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## coming events

### 14 Sept

Yr 11 exams – 25 Sept

### Tues 15 Sept

P&C meeting 7:30 pm

DEA meeting 6.00pm

School Council meeting -

FTF 6.00pm

### 28 & 29 Sept

Yr 10 Trial SC exams

### 29 September

POSH Concert

### Tues 20 Oct

HSC exams to 13/11

### Tues 3 Nov

Y7 PLG 9-10:30 am

Learning Centre



## Diary Dates

23 Sept - Y12 2010 Information Evening

2 Oct - Y12 Formal Farewell Assembly

19 Oct - First day Term 4— all students return

MHS Jazz Ensemble

## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents,

Year 12 students were given important information at a year meeting last week when I reminded them of my expectation that they attend all classes until the conclusion of the term. Now that the Trial HSC examinations have finished it is in each student's best interest to focus on the task ahead and develop effective strategies that will support a healthy but self-disciplined lifestyle for the months ahead. I have reminded all students that their future organisation and planning is essential to ensure that they progress towards their final exams with confidence and minimum stress. Students who have been methodically working with a Year 12 study program will find that their final results will reflect their consistent and long-term efforts.

Our formal Year 12 Farewell Ceremony will be held on the last Friday of Term 3 on 2 October commencing at 11.00am. Parents of Year 12 students are reminded to put this date in their diaries so that they can be present at this important occasion. The school's expectations of our HSC candidates in relation to their socially responsible behaviour with end of school activities have been clearly communicated to them and I anticipate an incident free end of term. I must congratulate Year 12 students on the maturity and responsibility they have demonstrated throughout 2009. It is a privilege to share the final years of schooling with this year's HSC students.

I am pleased to announce that Merewether High has recently joined *ClimateCam*, a program that is sponsored by the Newcastle City Council to support schools with energy saving strategies. At a recent assembly our captains were presented with a *ClimateCam* plaque that will signify our success with our future efficiency. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to be part of this excellent program and to make a difference to the environment.

Our *POSH Concert* is on Tuesday 29 September and I remind all parents who enjoy quality performances to come along and support our wonderful music students on the night. The evening showcases Merewether High School's musical talent and will delight the most discerning audience. I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Our very exciting news is that we have a new self-serve canteen in operation that provides an improved service for all our students and staff. Our students can select their own items of food in a hygienic and attractive setting that ensures the previous long queues are dramatically reduced. I must congratulate and thank the parents who have driven this wonderful initiative and who have given their time to ensure the success of the project. The school is, indeed, fortunate to have such parent volunteers who give their skills and time to the school so generously.

**Yvonne KeEVERS**



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

### All Parents Please Note

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act schools must ensure that students comply with regulations relating to health and safety risks whilst they are on Departmental premises. In particular, appropriate footwear must be worn so that students are protected when in practical classrooms. Students will appreciate that the school must guarantee compliance is maintained and that regulations related to safety are non-negotiable.

Unfortunately, we have a growing number of students who are choosing to wear incorrect footwear to school and are compromising the school's position with its duty of care. Consequently, we ask for parent support with school uniform, particularly with the aspect of shoes.

You will find photos of appropriate and inappropriate styles of footwear in this bulletin. I ask that you check with your child that he or she is wearing the correct school shoes. We know that there are some students who leave home wearing the correct footwear but who change their shoes on their arrival at school.

I have notified all students of the need for them to comply with our uniform policy and we will be making a concerted effort to ensure that our students are presenting an excellent image to the public as well as complying with OH&S issues.

I thank you in anticipation for your support.

**Y Keever**

### Appropriate Footwear — OH&S Compliant



PE/ Sport only

### Inappropriate Footwear—not to be worn at school





## ENGLISH

Permission notes will be distributed to Year 8 students next week for an excursion to the Bell Shakespeare's production of the Taming of the Shrew. It will be on Friday, 2 October (the last day of school). Year 8 is studying the play this term and it would be an excellent opportunity for them to see the play performed by a professional company.

**Bonnie Rae**  
**English**

## TEXTILES and DESIGN

Congratulations to our Year 12 Textiles and Design students who have successfully completed their Textiles major works. Last week they were packaged and sent to the Board of Studies for marking. Students worked diligently and were proud of their completed folios and design projects. They have now completed 50% of their HSC course. Following the success of last year's class who had 4 students major works selected for "Texstyle" we look forward to excellent HSC results.

Best of luck to the Year 12 Design and Technology students who are putting the final touches on their major design projects (MDP) ready for in-school marking next week.

**Vicki McCudden**  
**Head Teacher TAS**

## ENGINEERING

### Making Tracks

Making Tracks is an initiative developed jointly by the NSW Department of Education and Training and Rail Corp. It is based on a competition for teams of up to six students from Years nine or ten to create a railroad solution to a given scenario. This wonderful Engineering project has been derived from the need to source more Engineers for Rail Corp.

From nearly one thousand teams across the state that undertook the Making Tracks project, 10 were invited to present their solutions, one being from Merewether. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of August five students from Year 10 travelled to Sydney to present their solution to a panel of Rail Corp engineers and Department of Education and Training staff. Though our team missed the grand prize, it did receive a prize for its presentation and at the end of the day, Rail Corp kept their model.

The following students should be congratulated not only for the effort put into their project, but also for the way they handled themselves in Sydney – Brennan Fell, Sudeep Mukherjee, Ben Thirkell, Fletcher Taylor, Michael Matthey and Jonathon Tindale. Unfortunately, Fletcher Taylor was not able to travel to Sydney for the presentation.

It was a most enjoyable and interesting day. It is plain to see the effort that major entities such as Rail Corp are making in order to attract bright young people to Engineering careers. Rail Corp stated that they have over one billion dollars to spend in the coming years on infrastructure and yet they don't have enough Engineers to complete their projects. The young men above are well positioned to consider Rail Corp as an employer in the future. Well done!

**Michael Platt**  
**Teacher TAS**



## INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

On the 20 August the five teams competing in this year's F1 in Schools Competition had a workshop day at school which was attended by Mr Paul Delaney and Mr Jarrod Wynn from Parsons Brinckerhoff Engineering. PB is our major sponsor, and without them, our involvement would not be possible.

We are currently preparing for the Regional Competition on 29 September. There is an enormous amount of work to be done with the knowledge that we are up against some very tough competition.

Collaboration with industry and community is essential. This is why we are so lucky to have the connection with PB. The University of Newcastle's Engineering Department, especially Chris Wensrich and Lyazid Djenidi who lectured us on fluid dynamics and the operation of their formula SAE team have also been a tremendous asset.

We wish the students all the best in their upcoming competitions.

**Michael Platt**







## SUPPORT UNIT

### WORK EXPERIENCE

The five senior students in Years 11 and 12 are working in a large commercial laundry at War-rabrook managed by House With No Steps. The students attend on Fridays where they fold hundreds of clean towels and face washers for many of the large hotels in Newcastle. These have to be folded a certain way otherwise they have to be refolded much to the students disgust. There is a great sense of achievement when the students are folding them correctly.

The students also feed the washed serviettes onto the large roller iron. The students have to ensure the serviettes are flat so they are pressed flat with no creases.

The students have found it very different from their last work experience placement as now there is a necessity for precise work. All work is carried out while the students are standing so there are some sore feet by the end of the working day.

This work experience program allows the students in the support unit to taste a number of different types of jobs and to see what work is really like.

**Denise Hughes**  
**Support Unit**



### 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**  
**Support Unit**



# *Posh Concert*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**



Riding for the Disabled Association

# BUSHIES' BALL

Put on Your Jeans and 'Boot Scootin' Gear  
For a Night of Fun on

**Saturday 24 October 2009**

Commencing 6.30 pm at  
**RDA's Raymond Terrace and Lower Hunter Centre**  
3219 Pacific Highway  
(Watch for the sign 3 kilometres north of Raymond Terrace)

This family themed evening includes a delicious 3 course Spit  
Roast Dinner, Live Band (Chalk 'n' Cheese), Tombola Raffle and a  
Lucky Door Prize

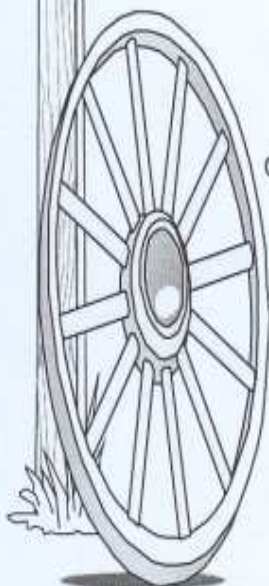
#### Ticket Prices

Adult: \$25, Family: \$55 (2 Adults and 2 Children)  
Children: High School - \$12, 5-13yrs - \$5, under 5 yrs are Free

BYO Alcohol - Soft Drinks available.  
(Please, no glassware - wine bottles accepted)

RSVP & Payment to Secure your Booking by  
Thursday 15 October

Contact Vicki Manuel on 4987 1402  
Mon - Thurs (9am - 2pm)

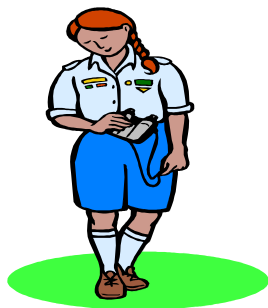






# Merewether High School

## Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours



TERM 4 - 2009 - JANUARY 2010  
CONTACT NAME: Janette 0413650634



“DAYLIGHT SPORTSWEAR PTY. LTD”

	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  
THURSDAY

2.00pm – 4.00 pm  
8.00am – 12.00 noon

PRICE LIST / ORDER FORM ON THE BACK

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

“DAYLIGHT SPORTSWEAR PTY. LTD”

MASTERCARD, VISA & EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE

September  
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# UNIFORM SHOP 20% SALE



MONDAY 21 September

THURSDAY 24 September

MONDAY 28 September

THURSDAY 1 October

No REFUNDS

No EXCHANGES

All Stock Except DAYLIGHT JUMPERS

*These jumpers have already been reduced to \$30 each*

PE SPORTS SHORTS WITH POCKETS & ZIPS WILL BE ARRIVING  
ON THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

<b>GIRLS</b>	
<i>Tartan 2 Pleat Skirts - Standard</i>	<b>\$48.50</b>
<i>Tartan 2 Pleat Skirts - Long</i>	<b>\$48.50</b>
<i>SNR White Blouses</i>	<b>\$27.00</b>
<i>JNR Sky Blouses</i>	<b>\$27.00</b>
<i>Navy Slacks</i>	<b>\$38.00</b>
<i>Navy Shorts</i>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>BOYS</b>	
<i>Beltloop Shorts</i>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<i>Elastic Waist Shorts</i>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<i>Beltloop Trousers</i>	<b>\$42.00</b>
<i>JNR Sky Shirts</i>	<b>\$26.00</b>
<i>SNR White Shirts</i>	<b>\$26.00</b>
<b>UNISEX</b>	
<i>Wool Jumper</i>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<i>School Jacket</i>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>SPORT/PE</b>	
<i>Sports Polo</i>	<b>\$33.00</b>
<i>Microfibre Track Pants</i>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<i>Microfibre Sports Shorts Standard</i>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<i>Microfibre Sports Shorts Super Sizes</i>	<b>\$25.00</b>

# Can you make and cut sandwiches?



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

Are you able to make tea & coffee?



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

**DONATIONS OF CAKES AND SLICES**

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

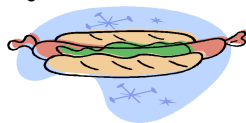
**When: Wednesday 25 November  
Cooking Day COOKS and HELPERS NEEDED**

**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.



FOR A GOOD CAUSE OF MHS.



<b>Sept 2009</b>		
Mon 14/09	Y11 Geography—UNE—day 1/3	Participating students
Tue 15/09	P&C meeting-library – 7:30pm DEA meeting 6:00pm-library School Council meeting –Face to Face -6:00pm Y11 Geog-UNE - day 2/3	Interested parents DEA parents S C members
Wed 16/09	Y11 Final exams—to 25/9/09 Y12 Hospitality-seminar RSA City Zone F/ball Gala - Myers Park Y9/10 F1 teams-workshop-9:00-3:10 Y11 Geog - UNE - day 3/3 Y12 English Writing Cse -MHS-9:00-12:00	Y11 students Participating students Participating students Participating students Participating students  Participating students
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 LC-8:30-9:55	Participating students Participating students
Wed 23/09	Y12 reports issued Y12 2010 Information Eve-MPC-7:00-9:00pm	Y12- 2010 students/parents
Thu 24/09	HSC Music 2 prac exams-8:30-11:55	Participating students
Mon 28/09	Trial School Certificate exams	Participating students
Tue 29/09	POSH Concert – Conservatorium of Music Trial School Certificate exams	Participating students Participating students
Wed 30/09	Frisbee Gala Day @ Myers Pk- 9:30-3:00	Participating students
<b>October 2009</b>		
Thu 01/10	Y12 Welfare Day Y11 Music exams	Participating students Participating students
Fri 02/10	<b>End term 3</b> Y12 Formal Farewell Assembly—MPC—11:00 Y11 Music exams	Y12 students/parents Participating students
<b>TERM 4</b>		
Mon 19/10	First day term 4—all students return Y11 Hospitality work placement-this week Y11 to commence HSC courses	Whole school Participating students
Tue 20/10	Higher School Certificate exams-MPC-to 13/11 P&C meeting-library-7.30pm DEA meeting 6:00pm-library School Council—electronic	Y12 students Interested parents DEA members SC members
Wed 21/10	Y9-12 Music,Dr,VA,Textiles—Sydney	Participating students

<b>Oct 2009</b>		
Thu 22/10	OBOS—HSC exams commence U15 Water Polo Gala-Swansea	Participating students Participating students
Mon 26/10	Issue HSC 2010 Assessment booklet to Y12 HSC Assessment calendar on website HSC Assessment schedules issued to students	Participating students
Tue 27/10	Y7 2010 Information Session x 2	Y7 2010 students/parents
Wed 28/10	Y11 reports issued Regional SRC Day-LC	Participating students
Thu 29/10	Vietnam Veterans' Day-all Y10	Participating students
<b>Nov 2009</b>		
Mon 02/11	Y8 ATO talk-pd 2	
Tue 03/11	Y7 PLG-LC-9:00-10:30 Y9 Food Tech –Sydney Harbour—7:00-4:00 Hep B dose 2 all Y7 students Dose 3 HPV Y7 female 9:00-1:00	Interested parents Participating students Y7 students  Y7 students
Thu 05/11	Y7 2010 Information Session x 2	Y7 2010 students/parents
Mon 09/11	School Certificate exams	Participating students
Tues 10/11	Y8 PLG-LC-9:00-10:30 School Certificate exams	Interested parents Participating students
Wed 11/11	Remembrance Day-11:00am Y10 Elective exams	Participating students Y10 students
Thu 12/11	School Certificate exams - Computing Skills – mandatory	Participating students
Fri 13/11	Bulletin on website Y10 Elective exams	Y10 students

### Supporting Merewether High Rugby Teams

 <p><b>burke elphick &amp; mead</b> LAWYERS</p>	<p>Supporters of Merewether High Sporting Program 2009</p>
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## LOST PROPERTY

**Parents are reminded that we have a number of items in lost property that have no identification. Consequently, It is very difficult to return any item to its owner. Please ensure that all articles of school uniform have the student's name inside. Lost property holds a variety of things, including uniform, glasses, computer accessories and personal items. If your child has recently lost something, please remind him or her to check at the front office.**