

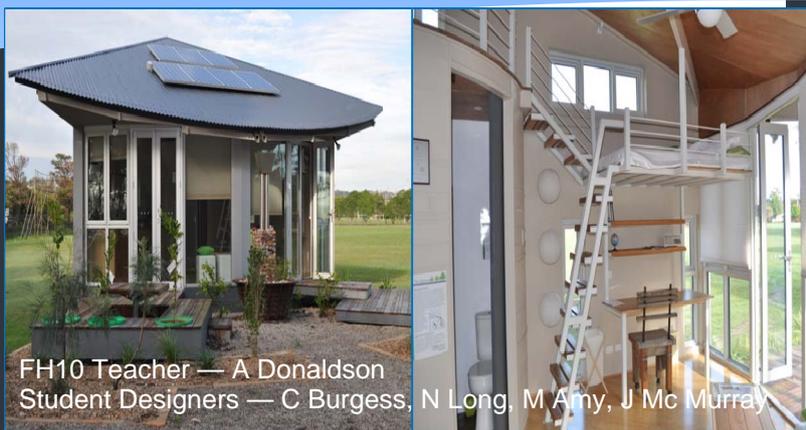


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Coming Events

- Tue 16/8
ICAS Mathematics Test
Donormobile
- Wed 17/8
Support Unit Camp
- Mon 22/8
Keishin HS Visit
- Tue 23/8
Y11 (2012) Course
Information Evening
- Tue 30/8
POSH Concert



FH10 Teacher — A Donaldson
Student Designers — C Burgess, N Long, M Amy, J Mc Murray

Diary Dates

- Tue 16/8 Y9 Parent Learning
Group
- Tue 16/8 P&C Meeting
- Tue 16/8 DEA Meeting

Principal's Report

As you would be aware, Mrs Keevers was on Sick Leave throughout last term as a result of her continued health concerns, and much to her disappointment, she announced her retirement at the end of Term 2. Mrs Keevers sends her best wishes to all students, staff and parents and has asked me to pass on her appreciation to the whole school community for the support she received during her time at Merewether High School.

Mrs Keevers will remember her years at MHS as some of her happiest and most rewarding in her career and she will always have fond memories of the wonderful young people who make Merewether High School such an excellent school. Her leadership and contribution to public education during her career is to be admired.

A merit selection process to fill the vacancy has been completed and Mrs Christine Rippon has been successful in securing the role of Principal of our school. Mrs Rippon is expected to commence duties at our school at the start of term 4 this year. Mrs Rippon is currently relieving School Education Director for HCC4 and former Principal of Mountview High School at Cessnock. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Rippon to our school.

This new semester is in full swing with important teaching, learning and assessing procedures underway and the school's high level of involvement in co-curricular activities. Our Year 12 students are in the process of completing their Trial HSC Exams over the next weeks and we wish them every success with their efforts. All Year 12 students were interviewed by the Senior Executive in Term 2 and it was very reassuring to hear that the vast majority of students have a sound study program in place and are regularly evaluating the effectiveness of their study techniques. I always remind our students that those who are organized and well prepared for assessment tasks will find that the academic challenges they face are less stressful.

Our School Development Day, on Monday 25 July, provided our staff with additional opportunities for professional learning with a focus on technology. A team of support personnel from the Hunter Central Coast Region assisted staff in



exploring technologies associated with the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program. Numerous workshops were conducted with opportunity for staff to test run strategies that will foster more effective implementation of ICT in learning programs. Staff also had the opportunity to refine practices associated with student use of DER Ideapads in learning activities.

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

I take this opportunity to pass on a special thank you to all parents and teachers who were involved in our recent Parent/Teacher evenings for Years 7 to 10 students. Informal feedback received has been very positive and testament to the value the school sees in conducting such events. Formative advice and support for student learning are obvious rewards from attending such events. The school will trial an online system for booking Year 12 parent/teacher interviews that will be conducted during term 4 this year in an attempt to improve our interview system. Further details will be provided closer to the event – stay tuned.

Can I also encourage parents of Year 8, 10 and 11 students to attend the Course Information Evenings that have been organized for later this term. Course selection options typically pose many questions for students and their parents. These evenings will address many of the queries that exist and provide opportunity to discuss individual concerns with the faculty head teachers who will be in attendance. Details concerning the times and dates are listed later in this Bulletin.

School systems to recognize student achievement are currently being reviewed. Details concerning the new and improved system will be circulated to parents within the next week.

Graeme Muddle
Acting Principal



WE HAVE A NEiTA TEACHER!

The NEiTA Foundation has congratulated our school on having a teacher nominated for an ASG Inspirational Teaching Award.

Mr Graeme Muddle was nominated by members of our community and this week was presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination at school assembly.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school and centre.

Graeme is now eligible for consideration for a National ASG Inspirational Teaching Award and grant. Congratulations Graeme, thank you to the nominator, and 'well done' to all our teachers for doing a great job!

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NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Congratulations to Jasmine De Giovanni, Milonee Shah and Joshua Ewald of Year 11 for their acceptance into the highly prestigious Rotary National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

The NYSF program consists of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities. These range from laboratory visits to sports evenings and from a bush dance to group dynamics. The program is run by students from the previous year's NYSF, who have been planning and improving the forum over the course of the previous year. These are the NYSF staff and will either have just finished year 12, or be in their first year of university. Speakers at various forums, debates, seminars and other activities may come from outside the science forum, or may have been students many years ago.

The students from NYSF will participate in a simulated Senate inquiry, where students in the role of senators question the witnesses to become better informed about issues arising from a bill. The senators use the evidence gathered to recommend either that the bill be accepted, rejected or that appropriate changes be made. This will provide NYSF students a look into how the parliament can have an impact on their possible future careers in science and engineering.



ENGLISH

2011 Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Challenge is coming to a close. Students should ensure that they have their logs completed by 25th August for verification.

ICAS English Competitions

The ICAS Spelling and Writing competitions were held on Tuesday 21st June. Thank you to Chris Brotherson for running and supervising the competitions. Results are yet to be published.

The ICAS English Competition was held on Tuesday 2nd August. Thank you to Kay Albon for supervising the competition.

Writing and Poetry Competitions

There are presently a number of competitions open. Details and entry forms can be found on the English noticeboard outside the English staffroom. Students are informed about the competitions on a regular basis via the rollcall announcements and the noticeboard. Current competitions include:

➤ 2011 Schools' Writing Competition

There are two categories in this competition: poetry and short story. The competition is open to all students and closes on Friday 12th August.

➤ The Newcastle Herald and Newcastle Permanent Building Society School Newspaper Competition

This competition is open to all students in groups of approximately 15. Students need to register their interest as vacancies are limited.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jayden Daley and Briana Morton-Young. These Year 10 students entered the *Write for Fun* competition. Their entries were successful and their pieces will be published later in the year.

If any student enters a competition and their work is acknowledged or published, please let the English staff know so we can share this success with members of our school community.



INDONESIAN TRIP TO MALAYSIA 2011

What an amazing experience! 10 days enjoying the culture and sightseeing Malaysia has to offer as well as making new friends, having fish foot spas, impressing the locals and bargaining to the max using their Indonesian language skills (the languages of Indonesia and Malay are almost identical) are some of the exciting experiences 63 our students studying Indonesian and some of their families enjoyed during the April school holidays.

Places visited include the Botanical Gardens, Snake Temple, the Kek Lok Si Temple, the Night Markets of Batu Ferringhi, Orang Utan Island, Chinatown, Batik Colouring Workshop, Islamic Arts Museum, Batu Caves, KL Tower ,“Wayang Kulit’ performance, Taman Negara Resort , a night jungle walk in the 130 million years old tropical rainforest, the Elephant Conservation Centre , Sunway Lagoon Theme Park and Malacca a historical city.

I would like to thank the students for their outstanding behaviour and enthusiastically using their Indonesian. Mr Glover, Mrs James and Mr Smith our teachers from MHS who generously gave up their holidays to come on the trip with us and everyone, including the parents, for making it such a memorable and enjoyable time and being a joy to travel with. It will certainly go down as a highlight of my teaching career. Stay tuned for the next trip, hopefully during 2013.

Sampai Nanti!

Mrs Allen
Indonesian Teacher





Terima kasih banyak siswa, orang tua, guru, Askme, Bapak dan GET Tours !



LANGUAGE BULLETIN AUGUST 2011

***If you talk to a man in a language he understands,
that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his language,
that goes to his heart.
(Nelson Mandela)***



Our language faculty has been a hive of activity of the past few months with staff changes, the HSC and cultural activities being enjoyed by our students.

We would like to welcome Mrs Kris Horan to our faculty who has been appointed as our permanent French teacher. She will also be teaching Year 11 Japanese this year. Mrs Horan comes from a strong language teaching background and our students will benefit from her knowledge and enthusiasm for language teaching. Thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Speight, our casual teachers who filled this role during semester one, for your dedication to our students and assistance in our faculty.

Mrs Raby continues teaching German with Miss Schmalhausen, our German assistant teacher, assisting Mrs Raby till the end of 2011. Ms Martinez is working with Mrs Horan and teaching some of our Year 8 French classes. Mrs Allen continues to teach Indonesian and Japanese and will also continue in the role of relieving head teacher till the end of term 3 when Mr Glover returns to our faculty. I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication to making language study for our students enjoyable and enriching.

Activities our students have been involved in languages are overseas trips: the Indonesian classes spent two weeks in Malaysia with Mrs Allen during the April school holidays and Mrs Raby will be taking French students in the coming September holidays to France for two weeks. German students have had a language enrichment day at Taronga Park Zoo and enjoy learning about Germany through Miss Schmalhausen. Indonesian classes are cooking Asian food and are making links with schools in NSW also studying Indonesian. Japanese classes will soon enjoy a visit from Keishin High School from Japan. Please see separate articles on some of these activities. We have the Trial HSC coming up soon for students studying German, Indonesian and Japanese and wish everyone well for their exam preparation and performance.

Some helpful websites for students studying languages include www.quizlet.com and <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/> and for our senior students please check out HSC online for your relevant languages as well as the Board of Studies website.

We would also like to pass on the sympathies of our faculty and students to the family of Mrs Milton who retired at the end of 2010 and sadly passed away recently. She was a very popular and dedicated teacher who will be remembered fondly.



*You live a new life for every new language you speak.
If you know only one language, you live only once.
(Czech proverb)*

**Coreena Allen
Relieving HT Languages**







SRC NEWS

Our industrious SRC had a productive term during Term 2 2011. The students of the SRC used all of their energy and creativity to use the whole term planning the popular M Factor concert. Auditions were held during the first few weeks of term with 15 acts going through to the concert night which was enjoyed by around 400 people. Acts included singing, bands, dancing, comedy, musicians and a 'thrilling' staff act. Over \$2000 was raised for the school on the night, with many thanks to everyone who made the event so successful. There were so many people involved from the school, contributing to a real buzz of school spirit...the performers, SRC, Sound and Lighting, students and staff, parents, judges, comperes, printing of tickets and programs, prizes and fundraising, to the Year 12 formal committee. Everyone who attended had a great evening where they were also introduced to the new school 'Moo Mascot'.

Don't forget the SRC will be running this term a NAME THE MOO (cow mascot) competition. Entries will be can be placed in a box in the library to name our Moo which will represent MHS during any kind of competition and event. We have a long tradition with the Might Moo, in support of our football team, now extending to all school teams and events across the school. Let the SRC know if you need some Moo support at your event!

Students from the SRC also participated in leadership workshops with World Vision and Sankar Siritharan and Flynn Comerford represented the school at regional and state levels of the SRC. The SRC also continues to be involved in fundraising for charity, service to the school and the community, environmental awareness and is taking care of our sponsor child Chen Da King who, from recent reports, is enjoying watermelon planting, looking after goats and tending to his studies. He says he needs to do a little better with dictation!

Our SRC term closed at the end of Term 2 so we had elections for our new SRC who will take over the reins from Wednesday Week 5, August 17th when we have our SRC Orientation Day in the Learning Centre. Soon after the outgoing SRC will receive certificates of service and the new SRC will receive badges on an assembly. We have really appreciated the efforts of the students, they never fail to amaze us with their school spirit and generosity of their time and effort to any cause or need presented to them. Congratulations to the outgoing SRC under the leadership of Reid Butler for a job outstandingly done, and to our newly elected SRC members who we are looking forward to working with over the coming year.

Thank you to all our SRC supporters and the staff involved with the SRC, through your support the atmosphere and environment of MHS continues to be a positive one.

SRC Support Staff

Coreena Allen,

Denise Hughes,

Melissa Crawford,

Priscilla Adei-Cardwell,

Megan Ridgeway,

Karen Gilbertson



“M Factor” 2011 Photos





SRC MEMBERS 2011-2012 INCOMING SRC

Year 7

Harrison Callen
Nicola DeJong
Rachel Ditton
Michael Campbell
Josiebel Cardona
Zac Welsh

Year 8

Abby Gallimore
Madalyn Walker
Olivia Stacey
Jayden Park
Kajana Nithiyananthan
Taylor Constantine

Year 9

Rachel Leonard
Zane Butler
Elizabeth Dorn
Arjun Raju
Edward Cottee
Brigitte Roman

Year 10

Lusungu (Lulu) Tembo
Casey Baldock
Kate Gagulic
Lily Iervasi
Erika Sorby
Damon Coull
Sankar Siritharan

Year 11

Flynn Comerford
Sally Spicer
Nick Hunter
Mikayla Ward
Ellen Bailey
Grace Dobinson

SRC MEMBERS 2010- 2011 OUTGOING SRC

Year 8

Romy Church
Abby Gallimore
Kain O'Dea
Madalyn Walker
Taylor Constantine
Ella Cannon

Year 9

Rachel Leonard
Arjun Raju
Oran Krynda
Edward Cottee
Brigitte Roman
Grace Thong

Year 10

Sankar Siritharan
Jack Wilks
Olivia Gallimore
Casey Baldock
Lusungu (Lulu) Tembo
Kate Gagulic

Year 11

Flynn Comerford
Tom Florence
Sally Spicer
Mark McAlary
Nathan Griffin
Mikayla Ward
Rowan Thambar

Year 12

Max Van Egmond
Brennan Fell
Reid Butler
Elloise Smith
Elizabeth Brain
Molly Zhuang
Lauren Brain



VAMPIRE SHIELD 2010-2011

The end of June 2011 marks the end of the Vampire Shield competition for 2011. This competition is open to schools that the Donormobile visits for the blood collection to the Red Cross Blood Service. Merewether High School has been very successful moving up the place getters ladder to first place and winning the shield in the Hunter Region with 224 donations - an excellent result. In the NSW and ACT competition the school was placed seventh.

Thank you to all the blood donors who attend the Donormobile and to family members who have their donation in the community added to the school's total. The school is not resting with our next Donormobile visit on Tuesday 16th August and the booking sheets filling up.

Denise Hughes
Donormobile Co-ordinator
SRC





TAS Faculty

Year 7 Junior Masterchef Excursion

Last Monday 1st August, Year 7 were very lucky to be invited to attend Junior Masterchef and sit in the audience. This great opportunity would not have been possible without our own Junior Masterchef James Shaunessy and of course Mrs. McCudden.

After a very early start, most of us had our alarm set for 4am, we boarded a bus at 5 am excited and a bit tired. This was a new experience for a lot of us kids and parents to see behind the curtains of a live television show. Once we were in the "Dome" at Homebush we were guided into the filming area where we were faced with lots of cameras, various kitchen items and lots of people. After we were seated the crew began filming. We soon realised that making a TV show is not as easy and clean as it looks from the comfort of your lounge room. The Judges were constantly being fed lines through an earpiece and mispronouncing their lines and words. Year 7 learnt lots about television and are all busting to tell everyone about the outcome of the days filming. Unfortunately we're not allowed to reveal much as we signed a confidentiality agreement to say we would not tell anyone. This was the first most of us ever heard about this type of agreement and of course we can't tell you how James went on the day. The contestants were amazing as they were cooking things that I had never heard of and using appliances that I've never heard of to make that perfect dish..... wish I could tell you more.

After an epic day of cooking and filming we were exhausted and happy to head home and no we didn't get a take-away bag with the contestants' food. After a long bus trip back to MHS our parents were waiting to pick us up and our beds awaiting us at home. Year 7 had an experience that not many others will ever get. Thanks again James and Mrs McCudden.

Harrison D Callen 7B



Vaccinations

Year 7 vaccinations for Hep B and HPV will take place on Friday September 9th. Any Year 10 students who missed previous vaccinations can catch up on this day.

Susanne Jeffreys
Head Teacher Welfare

NSW School Students Health Behaviours Survey

Merewether High School has been selected to take part in the NSW School Students' Health Behaviours Survey which explores the health behaviours and attitudes of secondary students in NSW. Results are used to provide information for the development of policies and programs designed to improve adolescent health. Classes 10B, 9G, 8N and 7C have been given information pamphlets and permission notes for parents/caregivers to sign and return as soon as possible. The survey will be conducted during period one on Tuesday August 30th.

Support Unit News

Multi Sports Day Wednesday 8th June students from the Support Unit attended a Multi Sports Day organised by the School Sport Unit at The Forum, University of Newcastle. Over 250 students from the Hunter and Central Coast participated in a variety of team and individual sports. Merewether students commenced the day warming up playing soccer then on to hone their golf swing with a few well placed putts. Softball was popular with some great fielding as fly balls were caught. Tennis was the last activity for the day being an indoor activity with large soft balls. The students all benefited from the day's activities and were keen participants.

Waste as Art The Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland is hosting this annual competition with art created from waste and recycled materials. There are age divisions with items in primary and secondary age divisions as well as the open division. The students had an opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award which was difficult with the standard of art on display. Some of their favourite works included the brightly coloured lorikeet in a cage covered with foil easter egg wrappers; a butterfly made with lids from milk and juice drinks; a shovel spider; a dress made with pleated drink labels; and a metal dog with its own poop scooper. The students are keen to use their recycling and creative skills and enter the 2012 competition.

Denise Hughes
Class teacher



Georgina and Malcom are fielding while Sophie is getting ready to bat



Katelyn and Veronica are ready to hit the ball over the net



Veronica, Emma and James are practising their golfing skills



Lizzie, Sophie and Malcom check out the cardboard dog, on the cardboard mat and box chewing the cardboard shoe



Mrs Onslow is showing Malcom the dress she is going to vote for in the People's Choice Award



The students all admired the pelican made from bike parts and old blinds



Term 2 – CAPA Events

A Choral Collective

On Tuesday 31st March **MHS Vocal Ensemble** performed at an evening of Choral Music at the Hunter Theatre – Hunter School of Performing Arts (HSPA). Other choirs that performed at this event included choirs from HSPA, Warners Bay High and The Hunter Singers. They had a fantastic sound and performed with great proficiency.



Starstruck

Merewether High School contributed some amazing talent to Starstruck 2011 – ‘*Capture the Moment*’. 15 very excited **vocalists** formed part of the 500 strong **Core Choir** at Starstruck, **Emma Elsley** –Year 9 was a backing vocalist and the following students were members of the Starstruck Band - **Rees Carman** and **Shaun Chambers** (both Year 12), **Lachlan Gan** and **Ed Johnson** (both Year 11) – brass section, **Beau Evans** (Year 12) - Woodwind, **Tracey Luo** (Year 12) – Strings, **Genevieve Fair** (Year 11) - Key-board and **Hugh Lightbody** (Year 12) – Percussion. This was a fantastic experience for all involved.





Muswellbrook Eisteddfod

At 6:30am on Tuesday 21st June, 62 students embarked on a 2 hour journey to Muswellbrook High School to perform in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. It was a highly successful day with all ensembles taking out a place.

1st - Vocal Ensemble – 2 contrasting songs section and the Theatre Music section

1st - “8 Hands” (Four Year 10 students) – Instrumental Ensemble section

2nd – String Ensemble – Orchestra Section

3rd – Concert Band – Concert Band Section

Highly Commended – Junior Jazz Ensemble – Instrumental Ensemble section





Year 12 HSC Music Evening at Lizotte's

Tuesday 28th June saw Year 12 HSC Music students perform to a packed audience of family, friends, MHS staff and Instrumental Tutors. Whilst the audience enjoyed fine dining, it was the high calibre of performances from our HSC students that was the feature of the evening. This evening gave students the opportunity to gain performance experience and overcome and manage performance anxiety. It was a wonderful evening that all involved enjoyed!





Drama



Shakespeare In-School Festival was held in Week 1, this term. Year 9 and 10 Elective Drama students performed in the following categories: duologue, group and mash up. The successful students from this In-School Festival performed for a parent evening, and from that evening, four students were then selected for the Regional Shakespeare Festival at HSPA. Unfortunately, two students were unable to attend, however Sarah Willing and Rosie Iervasi both of Year 10 found the Regional Festival to be a great experience.

The Comedy Festival was held in MHS's Learning Centre on 27th June. Year 9 and 10 drama students were involved. This Performance Night was held to enable parents to see their child on the stage, highlighting the term's work in devising comedy script writing and performance skills.

Theatre Sports Workshop Day – 28th June, Year 9 and 10 Drama.

This workshop entailed skill development in both physical and vocal theatre along with participation in selected Theatre Sports games. The outcome of this event, is that two teams will be selected to perform at the Hunter Impro Challenge at Maitland Repertory later this year.

Visual Arts



Merewether Portrait Prize - The opening of this exhibition was held on Wednesday evening 15th June. A fantastic collection of portraits of staff created by Year 11 Visual Arts students were on display. The artforms of drawing, painting and digital media were explored. Parents and friends voted for their favourite on the evening and students and staff were then given the opportunity to vote over the next week. The winner was the digital media portrait of Mrs Gilbertson by Aleksandra Daniel.



Posh Concert

Tuesday

30th August 2011

7pm

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U/15 Boys Bill Turner Cup KO Competition 2011

Area 6D NNSW Zone Champions



Winning team with Patron Bill Turner (82 years old) after beating CC Waratah 5-0 in the Area 6D NNSW Final.

This year has been one of the most successful years in the competition for some years, when only last week the team from Merewether HS were beaten by Maitland Grossmann HS 3-2 in the Hunter Regional Final. That placed them in the last 35 of the National Competition (Eastern States) out of around 400 other teams who entered this year.

During the season, Merewether HS had the following results:

Round 1 v Kotara HS 7-0 win (goal scorers B Frost 3, D. Burns 2, J.Harden)

Round 2 v St Philips CC 3-2 win in extra time (goal scorers M. Squires(pen), L. Spurway 2)

Round 3 v St Pius X 2-0 win (goal scorers H.Lorang, D.Burns)

Round 4 v CC Waratah 5-0 win (goal scorers L. Spurway, J. Harden, D.Burns, D.Spencer, J.Roman)

Round 5 v Maitland Grossmann HS 2-3 loss (goal scorers D.Burns, B.Frost)

Overall, the team not only displayed a commitment to the game but the school in the sporting arena as it played with true sportsmanship, dedication and enthusiasm. Congratulations go all players on their attitude and efforts throughout the competition. Well done.

Team Squad: Liam Spurway 9, Alec Lewandowski 9, Josh Terry 9, Peter Mullard 9, Lachlan Argiris 9, Michael Squires 9, James Roman 9, Nathan Cleary 9, Larson Hoffman 9, Declan Spencer 9, Hamish Lorang 9, Declan Burns 10, Angus Lim 10, Brendan Frost 8, Jack Harden 8, Josh Fellowes 9 and Henry Wilson 9.

Bruce O'Donnell
Coach



2012-13 SPORTS TOUR

Planning is well under way for MHS's 9th International Sports Tour – a venture that is our most challenging to date as we endeavour to provide the 'experience-of-a-lifetime' to almost 70 students with 2 separate tours on offer.

While 'host schools' are in the process of being sourced by tour staff, preliminary venues include:

Tour 1 – boys and girls soccer teams – England, Scotland, Germany, France & Dubai

Tour 2 – boys rugby, girls netball & hockey teams – England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, France, Dubai

Tour members have been working hard sourcing prizes for fundraising activities and we held a very successful Trivia Night in June. Future activities will include a Movie Night, Zumba Night, A Gaming Night, 'John Earl' Art Exhibition and a Monster Book Fair. All members of the MHS school community are welcome to support these activities.

Tour members have also been successful in securing some extremely generous sponsorships and donations. A big THANK YOU goes to our major sponsor **Robert Crawford Real Estate** and all other businesses that have provided financial support to the tours.

A major part of the tour commitment is the hosting of visiting schools when they are 'on tour' and we would like to thank the host families for the hospitality they showed our English visitors recently. Windsor Boys High School visited for 3 nights in the last week of the school holidays and Newcastle Royal Grammar School stayed last weekend. Both 'hostings' were a huge success and many students on Tour 2 will have the opportunity to renew the friendships they developed when Newcastle RGS reciprocate and billet our students in January 2013.



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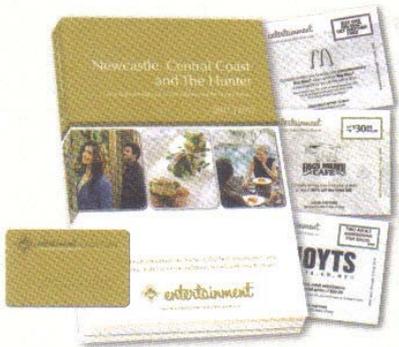
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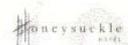
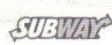
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Hunter Valley

- Amanda's on the Edge
 - The Cellar Restaurant
 - Roberts Restaurant
 - Esca Bimbadgen
 - Il Cacciatore
- and many more...*

Port Stephens

- Rock Lobster
 - Ritual Restaurant
 - The Point
 - Depz
- and many more...*

Casual Restaurant and Family Dining

Newcastle

- Queens Wharf Brewery
 - The Junction Hotel
 - Mary Ellen Hotel
 - The Dockyard
 - Euro Patisserie
 - Mucho's Mexican
 - Hog's Breath Cafe Newcastle
 - Hippo Espresso
 - Beach Hotel
 - Honeysuckle Hotel
 - The Delany
 - 2 Blend
 - Longbench on Darby
 - Prince of Wales
 - Italian Kitchen At The Lambton Park Hotel
- and many more...*

Port Stephens

- Hog's Breath Cafe Nelson Bay
 - Aquablu
 - The Wood Oven
 - Mermaids Bistro
- and many more...*

Hunter Valley

- Hog's Breath Cafe Maitland
 - The Windsor Castle
 - Bradford Hotel
 - Swill N' Grill at The Australian Hotel
 - The Belmore
 - Peden's Hotel
 - Cessnock Hotel
 - Bushrangers Bar and Brasserie
 - Potters Brewery
- and many more...*

Arts, Sports and Attractions

- Newcastle Knights
 - Greater Union Cinemas
 - Superstrike
 - Hunter Ice Skating Stadium
 - Sydney Aquarium
 - Luna Park
 - Australian Reptile Park
 - Hunter Valley Gardens
 - Strike Bowling
 - Taronga Zoo
- and many more...*

Informal Dining and Takeaway

- McDonald's
 - Hungry Jack's
 - Brumby's
 - Subway
 - Eagle Boys Pizza
 - Krispy Kreme
 - Cold Rock Ice Creamery
 - Nando's
- and many more...*

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***School Uniforms**

**** TAX**

DEDUCTIBLE

from 1. July 2011

* Only the "Approved" school uniform, available from the school shop, is tax deductible.

** From 1. July 2011, 50% of the cost of the "Approved" school uniform will now be included in education expenses up to a maximum of \$1558.00 P.A.

This applies to all persons eligible for family tax benefit(Part A).



amounts from the Commissioner's discretionary power regarding the application of payments, credits and RBA surpluses against tax debts.

Schedule 6 contains no application provision, although according to the table in clause 2 to the Bill, Schedule 6 commences on 1 July 2011.

AMENDMENT DATED 23/2/2011

Schedule 7—Education expenses tax offset (uniforms)

Background

The Rudd Government announced the Education Tax Refund on 18 October 2007 as part of its *Tax Plan for Australia's Future*.⁴⁴ On 13 July 2010 Prime Minister Gillard announced that the refund would be expanded to include the cost of school uniforms.⁴⁵

Under the Education Tax Refund eligible parents can currently claim a 50 per cent refund for up to \$780 of education expenses for primary school children (a refund of up to \$390), and up to \$1558 for secondary school children (a refund of up to \$779).⁴⁶ Subsection 61-640(4) of the ITAA 1997 contains a table listing claimable items, which includes computers, home internet, textbooks and trade tools for secondary school trade courses.⁴⁷ Under section 61-620 of that Act, only persons eligible for Family Tax Benefit (Part A)⁴⁸ are eligible for the Education Tax Refund.

Main provisions

Item 1 of the Schedule 7 adds a new table item 7 at the end of the table in subsection 61-640(4), to allow a deduction for the cost of clothing and footwear that is required or approved by a school as its school uniform.

Item 2 applies the amendment to expenses incurred on or after 1 July 2011.

44. K Rudd, S Smith, W Swan, *A tax plan for Australia's Future – Labor's \$2.5 billion education tax refund*, Media statement, 18 October 2007, viewed 25 January 2011.

<http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/search/display?display=wspage;file=per-cent3A-per-cent22media-per-cent2Fpressrel-per-cent2F01-0136-per-cent22>

45. J Gillard (Prime Minister), *Gillard Government to ease schools' costs with new tax refund for school uniforms*, joint press release, 13 July 2010, viewed 25 January 2011.

<http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlinfo/search/display?display=wspage;file=per-cent3A-per-cent22media-per-cent2Fpressrel-per-cent2F11-080-per-cent22>

46. The amount claimable is indexed under subdivision 960-M of the ITAA 1997.

47. For more detailed information about the operation of the Education Tax Refund, see:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/00166448.htm>

48. The Family Tax Benefit provisions are contained in the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1995* and the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1995*.

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Merewether High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

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MONDAY	8 th	12noon - 4:00pm
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<i>SNR White Blouses</i>	\$27.00			
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<i>Navy Slacks</i>	\$38.00			
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<i>Beltloop Shorts</i>	\$35.00			
<i>Elastic Waist Shorts</i>	\$35.00			
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EVENT DIARY

	Wednesday 3 August 2011 - 23 September 2011
Wed 3/8	Year 11 (2012) Information Booklets issued to Year 10 Extension Course applications issued to Year 10 Year 11 Chemistry Assessment Task U14/U16 Rugby Union @ Waratah Park - all day
Thu 4/8	Australian Mathematics Competition FH12 Launch
Fri 5/8	Jeans for Genes - SRC
Tue 9/8	Year 8 Parent Learning Group - 9:00-10:30 - Learning Centre Year 7 Mathematics task - in-class
Wed 10/8	Stage 5 (2012) Booklets issued to Year 8
Thu 11/8	Trial HSC exams commence - 2 weeks
Fri 12/8	City Zone Netball Gala Bulletin on website Year 10 girls - UTS - Engineering Day
Mon 15/8	9:00 HSC PIPS deadline 9:00 HSC Major Textiles projects deadline Year 12 (2012) course information books issued to Year 11 Extension Course applications issued to current Year 11
Tue 16/8	ICAS Mathematics test Donormobile - Blood Bank Year 9 Parent Learning Group - 9.00-10.30 - Learning Centre DEA meeting - 6:00pm - Library P & C meeting - 7:30pm - Library
Wed 17/8	Support Unit Camp - Pt Wolstoncroft - day 1/3 SRC Orientation - all day - Learning Centre
Thu 18/8	Support Unit Camp - Pt Wolstoncroft - day 2/3
Fri 19/8	9:00 HSC English Extension 2 projects deadline Year 10 Math - Maitland - 6 - all day Support Unit Camp - Pt Wolstoncroft - day 3/3 Year 10 Kurri Kurri TAFE
Mon 22/8	9:00 HSC Drama Individual Projects deadline Keishin HS visit
Tue 23/8	Trial HSC exams conclude Year 11 (2012) Course Information Evening - 7:00pm - MPC
Fri 26/8	Year 7 Science - Rain Reaction - pds 1/2 Year 8 Science - Rock Me Galileo - pds 3/4
Sun 28/8	Newcastle Jazz Festival - 11:00-11:30am
Mon 29/8	9:00 HSC D&T Major Projects deadline 9:00 HSC Visual Arts BOWs deadline D&T itinerant marking commences Year 11 (2012) Course selections due



EVENT DIARY

Tue 30/8	Year 7 Board Meetings POSH Concert - Conservatorium
Wed 31/8	Year 7 Board Meetings Year 9 (2012) Course Information Evening - 7:00pm - MPC
September	
Thu 1/9	Year 7 Board Meetings Year 11 Final exams to 13/9/11
Fri 2/9	Year 9 Science guest speaker - 1:20-2:30 HSC Drama marking - Learning Centre - 8:35-2:35
Mon 5/9	HSC Music essays deadline Year 12 students sign off raw assessment data Year 9 (2012) Course selections due
Thu 8/9	NSWCHS Athletics @ Homebush - 1/3
Fri 9/9	NSWCHS Athletics @ Homebush - 2/3 Immunization - Year 10
Sat 10/9	NSWCHS Athletics @ Homebush - 3/3
Mon 12/9	Year 12 Eng Extension - Town Hall - 30 - 8:30-3:15
Tue 13/9	Year 7 Parent Learning Group - 9:00-10:30 - Learning Centre
Wed 14/9	Year 12 (2012) Information Evening - 7:00pm - MPC
Thu 15/9	Year 8 Board Meetings
Fri 16/9	Year 12 (2012) Course selections due Year 8 Board Meetings Bulletin on website
Mon 19/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement - 1/5
Tue 20/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement - 2/5 DEA meeting - 6:00pm - Library P & C meeting - 7:30pm - Library Trial SC tests - MPC Year 8 Board Meetings
Wed 21/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement - 3/5 Year 12 reports issued Year 12 Formal - Jockey Club - 6:00pm
Thu 22/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement - 4/5 Trial SC tests - MPC Year 12 Welfare Day
Fri 23/9	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement - 5/5 Year 12 Formal Assembly - 11:00 - MPC Last day Term 3



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