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Presentation Day
 15 December, 11:00am



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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

A number of our Year groups have been experiencing a variety of different activities this term. Whilst student assessing and reporting is being finalised, several welfare programs and community based activities have been organised. Year 10 students have participated in the MHS *Service Learning Volunteer Program*, an initiative that has received very positive feedback from both our students and from the community organisations that they have attended. Year 10 students are also involved in portfolio presentations over the next week, allowing them to present and reflect on their progress and learning throughout the year. Last week we had an early start to Christmas with a special out-of-uniform day organised by the SRC which saw a guest appearance by Santa. This event provided photograph opportunities for students and Santa that would rival many of the large retail outlets! In mid November, we enjoyed a most impressive occasion with our 2010 Year 12 Formal at the Civic Theatre. This night was an excellent conclusion to the HSC school year with exemplary student behaviour, a beautiful location and our Year 12 students looking stunning!

I wish to express my enormous appreciation to all the parents who have volunteered their time to our school throughout 2010. Yet again, parent support has been outstanding with numerous parent volunteers giving their time generously. In particular, I want to extend the school's appreciation to Veronica Lingard and Penny Finnegan for their efforts with the environment and gardens as well as their catering for various school functions throughout the year. There are many loyal parents who are well-known faces at our school who have truly made a difference to Merewether High. To our volunteers who have given their time in the canteen, to our Year 10 presentations and who assist at our many functions – a huge thank you for your commitment to our school. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have been regular attendees at School Council and P&C meetings and at our Parent Learning Groups in 2010. Without such parent support, the school would not be able to offer such excellent opportunities for our students.



Our teaching and SAS staff have continued to demonstrate their professionalism throughout the year and I wish to recognise their work across the school in the classroom, in administration and in extra-curricula activities. I congratulate and thank all staff members who create such an excellent educational experience for our students as a result of their goodwill and dedication.

The last weeks of school will include our final year assemblies during which we will recognise student achievement. I remind all students that if they have done their *personal best* throughout 2010 then they have been successful and they should be proud of their efforts. Next year will provide further opportunities for each and every student to accomplish new knowledge, skills and confidence. With the continued support from our parents, the ongoing dedication of staff and the focus of our students, MHS can look forward to another year of successful outcomes.

I look forward to working with all members of our school community in 2011. I wish you all a very happy vacation.

Yvonne KeEVERS



TAS FACULTY

TAS News

Year 11 Food Technology completed a case study of a retail outlet in the Australian Food Industry with a visit to Woolworths Supermarket at Charlestown last week. Students learnt about quality assurance procedures and environmentally friendly practices implemented at the new store. The case study is a mandatory part of the HSC syllabus and forms part of their first assessment task.

Year 9 Food Technology classes visited Centrepont Tower last week. They were part of a 'behind the scenes' tour learning how this vital hospitality business is run. The visit culminated in a buffet lunch in the revolving restaurant, taking in views of Sydney.

Finally I would like to thank our local businesses who are once again sponsoring our annual awards at Presentation Day. Woolworths Kotara, Zig Zag Sewing, Retravisio Belmont, Ducks Crossing Eleebana and Batik Otereo. Also Indiana Raj (Hamilton and The Entrance) and Indiana Raj Express Mayfield for their continued support of MHS Food Technology faculty.

Vicki McCudden
Head Teacher TAS

DesignTech Nominations

This semester has seen some very notable results for the TAS department, with three students studying Design and Technology in Year 12 gaining selection in the Design Tech exhibition for their outstanding works in the HSC. Al Long designed and built a music trolley kit for parents to assemble for primary school aged children, Emma Stringfellow designed and built a personal study space and Callum Thurkell designed and built a lockable retro surf trailer.

FH10 Design Challenge

A Year 9 Design Tech class also entered the Future Homes 2010 design challenge which saw students consider the environmental cost of construction, the sustainability of the designed house and the recyclable nature of the final design. Four students were successful in this state wide challenge and have spent considerable time this term in the construction of their home on the central coast. It is now nearing completion for delivery to the school and will help link the work in social science with climate cam to the education of sustainable development already being done in Design and Technology. We look forward to becoming the hub of this program next year.

Congratulations to Nina Long, Claire Burgess, James McMurray and McFarlane Amey for your dedication to this exciting project.

Andrew Donaldson
TAS Dept





Support Unit News

Three students in the support unit successfully completed TVET Access courses at TAFE in 2010. Henry Hely attended the Car Maintenance course at Glendale TAFE while Heather Mlekus and Jesse Swadling attended the Hospitality course at Hamilton TAFE. A component of the Hospitality course was 35 hours of Work Placement. Jesse was based at Redhead Gardens Aged Care Facility and Heather at Newcastle Elderly Citizens Centre. Heather received the Career Links Workplace Excellence Award in Access 2010. Congratulations Heather!!!



The final disco hosted by the Support Unit was held in the Bensley Hall on Monday 29th November. Students came from across the Hunter for a day of music and dance. A guest appearance by Super Hubert was a highlight with many students wanting to be his assistant. The Events crew members were the DJ's for the day. Many students danced all day. SRC members cooked a tasty barbecue while year 10 volunteers were great photographers and dancers.



An International Day for People with a Disability 2010 event was held at the Tram Sheds Newcastle Foreshore on Wednesday 1st December. It was another opportunity for the students to perform their dance item, "All the Single Ladies", for a fresh audience. Everyone cheered and clapped a great performance.





At the final sailing day on Thursday 2nd December at Sailability Belmont the Sailor of the Year was announced. Emma Batty has made significant progress this year as she becomes an independent sailor. Well done Emma!



Denise Hughes
Class teacher

Merewether High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

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THURSDAY	21 st	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	25 th	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	28 th	8:00	12:00
	NOVEMBER		
MONDAY	1 st	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	4 th	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	8 th	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	11 th	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	15 th	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	18 th	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	22 nd	12:00	4:00
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MONDAY	29 th	12:00	4:00
	DECEMBER		
THURSDAY	2 nd	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	6 th	8:00	4:00
TUESDAY	CLOSED		
WEDNESDAY	8 th	8:00	4:00
THURSDAY	9 th	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	13 th	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	16 th	8:00	12:00
	JANUARY 2011		
MONDAY	17 th	9:00	3:00
WEDNESDAY	19 th	9:00	3:00
FRIDAY	21 st	9:00	3:00
TUESDAY	25 th	9:00	3:00
MONDAY	31 st	8:00	3:00

Name: _____

Year: _____

MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP UNIFORM SHOP

Date: _____

Rec #: _____

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<i>SNR White Blouses</i>	\$27.00			
<i>JNR Sky Blouses</i>	\$27.00			
<i>Navy Slacks</i>	\$38.00			
<i>Navy Shorts</i>	\$35.00			
BOYS				
<i>Beltloop Shorts</i>	\$35.00			
<i>Elastic Waist Shorts</i>	\$35.00			
<i>Beltloop Trousers</i>	\$42.00			
<i>JNR Sky Shirts</i>	\$26.00			
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Parents' and Citizens' Association

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday December 15th – MHS Presentation Day: This function is held in the learning centre and requires lots of volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up a hot and cold finger food luncheon. The luncheon is for all award recipients and their parents to recognise their academic achievements



EVENT DIARY

Friday 10 December 2010 – Monday 28 February 2011	
December Fri 10/12	Year 10 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am
Mon 13/12	Year 11 Presentation Assembly 11:00am Year 9 Presentation Assembly periods 1:30pm
Tue 14/12	Year 7 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am Year 8 Presentation Assembly - 1:30pm
Wed 15/12	Presentation Day 11:00am –MPC HSC results released Last day for students
Thu 16/12	ATAR results released –Year 12 BBQ School Development Day-No Students
Fri 17/12	Last Day of Term 4 School Development Day –No Students
January 2011 Fri 28/01	Day 1, Term 1, Staff Returns
Mon 31/01	Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 Students return
February Tue 01/02	Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 students return-assembly period 1 House Meetings 10:20am
Wed 02/02	Merewether High School Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool
Mon 07/02	Excursion Year 12 Geography-Melbourne –day 1/3 Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement-day 1/5 Assess Booklets/Schedules to year 11 Years 7 to 10 course outlines issued Expressions of Interests close for University Courses Excursion Encore-Opera House-8:00am-7:30pm
Tue 08/02	Excursion Year 12 Geography-Melbourne-day 2/3 Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement –day 2/5 Parent Learning Group Year 7– 9:00am-10:30am-Learning Centre
Wed 09/02	Excursion Year 12 Geography-Melbourne-day 3/3 Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement –day 3/5 Excursion OnSTAGE-Seymour Theatre University Links interviews
Thu 10/02	Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement –day 4/5
Fri 11/02	Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement—day 5/5 University Links interviews Bulletin on website
Tue 15/02	Year 9 Welfare -'The Hurting Game' -Learning Centre 2:00pm City-Zone Swimming Carnival at Mayfield pool. Parent Learning Group Year 8-9:00am-10:30am– Learning Centre Duke of Edinburgh meeting-6:00pm-library P&C meeting-7:30pm-library School Council meeting-6:00pm



Wed 16/02	Donor-mobile-Blood Bank University Links Interviews
Thu 17/02	HSSA Boys' Volleyball Trails
Fri 18/02	Prefects' Investiture-11:00am-Multi Purpose Centre Faculty meetings University Links Interviews
Tue 22/02	HSSA Diving Trials House meetings 10:20am
Thu 24/02	Cyber crime talks-Learning Centre-all day Cyber crime-parent session-7:00pm-Multi Purpose Centre
Mon 28/02	Merewether High School Athletics Carnival at Glendale



2010

MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL
SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

In keeping with the selective nature of Merewether High School, the Social Science 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.

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Merewether High School Sports Tour 2010

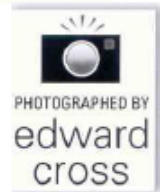
We wish to thank the following for their generous support of our 2010 touring team

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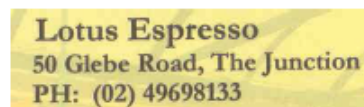
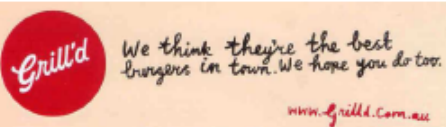
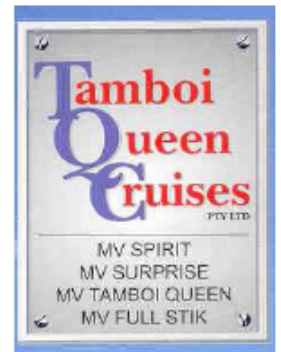
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