



Diary Dates

14 Dec -Y7, Y8, Y9 Presentation Assembly

15 Dec -Y10, Y11 Presentation Assembly

16 Dec-Annual Presentation Day-11:00 am

16 Dec—HSC results released

17 Dec - ATAR released

MHS Jazz Ensemble

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coming events

Monday to Wednesday—last week of term—please check details

re presentation assemblies

Thursday—Friday

School Development (pupil free) Days

January 2010

Wed 27/01 Teachers & Staff return

Thu 28/01 Y7-Y11-Y12 return

Fri 29/01 Y8-Y9-Y10 return

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

As this is the final bulletin for the year I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the hundreds of students who have worked towards achieving their *personal best* in all their school endeavours throughout 2009. These students should be very proud of their efforts. I encourage all of our students to look towards the new year with anticipation and enthusiasm for all the new prospects that it holds.

Once again, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all the parents who volunteered their time and energy throughout 2009 in order to enhance the educational experience of the students and staff of Merewether High. I have never worked with a more active or hard working parent body. The results of parent support this year have been outstanding with improvements to our school canteen, to the environment and gardens as well as to various programs and presentations across the school. Thank you to everyone who has given their time so generously to make Merewether High School exceptional in so many ways.

Our staff, both teaching and SASS, have demonstrated their goodwill and professionalism throughout the year and I must acknowledge their hard work across the school. Very importantly, our students enjoy a huge array of extra-curricula activities because of the efforts of our staff. As a result of these extended educational opportunities our students reap the benefits of enhanced personal development and the growth of leadership skills. I applaud our teaching and support staff members who create such a rich educational experience for our students as a result of their goodwill and dedication.

I look forward to the last week of term when we celebrate student achievement. I remind all students that it is not possible for each and every student to receive a school award. However, if students have done their very best throughout 2009 then the intrinsic reward is most important. At our formal presentations, we will be celebrating student success across the school and I encourage all students to reflect positively and constructively on their learning and academic development over the past twelve months. Students should feel content with their educational outcomes if they know they have done their very best.

Merewether High is a wonderful school. In 2009 our whole school community proved its ability to build on its strong foundations and move forward. I look forward to your support in meeting the challenges of the new year and ensuring that MHS continues to be outstanding in every possible way.

I wish you all a very happy and safe vacation.

Yvonne Keever



Last Day of School

Parents, please note that the last day of school for students is Wednesday 16th December. The last two days of term are pupil-free days/ School Development Days as publicised by the Department of Education & Training.

An Important Message about Student Safety

We have had reports that some of our students are not conducting themselves with responsibility and caution whilst crossing the roads that take them towards the busy *Nine Ways* intersection. We have had members of the community contact the school, expressing their concern and alarm at the lack of care and responsibility that some of our students demonstrate when crossing the roads. If your child walks towards one of the many bus stops or to the train station near the *Nine Ways* I urge you to remind him or her about the serious consequences of a lack of caution and safety on the roads. All students must exercise great care when crossing any street and use the appropriate crossing facilities on all occasions.

A Reminder about School Uniform

Thank you to all parents who are supporting the school by ensuring that their child/children are in full school uniform each day. School shoes are an important part of our uniform as they must conform to the Occupational Health and Safety requirements determined by the Department of Education and Training. Parents are reminded that our students' black school shoes must be **enclosed** and **hard-covered** (leather) and **must not expose the foot in any way**. On Wednesdays, students should wear **enclosed and hard-covered white joggers**. This year we have seen many students wearing canvas or material shoes that pose a serious safety issue in practical lessons. Similarly, the girls who wear the open ballet type shoes or half-enclosed, ankle strap shoes do not comply with the OH&S regulations. We ask that parents ensure that students are in the correct footwear each day so that they do not breach important safety regulations.

Styles of Shoes that Comply with OH&S Regulations

(White hard-covered joggers for Wednesdays only)



Styles that Do Not Comply with OH&S Regulations and are Not Acceptable at School

(Shoes made of canvas or material are not acceptable. Girls' shoes that expose the top of the foot do not comply with OH&S.)

Merewether Wins ICAS Computing Medals

Congratulations to our two ICAS medal winners David Mclean and Michael Shen.

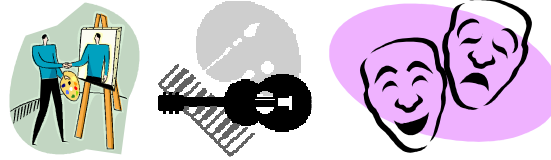
David and Michael gained equal first place in the University of NSW computing skills competition over contestants from across NSW and the ACT. The boys received their medals at a prestigious ceremony held at the University of NSW.

Their achievement represents an outstanding result for computing at Merewether High School, we are extremely proud of their efforts and encourage other students to try and emulate their success in future years.





ARTEXPRESS, ENCORE & ONSTAGE



Once again Creative & Performing Arts students at MHS have received high recognition for their outstanding HSC Visual Arts, Music & Drama practical examinations!

ARTEXPRESS

Four students have been nominated by the HSC Visual Arts marking team to have their body of work included in the selection pool for the 2009 ARTEXPRESS exhibitions. Congratulations go to Nicola Ferry; Adriana Lions; Sarah Behne-Smith and Sarah Wheeldon.

ENCORE

Music student, Jesse Fildes has been nominated by the HSC Music marking team to have a recording of his HSC performance included in the selection pool for the 2009 ENCORE performance at the Sydney Opera House.

OnSTAGE

Drama student, David Hopkins has been nominated by the HSC Drama marking team to have his individual HSC performance included in the selection pool for the 2009 ONSTAGE performance at the Seymour Centre.

Congratulations to all these students and to their teachers – Mrs Greenland, Mr Grogan and Mr Goyette.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION *An Exhibition of MHS student Art Work*



Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th December 2009
Merewether HS Learning Centre

**You are welcome to visit this exhibition before or after you attend
the school for you child's "End of Year Assembly"**

Merewether High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

TERM 4 - 2009 - JANUARY 2010

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	OCTOBER		
EVERY MONDAY		12:00 -	4:00
EVERY THURSDAY		8:00 -	12:00
	NOVEMBER		
SATURDAY	28th	9:00 -	3:00
MONDAY	30th	12:00 -	4:00
	DECEMBER		
THURSDAY	3rd	8:00 -	12:00
SATURDAY	5th	9:00 -	3:00
MONDAY	7th	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	10th	8:00 -	12:00
MONDAY	14th	12:00 -	4:00
THURSDAY	17th	8:00 -	12:00
	JANUARY		
THURSDAY	14th	9:00 -	3:00
MONDAY	18th	9:00 -	3:00
THURSDAY	21st	9:00 -	3:00
SATURDAY	23rd	9:00 -	3:00
THURSDAY	28th	9:00 -	3:00

Then every Monday 12:00noon – 4:00pm

Thursday 8:00am – 12:00noon

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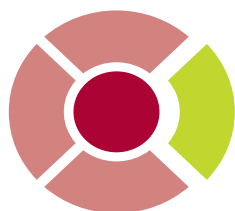
MASTERCARD, VISA & EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE.



Event Diary		
Dec 2009		
Mon 14/12	Yr 7 Presentation Assembly –MPC –pds 1/2 Yr 8 Presentation Assembly –MPC –pds 3/4 Yr 9 Presentation Assembly—MPC-pds 5/6	Students & parents Students & parents Students & parents
Tue 15/12	Yr 10 Presentation Assembly—MPC — pds 1/2 Yr 11 Presentation Assembly—MPC—pds 3/4 P & C meeting—library—7:30pm DEA meeting —library—6:00pm School Council meeting—library—6:00pm	Students & parents Students & parents Interested parents DEA parents Council members
Wed 16/12	Annual Presentation Day—11:00-MPC HSC results released—Last day for students	Students & parents School Development Day
Thu 17/12	Yr 12 BBQ—midday ATAR for Yr 12 released	Pupil Free Day Y12 2009
Fri 18/12	School Development Day End Term 4	Pupil Free Day Enjoy the vacation
January	2010	
Wed 27/01	Staff return to school	All Staff
Thu 28/01	Years 7, 11 & 12 return	Relevant students
Fri 29/01	Years 8, 9 & 10 return	All students back to school

Merewether High Sporting Program 2009

Supporting Merewether High Rugby Teams



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LAWYERS



2009

MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

In keeping with the selective nature of Merewether High School the Social Sciences Faculty is pleased to announce its AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE. We appreciate the generous assistance of the leading organisations listed below. They obviously hold our students and their education in very high regard.



2009

ECONOMICS
YEAR 12

\$200



BUSINESS STUDIES
YEAR 12

\$200



LEGAL STUDIES
YEAR 12

\$200

Michael Evers & Co

GEOGRAPHY
YEAR 12

\$200



GEOGRAPHY
YEAR 10

\$75



GEOGRAPHY
YEAR 9

\$50



GEOGRAPHY
YEAR 8

\$50



ECONOMICS
YEAR 11

\$200



BUSINESS STUDIES
YEAR 11

\$200



LEGAL STUDIES
YEAR 11

\$100



GEOGRAPHY
YEAR 11

\$100



COMMERCE
YEAR 10

\$100



ACCOUNTING
YEAR 9

\$100



FINANCIAL GROUP

Chartered Accountants & Financial Planners