last week of this term will look like.

We will hold a Year 12 Assembly on the last day, followed by morning tea with staff. As I explained to Year 12, the assembly can go for up to an hour and it is the recognition of each student and the acknowledgement of their achievements over the past six years that we would like to honour. After the assembly Year 12 will move out onto the ovals for morning tea with school staff, with individually packaged food to meet the restriction requirements. The assembly will be livestreamed to parents and the PowerPoint presentation outlining each student's achievements will be emailed to parents before the commencement of the assembly for their information.



The Monday and Tuesday of the last week will see students wear their pyjamas to school on the Monday and another school's school uniform on the Tuesday. The captains and I will discuss any other activities that our Year 12 students suggest and see whether they fit within the guidelines set down by the Department. We hope to be able to plan some activities after the HSC is completed to celebrate with Year 12 their thirteen years of schooling. Hopefully we will be able to involve parents at that time.

While many students now have six weeks to prepare for their final written exams the HSC exams are underway for some students who are completing their performance, oral language exams and major projects over the next few weeks. I wish all the students well as they undertake these exams.

I would like to remind all of Year 12 and their parents that HSC students can have their COVID-19 test results fast tracked to reduce disruption to their studies and exams. Students just need to say they are an HSC student when taking the test.

Last week was SASS Recognition week and it was great to see so many staff take the time out to thank our SAS staff for their support in achieving what we do each and every day. Our school administration and support staff work tirelessly to support the many programs we run across the school. The front office staff are the face of our school and the feedback I receive from parents is how welcoming and helpful they are. From the library, to the science labs, the kitchens and grounds, our school is well supported by the support staff in each of these areas. While we take the time out each year to say thank you I know that the school community is thankful for the work they do each day.

As I write this, I acknowledge this is my last Bulletin article and that in three weeks I finish my role as Principal of Merewether High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many students, staff, parents and community members who have made this role the best I have held in my thirty-eight years with the Department of Education. Schools are about people and it is the relationships I have developed during that time and in particular the amazing young men and women I have had the privilege of working with, the dedicated staff I have led during my time here and the highly engaged parents and community who have made this school what it is, that are the most memorable for me. People can talk about the "fake grass", the changes to curriculum, the clear processes we have implemented, the building projects or the continual improvements to the school as a whole, but it is the people that have made my job so enjoyable. When I say it has been a privilege to be the Principal of this school I mean it and I would like to say thank you to everyone for making it so.

On the 12th October I commence nine terms of long service leave and my official retirement date is the 31st January 2023. I have though relinquished my position so the school is able to continue to move forward with a new Principal. It is public knowledge that the Principal's position was advertised a number of weeks ago but no applicant was found eligible. As a result, the position has been readvertised this week and will close on the 16th September. When we are notified of the successful applicant, we will let the school community know.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
SYDNEY

Message from

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC

Governor of New South Wales

Dear Year 12 student,

I am sorry that I cannot write to you individually but I did want to make contact to wish you well as you come up to the final weeks of your school life, so I trust you will forgive this 'generic' message.

Year 12 is always a challenging year but what a year you have managed to navigate! Remote learning, uncertainty over exams, the cancellation of those events that were going to cap off your year - 2020 has been one of the most challenging presented to a high school graduating class for a long, long time. And yet, here you are coming to the last weeks of school having survived the craziness of it all.

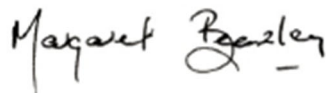
You may be wondering who I am and why am I writing to you. My name is Margaret Beazley, and as the Governor of New South Wales one of my roles is to recognise the achievements of the people and communities of our State. What I want to say to you today is that I stand in admiration of you. You have shown resilience and grace, you have been caring towards each other. You have demonstrated your adaptability to extraordinary change.

One of the important goals of education is to prepare you for life's challenges. You have had more than your fair share of those this year and you have already passed with flying colours! With your Trial exams completed and your last days of school coming up, your HSC journey is drawing to a close. If your experience is anything like mine was, (in a different century I have to admit), the coming three weeks of study between the end of term and the first exam on 20 October will drag a little but then the exams will fly by in a flash.

None of this is to deny the stress and anxiety of this past year - not only the usual HSC stress but on top of that the anxiety caused by COVID-19. Look after yourself. Go for a run in the park, do some Zoom yoga, recite some poetry, or just do whatever it is that gives you that 'mindspace' that is so important at this time. In the coming weeks it will be a matter of one step at a time.

Congratulations for 'sticking with it' and thank you for the way you have responded to this difficult year. This coronavirus period will pass. The future is yours to shape and as I meet young people around New South Wales I know that in your hands, our community will be in good hands.

All very best for the months ahead. On behalf of the people of New South Wales and personally please know that we are very proud of you.



Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales

Deputies' Report

Congratulations to our Year 12 HSC students and Year 11 Accelerated students for completing the Trial HSC examinations over the past two weeks. Their dedication and outstanding commitment is testament to their continual striving for excellence. Navigating the ups and downs of the current reality is proving to be confronting for many of us, especially our Year 12 students. School life, culture and MHS traditions are being restricted due to COVID-19 which is causing increased anxiety and disappointment. We will continue to guide and support them throughout 2020.

Year 11 and Year 10 Accelerated students are preparing for their final examinations for Year 11 courses in week 8 and 9. We wish them all the best for a productive lead up to the Final Assessment period before they commence Year 12 content in Term 4.

Students in Year 7 through to Year 10 have submitted their subject selection preferences and the timetable team are working hard to maximise the opportunities available to students in 2021.

SASS Recognition Week was held in week 6. It is an excellent initiative to celebrate and show our appreciation for the work our School Administrative and Support Staff do across our school in supporting students, teaching staff and the School Community, especially during the challenging times we have faced this year.

Mrs Corney and myself have been out the front of the school supervising each afternoon to encourage safe pedestrian activity on Chatham Street during this peak time and support safe practices.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students for the effort they have shown in presenting themselves in full school uniform and would like all parents to ensure that students have black school shoes to wear, remembering that joggers are only allowed on Wednesdays.

This will be the last Bulletin for Mrs Rippon as Merewether High School Principal. We would like to publicly thank her for the outstanding leadership and guidance she has provided our school community over the past 9 years. Her passion and dedication to Public Education and MHS is admired and appreciated. We wish her all the very best for her retirement, with time to enjoy the other passions and interests in her life.

Mrs Jane Crooks and Mrs Esme Corney



CAPA

MUSIC

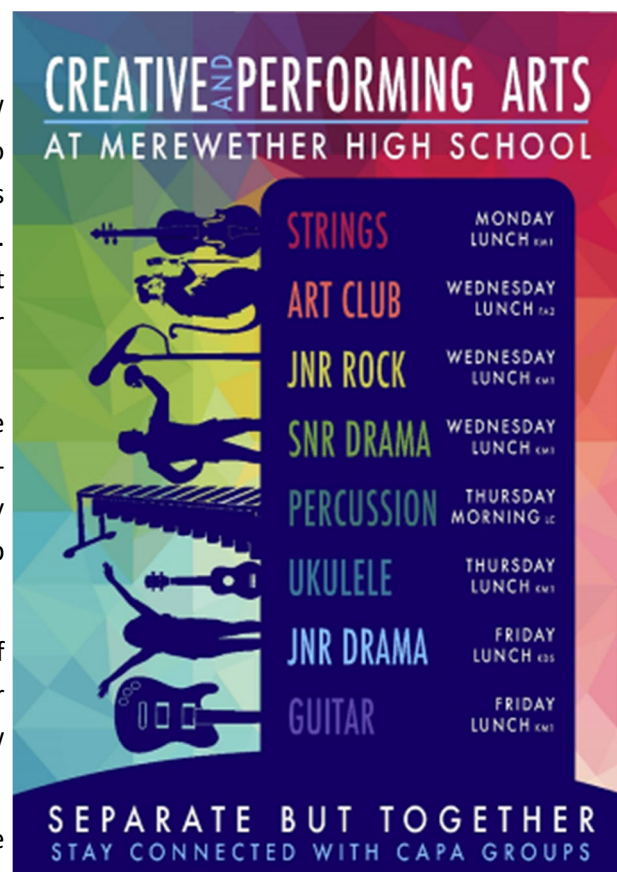
Many of our Music Ensembles are on a break due to the current NSW DET COVID restrictions for wind instruments and singing. We hope to resume Saxophone, JAM, Clarinet, Jazz and Vocal Ensembles as well as Flute Quartet and Concert Band as soon as restrictions are lifted again. Students are encouraged to continue practicing their instruments at home to maintain their technique and musicality. Sheet music for ensembles is available on Moodle.

In the meantime, a number of new COVID - friendly ensembles have started to fill the spaces while we wait for a return to normal music - making. A junior rock group is open for Year 7 students looking to play rock pieces on guitars, keyboards and drums in a small group environment, meeting Wednesday lunch.

A percussion ensemble has started on Thursday mornings in place of Concert Band, and is open for all musicians. Ukulele and Guitar ensembles are on Thursdays and Fridays for those wishing to learn new skills or perfect techniques.

It is wonderful to see new Merewether musicians joining these ensembles that haven't played in our extra - curricular groups before.

We wish our HSC musicians all the best as they prepare for their HSC practical examinations this term. Many years of dedicated practice and refinement has produced some very talented musicians and we know they will perform beautifully for the HSC examiners. Good luck!



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
AT MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL

STRINGS	MONDAY LUNCH 1:01
ART CLUB	WEDNESDAY LUNCH 1:02
JNR ROCK	WEDNESDAY LUNCH 1:03
SNR DRAMA	WEDNESDAY LUNCH 1:04
PERCUSSION	THURSDAY MORNING 1:05
UKULELE	THURSDAY LUNCH 1:06
JNR DRAMA	FRIDAY LUNCH 1:07
GUITAR	FRIDAY LUNCH 1:08

SEPARATE BUT TOGETHER
STAY CONNECTED WITH CAPA GROUPS



ART

Our HSC artists have been working hard to complete their Body of Work for final submission. We are all so proud of the work they have done, with some amazing pieces of art ready for display and marking. Watch this space for a virtual gallery of our talented artists once our HSC marking has been completed. Best of luck for your upcoming HSC theory exams.

Charissa Ferguson - CAPA Teacher



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We know COVID-19 has changed everyone's lives. **That's why we're here to help you with paying your bills, feeding your family and getting back on your feet.**

1300 656 336

Visit [samaritans.org.au/heretohelp](https://www.samaritans.org.au/heretohelp)



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Emergency Relief

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Financial assistance for people impacted by bushfire and COVID-19



PLEASE BRING PRINTED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS SO THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU.

- Proof of your identity (driver's licence or passport)
- Current income statement
- Current Bank statement
- Proof of rent or board
- Proof of home ownership, such as a rates notice, loan document or title
- Any evidence of any debts and repayments made
- Recent bills paid and outstanding
- Any other documentation that will support your application.



ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE MAY INCLUDE:

- Food vouchers
- Essentials vouchers
- Utility grants
- Special household/personal grants
- Personal needs
- Vehicle grants
- School assistance
- Financial counselling
- Homeowners effected by bushfire needing support to return to their home.

PH: 1300 656 336 or go to www.samaritans.org.au/heretohelp



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



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: _____

Uniform: Y07-Y012	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		

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



September
2020

Merewether High School Bulletin



	TERM 3 - Please note this is subject to change
	September
Monday 14th	Y7 Vaccinations (Y10 Catch up)
Thursday 17th	P&C Special Meeting
Tuesday 22nd	Y12 Reports issued
Friday 25th	Y12 Assembly