# MHS

# 2010

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17 August - Y9 PLG
26 August - POSH Concert
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2 September - Y11 Exams
Commence (2 weeks)
15 September - Y7 PLG
23 September - Y12
Welfare Day
24 September Y12 Formal Assembly
Last Day Term 3

# MHS Jazz Ensemble

#### Diary Dates

17 August Y9 PLG - LC - 9:00-10:30

DEA Meeting 6:00pm

School Council Meeting 6:00pm

17 September Y7 PLG - LC - 9:00 10:30

See Event Diary p10 for all events

## Principal's Message:

This new semester is getting busier as the term progresses and we are in full swing with important teaching, learning and assessing procedures. Our Year 12 students are sitting for their Trial HSC Exams over the next weeks and we wish them the very best with their efforts. All Year 12 students were interviewed by the Senior Executive in Term 2 and it was very reassuring to hear that the vast majority of students had implemented sound study habits during the first semester. I always remind our students that those who are the most organized and prepared will find that their future academic challenges are less stressful.

Our School Development Day, on Monday 26 July, provided our staff with additional opportunities for professional learning with a focus on technology. Our guest presenter, our School Police Liaison Officer, gave a presentation that reminded us of the serious nature of cybercrime and the consequences for students who participate in the activity. Staff also had faculty workshops that allowed them to further develop their skills in technology that would facilitate the learning process across all student groups.

Our staff who attended our recent Jindabyne excursion reported that our Year 11 students were mature and responsible whilst on the excursion. Congratulations to all participating students who were excellent ambassadors for our school and a very big thank you to all staff members who made the program run so successfully.

#### **Yvonne Keevers**

# WHITLAM INSTITUTE WHAT MATTERS? WRITING COMPETITION 2010

The What Matters? competition is run by the Whitlam Institute within the University of Western Sydney and is sponsored by Officeworks. The competition allows the institute the opportunity to hear directly from young people about what matters to them.

Participating students wrote on a diverse range of topics including obesity, animal cruelty, family relationships, bullying, world poverty, social responsibility, global warming, and the importance and power of the inquiring mind.

Four (4) students from Merewether High School were successful in being awarded prizes. They were:

Emma Hoole (Y12) Bridget Sharpe (Y12)
Jacinta Astles (Y12) Tameika Searl (Y10)

All of this year's winning entries and photos of the Awards Ceremony can be found on the Whitlam Institute's web site at www.whitlam.org



#### **CYBERSMART**



The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding - and provides countless opportunities to create, connect and communicate. However, just as in the real world, these rapidly developing technologies also have risks and challenges and there is a growing awareness of the double edge sword that is digital technology. It appears that many of our young people are oblivious to the risks and often share private information online without regard for the potential consequences.

Merewether High School has been proactive in addressing the issues highlighted by recent media coverage of social networking security and safety concerns. Staff, have received additional training at staff meetings and at our recent school development day. Teachers now have a significantly enhanced understanding of the issues that may arise through unregulated computer use and are better able to advise our students.

As a parent, you can play an extremely important role in helping your children have safe and positive experiences online. By becoming aware of how children and young people use the internet, what they use it for, the risks in being online and some of the strategies to manage these risks, you can help guide them in the online world

The following link is to parent resources that will help you http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/en/Parents.aspx



#### SENIOR DEBATING

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July, the senior debating team – consisting of Year 12 students Alexander Winn, Ainsley Hughes and Monica Gendi and Year 11 student Elyse Hudson – travelled down to Sydney to compete against defending champions Smiths Hill High School in the State Semi Finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The team had won the region with wins over Maitland-Grossman High in the Region Semi Final and Brisbane Waters Secondary College in the Region Final. The team then travelled to Sydney and defeated Chatswood in the State Semi Finals. Unfortunately, the team was defeated by Smiths Hill in the semi final. A huge congratulations goes to the team.

A big thank you also goes to Mrs Rae, who coached, organised debates and transported the team, Miss Corney, who transported the team to the State Semi Final, as well as Year 10 students Jessica Lighton and Kailan O'Connor, who debated for the team during zone rounds, Year 10 student Ryan Liddle, who debated for the team during zone rounds and the regional final and Bronwyn Burstal, who debated for the team during the zone rounds.

#### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

Year 11 student Elyse Hudson was in Perth from 4<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July, representing Australia at the United Nations Youth Association National Conference (UNYC). This conference is the largest residential youth conference held annually in Australia and is consistently recognised by government and the NGO community as Australia's premier conference for young people.

UNYC 2010's theme was Advocating for Change: Empowering Minorities, which focused on the empowerment of a range of disadvantaged social groups on both a local and international level. During the conference, delegates participated in a range of stimulating exercises, from model United Nations debate to interactive speakers' forums. Delegates also received hands-on experience during Change excursions and be part of the nation-wide campaign, YouthChange.

From this conference, Elyse was selected as one of 15 high school students to represent Australia at The Hague International Model United Nations in January next year. This trip consists of a 25 day educational tour of Europe, which includes a week in The Hague participating in an international Model United Nations.

#### YOGA INVITATION

A small group of Merewether High staff members enjoy an excellent yoga class every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the school common room. We have a great stretching session which caters for all ages and sizes, followed by a wonderful relaxation session.

We would like to invite interested parents to join the class. The cost is \$10 a week if paying 5 weeks or more or \$12 a week if paying weekly.

If you would like to join us, please contact Mrs Mackenzie in the maths faculty or leave your name and number at reception if I am not available, and I will return your call.

Sue Mackenzie Mathematics Faculty



#### **DESIGNING HOUSES FOR THE FUTURE**

James McMurray, Nina Long, Claire Burgess and Macfarlane Amey working as the Merewether TTTK group were today awarded first place in the Future Homes 2010 (FH10) competition. FH10 is a NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) Design Challenge for high school students to celebrate the Year of Learning for Sustainability.

Year 9 and 10 students from government schools in the Hunter Central region were eligible to participate in the competition.

During term two, students worked in small teams to develop a design for a 20 square metre home that harvested alternative forms of energy and water, had the ability to adapt to changing economic, social and environmental circumstances and which made the best use of sustainable materials.

DET developed the concept with industry partner Living Green Designer Homes (LGDH). Five highly commended designs were selected as finalists by a regional panel from the DET and LGDH.

Judges were particularly impressed with Merewether TTTK's solution that provided an interesting design solution through its orientation, performance and innovation, while also being sensitive to the environment. A variety of materials were chosen, which included hebel thermo block, Bondor, Metecsnospan, double-glazing and bamboo.

The winning design featured four key elements. These included an innovative system that used natural energy for both heating and cooling and a clever selection of materials that achieved high thermal performance while maintaining sustainability. An efficient floor plan complete with fixtures and furniture and a multi-purpose outdoor area completed the design elements.

Ms Christine Prietto from the NSW Department of Education and Training and co-ordinator of the design challenge said, "Future Homes 2010 is one of many sustainability initiatives that are being undertaken in DET schools this year to help make schools more sustainable places. The challenge set by the FH10 competition provided an authentic opportunity for students to apply their own ideas to the real world. It was also an opportunity to showcase the value of partnerships between schools and industry. This has been a valuable aspect of the program."

"Through their experiences in FH10 all students as the home owners of tomorrow have been made more aware of what is possible," she added.

The concept behind Future Homes 2010 is to give students the freedom to design a house with fresh ideas that have no boundaries and not worry about building codes or other normal restrictions. Designing a house that was responsive to its environment was a crucial part of the challenge.

The design program helped open students' eyes as to what a house can be, how it can be related to their lifestyle and how houses can respond to a constantly changing world.

"The students of today will be the consumers of the future who will drive the housing market. If students consider and embrace sustainability principles from an early age, then as consumers they will have the potential to influence houses of the future," concluded Craig Riddle, Managing Director of LGDH.

LGDH will also work with the winning team to bring their design to life and the completed house is expected to be delivered to Merewether High School in early October.

Congratulations to all students from MHS involved in this competition.



#### **TODAY**

Today I woke up and made mum a cup of tea, I smiled at the shy girl at school and I thanked my friend for holding the door open. I made the small things count.

Today I threw my hat over the wall, so I was committed to climbing over it, Committed to my visions, my passions, my goals.

I made that commitment to motivate me to achieve.

Today I let my friend carry my bag, Sometimes it's better to accept help than struggle by myself. I shared the weight on my shoulders to keep me going.

Today I made a choice to be the best that I can be, To serve others and make the most of this moment, Right here, right now.

#### "The future started yesterday and we're already late" - John Legand

Rising Generations National Leadership Camp is a 4 day program run annually that hosts 200 students from across Australia. I attended the camp last year and it changed my life.

This year I was asked back by Rising Generations as a returning delegate with a group of 12 others. This opportunity gave us a chance to build on our leadership skills whilst also being a part of helping the other 188 young people at the camp change *their* lives.

The theme of this year's camp was The Service Revolution. It focused on the idea that every day we have many choices to make. We can choose how we influence, how aware we are of others and how it's often the little, beautiful moments of the day where you serve others that have the greatest impact.

We were fortunate enough to hear from amazing guest speakers such as Bec Heinrich, the founder of Rising Generations; Rob Stokes, MP for Pittwater, Sydney; Robyn Moore, who most of you would know as the voice of our beloved Blinky Bill; Nick Farr-Jones, ex-captain of the Australian rugby team, and Sam Cawthorn, Young Australian of the year 2009. All these motivational Australians shared with us their vision and their motivation in leadership, and to have them all together over a period of four days is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Next year when the nominations open, go ahead and submit your name, you don't have to be the loudest, the fastest, the most popular or even need a title or a badge to be a leader; you just have to *WANT* it. For now I encourage you to make the small things count; you never know whose life you might change!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" - Winston Churchill.

Elle Lingard Year 12

# Posh Concert

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010

7pm

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Hunters & Central Coast Regional Choir

Hunter Singers was established in 1989 as the Hunter
Region Department of Education & Training Choir. Hunter Singers is a mixed children's choir open to girls and boys aged 12-18 years.
Congratulations to the following Merewether HS Students who are members of this prestigious choir:
Aidan Bailey-Coles; Emma Elsley; Owen Elsley; Anya Gore; Zachary Hamilton-Russell; Kate Paterson; Britteny Smith; Amelia Willcox

## **Recycling Mobile Phones - Support Unit Fundraiser**

The easiest fundraiser ever....ever

The Support Unit will receive \$1 for every old mobile phone it collects.

Simply bring in your unwanted mobile phone, no matter its age or condition and drop it off in the box in the support unit. NO CHARGERS.

This not only helps the support unit but the planet too. It is estimated that there are 16 million old mobile phones just lying around in office and home drawers in Australia alone.

These phones contain toxins that must not find their way into landfill sites. Envirofone recycle all phones to the highest standards in accordance with the International Standards Organisation, ISO 14001.

So dig out those old mobile phones and send them to school. Parents can also arrange a collection at work.

**Denise Hughes Support Unit** 



# August

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# **Merewether High School Bulletin**

# MHS CONTRACTOR

# **EVENT DIARY**

	Friday 13 August – Friday 24 September	
August	2010	
Fri 13/08	Bulletin on website Y10 Careers - University of Newcastle - 10:15 - 2:30 State Mock Trial Round 6 - Taree Court - 7:45 - 5:30pm	Y10 students Participating students
Mon 16/08	Y12 2011 information book issued BOS HSC Society and Culture's PIPS due	Y11 students Participating students
Tue 17/08	ICAS Mathematics Y9 PLG - 9:00 - 10:30pm - Learning Centre DEA meeting - 6:00pm School Council Meeting - 6:00pm P & C Meeting - 7:30pm	Participating students Interested parents DEA parents Participating parents Participating parents
Wed 18/08	Y10 Battle for Australia Photo Shoot - Christ Church Cathedral - 10:00 - 11:30am	Y10 participating students
Thu 19/08	Y11 Hospitality Students - Macedonian Hall - 9:00 12:00pm	Participating students
Fri 20/08	BOS HSC Engineering Ext 2 major works due SRC Orientation Day - Learning Centre	Participating students Participating students
Mon 23/08	BOS HSC Drama project major work due	Participating students
Tue 24/08	Y11 2011 course information evening - 7:00 - 9:00pm Science 10G - Basketball Stadium - Science/ Engineer challenge	Students/parents Participating students
Thur 26/08	POSH Concert - 7:00 - 10:00pm Y10 Mathematics Assessment Y7/12 Vocal Ensemble rehearsal - LC - Pds 1 and 2	Students/parents Y10 students Participating students
September	2010	
Mon 30/08	BOS HSC D & T major work due BOS HSC Visual Arts Body of Work due HSC Drama marking - 10:30 - 3:45pm Y12 English - Bell Shakespeare - CC Jesmond -	Participating students Participating students Participating students
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Tue 31/08	Blood Bank Donormobile on site Y7 Board meeting pds 3/4 HSC Drama marking - 8:30 - 11:20pm	Participating students Participating students
Sat 04/09	DEA Bagnalls Group 1 Bronze	Participating students
Sun 05/09	DEA Bagnalls Group 1 Bronze	Participating students
Mon 06/09	Y11 2011 Course selection forms due BOS HSC Music Extension submitted works due	Y11 students Participating students
Thu 09/09	SP CHS Athletics Carnival - Sydney day 1/3 Y12 Hosp/FT - RCG - 9:00 - 3:00pm - at school	Participating students Participating students

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Fri 10/09	SP CHS Athletics Carnival - Sydney - day 2/3 <b>Bulletin on website</b>	Participating students
Sat 11/09	SP CHS Athletics Carnival - Sydney - day 3/3	Participating students
Mon 13/09	Y9 2011 course selection forms due	Participating students
Tue 14/09	DEA meeting 6:00pm P & C meeting 7:30pm	DEA parents Interested parents
Wed 15/09	Y7 PLG - 9:00 - 10:30pm - Learning Centre Y12 2011 information evening 7:00 - 9:00pm - MPC	Interested parents Parents/students
Thu 16/09	Y8 Board meeting - pds 5/6 Y12 Police Liaison Officer talk to selected group	Y8 students Selective students
Fri 17/09	Y8 Board meeting - pds 3/4	Y8 students
Sat 18/09	DEA Bagnalls Group 2 Bronze	Participating students
Sun 18/09	DEA Bagnalls Group 2 Bronze	Participating students
Mon 20/09	Y12 2011 course selection forms due	Y12 students
Tue 21/09	Trial SC Exams commence - day 1/3 Y8 Board Meeting - pds 5/6 Y9 Welfare "The Hurting Game" - LC - 9:30am	Participating students Y8 students Y9 students
Wed 22/09	Trial SC Exams - day 2/3 Y12 Reports issued	Participating students Y12 Students
Thu 23/09	Trial SC Exams - day 3/3 Y12 Welfare Day	Participating students Y12 students
Fri 24/09	Last day of Term 3 Y12 Formal Assembly - 11:00am	Whole School



# Merewether High School

**Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours** 

**TERM 3 - 2010** 

CONTACT NAME: Janette 0413650634

"DAYLIGHT SPORTSWEAR PTY. LTD"

	JULY		
MONDAY	19 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	Closed		
THURSDAY	29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	12:00
SATURDAY	31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00	12:00
	AUGUST		
MONDAY	$2^{\text{nd}}$	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	4:00
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MONDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	12:00
MONDAY	30 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	4:00
	SEPTEMBER		
THURSDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00	12:00
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Name:	 	 
Year:		

# $\frac{\text{MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP}}{\text{UNIFORM SHOP}}$

Date:	Rec #:

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

TO PAY: \$	
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#### PARENT EMAIL CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL AND P& C

The school and the P&C are working closer together to more effectively communicate with parents.

The P&C, as representatives of the parents, does not have a good communication system with the parents.

The P&C intends to improve efforts to keep parents informed of P&C initiatives and decisions, all of which are aimed at benefiting your children. This information will be used for P&C communication purposes **only**. The process of establishing a P&C contact list will enable a more efficient and effective way of sharing with you updates of parental involvement at MHS.

Privacy issues are paramount in this matter. The P&C is therefore proposing:

- 1. that MHS provide its records of your email details to the P&C your permission is required.
- 2. that parents who haven't supplied their email address to the school to do this as soon as possible.

The necessary details to provide are:

- Parent full name Student name/s Student year/s
- Email address
- Advise of your agreement or disagreement as follows:

YES, I do AGREE that MHS pass my details (as above) to the P&C contact list, or NO, I do NOT AGREE that MHS pass my details (as above) to the P&C contact list

To enable this to happen would you please preferably, respond to

merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

# P&C Association – Statement of Interest Please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office

I,	(name)		
parent /guardian of	(name child)		
am interested and would like to volunteer in (more than 1 box can be ticked):			
o Canteen activities	o Families Matter activities		
o Tidy up the gardens project	o Future activities		
Please contact me:			
o by phone on:	, or		
o by email:	(email address)		



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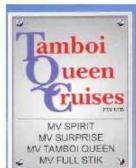
















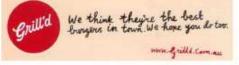


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