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Principal's Report



As we move into the last week of school for our students for 2011 I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents, community members, students and staff for the welcome I have been afforded during Term 4. It has been a very busy term but I have had the opportunity to work with and meet many parents and students and I look forward to getting to know many of the community throughout the coming years.

During Term 4 we have completed much of the planning that will ensure, Day 1 2012, we are ready for the start of another year. In the last few weeks we have completed our draft three year plan, where planning as to the directions we will take in the three priority areas, literacy and numeracy, curriculum and assessment and student engagement and wellbeing has been undertaken. This plan will be available for all to see once completed early next year. The plan will be posted on our website for your information. The three priority areas have targets which look at the continual improvement of student outcomes and focus on those areas our data indicates need to be a focus.

Throughout the next week we will take the time to celebrate the great successes of our students this year. Please come along and help us to celebrate these achievements. Our celebrations culminate on Friday 16th December with our Annual Presentation Day Assembly commencing at 11.00am. The P&C will provide morning tea prior to the assembly in the Learning Centre beginning at 10.00am. Please come along, have morning tea with the P&C and then join us in celebrating the outstanding results of our students.



At the time of writing this I have had the chance to look at our School Certificate results and just some of the successes include, eleven students who have achieved a band 6 in all six subjects examined at the School Certificate and three students who received a mark of 100 in one subject each. I will talk more about these results and the Higher School Certificate results at the Year 10 Presentation Assembly and the Annual Presentation Day Assembly.

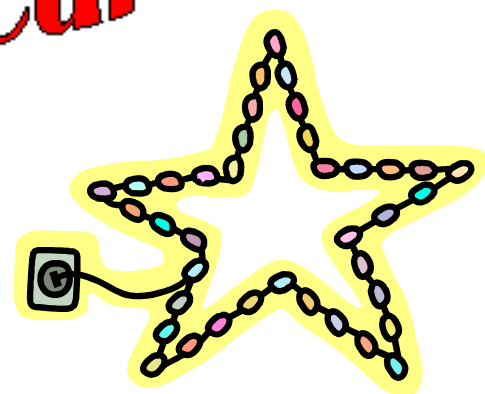
To everyone in our school community thank you for your continued support of the school throughout 2011. To our students, parents, grandparents, carers and families I wish you a very merry Christmas, a happy and safe holiday and a very relaxing New Year. To those families who leave us at the end of the year, thank you for the years of involvement and stay in touch and let us know of the continued successes of our students.

Christine Rippon
Principal

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year



Hospitality

Term 4 has been busy for Hospitality students at Merewether High, catering for two important events.

During Week 5 of this term Hospitality students catered for a staff morning tea as part of a practical assessment event. The menu needed to reflect the use of a range of ingredients and we also needed to cater for specific dietary needs, such as vegetarian and gluten free foods.

The following comments were included in evaluations completed by staff.

"An impressive array of foods that were beautifully presented."

"Sensational – a very professional effort."

"This was one of the best presentations I've seen in 20 years of teaching! Food was beautiful."

"Amazing."

"I was very impressed with all aspects of the morning tea – students looked very professional and food was at brilliant standard."

During week 6, Merewether High School hosted a VET Network Meeting for 30 Hospitality teachers from high schools across the region, and our students also catered for this event.



Congratulations to Hannah Atkins, Katie Blackburn, Veronica Lee, Gabriella Kalms, Emily Richardson, Tim Lord, Nicholas O'Mullane and Rory Mills who catered for these two successful events, and for the enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism they displayed.





Hospitality Latte Art Workshop



Musical Soiree Evenings



What talent we have in this school! This term we have seen not only what the seniors of our school can do, but also what the junior musicians are capable of. And in case you've missed hearing them, we have some AMAZING talent here at MHS!

Earlier in the term, Year 9 and 10 had their end of year Soiree, which was held in the Learning Centre. For some, it was a very big deal performing in front of an audience as this was their first time, and for other students it was a chance to show off all that they had learnt in class from the past year.

The Year 11 students also held a Soiree night and again it was a wonderfully successful evening. There were many highlights of the night, but one student, Alice Whitehead in Music 2 who recently received her Associate Music on clarinet, really shone with her performance of 'Snakes Alive'. Music 1 had some outstanding items as well, however it was 'Rock Lobster' by the B52s that really showed off the group's talent. The students all rose to the occasion and produced some very professional musical items. It's hard to believe that this time next year they will be finishing high school and ready to engage in the next step of life.



Support Unit News

Disco

On Monday 28th November the Support Unit hosted their Christmas disco for students in support units and special schools across the Hunter. The hall was filled with Christmas characters from Santa to elves and Mrs Claus. Ruby the Clown entertained an appreciative audience and the winner of her joke competition was Veronica from Merewether.

*"What is black and white, black and white,
black and white?
A penguin rolling down the hill."*



Ruby the clown was a huge hit with the crowd



The large crowd were all up dancing



A guest appearance by the Moo was received with warmth and enthusiasm. Many guests wanted to dance with or be photographed with the Moo.



The moo was popular with the disco crowd



Veronica meeting up with the Moo



The day would not have been a success without the hard work of the Events Crew and the SRC. The Events Crew encouraged the participation of everyone during the dance and the SRC cooked and served a great barbecue.

It was a very successful day with lots of fun for everyone.



SRC members cooking the barbecue at the disco



SRC members serving a hungry crowd



IDPwD

The International Day of People with a Disability 2011 local council's event was held at Speers Point Park on Thursday 1st December with rather challenging weather conditions for the performers and audience but the students from the Support unit were still keen to perform. They performed their dance routine from the IOTAS concert and were well received by everyone in attendance. They looked great and moved well. Congratulations on a great effort.

Denise Hughes
Support Unit Teacher



There was time to dance



The students looked great dancing on the stage



Malcom helped JD with his magic trick



The reptiles and snakes from Blackbutt Reserve were a huge hit with the girls



A magician's rabbit is always popular with the audience



Many people left the event with air brush tattoos and faces painted

Vampire Shield 2011

The Vampire Shield in the Hunter Region is presented to the school which donates the most blood when the Donormobile visits the school. As winners of the Vampire Shield for 2010-2011 year with a total of 224 blood donations the SRC Blood Lord, Zane Butler, was presented with the trophy at the annual Red Cross Thank You breakfast held at Noah's at the Beach.

During the breakfast Ivy's story was shown to the audience, a recipient of blood products, bringing home the importance of blood donation. Ivy attended the breakfast with her mother and thanked everyone.

Merewether blood donors are already booked in for our next Donormobile visit in 2012. Keep up the great effort.

Denise Hughes
SRC Donormobile Coordinator



Zane Butler receives the Vampire Shield at Noah's at the Beach





Social Sciences

2011 Chartered Accountants Economics and Business Studies Competitions

The Economics Competition and the Business Studies Competition, sponsored by the Australian Chartered Accountants, once again attracted a large number of students from across Australia. Over 10,000 students from over 275 schools competed in the two competitions.

All students studying Business Studies and Economics at Merewether High School took up the challenge and I congratulate the students on their fine performance in these two competitions.

The following students won money prizes and certificates for their outstanding performance.

Economics Competition

Jack Thrower - equal fourth

Business Studies Competition

Lachlan Harvey - equal fourth

Liam Crow and Issac Smith - equal third

Peter Burgess, Liyang He, Oliver Schwarzer and Joshua Wang - equal second

Nathaniel Leonard - State Winner (equal)

2011 EBE Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition

Four Year 9 Commerce students were recently invited to NSW Parliament House for the presentation of the CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition.

The group consisted of Ethan Muddle, Mawunya Dzator, Patrick Hartsuyker and Joshua Stephens. The boys submitted a detailed business plan based on a business which sold bikes and bike spare parts. Their business plan covered aspects of marketing, finance and human resource management and was recognised by the judges as the second best business plan in division three – group entries (2 to 6 students). Congratulations boys this was a great achievement.

2011 University of Newcastle Business Plan Competition

Recently, Veronica Lee, a Year 11 student was a finalist in the 2011 Business Plan Challenge which was organised by the University of Newcastle. Veronica created a business plan based on a business which provided financial advice to the over 55 years of age market.

Veronica presented her business plan to a panel of judges and was deemed to be a runner-up. She won \$500 for herself and \$500 for the Social Science Faculty. Well done Veronica.

2011 Year 8 Geography Trivia Quiz

Congratulations to the two teams from Year 8 Geography who were placed equal first in the Hunter Region Geography Trivia Day. Students displayed exemplary behaviour on the day and from all reports it was a most enjoyable day.



2011 Social Science Awards

The Social Science Faculty would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the many local businesses which sponsor the end of year faculty awards for excellence in academic performance. We greatly appreciate the generous assistance of these organisations. They obviously hold our students and their education in very high regard.

All of the businesses listed below have been long-time supporters of the students of Merewether High School and of the Social Sciences Faculty.

Kerry West
Head Teacher

		<p>MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE</p> <p>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.</p>	
		<p>ECONOMICS YEAR 12 \$200</p> <p>BUSINESS STUDIES YEAR 12 \$200</p> <p>LEGAL STUDIES YEAR 12 \$200</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY YEAR 12 \$200</p> <p>ECONOMICS YEAR 11 \$200</p> <p>BUSINESS STUDIES YEAR 11 \$200</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>Michael Evers & Co</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>



**MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL
GERMAN TOUR 2012**



COME AND JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME!

Come and discover Germany!

Marvel at the amazing Neuschwanstein Castle!

Visit old towns along 'the Romantic Road'

Visit the world famous Oktoberfest in Munich!

Savour the sausages at the world famous sausage kitchen in beautiful Regensburg!

Soak up the history of Germany's capital city Berlin!!

And much, much more

NO NEED TO SPEAK GERMAN!!

Who can apply: Any students in Years 9, 10 or 11, and their families!

How much: Estimated cost \$5500

When: Sept/Oct school holidays 2012

INTERESTED ?

For more information, contact Carole Raby at: carole.raby@det.nsw.edu.au

* *Limited places available*



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.

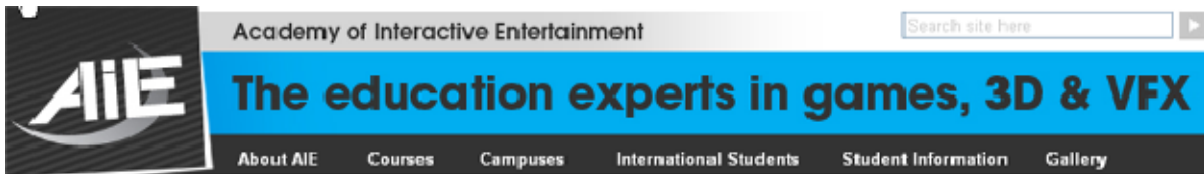


At these Information Evenings you can:

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



January Study Blitz

ICS Learning is offering the following programs at Newcastle Grammar School (Hill Campus) to assist students with their studies. ICS has been conducting these programs for over 20 years with considerable success.

Study Skills & Strategies for years 7 & 8

Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 January 9:00 to 12:00

Advanced Study Skills for years 9 to 12

Monday 16 January 9:00 to 3:15

Essay & Extended Response Skills years 9 to 12

Tuesday 17 January 9:00 to 3:15

Superead for years 9 to 12

Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 January 8:30 to 12:30

For further details on content and cost contact ICS:
4023 8961

icssydneynorth@skillscentre.com.au

www.skillscentre.com.au

Parking - Drop Off/Pick Up

A reminder to parents when dropping off and/or picking up students that there is **no entry or parking** in staff car parks as it is a safety issue and impedes traffic flow.

Changes to Bus Route 718

From Term 1 2012 the Bus Route 718 will be as follows:

From Hunter School of Performing Arts in Lambton Rd, **R** Bronte Rd, **R** Perth Rd, Bavin St, **L** Lambton Rd, **R** Bruncker Rd, **L** Chatham St **R** Pokolbin St to Merewether High, **L** Gosford Rd, **L** Melville Rd, **R** Chatham St, **L** Glebe Rd, **L** Gordon Ave (Pacific Hwy), Stewart Ave look out for Newcastle High students at Hebburn St, **L** Parry St, **R** Selma St, **L** Maitland Rd, **R** Sheddon St, Norfolk Ave **R** The Avenue, **L** McMichael St, **L** Downie St, **R** Lewis St, **R** Elizabeth St, **R** Bourke St, **R** Robertson St, **L** Young St, **R** Cowper St to Fitzroy St Carrington.

Dear Parents

All Faith communities wish to warmly invite you, your children and all your family members, to join us in the Joyful celebration of the Christmas Season.

Be assured of a warm welcome!!

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ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH – 486 Glebe Road Adamstown Tel: 4952 1277

December 18th 5:00 pm Hamilton South Carols Night – Comm. Hall Fowler St Ham 5th
December 25th 9:30 am Christmas Morning Service

ANGLICAN CHURCHES

St Augustine's Merewether - Cnr Llewellyn & Winsor Streets Tel: 4963 1388

December 24th 6:00 pm Kids' Carols
10:30 pm Midnight Mass
December 25th 8:00 am Sung Eucharist

St John's Cooks Hill – Cnr Parry & Dawson Streets - Tel: 4929 2691

December 11th 7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight-sausage sizzle@7pm (BYO blanket or chair)
December 24th 5:30 pm Interactive Carol Service with a Child focus - 45 mins
December 24th 7:00 pm Christmas Service with Carols and Music (includes communion)
11:30 pm Midnight Mass (includes communion) – 1 hr
December 25th 9:00 am Traditional Christmas Celebration (includes communion) 1 hr

St Paul's Stockton - 34a Maitland Street Stockton - Tel: 4920 1514

December 24th 7.00 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 24th 11:30 pm Midnight by Candlelight Service
December 25th 8.30 am Christmas Day Service

St Peter's Hamilton – 148 Denison St Hamilton – 4961 1980

December 24th 11:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25th 8:00 am Christmas Day Service

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Church 180 – The Royal – 669 Hunter Street Newcastle – Tel: 4927 1888

December 16th 7:00 pm Hope of Salvation Christmas Production
December 18th 7:00 pm Hope of Salvation Christmas Production

Newcastle Christian Centre – 85 Tudor St Hamilton – Tel: 4969 2799

December 18th 9:30am Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production
6:00pm Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production
December 23rd 7:00pm Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production

BAPTIST CHURCHES

Hamilton Baptist – 108 Lindsay Street Hamilton - Tel: 4968 8495

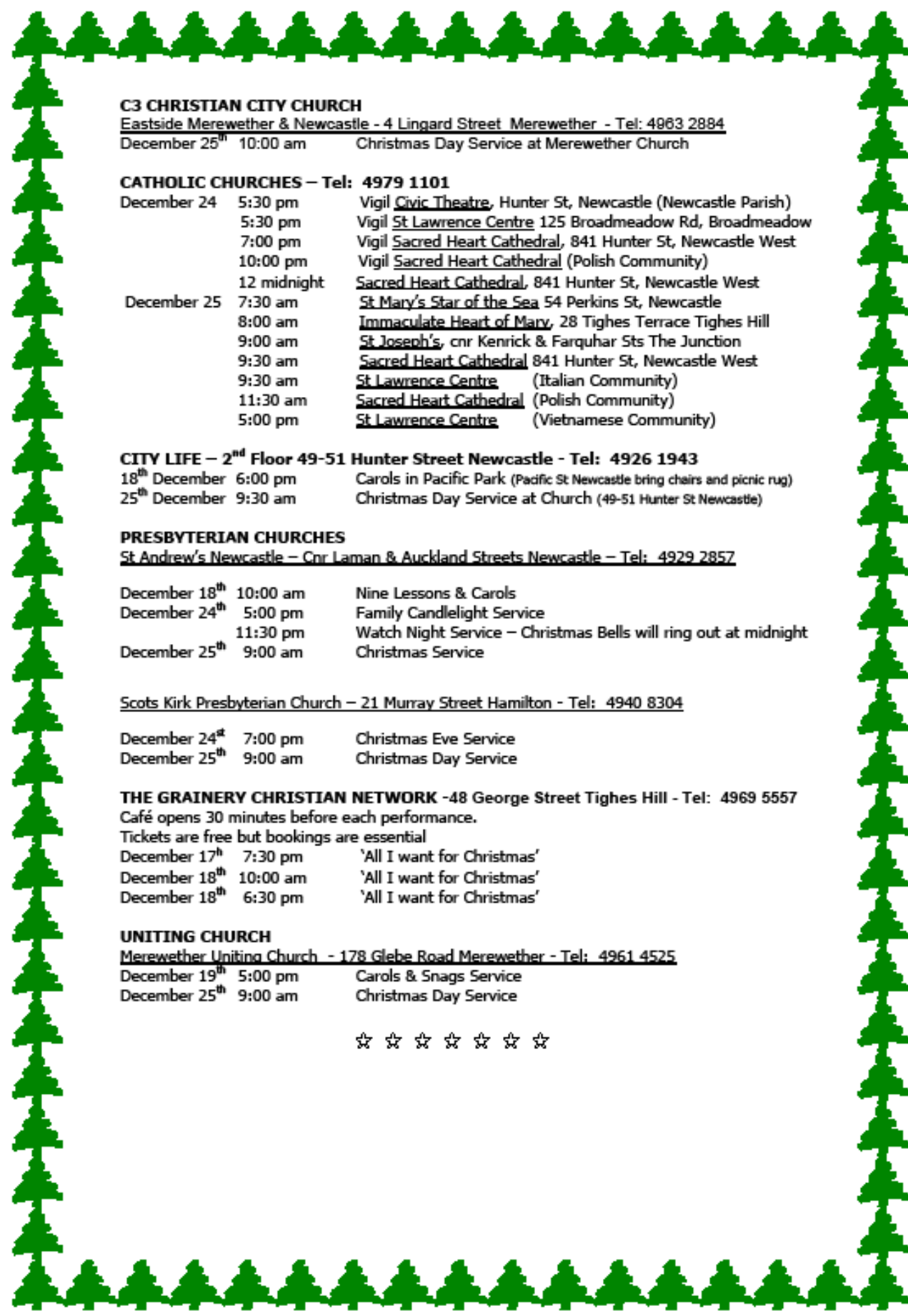
December 17th 6:30 pm Carols in Gregson Park (Lindsay St Hamilton) with 'Pretty Amazing Jono'
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Service

Islington Baptist - 178 Maitland Road Islington - Tel: 4959 7012

December 12th 6:45 pm Carols in the Park
December 25th 9:30 am Christmas Day Service

Merewether Baptist – 75 Morgan Street Merewether – Tel: 4957 0965

December 11th 2:30 pm Christmas Hymnsing
December 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day Service



C3 CHRISTIAN CITY CHURCH

Eastside Merewether & Newcastle - 4 Lingard Street Merewether - Tel: 4963 2884

December 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day Service at Merewether Church

CATHOLIC CHURCHES – Tel: 4979 1101

December 24	5:30 pm	Vigil <u>Civic Theatre</u> , Hunter St, Newcastle (Newcastle Parish)
	5:30 pm	Vigil <u>St Lawrence Centre</u> 125 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow
	7:00 pm	Vigil <u>Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> , 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
	10:00 pm	Vigil <u>Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> (Polish Community)
	12 midnight	<u>Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> , 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
December 25	7:30 am	<u>St Mary's Star of the Sea</u> 54 Perkins St, Newcastle
	8:00 am	<u>Immaculate Heart of Mary</u> , 28 Tighes Terrace Tighes Hill
	9:00 am	<u>St Joseph's</u> , cnr Kenrick & Farquhar Sts The Junction
	9:30 am	<u>Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
	9:30 am	<u>St Lawrence Centre</u> (Italian Community)
	11:30 am	<u>Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> (Polish Community)
	5:00 pm	<u>St Lawrence Centre</u> (Vietnamese Community)

CITY LIFE – 2nd Floor 49-51 Hunter Street Newcastle - Tel: 4926 1943

18th December 6:00 pm Carols in Pacific Park (Pacific St Newcastle bring chairs and picnic rug)

25th December 9:30 am Christmas Day Service at Church (49-51 Hunter St Newcastle)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

St Andrew's Newcastle – Cnr Laman & Auckland Streets Newcastle – Tel: 4929 2857

December 18 th	10:00 am	Nine Lessons & Carols
December 24 th	5:00 pm	Family Candlelight Service
	11:30 pm	Watch Night Service – Christmas Bells will ring out at midnight
December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Service

Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church – 21 Murray Street Hamilton - Tel: 4940 8304

December 24 th	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service

THE GRAINERY CHRISTIAN NETWORK -48 George Street Tighes Hill - Tel: 4969 5557

Café opens 30 minutes before each performance.

Tickets are free but bookings are essential

December 17 th	7:30 pm	'All I want for Christmas'
December 18 th	10:00 am	'All I want for Christmas'
December 18 th	6:30 pm	'All I want for Christmas'

UNITING CHURCH

Merewether Uniting Church - 178 Glebe Road Merewether - Tel: 4961 4525

December 19 th	5:00 pm	Carols & Snags Service
December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service

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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”.

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Merewether High School

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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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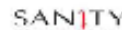
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	Thursday 1 December 2011 - 20 December 2011
December	
Thu 1/12	HSSA Boys' Cricket Trials Year 10 Volunteer Program - day 4/4
Fri 2/12	HSSA Blues Presentation Year 10 Luna Park Year 9 Food Technology - Centrepont
Mon 5/12	Year 10 Portfolio Presentations
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
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