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Principal's Report

On Friday 4th November I had the pleasure of attending the Hunter Academy School Sports Annual Presentation Ceremony. At this ceremony our Boys' Netball team who won the Combined High Schools State Knockout Championships and our Boys' Triathlon Team who won gold also at the State Championships were recognised for their achievements. Congratulations to the members of these teams for these outstanding awards.

We have many students who achieve outstanding results in many arenas. If your child achieves success in an activity please make sure that you share these achievements with us so we can celebrate the successes of our students and give them the accolades they deserve.

The last five weeks of the school year will be extremely busy with students completing assessment tasks and yearly examinations to finalise the year's studies. All students should be reviewing their work, studying and preparing for these examinations. Year 10 completed their School Certificate Examinations on the 10th November and the Higher School Certificate finishes on the 11th November. Higher School Certificate results will be released on the 14th December.

The Year 10 program which commences at the completion of the School Certificate examinations is compulsory and is a prerequisite for Year 11 studies. During this time Year 10 will complete sections of their Crossroads program, the Board of Studies requirement course, All My Own Work, Portfolio Presentations and Service Learning along with other activities planned to ready our students for their senior years of study. The Year 10 Presentation Assembly will be held on Friday 9th December.

Our Annual Presentation Assembly is Friday 16th December commencing at 11.00am. This assembly is the culmination and celebration of the achievements of students from throughout the year. It is important that all students attend this ceremony to support fellow students in their awards.

School finishes for all students on Friday 16th December, with staff working until Tuesday 20th December with professional learning days on these last two days.

We are currently working on our new three year plan. The areas the plan will address are literacy and numeracy, curriculum and assessment, professional learning and innovative practice and inclusive school communities – in particular Aboriginal Education and student wellbeing. This planning will be discussed during the Principal's Report at the next P&C meeting which will be held in the school library on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm. If you would like to have input into the areas addressed in our next three year plan and the priorities we will be addressing, please come along to the P&C meeting to give feedback as to our future directions.

It was remiss of me to not welcome to the school in the last bulletin Ms Kim Sutherland who took up the position of Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) at the beginning of Term 4. Kim has been a head teacher at both Maitland Grossmann High School and Lambton High School prior to joining our staff. Kim brings with her a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience and will add to the expertise we enjoy in the staff at Merewether High School.

Congratulations to Julia Barton in Year 9 who has been selected in the Australian Water Polo National Born 96 Squad after her team was placed fourth at the National Under 16 championships held in Melbourne. Julia is also representing our school in the Hunter Region Water Polo team contesting the state titles in Taree in November.

Christine Rippon
Principal



Congratulations - Elyse Hudson received a 2011 Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement on Monday 12 September in Sydney. This is a great honour for Elyse and for MHS.



Humanities

Battle for Australia

Every year on the first Wednesday in September there is a ceremony in Civic Park that commemorates the Battle for Australia in 1942. It has become tradition that Merewether High Year 10 students provide speakers at the ceremony. Normally there is a speech on the contribution of PNG, USA and Australia to the outcome of the conflict in that year. There is also one key note address.

This year the three Year 10 students speaking on each nation were Bryony Beal, Kate Gagulic and Beau McEvoy.

Sarah Willing gave the eight minute keynote address on the Bombing of Darwin. All of our speakers performed exceptionally and impressed the audience with their high standards and professionalism. They were a credit to themselves and to the reputation of Merewether High.

I would encourage any future Year 10 to participate in this activity in coming years because it is a challenging and rewarding experience.

2011 National History Challenge

As part of the Year 10 Mandatory History assessment program all students submit an entry into this competition which deals with Australian History. This year's theme was "Defining Moments". Once students have submitted their work, the Humanities Faculty marks all their efforts and then selects the best to forward to the next level of the competition. Only one can be selected for the non-specific category and then we can select one for each specific category. There are ten of these latter categories.

It is an outstanding achievement that in 2011 four of our students have won specific categories. They were Lily Iervasi (Australian Heritage), Rachael Long (In War and Peace), Megan O'Riordan (History of Sport) and Sankare Siritharan (Immigrant Experiences). All four students and their family and friends were invited to a presentation ceremony at NSW Parliament House on 19th October. We would like to congratulate them on their wonderful achievements.

This year's success in this competition builds on similar achievements by students of past Year 10 cohorts.

I would like to thank Ms Clare Howlett for being able to represent Merewether High at the ceremony.



Tom Sajko
Relieving Head Teacher Humanities

CAPA

Merewether Music Magic



MHS Musos have excelled yet again at this year's Hunter Schools' Bandfest! The Concert Band, under the capable direction of our conductor Michael Jobson, received a Commended in the Premier section, Senior Jazz Band won the Jazz Band section and Junior Jazz Band received a Highly Commended for their outstanding efforts in the competition. Our instrumentalists have worked exceptionally hard once again and deserve big congratulations.

A very big thank you goes out to Year 12 students Hugh Lightbody, Shaun Chambers and Brennan Fell who returned one final time to perform with the Senior Jazz Band. We couldn't have done it without you boys!

Thank you to ALL our fabulous musicians for another great year – we certainly have a talented bunch.

Don't forget, if you're interested in becoming a part of any of these wonderful bands, and having some fantastic performance opportunities, please see the Music staff.

Mrs McClure
Music Teacher



MUSIC

Soiree Report

Talented students from Year 9 and 10 elective Music classes presented some wonderful performances at the Soiree on Monday 31 October in the Learning Centre. A huge range of performances was presented, covering all styles from Beethoven to Adele! The many parents present were impressed by the high quality of all performances. The Year 11 Soiree will be on 28 November at 7pm.

Hunter Singers

The Regional Choir Hunter Singers will be holding auditions on Tuesday 6 December, 6.30pm at the choir's usual rehearsal venue, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Auckland and Laman Streets Newcastle. Interested students should check the Hunter Singers website: www.huntersingers.com.au for further information and application forms.

Hunter Singers will present a festive season concert at Adamstown Uniting Church on Sunday 4 December at 2pm. The group is conducted by Founding Music Director, Kim Sutherland. Special guests for the concert will be Hunter Strings conducted by David Banney and compere Paul Bevan from 1233 ABC Newcastle. Merewether High School has three students in Hunter Singers - Aidan Bailey-Coles, Zac Hamilton-Russell and Britteny Smith.

DRAMA

Congratulations to Year 10 student Sarah Frazer, who was selected to present a puppetry piece at the State Drama Festival in Sydney on 22 October. The Director of the Regional Dramaworks Project wrote to congratulate the students on a fantastic team effort and the professional manner in which they conducted themselves.

The puppetry piece arose out of the Hunter/Central Coast Region Dramaworks workshops, held at the end of Term 3. Paul Viles, State Drama Director, commented that the puppetry piece was well received by audiences and that the performance provided a unique point of interest owing to its simple elements and moving story, in contrast to other more traditional types of drama performance. Two other students, Kirsty Dale and Hannah Lipscombe are also congratulated for their participation in the Dramaworks workshops.

Drama Performance Night

There will be a Drama Performance Night on Tuesday 22 November, 7pm in the Learning Centre. The presentation is titled 'I was once in a play....'. It will showcase the excellent performance pieces from the study of Theatre of the Absurd by Year 9 and 10 elective Drama classes in Semester 2. Entry is by gold coin donation.

VISUAL ARTS

Congratulations to the Year 7 Visual Arts students who received an outstanding grade for their Semester 2 Assessment Task creating children's books. The quality was truly superb and students successfully engaged in higher order thinking skills to present the story of an Australian artist in a children's book format. Some of them could be published! The works are on display in the Library foyer on a rotational basis.

Request For Tender

Publish Date Friday, 11 November 2011

Close Date & Time 25 November 2011
9am

Description: - The key objective of this is the removal of superseded musical instruments

Musical Instruments as follows.

Description

3 x large, heavy copper timpani drums
9 x old acoustic guitars - some with broken strings and machine heads
6 x old keyboards - some in working order but missing adaptors
Old stereo system with amplifier and CD player

Location Merewether High School, Chatham Rd, Broadmeadow, 2299

RFT Type

Open Tender - An invitation to tender by web advertisement with no restriction placed on who may tender. Tenderers may be required to demonstrate in their tender that they have the necessary skills, resources, experience, financial capacity, and in some cases licences, accreditations and insurance, to fulfil the tender requirements.

Other Instructions

Instruments are available for inspection if an appointment is made.
Mandatory: Complete removal of acquired goods before Friday 2 December.

Contact Person Kim Sutherland (Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts – MHS)

Phone Number 4969 3855

Fax Number 4961 2246

Email Address kim.sutherland@det.nsw.edu.au





PDHPE

PDHPE/Sport Participation and Uniform Requirements

Students are expected to participate to the best of their ability in Physical Education, practical PASS lessons and Sport (each Wednesday) unless they are injured or ill. Those who are unable to participate in PE/PASS/Sport are required to bring in a note from their parent/caregiver explaining the reason for non-participation such as injury or ongoing recovery from a recent illness. A medical certificate may be requested if the student is unable to participate for an extended period of time (usually more than 2 weeks).

Students are required to wear the MHS PE/Sport uniform during these lessons. This uniform consists of:

- MHS PE/Sport uniform shorts/track pants
- MHS PE/Sport uniform shirt
- Joggers and socks
- Students are also encouraged to wear a hat/cap and sunscreen

We understand that at times the PE/Sport uniform may not be available and students are encouraged to bring suitable clothing to change into on these occasions. A note from a parent/caregiver should also be provided. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Robyn Morrison
Head Teacher



SRC

The SRC would like to welcome our new Principal Mrs Rippon to Merewether High and thank her for her support in the following initiatives along with the staff and students of MHS who have continued to support us throughout the term.

This term the SRC is busy with different initiatives. The organisation of a 'science-fiction' themed whole school dance has begun and the event will be held on 23 November (Wednesday of Week7). The dance will start at 6:30pm and finish at 10:00pm. This dance has been in the making for a long time and in the interests of the smooth running of the dance no water bottles will be allowed into the hall on the night. There will be a security guard and many teachers supervising the dance. Bags brought to the dance will be locked in a designated cloak-room and can be accessed with teacher supervision. Permission notes will be distributed prior to the event and are to be brought along when purchasing the ticket. **NO NOTE NO TICKET**. Tickets can be purchased on Friday November 18 through to Wednesday November 23 at recess and lunch in KC2.

NO TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

We are very grateful to all the teachers who have volunteered their time, because without this the dance would not be able to go ahead. We are also looking forward to the support of the students coming along to the dance to have a fun evening with their friends and teachers.

Later this term the SRC will hold a Secret Santa Day. This was a hugely successful event in 2010 with both students and staff getting involved in the fun. Students will be able to pre-order candy-canes for their friends to be delivered on this day and there will also be a Santa Photo Cave set up at lunch time in the learning centre where students and staff can have group photos taken with Santa - \$2 for the first photo and 50c for each additional copy. Further information will be provided to students closer to the day.

Our involvement in helping in school and community events will see the SRC happily hosting the Year 7 Orientation Day Barbecue on Tuesday December 6 (Week 9) to welcome our new students for 2012. The SRC is donating \$200 to the Relay for Life team from Merewether High organised by Elyse Hudson in Year 12 to support members of our school community who have been affected by cancer.

Further congratulations to our Year 9 representatives Rachel Leonard and Brigitte Roman who recently represented the school and SRC at regional SRC, with special mention to Rachel who has gained a place working on the State SRC Action Team. Well done Rachel!

Thank you to all for your continued support, please come along and enjoy the events planned with your friends for term 4.

Red Cross Donormobile

Tuesday 1 November was not only a busy day for the horses, but also for all the eager blood donors at Merewether HS. Unfortunately due to a couple of medical issues throughout the day, not all donors were able to give blood this time, but we anticipate you will be ready for donations in 2012. New donors are welcome, so as long as you are over 16 years and at least 50kgs you may be able to donate blood.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated blood in 2011 - an excellent effort.

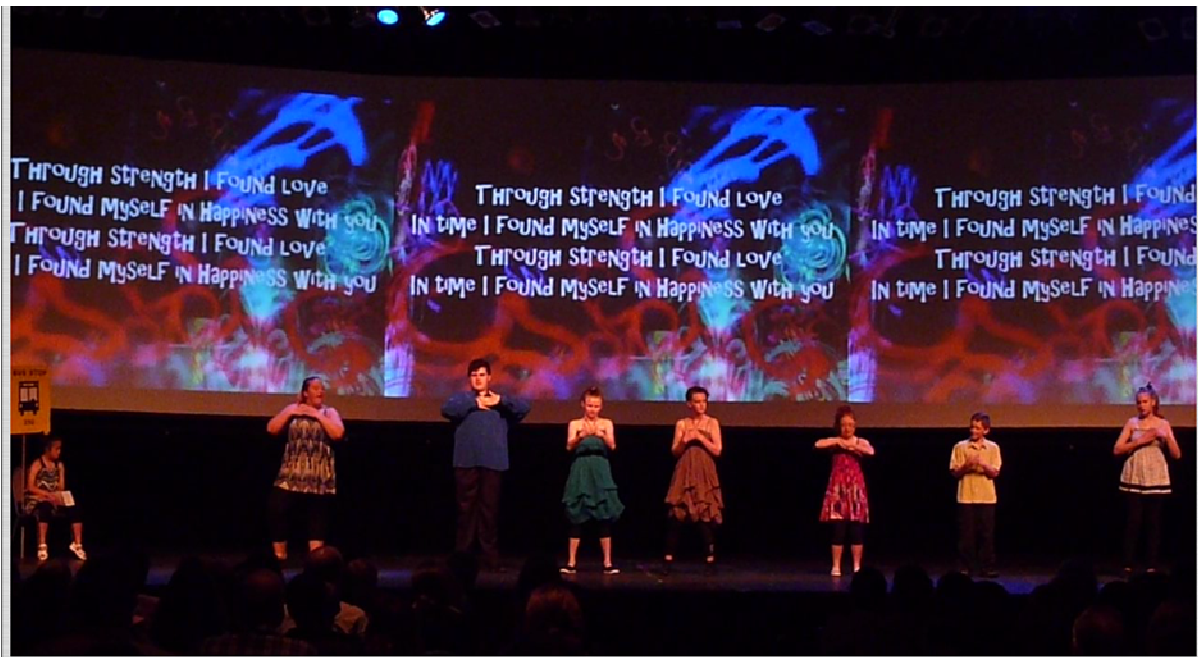
Denise Hughes
Donormobile
SRC Co-ordinator

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

IOTAS Concert and Year 12 Graduation

After weeks of practising, the students in the Support class were ready to perform at Newcastle Panthers at the annual concert. The song for this year was Alexis Jordan's "Happiness". Fortunately nerves were quickly abated as Merewether were the second performers on the day. All students remembered the complex routine and showed their enthusiasm with big smiles for our audience. After the applause it was time to sit back and watch the other schools from across the Hunter. Already the class is thinking about next year's performance.

On Thursday 1st December the class will perform at Speers Point Park as part of International Day for People with a Disability (IDPWD) – another opportunity to dress up and perform.



Four members from Merewether HS Events Crew attended working backstage. Thanks Ben Hjort, Phoebe Hickson, Hannah Gardiner and Kael Thew-Kerrison.

Three members of the SRC were on the front desk to meet and greet the attending audience and selling admission tickets. Thanks Elizabeth Dorn, Grace Dobinson and Rachel Leonard.



RDA - End of an Era

Tuesday 1st November was our last class session at Riding for the Disabled (Lower Hunter) after 18 years. Students at Merewether HS became involved with RDA in 1993 travelling to Stroud and participating in the carriage driving program. The following year the class was offered a place on Tuesdays in the riding program. Back in the early days there was no arena, viewing rooms or amenities like today but out in the paddock with a log to sit on. If it was raining riding was cancelled.



Our first group in 1993 at Stroud for carriage driving with the Coach Rosemary. RDA has always brought the smiles out of the students.

Over the 18 years many students have attended riding and driving programs at Irrawang Park, Raymond Terrace from the support classes at Merewether HS. Several students are still involved in riding (after leaving school over ten years ago) and one is an active volunteer on Tuesdays, helping students like herself many years ago. Students from Merewether have competed and been successful in many and varied riding and driving activities including the Royal Easter Show, Mounted Games, Stroud Medicine Ride and Tocal Field Days.

The RDA program has been a highlight for the participating students over the years and they have gained confidence and skills riding, driving and caring for horses. They will miss not attending in the years to come.

Denise Hughes Class Teacher



Thanks RDA sign from the class of riders and carriage drivers of 2011



*Presentation Day at RDA.
The Merewether HS carriage
drivers and riders - Katelyn,
Veronica, Lizzie, Sophie and
Emma with their coaches
Carol Brown and George
Sinclair*

*Another Presentation Day
at RDA—ten years ago*



Earn & Learn - Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who sent in the Woolworths Earn & Learn vouchers - we earned over 3000 points. This enabled the staff in the Support Unit to redeem the points for art supplies for the classroom – lots of great materials for our end of year projects.

Denise Hughes
Class Teacher



CAREERS NEWS

Below you will find information about a variety of careers related topics. Please note that all dates should be checked on the relevant websites and all event/course related information is relayed from external sources and not endorsed by Merewether High School.

Mrs Abbo
Careers Adviser

UAC Applications and Fees

Fri 30 th September 2011	On time applications closed (\$26)
Mon 31 st October 2011	Late applications close (\$116)
Wed 30 th November 2011	Late applications close (\$133)
Thu 2 nd February 2012	Final close date (\$143)

Check carefully for changes to preferences dates (see website below)
For further details check the UAC website www.uac.edu.au

HSC Dates

Mon 17 th October 2011 - Fri 18 th November 2011	HSC Examination period
Wed 14 th December 2011	NSW HSC results e-released by BOS
Thu 15 th December 2011	ATARs e-released by UAC
Wed 18 th January 2012	Main round offers e-released at 9pm
Wed 1 st February 2012	Late round offers e-released at 9pm
Wed 8 th February 2012	Final round offers e-released at 9pm

HSC STUDY GUIDE WEBSITES



University of Newcastle - HSC Coach The University of Newcastle has been working on a fantastic online study support tool for Year 12 students called "[HSC coach](http://www.hsccoach.com.au)". The project seeks to improve access to high-quality, subject-specific HSC advice for students from all backgrounds and areas. You will be able to log onto and access multimedia content such as video lectures, online forums and downloadable resources relevant to the HSC subjects you are studying. This new resource is coming soon, so keep an eye on www.hsccoach.com.au,



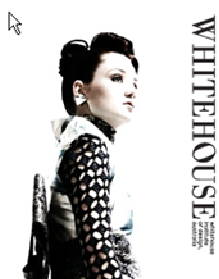
Macquarie University has created a section on their website aimed at HSC students. It includes some excellent advice on study techniques and for starting university.

[http:// www.mq.edu.au/blogs/getsirius/tag/study-tips/](http://www.mq.edu.au/blogs/getsirius/tag/study-tips/)

WORKSHOPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note the following information is not endorsed by the school in any way and I am simply passing on the details for students and parents to view. All arrangements to attend workshops etc are the parent's responsibility.

FASHION



Event Name	Whitehouse Portfolio Presentation Workshop - One Day
Date	25th November 2011
Venue	Whitehouse Sydney Campus, 2 Short Street, Surry Hills
Contact	Courtney : 02 9267 8799
Time	10am - 3.30pm
Cost	\$90

Description : Whitehouse Portfolio Presentation Workshops are available for students who have design work but would like to learn how to compile their portfolio. These workshops will assist participants to prepare for their interview for the Bachelor of Design in 2012. Visit <http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/> to download a booking form.

Event Name	Whitehouse Institute of Design - Sydney Graduate Exhibition and Parade
Date	28th November 2011
Venue	Whitehouse Sydney Campus
Contact	Jess Pongrass : enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au
Time	Matinee and Evening shows
Description	Premiere - 6pm for 7pm Parade

Fashion Academy

For students who love fashion and are unsure of how to kick start their careers in this growing industry, go to www.thefashionacademy.com.au 2012 enrolments are taking place now, students can secure their place at Australia's Academy for business in Fashion. The Fashion Business Certificate 4 is an accredited certification and rather than a course in a tertiary institution our curriculum is tailored to helping students find employment opportunities on completion of this course. Students can enrol now by expressing their interest through the website at www.thefashionacademy.com.au



Sydney Science Experience – Years 10-11 Students



On January 11 – 13, the University of Sydney will host the Science Experience program. This fun 3-day event is designed to provide Year 10 and Year 11 students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of hands-on science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The theme for the 2012 event will be CSI: Cool Science Investigator, which involves forensics and all things related. We will demonstrate the reality behind a lot of popular forensic television shows. Students perform blood typing, DNA and fingerprint analysis to collect evidence against six suspects in a mock crime scene.

Please note that financial assistance is available to eligible Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students for costs associated with participating and travel to the Sydney Science Experience.

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sydney Uni Information Day - Students studying in 2012



Thinking of studying at Sydney University in 2012 then you might like to attend the Info Day on Wed 4 January from 9.30am to 4pm. Info Day will be the last opportunity for future students to explore the University of Sydney and speak to staff and students about their options before finalising their UAC preferences for the main-round offers on Thursday 5 January, 2012.

Visitors will be able to attend mini-lectures about different areas of study, take tours of the campus and the various accommodation options, plus find out about our support services and student life at Sydney. Representatives from all faculties will also be available to answer questions about admission and courses.



Event Name	UTS Parents' Information Evening
Date	14th Nov 2011
Venue	UTS Aerial Function Centre, UTS City Campus
Contact	Janice Ly : Future.Students@uts.edu.au
Time	6pm - 8pm

Description : Parent Information Evenings are run to provide parents and families with the opportunity to gain information about admissions, entry pathways, scholarships and support services available for UTS students.



At these Information Evenings you can:

1. Gain information about UTS courses and career paths, the admissions process and what options are available if you don't get in.
2. Hear about scholarships available at UTS and other student support services.
3. Talk to current UTS students about their experiences at UTS and join a tour of the UTS campus and facilities.

To register for this event visit <http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/events>

TECHNOLOGY



Event Name	Academy of Interactive Entertainment Open Day
Date	19th Nov 2011
Venue	Level 2, Wentworth Park Grandstand, Wattle Street, Ultimo NSW 2007
Contact	Celine Battendier : 85148800
Time	10am to 3pm
Cost	Free

Description : For more info, please visit **AIE website:**

<http://www.aie.edu.au/courses/courses.html>

ENGINEERING

Women in Engineering Summit 2012

Yang Ming Goh (yr10), Rosie Irvassi (yr10), and Brittany Atkins (yr9) have been accepted into the 2012 Women in Engineering Summit which involves a three-night residential camp held at the University of Wollongong from Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 January 2012.

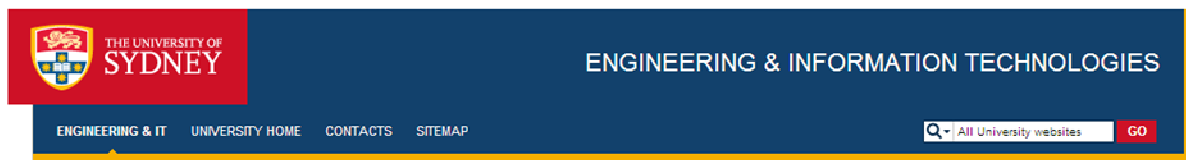
Participants will be exposed to a range of engineering disciplines including Environmental, Civil, Mining, Mechatronics, Materials, Mechanical, Electrical, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering.

They will gain exposure to world-class engineering facilities at the University of Wollongong and visit local engineering industry sites. The Summit is also a chance to meet industry leaders, academics and other women with similar interests from across NSW and ACT. This will be a fantastic experience for the students and provide them with valuable insight into this career along with university life.

Engineering, Information Technologies, Project Management 1/2 Day Workshops to trial a course at Sydney Uni - December 2011



Specifically for **year 12 students looking at studying engineering at university** next year these 1/2 day workshops provide an excellent platform to help you decide if this is the course for you. I have flyers with information in my office in the Sydney Uni pigeon hole and have put up a flyer in G block. Positions are in high demand so make sure that you register early. www.sydney.edu.au/engineering/testdrive



Thinking of Studying Engineering in 2012?

Sydney Uni has a range of course available for December so you can get a feel for what is involved in the course.

You can attend ½ day workshops in the following areas

Electrical and Information Engineering – 7th Dec 10am-1.30pm

Information Technologies 7th Dec 1.45pm - 4pm

Chemical Engineering 8th Dec 9.30am-2pm

Project Management 8th Dec 2.15pm – 5pm

More information can be found at www.sydney.edu.au/engineering/testdrive

ARCHITECTURE

UTS Architecture

Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building, 702-730 Harris Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007.
p: +61 2 9514 8024 | f: +61 2 9514 8787 | info@utsarchitecture.net

The Faculty of Architecture at UTS has advertised a summer school program for students in Years 10,11 in January 2012. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain hands on experience in the field of Architecture and university study. More details can be found on the blog and check out

www.utsarchitecture.net/discoverarchitecture

MEDICINE/HEALTH

Med Entry

If you are interested in studying Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Pharmacy or Health Sciences you may be interested in attending the med entry courses designed to help students with the UMAT examination and interview process.

For more information go to www.MedEntry.edu.au



WORK EXPERIENCE

Taronga Zoo

Several Year 10 students have now applied to this work experience program. Good Luck with your application.

Applications are closing soon for work experience at Taronga Zoo for 2012 and it is first in best dressed so if you are interested act quickly to send in your application.

<http://www.taronga.org.au/education/school-work-experience/experience-at-taronga-zoo/school-work-experience-at-taronga-zoo>

What to do if you would like to do work experience

Lots of students are taking the opportunity to gain some experience in the workforce over the coming weeks. It is very encouraging to see so many students taking responsibility for their placements and being proactive in approaching employers.

If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 and you are considering work experience you will find the full procedure on the blog including all the documents and forms for completion. **Remember you must have your forms in 2 weeks prior to the placement.**

Scholarships for Girls

Females across Australia are encouraged to Aim For the Stars

The Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation provides financial and moral assistance to girls and women across Australia to help them realise their dreams in sporting, academic, community or cultural pursuits.

Applications for 2012 grants are now open and the Foundation is inviting girls and women across Australia whether they are an academic, an athlete, an artist or even an archaeologist to apply. An opportunity exists for all females striving to achieve their goals.

Aim for the Stars is offering grants which include the following:

- \$1,500 "Kickstart" grant - 12 to 16 years
- \$1,500 "Environmental grant - 12 years and above
- \$3,000 "Individual" grant - 16 years and above
- \$3,000 "Athlete with a Disability" grant - 16 years and above
- \$6,000 "Group" grant - 2 or more people 12 years and above

Grant applications close 11 November 2011. Grants will be awarded at the discretion of the Foundation, to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their education and/or personal development. Interested persons can get additional information by referring to the website:

Website: www.aimforthestars.com.au

General enquiries can be made to the Aim for the Stars Office:

Ph: 0422600733

Email: info@aimforthestars.com.au



EMPLOYMENT

SUBWAY Belmont City Centre – New Store Opening



Here are the details ...

I am looking for students 15 years or older to work after school, weekends and holidays. Experience is not essential but they must have a bright and bubbly personality, be hardworking and honest. They must also be willing to complete some internet based training. The job includes food preparation, customer service, cash handling and cleaning. The positions are casual. If you have anyone who is interested could they email their resume to shari@subway.net.au or fax it 02 6562 4762.

Domino's Newcastle City



Domino's Newcastle are looking for drivers.

Contact the store directly for further information.

BOOST Juice Charlestown



Boost Juice Charlestown are looking for part-time employees.

For more details phone Cheryl Donner 0429367637

Remember to check out the MHS Careers Blog for more careers related information

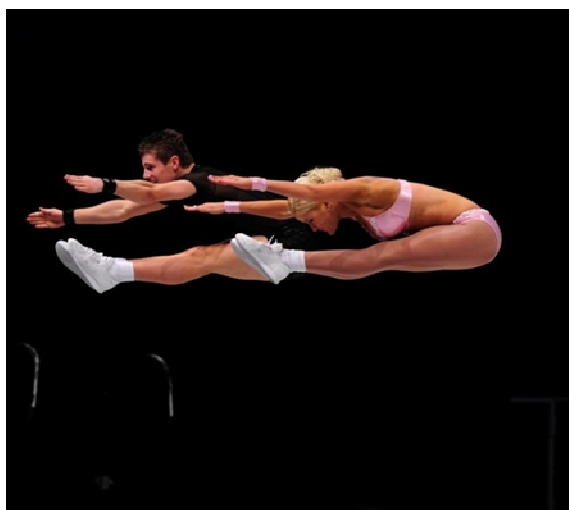


World Aerobics Champions!

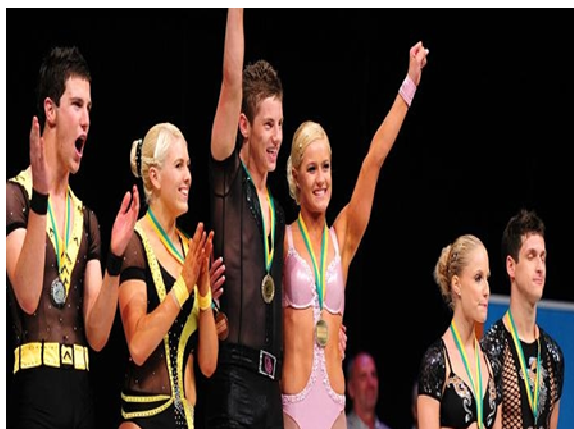
Congratulations to the very talented **Casey Smith** in Year 7 who recently competed at the **FISAF World Aerobics Championships** on the Gold Coast with her team who **won the GOLD MEDAL!** They are now "*World Champions*" in their category. We are extremely proud of Casey and her team's achievement.

Left –Casey Smith Year 7 after winning Gold at the World Titles.

Congratulations also to Allira Bull (our assisting coach at MHS) who also competed for Australia at the same competition. **Allira won a GOLD MEDAL in the mixed pairs and a BRONZE MEDAL in the Open Women's Singles category.** We are very fortunate to have Allira working with our teams as she is able to share so much knowledge and experience with our teams.



Above - Allira Bull and her partner in action



Left - Allira and her mixed pairs partner receiving their gold medals

Two teams from MHS will compete in the Spring Challenge held in Newcastle next month so we wish them luck.

NEXT YEAR - MHS Aerobics teams are already learning new routines for next year's competitions and all teams are training during lunchtimes on a Thursday and during sport on a Wednesday. If you are interested in being part of the aerobics squad for 2012 please see Mrs Abbo as soon as possible as teams will be finalised by the end of the term.

Merewether High School

DER Laptop Usage Policy

Expectations

DER Laptops will be:

- brought to school for use on every school day (unless otherwise instructed by the classroom teacher)
- recharged by the student at home as required

Operational Issues

- Students are to back up data regularly as computer failure is not an acceptable reason for non submission of work / appeal – drafts of work in progress are acceptable as evidence of computer failure and therefore a reason for appeal.
- Students are required to report to the TSO (Technology Support Officer) any operational issues with their DER laptop.
- The TSO will issue a loan laptop to students whose laptop has been handed to the *computer hospital* – in the event that a loan laptop is not issued, the TSO will issue the student with a slip to be shown to the classroom teacher for their awareness as to why the student does not have their laptop in class and ready for use. In addition, the TSO will maintain a *computer hospital* site on the school network for teacher awareness.
- Students are not to alter system files on DER laptops – such alterations may cause laptops to run slow and freeze – this may also restrict the use of some programs – it is estimated that up to 90% of laptops may have system files altered which will therefore require re-imaging, which is a major time commitment for the TSO. Students who alter system files (as detected by the TSO) are to be reported to Deputy Principal's for disciplinary action. Awareness of this issue to be fostered through year assemblies, advice to students/parents etc.. Suspension procedures may be implemented.
- The class teacher is to implement appropriate discipline measures for any student that fails to bring their DER laptop for class use – suggest lunchtime detention and advice to parents
- Students who are using DER laptops inappropriately eg playing games and off task usage, are to be subject to normal class teacher discipline measures - suggest lunchtime detention and advice to parents.
- Incident Report forms (as submitted to the TSO) are to be completed with appropriate detail. It is not sufficient to simply write 'does not work' – detail is required to enable effective follow up.
- If the plastic carry case breaks etc, it is the students responsibility to replace it at their cost – this is essential to prevent further damage to the laptop.

NOTES

- Responsible use and care to be encouraged – many claims for repair are rejected because of negligence on the part of the user.
- The extent of usage in class is determined by the class teacher in line with Integration of Technology in Learning expectations.
- It is the class teacher's discretion as to whether or not class notes are maintained on DER Laptops.
- Chargers are not available for loan from the TSO.
- If a request is made for return of a laptop for re-imaging, the user is to respond immediately – failure to do so may cause the overall system to “go slow”.

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 the award scheme.

An information meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 November at 6pm in the school library, for students interested in joining the scheme in 2012 and their parents.

This will be of interest to current Yr 8 students, who would commence the Bronze award in 2012 and to older students seeking entry directly into the Silver or Gold levels.

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

MHS Duke of Edinburgh Award Parent Support Group





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Thursday	13th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	17th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	20th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	24th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	27th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	31st	12.00pm - 4.00pm

Term 4 - November 2011

Thursday	3rd	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	7th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	10th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	14th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	17th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	21st	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	24th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	28th	12.00pm - 4.00pm

Term 4 - December 2011

Thursday	1st	8.00am - 12.00pm
Saturday	3rd	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	5th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	8th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Saturday	10th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	12th	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	15th	8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday	19th	12.00pm - 4.00pm

January 2012

Monday	16th	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	18th	9.00am - 3.00pm
Friday	20th	9.00pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday	24th	9.00am - 3.00pm
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EVENT DIARY

Friday 11 November 2011 - 20 December 2011	
November	
Fri 11/11	Remembrance Day - 11.00am observance Year 10 Elective exams - MPC
Mon 14/11	Years 7,8,9 examinations - MPC - this week
Tue 15/11	Year 10 Parent Learning Group - 9.00-10.30 - Learning Centre DEA meeting - 6.00pm - Library P&C meeting - 7.30pm - Library
Fri 18/11	Student HSC ranks online
Mon 21/11	Year 11 Music - Soiree - 7.00pm - Learning Centre
Tue 22/11	Year 8 DER Workshops ESSA test - Year 8 Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening - 6:00pm - Library
Wed 23/11	Year 8 DER Workshops School Dance - 6:30-10:00 - MPC
Fri 25/11	Panel Training for Year 10 Portfolio Presentations
Mon 28/11	Support Unit Disco - MPC - 9.00-2.00 Year 10 Volunteer Program - day 1/4
Tue 29/11	Year 10 Volunteer Program - day 2/4
Wed 30/11	Wallsend-MHS Year 8 Gala Day @ MHS Year 10 Volunteer Program - day 3/4
December	
Thu 1/12	HSSA Boys' Cricket Trials Year 10 Volunteer Program - day 4/4
Fri 2/12	HSSA Blues Presentation Year 10 Luna Park Year 9 Food Technology - Centrepont
Mon 5/12	Year 10 Portfolio Presentations
Tue 6/12	Year 7 (2012) Orientation Day - 9.00 - MPC Year 10 Portfolio Presentations
Wed 7/12	Year 10 Crossroads + All My Own Work
Thu 8/12	Year 10 Crossroads + All My Own Work
Fri 9/12	Year 10 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am - MPC Bulletin on website
Mon 12/12	Year 11 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am - MPC Year 9 Presentation Assembly - 1:30pm - MPC
Tue 13/12	Year 8 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am - MPC Year 7 Presentation Assembly - 1:30pm - MPC



EVENT DIARY

Wed 14/12	HSC results online
Thu 15/12	ATAR results released - Year 12 BBQ
Fri 16/12	Last day Term 4 for students Students receive HSC result summaries Annual Presentation Day - 11.00am - MPC
Mon 19/12	Staff Development Day - no students
Tue 20/12	Staff Development Day - no students Last day term 4

Online Booking for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Year 12 parents would be aware that the school recently trialled an online system for booking parent/teacher interviews. The majority of feedback received to date has been very positive. However, a number of concerns became evident in this trial.

These concerns were:

1. Our records for the email address of many parents are inaccurate, resulting in many parents not receiving appropriate online notification - we will endeavour to develop a process for parents to formally advise the school of accurate email contact details.
2. The process for checking the generated interview schedule was misleading - the school apologises for this - in future, advice will indicate that the schedule will be generated 24 hours in advance and, all bookings will need to be checked online, by the parent, the day before the event.
3. A number of staff were unable to attend the interviews - parents who requested bookings with these staff will be contacted by phone asap to discuss their child's progress.

The school would appreciate feedback from Year 12 parents in relation to the parent teacher interviews. Any comments can be forwarded by email to

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or by mail directly to the school.

We hope to use the online system for all parent teacher interviews in 2012.