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coming events

Monday 17 Aug

Trial HSC commences

Tuesday 18 Aug

P&C meeting 7:30 pm

DEA meeting 6.00pm

School Council meeting-
Electronic

Y8 PLG 9-10:30 am

Learning Centre

Tuesday 25 Aug

Yr 9 PLG 9-10:30 am

Learning Centre

14 Sept

Yr 11 PC exams

Commence—2 weeks

28 & 28 Sept

Yr 10 Trial SC exams



Diary Dates

17 August—Trial HSC exams— 2 weeks

1 Sept Y11 2010 Inform Evening 7-9pm

9 Sept Y9 2010 Inform Evening 7-9pm

MHS Jazz Ensemble

Principal's Message:

The very best of luck to our Year 12 students who are sitting for their Trial HSC exams over the next weeks. All Year 12 students have been recently interviewed by the senior executive and it was very reassuring to find that many students have been preparing in a systematic and appropriate way to ensure success in their examinations. Students who have implemented an effective home-study program will find that their future academic challenges will be less stressful than those who have not been as organized.

At a recent school assembly I reminded all students in the junior school that Term 3 presents them with the opportunity to commence Semester 2 with a new look at their organisation and commitment to their studies. As students will be freshly assessed and reported on their work through Terms 3 and 4, they will have the chance to further develop their skills and knowledge and enhance their results from the first part of the year. Year 11 students and their parents are reminded that Term 3 will see the completion of the Preliminary Course and the decision making process of their final pattern of study for the HSC year.

Drum roll, please: Elyse Hudson of Year 10 flew to Melbourne last school holidays to participate in the *National Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition*. Elyse represented NSW, an outstanding effort in itself, and proceeded to win the junior division at the finals. This was an amazing achievement and one that was a huge credit to her. There will be a formal presentation to Elyse at a future assembly to recognize her success. Elyse's wonderful public speaking skills will ensure that we will hear more of her successes in future competitions. On behalf of the whole school I congratulate Elyse for her accomplishment.

Our recent School Development Day provided our staff with the opportunity for professional learning with a technology focus. Our guest presenters and faculty workshops allowed all staff members to consider new ways that technology could enhance student engagement in the classroom and facilitate the learning process.

All staff reports from our recent Jindabyne excursion indicated that our Year 11 students were responsible and caring young adults whilst away. Congratulations to all participating students who represented the school in such a mature manner.

I encourage you all to put our *Posh Concert* date in your diaries so that you do not miss out on a night of quality entertainment. This concert showcases Merewether High School's musical talent and is guaranteed to delight audience members of all ages. I look forward to seeing you there on the night so that we can all boast about our wonderful students!

Yvonne Keevers



PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Elyse Hudson of Year 9 who is the new national winner of the Junior Division of the Rostrum voice of youth public speaking competition.

Competitors must be under 15 years of age. They must present a six minute prepared speech and a three minute short notice speech.

Having won her way through the area, region and state levels of the competition, Elyse travelled to Melbourne during the semester break to contest the national title at Scotch College, Hawthorn.

With her win, Elyse became the first NSW winner of the Junior Division since 1996.

Marcia Buxton
English

CHESS CLUB NEWS

On Sunday 5 July, six members of the Merewether Chess Club accompanied by parents, travelled to Sydney to participate in the Secondary Schools' One-day Chess Teams Tournament. The event was held at Auburn-Lidcombe RSL Youth Centre.

The members of two junior teams were Damon Coull, Ryan Palfreyman, Samuel Harnden, Skye Riley, Dominic Ball and Zachary Hamilton-Russell. Both teams acquitted themselves admirably and an enjoyable day was had by all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stuart Madafiglio of Year 8 who will travel to San Diego California next month to contest the 2009 Pakeman TCG World Championships after coming second in the senior division (12-15yrs) at the National Championships in Hobart.

Stuart and his parents have an all expenses paid trip to the World Championship to be held at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront on August 14/15. We wish Stuart success.

Cecily Smart
Deputy Principal

Supporting Merewether High Rugby Teams

	Supporters of Merewether High Sporting Pro- gram 2009
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SRC NEWS

The SRC term runs from the beginning of Term 3 through till the end of Term 2 each year, so we find ourselves at the beginning of a new SRC group and farewelling an old. We would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our outgoing SRC members, under the leadership of chairperson Reilly Carroll, the SRC's dedication and enthusiasm have led to many successful activities and improvements in the school over the past twelve months. We have also had state and regional representation at SRC conferences which is a fine achievement for our school. You should be very proud of yourselves!

Congratulations to the new SRC members for 2009-2010 as listed below - we look forward to welcoming you on our SRC Orientation Day on Monday 17th August and working with you over the upcoming year. We would also like to offer a warm welcome and thank you to a new staff addition, Miss Bradstock and look forward to working with her also.

SRC MEMBERS 2009-2010

YEAR 7

7B – Dominic Ball
7M- Teya Duncan
7G- Rachel Leonard
7E- Arjun Raju
7C- Brigitte Roman
7N- Oran Krynda

YEAR 8

Sankare Siritharan
Kate Gagulic
Nikita Jenkins
Ben Chen
Jack Wilks
Rebecca Zhuang

YEAR 9

Flynn Comerford
Rowan Thambar
Sally Spicer
Noah Church
Nathan Griffin
Gabe Argiris

YEAR 10

Max Van Egmond
Sam Duncan
Brennan Fell
Lauren Brain
Elizabeth Brain
Reid Butler
Molly Zhuang

YEAR 11

Elle Lingard
Ella Warwick
Jocelle Cardona
Callan Wrightson
Katie Dobinson
Angus Bevan
Emily Clulow
Caitlin McLuckie



MERWETHER'S GOT TALENT NIGHT

Our biggest event was our biannual Merewether's Got Talent evening which raised over \$2000 for the school. Johno Behne-Smith took out the audience prize on the night for his musical performance, Thilina De Silva won the SRC prize for his Hip Hop Dancing and Jordan Turley won the judges prize for his dazzling juggling performance. All participants on the night entertained us with a variety of acts, as well as the students who auditioned during many lunch times of entertainment in the audition weeks leading up to the night. Thank you to our performers, judges, SRC members, P&C helpers, Sound & Lighting – Aaron McGowan, video recording - Mr Farquharson, audience, staff and students, especially those staff brave enough to go into the surprise staff act on the night. The night would not have been possible without the support of the following wonderful businesses who donated all the prizes on the night





MEREWETHER'S GOT TALENT SUPPORTERS

Merewether High would like to thank the following supporters for their generous donations.



Angus & Robertson Charlestown



Lathams Music Westfield Kotara



Hogs Breath Café Newcastle

Style on Regent New Lambton



Hoyts Cinema Charlestown



Reading Cinema Maitland



The Drum Shop Newcastle



Muso's Corner Newcastle



THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!!!

Coreena Allen and Denise Hughes
SRC Advisers



Posh Concert

Tuesday 29th September 2009

7pm

NEWCASTLE CONSERVATORIUM

CONCERT HALL

(Cnr Laman and Auckland Streets)



**SHOWCASING
YEAR 12 MUSIC STUDENTS
&
ALL MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

Tickets available at:
School Cashier's Office
or
Concert Hall Box Office from 6:00pm on the night

**Adult \$15
Student/Concession \$5
Family Ticket \$35**



SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Heather has commenced work at the Lifeline shop at Mayfield where she sorts, prices and hangs clothes for sale.

The Friday group working at the HWNS Recycling complex is continuing on a present. Jessica has joined them and the group is very well received because of their hard work and attention to detail.

SAILABILITY

The students are becoming great sailors with more becoming solo sailors. Unfortunately the long term co-ordinator at Sailability, Bert Reay, passed away last week. His funeral was held Friday on the grassed area near the clubhouse. Several of the senior students attended representing Merewether's past and present sailors.



CAMP

Merewether HS support class is attending camp at Riverwood Downs in late September. They will be joined by five other schools for the 3 day camp. The students are looking forward to a variety of country activities. A report will be ready for next month's bulletin.

Denise Hughes
Class teacher

WANTED – Men's Ties



The Support Unit students are preparing for the annual IOTAS Concert in November and are hoping you may be able to help out with costume accessories. We need *four white ties, one bright yellow and one hot pink*. If you are able to help please have the ties dropped off at the office or Support Unit.

Denise Hughes
Class Teacher



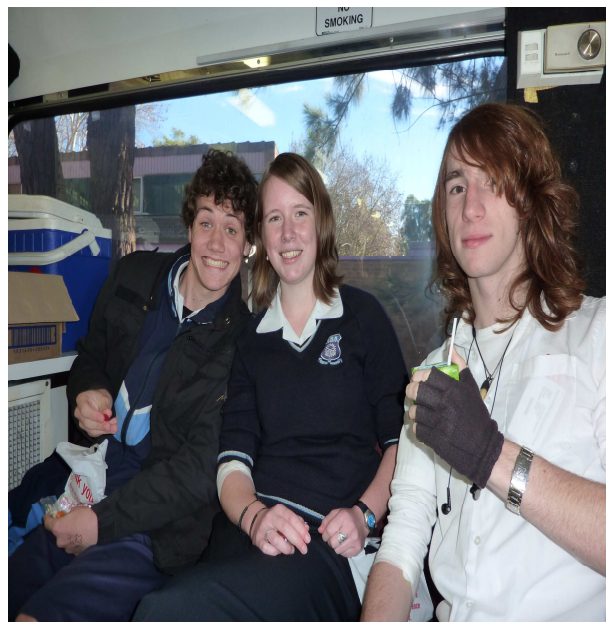
SRC-Donormobile Visits 2009

2009 has been declared the Year of the Blood Donor. This special year will honour and acknowledge the generosity of regular blood donors. 2009 is the 80th anniversary of the blood services in Australia.

On the February visit the Australian Red Cross Blood Service were able to collect 40 donations and 52 attended while in June there were 42 donations and 46 attended. This was exceptionally good as it was such a cold day and many students were unwell.

The next Donormobile visit will be on Tuesday 1st September. Students wishing to donate must be aged 16 and over, bring photo identification with them, be in feeling well, weigh at least 50kg, eat breakfast and drink plenty of juice or water.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service has launched a new online educational resource “Blood Buddies” aimed at students in Years 7 to 10, visit www.donateblood.com.au



August
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Merewether High School
Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours
Term 3 - 2009



CONTACT NAME: Janette 0413650634

AUGUST 2009			
MONDAY	3 rd AUGUST	CLOSED	
THURSDAY	6 th AUGUST	8:00 -	12:00
SATURDAY	8 th AUGUST	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	10 th AUGUST	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	13 th AUGUST	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	17 th AUGUST	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	20 th AUGUST	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	24 th AUGUST	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	27 th AUGUST	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	31 st AUGUST	12:00-	4:00
SEPTEMBER 2009			
THURSDAY	3 rd SEPTEMBER	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	7 th SEPTEMBER	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	10 th SEPTEMBER	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	14 th SEPTEMBER	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	17 th SEPTEMBER	CLOSED	
SATURDAY	19 th SEPTEMBER	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	21 st SEPTEMBER	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	24 th SEPTEMBER	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	28 th SEPTEMBER	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	1 st OCTOBER	8:00 -	12:00
<p>“Daylight” Woollen Jumpers have been reduced to \$30 each –all sizes except size 20</p> <p>“Daylight” Sportswear STOCKTAKE SALE 20% off- 2009 Last 2 weeks Term 3 commencing Monday 21 September—No Rainchecks, Exchanges or Refunds</p>			

Can you make and cut sandwiches?



IF YOU can answer YES to any of these questions then:

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**Merewether High School
P&C Association need YOU !!!!!**

DONATIONS OF CAKES AND SLICES

**When: Friday 2 October
Year 12 Formal Farewell—Morning Tea
Donations of Cakes & Slices-
Helpers Needed**

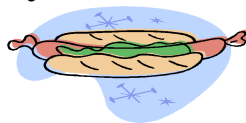
**When: Wednesday 25 November
Cooking Day COOKS and HELPERS NEEDED**

**Wednesday 2 December. Orientation Day
DONATIONS OF CAKES AND SLICES**

**Wednesday 9 December, Sports Presentation
Luncheon - HELPERS NEEDED**

**Wednesday 16 December, MHS Presentation Luncheon -
HELPERS NEEDED**

These functions are for the benefit of all of our children, so if you can help in any way, please contact Veronica Lingard on 49574452 or Penny Finnegan on 49528138 and indicate where or how you can help.



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Aug 2009		
Fri 14/08	EX MUNA National finals– Canberra –3 days Trial HSC Music Practicals in LC	Participating students Participating students
Mon 17/08	Trial HSC exams—MPC– 2 weeks — 28/8/09	Y12 students
Tue 18/08	P & C meeting—library– 7.30pm DEA meeting 6:00pm- Library	Interested parents DEA members
	Y8 PLG 9:00-10:30—LC School Council meeting—electronic EX Y11 Biology—Wetlands :00-3:00	Interested parents Council members Participating students
Wed 19/08	ICAS—Mathematics test	Participating students
Thu 20/08	Y7 Board meetings—pds 5/6 EX Y8 German—Taronga Zoo-6.30am-5:00pm Parent/Teacher interviews—Y9/10—MPC 3:15-5:30	Y7 students Participating students Parents/Teachers
Fri 21/08	Issue Stage 5 booklet & Acceleration application forms	
Mon 24/08	Issue Y12 2010 course inform + Ext application forms AS Y9 English—Creative Writing this week	Participating students
Tue 25/08	Y9 PLG—LC– 9:00-10:30 Y7 Board meetings-pds 3/4	Interested parents Y7 students
Wed 26/08	Y7 Board meetings– pds 5/6	Y7 students
Fri 28/08	Invitational RU 7's carnival @ MHS	Participating students
Mon 31/08	HT's to brief Y8 re Y9 elective courses	Y8 students
Sept 2009		
Tue 01/09	Y11 2010 Information Evening-MPC-7-9pm Donormobile on site Close of Premier's Reading Challenge CBA to talk to Y10-8:50-10:40—LCentre	Y11 2010 students /parents



Event Diary

Sept 2009		
Wed 02/09	Y8 Board meetings—pds 5/6	Y8 Participating students
Thu 03/09	NSW CHS athletics carnival—3 days Y8 Board meetings—pds 5/6	Participating students Y8 Participating students
Fri 04/09	NSW CHS athletics carnival—day 2/3 11Ancient History—Melbourne	Participating students Participating students
Sat 05/09	DEA-Bagnells test walk-2 days NSW CHS athletics carnival—day 3/3	Participating students Participating students
Tue 08/09	Y8 Board meetings-pds 3/4	Y8 participating students
Wed 09/09	Y9 2010 Information Evening-MPC-7:-9pm	Y9 students/parents
Fri 11/09	Bulletin on website	
Mon 14/09	Y11 Final exams—to 25/9/09	Y11 students
Tue 15/09	P&C meeting-library– 7:30pm DEA meeting 6:00pm-library School Council meeting –Face to Face -6:00pm	Interested parents DEA parents S C members
Sat 19/09	DEA-Bagnells test walk-2 days	DEA students
Mon 21/09	HSC Music 1 practical exams Y7 English-Performance & Evaluation this week Y8 English –Essay this week	Participating students Participating students Participating students
Tue 22/09	School Orchestra workshop –1-4pm HSC Music 1 practical exams	Participating students Participating students
Wed 23/09	Y12 reports issued Y12 2010 Information Evening—MPC-7:00-9:00pm	Y12 2010 students/parents
Mon 28/09	Trial School Certificate exams	Participating students
Tue 29/09	POSH Concert– Conservatorium Trial School Certificate exams	Participating students Participating students
October 2009		
Thu 01/10	Y12 Welfare Day Y11 Music exams	Participating students Participating students
Fri 02/10	End term 3 Y12 Formal Farewell Assembly—MPC—11:00 Y11 Music exams	Y12 students/parents Participating students

Date Change: The Trial School Certificate has been altered from Monday October 19 & Tuesday October 20 Week 1, Term 4) to Monday 28 September and Tuesday 29 September, Week 10, Term 3 due to a clash with the Higher School Certificate dates.

Ed Kelty Head Teacher Admin