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Coming Events

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

Dear Parents

We had another fantastic *POSH Concert* at the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music on Thursday 26th August with a program packed full of amazing talent by our music students. The concert provided our Year 12 students with an excellent opportunity to practice their HSC performances before their final practical exam. Those of you who attended the concert will agree with me when I say that the standard of our students was outstanding. Congratulations to all the students who performed on the night and a huge thank you to the music staff who organised the evening.

It was good to see so many Year 10 students and their parents at our *Subject Selection Information Night* on Tuesday 24th August. Students and parents had the opportunity to ask staff questions regarding the various senior courses that will be offered at Merewether High for 2011. Mr Muddle also provided a comprehensive presentation of important points needed to be understood about the senior curriculum. It was most enjoyable to meet with parents and hear how their children's plans were going for their HSC pattern of study.

We also had many in attendance at our recent Year 8 *Parent and Student Information Night* last Wednesday 1st September. Ms Smart delivered valuable information about the Stage 5 curriculum so that students could develop an understanding of the important years ahead. Again, parents had the opportunity to talk to members of the staff to ensure that they had sufficient details about their child's future courses and electives.

Our Year 12 students have now completed their trial examinations and the remaining weeks of this term will be vital for completing course content and final revision. It is every teacher's expectation that all students will attend all classes until the conclusion of this term. I have reminded all students that their effective organisation and planning over the last weeks of Term 3 are essential to maximize their outcomes and minimize their stress levels.

In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with Year 7 and Year 8 students in our *Board Meetings* during which students talk about their progress in their courses and reflect on their learning. It has been great to see so many students present their work and maturely discuss their strengths and areas for development in relation to their academic studies.

Our formal Year 12 Farewell Ceremony will be held on the last Friday of Term 3 on 24th September 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.

Yvonne Keevers



CAPA NEWS

Drama

Year 12 Drama Parents' and Supporters' Night

In preparation for their HSC Performance exams our Year 12 Drama students presented their performance work for parents and supporters on Tuesday 24th August. This was the culmination of a year's work and all students performed well.

It was an invaluable experience for them as an audience is important for all drama performances. Our students this year are an excellent class possessing great performance skills and dedication to their work.

We wish them well in the forth coming exams and congratulate them on the diligence and passion they have shown as they worked through the process of devising their group and individual work.

Visual Arts

Year 12 Visual Arts students have completed their HSC Bodies of Work and have curated an exhibition of their works for the school and community. Their works were fantastic, ranging from the fantasy world of Salvador Dali to the yummy cakes of a typical High Tea. Our students constantly produce quality work and this year is no exception, so congratulations Year 12.

Another exciting event happening in the CAPA department is a night of art, music and drama. On the 22nd September, Year 11 Visual Arts students will conduct their own version of the Archibald Prize, submitting portraits of either fellow Year 11 students or teachers from Merewether High. Visitors will be encouraged to vote and a prize will be given out for the successful student. This exhibition will be complemented with wonderful entertainment from our Year 10 music students as well as some fantastic Year 11 drama performances. The exhibition will begin at 6.30 on Wednesday 22nd September in the Learning Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Music

POSH Concert 2010 was a night of outstanding talent. The diversity of items created a program which had something special for everyone. A huge thank you must go to the School Captains Ella Warwick and Owen Elsley for their role as very able comperes. I would also like to congratulate our stage crew consisting of Gage Wilkins, Justyn Hyde, James Damjanovic and Matthew Foot. This was their first experience in this role and they did a fantastic job! Of course to all of the ensemble members and Year 12 solo artists, BRAVO, your talent is amazing and I wish you all the best in the HSC.

Jazzin' It Up

Senior Jazz have once again excelled themselves out in the local community; their performance at the Newcastle Jazz Festival on Sunday 29th August was simply outstanding! What an amazing quality of students and musicians we produce at Merewether High School.



The gig started off a little unsteady, having not taken the cymbals for the 'basic drum kit' provided, but once the students sourced some much needed metal, the half hour set was off with a bang.

There was a mix of old and new jazz charts and Year 12 student Cameron Burns was the featured artist, performing his HSC piece "So What". (Well done Cameron!)

Also worthy of a mention ... it was the first ever professional performance for new members Matthew Foot (alto sax) and Zac Hamilton-Russell (tenor sax). Both students did brilliantly for such young members of the ensemble.

Mrs McClure is officially now on maternity leave but has left the ensemble in the capable hands of the professional musician and Newcastle Conservatorium teacher, John Kellaway. Keep up the amazing quality of musicianship MHS Senior Jazz!!!

Alison Tenorio
Rlg Head Teacher CAPA

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Night for New Candidates

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is an internationally recognised award designed to encourage personal development and growth in young people. The award is one of individual challenge based on a balanced non competitive program of voluntary activities, including adventurous expeditions, physical recreation, learning new skills and offering community service. Students at Merewether High School have the opportunity to participate in this rewarding scheme.

An information night will be held on Tuesday 2 November 6pm in the school library, for students interested in joining the scheme in 2011 and their parents.

Students interested in commencing the Bronze award (Year 9 in 2011) or direct entry into Silver or Gold (Years 10 and 11) are welcome to attend.

You can find out more information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award from www.dukeofed.com.au. For specific information relating to the Award at MHS visit the school website.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award Parent Support Group
MHS**



SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

The ability to travel independently on public transport is a vital skill for students in the support unit to acquire. This skill may take some time to develop after many opportunities to practise. Regular excursions in the community help develop these skills. One such excursion was to Stockton which involved bus and ferry travel. The students had a great day out having fun posing for photos on the Stockton Breakwall.

During the month of August Newcastle City Council had a Behind the Scenes tour of the Civic Theatre. The support unit students attended a Wednesday tour after a peek at City Hall and the council chambers. The tour was a great orientation for the Year 12 students who will be attending their formal at the Civic Theatre this November. The students were able to check out the change rooms and stage which was ready for the local production, *The Boy from Oz*, as well as discover the history of the theatre and its resident ghost.

Denise Hughes
Class teacher





YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday 11th October - the first day back next term, Year 7 will be receiving their next immunisation. All students who have had the previous injections will have their second hepatitis B vaccination. Female students who have had the first two doses will have their third HPV vaccination.

The team from Hunter New England Health will be here from 10:30am. Vaccinations will take place in the Learning Centre.

Janet Gillam
Head Teacher Welfare

VAMPIRE SHIELD 2009-2010

Merewether High School came third in the Hunter Area with 206 donations and tenth in the NSW/ACT results. This is an excellent achievement. With every donation helping save up to 3 lives, Merewether has helped save over 600 lives.

This financial year we want to increase our tally so everyone at home please help us by having your donations at the blood bank or donormobiles added to Merewether High School's tally.

DONORMOBILE 2010-2011

Our Blood Bank co-ordinators for the SRC are Brennan Fell and Mark McAlary. They represented the school at the Blood Bank Thank You breakfast at Noah's on the Beach on 26th August. Photos are on The Star website. Encouraging students to donate, the boys were creative and performed a well written rap at assembly which was well received by students and staff. The result was over 60 students queuing up to donate on Tuesday 31st August.

A great start Merewether!

Denise Hughes

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The Junction Public School
Please join us on
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as TJPS celebrates 150 years.
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MONDAY	25 th	12:00	4:00
THURSDAY	28 th	8:00	12:00
	NOVEMBER		
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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 #: _____

ITEM	PRICE \$\$\$	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL Incl GST
GIRLS				
<i>Tartan 2 Pleat Skirts - Standard</i>	\$48.50			
<i>Tartan 2 Pleat Skirts - Long</i>	\$48.50			
<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			
<i>SNR White Shirts</i>	\$26.00			
UNISEX				
<i>Wool Jumper</i>	\$75.00			
<i>School Jacket</i>	\$65.00			
SPORT/PE				
<i>Sports Polo</i>	\$33.00			
<i>Microfibre Track Pants</i>	\$35.00			
<i>Microfibre Sports Shorts Standard</i>	\$25.00			
<i>Microfibre Sports Shorts Super Sizes</i>	\$25.00			

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At Angus & Robertson we are aware that most State Schools receive zero government funding. But because we are passionate about the issue of literacy in Schools we have launched an exciting new community based initiative **Books in Schools**.

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Sue Ellen Poynting - Store Manager



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Coles Sports for Schools

Merewether High has registered with Coles Sports for School Program. This program is funded by Coles, which is an initiative to promote healthy lifestyle practices.

From Thursday 2 September until Sunday 31 October 2010, every \$10 spent* at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick 'n Pay will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points schools will be able to get some **brand new sporting equipment!**

Students can collect vouchers from their family, friends and neighbours (and teachers!) and drop them into the voucher collection box which is located by the Cashier's window, lower A block.

Remember the more we collect, the more sports gear we get!



EVENT DIARY

Friday 17 September – Friday 29 October		
September	2010	
Fri 17/09	Y8 Board meeting - pds 3/4 Y11 PDHPE St John's 1st aid—LC 9:00-12:45	Y8 students Participating 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 Y8 PDHPE Gala Day - pds 3-6	Y12 students Y8 students
Tue 21/09	Trial SC Exams commence - day 1/3 Y8 Board Meeting - pds 5/6 - LC Y9 Welfare "The Hurting Game" - LC - 9:30am DEA meeting 6:00pm P & C meeting	Participating students Y8 students Y9 students Participating parents Participating parents
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 Y11 Hosp - Macedonian Hall - 9:00-3:00	Participating students Y12 students Y11 Hospitality students
Fri 24/09	Y12 Formal Assembly - 11:00am Last day of Term 3	Whole School
October	2010	
Mon 11/10	Day 1 term 4 - all students return Y12 courses commence Vaccinations - LC - 10:30 dose 2 Hep B all Y7 and Dose 3 HPV Y7 females	All students Y12 2011 students All Y7 Y7 females
Thur 14/10	HSC commences	Y12 students
Mon 18/10	Issue attendance policy to 2011 Y12 Issue HSC 2011 Course Assessment Schedules	Y12 2011 students Y12 2011 students
Tue 19/10	Y11 Hospitality - work placement SRE seminars all day - LC DEA meeting 6:00pm P & C meeting 7:30pm	Participating students Participating students Participating parents Participating parents
Thu 21/10	OPC ESSA pilot test - Y8	Y8 students
Fri 22/10	Y9 Food Tech - Hamilton - 10:45-1:15 Y11 reports issued	Participating students Y11 students
Tue 26/10	Y7 PLG - 9:00-10:30 - LC Y9 Food Tech - Hamilton - 10:45-1:15 Y7 2011 Information Sessions - LC	Interested parents Participating students Participating future students and parents
Fri 29/10	Support Unit Family Afternoon Tea - 1:30-2:30	Participating students



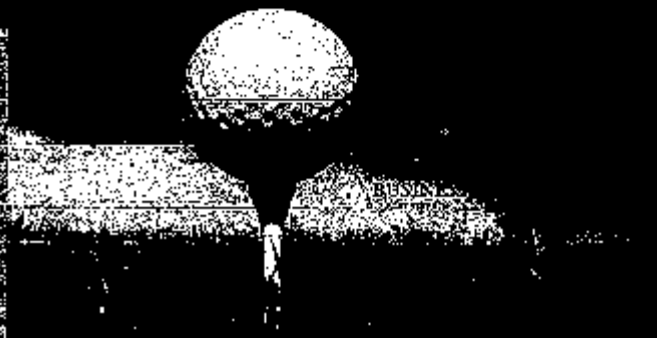
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CORPORATE GOLF DAY

In support of Riding for the Disabled
This event is proudly hosted by Muree Golf Club, Raymond Terrace.

4 Person Ambrose
Friday 29th October 2010
8:00 am Registration and Breakfast
8:30 am Shot Gun Start
\$200.00 per team of 4

Includes lunch during presentation, salad and meat roll on course
and full 18 holes of golf. Proceeds go to Riding for the Disabled Raymond
Terrace and Lower Hunter. Bacon and Egg rolls will be available to
purchase for breakfast from the Riding for the Disabled Volunteer team.





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):

- Canteen activities
- Families Matter activities
- Tidy up the gardens project
- Future activities

Please contact me:

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Merewether High School Sports Tour 2010

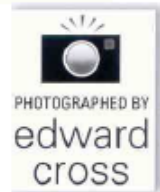
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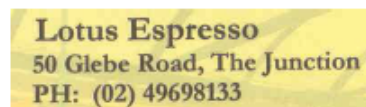
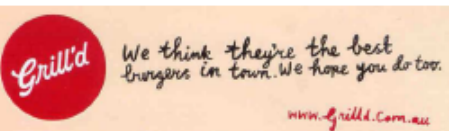
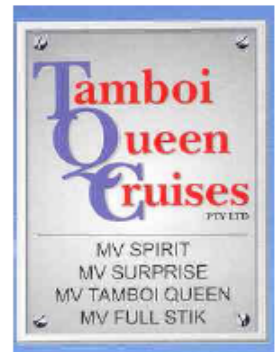
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