



Diary Dates

P&C Meeting - Tuesday 21st
August - 7:30-Library

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Coming Events

22nd August - Year 10
(Year 11 2013) Elective
Choices

28th August – Year 8
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Choices

29th August - POSH
Concert Uniting Church
Hall –7:30

13th September - Year 7
(Year 8 2013) - elective
choices 5.30pm

13th September - Year 9
(Year 10 2013) -
accelerated courses -
6.30pm

13th September - Year
11 (Year 12 2013) - HSC
Extension Courses, ATAR
and BOS requirements -
7.30pm

Principal's Report



Sankare Siritharan, Huw Scanes (Northmead HS) and Cheryl Best.

Sankare Siritharan of Year 11, featured in the Director-General for a Day program during Education Week. The program provides opportunities for secondary school students to learn about the challenges and satisfactions of working in senior management in the Department and allows students to find out how educational policy relates to schools. Sankare travelled to Bridge Street State Office to shadow Cheryl Best, the NSW Department of Education and Communities' General Manager, Learning and Development.

Congratulations:

- * Open Girls' Soccer Team who are in the final four of the state knockout competition.
- * 15 years boys' cross country team, second in the state.
- * Year 8 Debating Team – regional final.
- * All athletes who are off to State Championships on the 6th – 8th September at Homebush.



Frank Potter, Relieving Regional Director, Bryony Beal and Laura Vilenski from Narara Valley High School.

As part of the Director for a Day program, Bryony Beal of Year 11 spent a day shadowing Mr Frank Potter as Regional Director for a Day. Bryony and Laura's account of the day follows:

Our first visit was to Callaghan College Jesmond Campus to participate in their Education Week Celebrations. With our new celebrity status we presented awards to students from the Callaghan College Pathways schools and enjoyed several performances from the combined choir, band and Aboriginal dance group. After a delicious morning tea provided by the hospitality students, we were taken on a tour of the school by the School Captain.

Next stop was Heaton Public School where we were invited to watch performances by the gifted and talented choir, an amazing boys' dance group and an equally talented mixed dance group.

After congratulating them for their efforts and hard work we moved on to Wallsend Public School where we made a new friend, Ashton from kindergarten who showed us around his school. Many other students were proud to show us their badges recognising the school's 150th anniversary.

Next stop was to Glendore Public School where we were provided a lovely lunch and were tempted to join in the various sporting activities the children were participating in.

After an exhausting day we returned to the Adamstown Office to learn a little more about the daily life of the Regional and School Education Directors. Throughout the day we had an amazing experience and taste of what leadership within education requires.

We would like to thank Mr Frank Potter and Mrs Lisa Muir for letting us experience a day in your life. It has been an invaluable opportunity and a day enjoyed by all. Observing education leaders' involvement in the community has been inspiring and we both hope to one day use this experience to benefit future generations and help us achieve our own dreams.



Year 12

As Year 12 move into the final few months of secondary schooling I would like to take the opportunity to wish all students the very best in their preparations for the Higher School Certificate. Currently the Trial Higher School Certificate is being completed. The last few weeks after the Trials and prior to the end of Term 3 are vitally important in the final preparations for the Higher School Certificate. All Year 12 need to ensure they attend all classes and use the time appropriately.

Year 11

In the next few weeks Year 11 will complete their end of the Preliminary Course examinations. All students should be working consistently towards these exams ensuring they are developing the skills necessary to support them as they move into their final year of schooling. To support Year 11 as they start their Year 12 studies a Learning Conference will be held on the first day of Term 4. The conference will look at the areas of study skills, time management and maximising your marks. Past students will talk to Year 11 about the lessons they learnt as a result of completing the HSC.

School Development Day, Term 3

The School Development Day held on Friday 20th July focused on Gifted and Talented Education with staff looking at the implications for programming and teaching and learning. Susen Smith from the UNSW presented in the morning and staff worked as faculty groups after lunch on using the information to better inform their teaching and learning programs.

The areas covered on the day were:

- * Underachieving – gifted students think divergently/feel differently
- * Asynchrony – intellectual, emotional and physical ages are often different
- * Self-awareness – generate and identify ideas of their affective characteristics and personality traits
- * Strong opinions/tunnel vision – rejects norms, expresses own opinions, sometimes in an inappropriate way
- * Superior language – superior vocabulary, good verbal skills, critical thinker, retains information easily, long attention span, absentmindedness, low interest in detail
- * Often forced to choose between friendship and achievement
- * Derive from all social and cultural groups – hence express characteristics associated with their background, familial origins, heritage
- * Strong willed and early independence – very clear view of how things should be, deeply felt need for self-determination, tendency to question authority
- * Creative – preference for unusual, original and creative responses, independent, difficulty accepting help from others
- * Emotional intensity – extremes of emotions, both negative and positive resulting in emotional frustrations
- * Dual exceptionality – hidden giftedness, disorganised, untidy, poor planners
- * Advanced sense of humour – same-age peers do not understand, gifted child is confused by the lack of response
- * Perfectionism – desire to be perfect, fear of not being perfect, sense that personal acceptance hinges on perfection, extremely hurt by comments/criticism, critical of self &/or others
- * Moral consciousness – advanced sense of fairness and justice, high degree of sensitivity to moral issues, moral logic, empathy for others, over excitability (psychomotor, sensual, intellectual, imaginal, emotional needs)
- * Profoundly gifted
- * Resilient
- * Supportive home environment



Deputy Principal's Report

There has been plenty of activity in the school over recent weeks.

Parent Learning Groups have met this term for Year 7, 8 and 9 with focus areas being the consistency in assessment across the junior school, curriculum studies in Science and PDHPE and also building resilience in our young people. Having started in my role as Deputy Principal at Merewether High School in Term 2, I have really enjoyed this opportunity to meet parents and discuss with you the areas of need, to support students in achieving their best. It was great to see so many people in attendance across the 3 scheduled meetings and your feedback in identifying further areas and topics for future meetings is both appreciated and welcome. The booklets (whilst not a full representation of the presentation) are available following the meetings along with dates of future parent learning groups on the school website.

All students across Years 7, 8 and 9 have recently received via their school email account, a copy of their Term 3 Assessment Calendar. This is an important planning tool for all students to ensure they can maintain high standards through good planning. Students are encouraged to use this calendar along with their diary to continue to strengthen their time management and organisational skills. Student email accounts are used regularly by the school to distribute important information to students. It is good practice for students to check this regularly to ensure they do not miss out on important information and fantastic opportunities that are often communicated via student email.

My congratulations must go out to Zac Nickel in Year 8 who confidently gave a fantastic presentation to the whole school during NAIDOC week celebrations. Zac shared with our school community some insight into the history of Aboriginal Australia, the pioneers of equality for Aboriginal people in Charlie Perkins and Eddie Mabo and the future of our country that is in the hands of our young leaders. Zac spoke about the role of the tent embassy and the legacy of culture and respect that has been built by Aboriginal Elders and continues to live and prosper in the Aboriginal students in our classrooms today. In addition to Zac's presentation, we were also privileged to have Mr Ken Weatherall of the Mulloobinbah Aboriginal Education Consultative Group speak to our assembly along with our special guests from Ngukurr Art Centre in the Roper region of Arnhem Land. Wally Wilfred (Ngukurr Artist) presented 2 of his art works and discussed the cultural meaning, history and story in his work with the students. Of special note was Wally's presentation not only in English but also in his traditional Aboriginal language of Wagilak. In an era where there is real concern over the disappearance of many traditional Aboriginal Languages, it was heartening to hear that in the Aboriginal community of Ngukurr, the traditional languages are being re-learnt and shared across generations to ensure these languages live long into the future. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear this language spoken and to see the artworks in the context of its cultural and linguistic origins.



Ngukurr Arts Aboriginal Corporation

The Chess Team, have also been doing really well in the Hunter Branch of the NSW School Chess Tournament. Any students with an interest in playing or learning how to play chess are invited to attend the chess club on Fridays. The group meets upstairs in the library at lunchtime. The team consisting of Damon Coull, Darcy Graves, Zephan Thambar and Asa Sire, are playing their next round against Avondale School on Wednesday 20th August and we wish them luck.

Nadene Harvey
Deputy Principal



Achievements



Tristan Muir attended Monash University for a 2 week residential program in January this year with 21 other Year 11/12 students from around Australia (including Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide).

Tristan was the only student from the Hunter Region. The students were selected from approximately 2,000 students who attempted the entry examinations last August.

They participated in a series of Physics lectures, tutorials and study session co-ordinated by the Australian Science Innovations (based in the A.C.T) and supported by tutors from Monash Uni.

The workload was quite extensive as they covered the entire 1st year University program in the subjects of Physics, requiring the students to work between 9am and 10pm most days.

They also had opportunities to socialise and network with each other and Tristan made many friends as part of this experience, From this cohort, 8 students were selected to attend the Asian Physics Olympiad in New Delhi.

Although Tristan did not progress to the next level, he found it a valuable experience, both academically and as an opportunity to meet students from many other parts of Australia.

A very big congratulations to former student Jessica McGuinness who placed first in the State in Hospitality in 2011. She has just been awarded the Australian Vocational Student Prize for her Hospitality Studies. She is the only student from Newcastle who achieved this award for 2011. Jessica is currently studying Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Newcastle and plans to use her prize money to pay for an overseas work placement and to pay for her textbooks.



Julie D'Amico
VET Co-Ordinator



Harry Johnson-Holmes, Year 9, was selected to play for NSW U15 Rugby Union team after playing in the City V Country Championships.

Congratulations Harry.

Woolworths Earn & Learn & Coles Sport for your School Programs

A BIG Thankyou to all who have contributed to these programs. This program is run to benefit our students with classroom and sporting equipment.

Year 7 Vaccinations

The last scheduled day for Year 7 vaccinations will take place on Friday 7th September. Students who returned forms earlier this year will receive their Hepatitis B injections. Female students will also receive their final dose of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Students will still need to bring all requirements for each lesson as they should only miss part of a lesson during the day.

Wendy Rosser
Supervisor of Female Students



Merewether High Hospitality Students, *Cooking for a Cause*

On 14th June the OzHarvest Newcastle team came to Merewether High School to accept winter soups made by our Year 11 Hospitality students. OzHarvest is an organisation which collects otherwise unused foods from commercial kitchens and supermarkets, and delivers it to 50 charities in our local community.

The students created seven winter soups consisting of vegetable, bacon and risoni; pumpkin; chicken and corn; hearty vegetable; chunky potato, corn and bacon; tomato and capsicum and hearty chicken and vegetable which were stored in 13 four litre containers and 68 individual servings. All food collected by the OzHarvest van is weighed and our total was 80kg of soup!

On the day of the collection we were notified of the charities which would be accepting our soup delivery and it was quite humbling to hear of the men, women and children we were helping.

The students were so excited about the opportunity to use their cooking skills to help those people who struggle with food security and to also help to 'spread the word' of the wonderful work that OzHarvest does in our local community. The event received very positive publicity through the Newcastle Herald, NBN News and on the OzHarvest Newcastle's Facebook page.



We hope to conduct the "cooking for a cause" soup initiative and support members of the community who are less fortunate every year as part of the Hospitality program.

Wendy Rosser
Hospitality Teacher





Trumpet & Trombone Players NEEDED!!!

The MHS Stage Band (formerly Senior Jazz Band) desperately needs trumpet and trombone players! All of our current trumpeters and trombonists are in Year 12 and will soon be leaving us and we need YOU!!! If you have an interest in Jazz music and are approximately Grade 3 or higher on your instrument, Mrs McClure would really like to see you. This high achieving ensemble is widely regarded throughout the school and community and is often called upon to perform at many local and state events throughout the year. The band has a lot of fun together and rehearse Monday lunch in KM1. We hope to see you soon!!!



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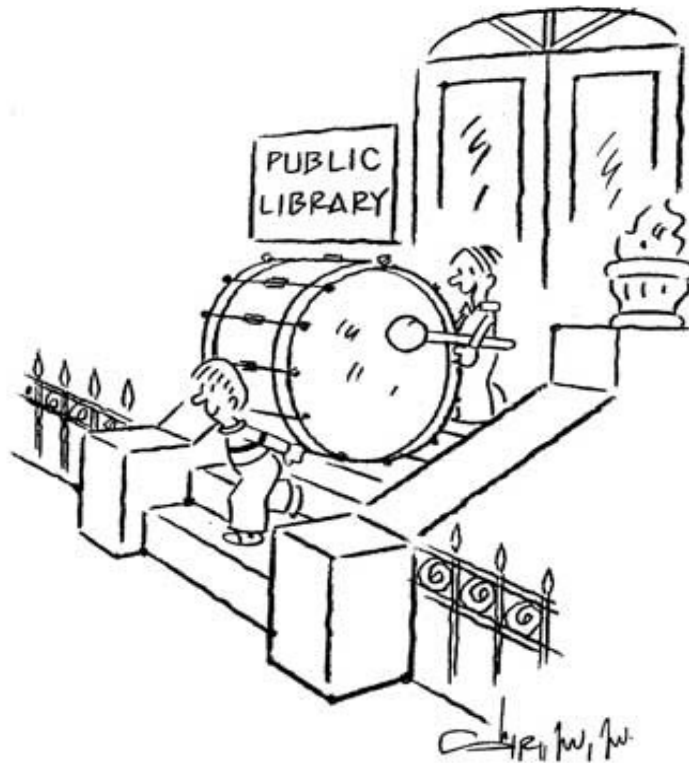


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New Music Group!



"They'll be talking about that for years!"

MHS Percussion Ensemble

Do you like bashing and crashing drums?

Are you in Year 7?

Are you able to read a little bit of music?

If yes, then WE WANT YOU!!!!!!

Come Tuesday Lunch KM1 and have a go!



English Faculty

June and July were very busy months with students participating in numerous writing and poetry competitions. We would like to congratulate the following students for submitting their entries and we wish them luck as the judges deliberate:

- ▶ Oliver Ray who entered the Future Leaders writing competition.
- ▶ Isobel Stoodley who entered the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer competition
- ▶ Freya Dastoor who entered the What Matters? competition.
- ▶ Britta Meanie who entered the Write4Fun competition.
- ▶ Josephine Goldman, Kyle Knight, Olivia Gallimore, and Melanie Mitrevski who entered the Dorothea Mackellar poetry competition.
- ▶ Kate Miskin, Freya Dastoor, Nikola Jakanovic, Kip Hamiltons, Joel Blackall, Daniel Pearson and Milonee Shah who entered the Written Portraits competition. Special mention must be given to Freya Dastoor and Kip Hamiltons who received notification that their entries have been short listed. Winners will be announced in October.

The ICAS Spelling and Writing competitions were held on Tuesday 19th June and the English competition was held on Tuesday 31st July. We wish all our participants well and will announce results as we receive them.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in its last month. We would like to remind students to complete their entry logs online at www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au before 30th August for validation. Congratulations to Timothy Whelan and Sean Kim who have completed the challenge.

Two new competitions have opened:

- ▶ The Charles Sturt University Creative Writing Competition is open to students in Years 10-12. Students can visit www.csu.edu.au/cwc for more information. The competition closes 21st September.
- ▶ Write4Fun has opened a second competition this year. The competition is open to all students. Students can write either a poem or short story on a theme of their choice. Students can enter online at www.write4fun.net.

In closing, we were fortunate enough to have Karen Crofts, Director of Hunter Writers' Centre visit our school on Wednesday 8th August and offer 15 of our students in Years 9 and 10 a creative writing workshop. Melanie Mitrevski, Lachlan Patey, Bronte Gavey, Ella Cannon, Madison Crouch, Aidan Heusz, Rose Cox, Jemima Webber, Brittany Aitken, Phoebe Hickson, Eliza Onion, Claudia King, Cameron Allan, Caitlin Hayes and Jack Moran, took part in the workshop. We will report more on this special event in the next Bulletin.



CAPA



Hunter Singers have recently returned from a wonderful tour to the USA where they participated in the World Choir Games in Cincinnati, winning one gold and two silver diplomas. The regional choir has been proud ambassadors for public schools in the Hunter region for 23 years. The 2012 tour was the eighth international tour for the highly acclaimed group.

For the 2012 tour there were 30 singers aged 12-18 from seven government high schools, along with tutors, of parents. The Merewether HS staff and a small cheer squad students were Emma Elsley, Tom Gilbertson, Cassandra Hallett, Zachary Hamilton-Russell, Madeline Newland, Britteny Smith and Ezekiel Weedon. They were great ambassadors for Merewether High School, their families and the region and are to be congratulated for the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the tour.

The tour started in New York, where the group attended concerts and workshops and also presented a concert in St John the Divine Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world! It was certainly exciting to fill the vast space with our beautiful sound.

Tom Gilbertson from Merewether HS wrote: Going to New York for the second time was incredible and reloaded my love for the city. New York has so much to offer like the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Modern Art, not to mention the shops. The Kearsney College Choir workshop was fun and taught us about how to sing traditional African songs. The Kearsney College Choir made such a whole noise and used their instruments to support their songs. When "Team Victory" caught the subway to SoHo we had some great shopping experiences as well as a great cultural experience at a traditional French restaurant called Balthazar. New York City is the best city in the world!!!

Next stop was Washington DC for a tour of the Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery. We had the great honour of performing in the Memorial Amphitheatre at Arlington a work specially written for our tour, based on a quote from Robert F Kennedy when he heard of the death of Martin Luther King. It was so moving to perform the work close to where Kennedy is buried. The work was written by Julie and Paul Bevan, and they were there with us for the performance.



The main focus of the tour was the World Choir Games, being held for the first time in the United States. Cincinnati was completely turned over for the running of the WCG and it was an eagerly anticipated event in the city's calendar. There were 20,000 choristers from 362 choirs representing 80 countries at the games - a logistical nightmare! Competitions were run simultaneously in several varied venues and the locals turned out in droves to witness the choral offerings.

Hunter Singers participated in three categories: Musica Sacra, Mixed Youth Choir and Popular Choral. They had to prepare four songs for each category. As the director of the group it was really exciting to see the group work so hard in the rehearsals on the day of the Musica Sacra performance. There was a great sense of determination as the group came together as a unit to produce their very best sound. This was the performance for which Hunter Singers received the Gold Diploma - and Hunter Singers was the only Australian choir in 2012 to receive a gold award. The gold standard means that we can compete in future events in the Championship strand of the World Choir Games and other competitions.

Sometimes something special happens when all the elements of what you are trying to achieve come together, and that certainly occurred on the day of our Musica Sacra competition. We had a standing ovation, and this was so unexpected that the young singers were moved to tears!

Of course there was some fun on tour as well, with a trip to Disneyland and a great performance for Disney Performing Arts. Even the heat wave conditions couldn't 'dampen' the enthusiasm and commitment of the Hunter Singers. They truly represented our region with pride.

Touring brings out the best in performers and it was a privilege to be part of watching the young singers mature and grow as the tour developed.





CAPA REPORT

The CAPA department has had an extraordinarily busy time, with great performances and exhibitions highlighting the talents of Merewether High School students.

The Year 9 CAPA night was held on 26 July and the students excelled themselves, demonstrating the development of their skills and the higher order thinking required to produce such quality work.

The Year 11 Portrait Prize exhibition revealed the depth of student understanding of portraiture, with many outstanding works displayed.

The Year 10 Drama presentation of *Anna* was quite extraordinary and audiences over two nights were treated to an insightful journey into many issues affecting students today.

Merewether HS music ensembles achieved great results in the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod on Monday 18 June, with the Concert Band, Vocal Ensemble, Junior Jazz Ensemble and String Ensemble achieving several first prizes.

The next event on the calendar is the POSH concert on Wednesday 29 August at the Adamstown Uniting Centre on Wednesday 29 August, commencing at 7pm. Each year this impressive concert is held to showcase the outstanding MHS music ensembles and the talent in Year 12 elective music classes. Every year the quality of performances continues to impress audiences and this is a great opportunity to see the best of what our students can do. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 concession, available at the door.

Congratulations to the talented staff who continue to make all these opportunities available for our students.



DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

It is important to note the excellent efforts of our Merewether High students in the Premier's Debating Challenge and the Junior Premier's Public Speaking Competition this year.

Year 12 and Year 11 students demonstrated great skill in debating this year despite their heavy workloads and commitments. Year 12 managed to proceed to the regional finals of the Premier's Debating challenge at Hunter River High. This team was made up by Caitlin Stuchbury, Ryan Liddle, Cameron Davy and Jessica Lighton. Their win made them regional champions and qualified them for the State Quarter Finals against Manly Selective High School, who narrowly snatched victory.

We were all inspired by the finely honed skills of our Year 9 and Year 10 debating teams. They first performed with Warners Bay High teams. Warners Bay High have an excellent Year 10 team and managed to beat us in Round 1, however Year 10 gained their 'revenge' in the second round. Our Year 9 team easily defeated the Warners Bay Year 9 team. The adjudicator was impressed by how articulate and well-presented our students were in both debates.



Finally our Year 7 and Year 8 debating teams contributed to the standard of excellence set by their older peers. Our new Year 7 team gave a praiseworthy performance in all rounds and were only just beaten by our Year 8 team in the third round. The Year 8 debaters have won in all rounds, beating both Whitebridge High's Year 8 and Year 7 team and our own Year 7 team. They will be called to debate in the regional final later this year.

In addition, our junior students have keenly shown their exceptional talents in this year's Legacy Public Speaking competition. Our students, Zac Welsh and Sammy Seth, were both highly commended for their performances and were runners up in the region.

Our debating success is a tribute to the commitment, skill and intellect of our Merewether High students. Thanks to Ms Davis for co-ordinating the debating this year, Ms Murphy for accompanying the Year 12 students to their final debates and all the wonderful parents who have contributed their time to help transport our students to debates held at other schools.



DesignTech in Newcastle

During the period of July 18th-3rd August the NSW Board of Studies presented the annual DesignTech display at Wallsend District Library.

DesignTech is a travelling display of last year's Year 12 students' HSC work in the subject of Design and Technology, which is exhibited initially at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney and then throughout regional NSW.



Last year Merewether HS student Oliver Bamford was selected to be a part of the Newcastle display only, over this period. His work which encompassed a "Bike Polo Kit" is seen here and would have gained a mark close to 60/60 to be selected for the display.

Principal, Ms Christine Rippon, class teacher Bruce O'Donnell and TAS intern teacher Liam Sullivan attended the opening of the display with many others when the exhibit opened last month. Many of the works feature significant design aspects and innovative use of technology which highlight the outstanding efforts of students over a year-long Major Project.

On Friday 27th July, students from the Year 11 Design and Technology class attended the exhibit participating in a workshop looking at the requirements for their Major Design Project in Year 12.





SUPPORT UNIT



Team Merewether looking very confident at the start of the day .

The Regional Boccia competition was held in the Bensley Hall at Merewether High School on Wednesday 8th August. Teams competed from Merewether, Newcastle and Tomaree High Schools, Glendon School and Newcastle Middle School (Cameron Park School). Nerves at the beginning of the day hampered all the players and Team Merewether lost against Newcastle High School – our only loss for the day. Newcastle HS went on to be the winners on the day and progress to the State competition at Homebush in October. Team Merewether were second after three wins.

The Merewether students enjoyed the opportunity to compete against teams from other schools and anticipate an even better competition in 2013.

Denise Hughes
Class Teacher



Malcolm is concentrating on his throw.



Lizzie is anxiously waiting on the results from the judge.



The ramp is lined up for the next player by a team mate from Newcastle Middle School.



A student from Tomaree HS's turn.



The audience cheers on their team mates.



The judges need to measure the distances from the "jack" (white ball) when the result is close .



Another tight game which we fortunately won.



The final score for game one against Newcastle High. We lost!



DRAMA

The beginning of week three Term 3 saw the Year 10 Drama class present their production unit piece ANNA – A Story of Hope.

The performance was a resounding success. The students had worked on the performance since the end of Term one and gave up a lot of their time to realise this play.

The play which dealt with a number of mental illnesses and in particular, anorexia, and was based on a real life situation. The Year 10 drama students are to be congratulated on the outstanding commitment they showed to this production. They embraced the spirit of the play from the very beginning and their individual contributions were what made the production so successful.

One of the outstanding issues within the play was the music, composed by Year 10 drama student and musician Emma Elsley. Taking on the role as musical director was a challenge for her but through her music and her musicians she made an invaluable contribution in creating mood and atmosphere within the piece. *'The performances that were done exceeded my every expectation and I could not be prouder of my fellow class mates' performances of this piece.....everyone said the music.....was one of the highlights of the show.'* Emma Elsley.

One of the major reasons for the success of this play was that the cast were able to take ownership of the performance. The script evolved through constant change, with most students making invaluable contributions to the development of the piece. This was important as the play dealt with issues way beyond their own life experiences.

'For the majority of the term...my main struggle was in trying to find a part of myself in Cushion, which I later realized to be almost impossible. Instead I took on certain character traits that I believed would suit her angry and despairing personality.' Rebecca Tyler

From a director's point of view the script was but words on a page. The energy and commitment of the cast was what created a very memorable performance.

Thanks also to Maddison Baldwin who took on the difficult role of Assistant Director. She did an amazing job, taking on the responsibility of running rehearsals and of being every bit the director of operations.

'The role of assistant director has taught me so much about the production unit, about myself and about what can be achieved through hard work. I was and still am so proud of everyone involved, who worked so hard to produce a fantastic production.' Maddison Baldwin

Behind all the action on stage was a dedicated and organised student Katrina McDiarmid who did wonderful things as stage manager and was the student responsible for the creation of the slide show that began the production.

Brianna McCluskey did a great job also in putting together a pre-show slide show of the rehearsal process.

This work by Year 10 Drama has been a most memorable process to be part of.

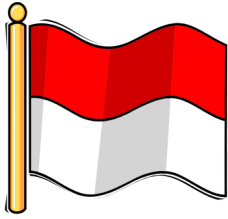
The cast of the play is as listed on the next page.

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Merewether High School Bulletin



Anna	Halina Anthony
Judith	Simona Gorgievski/ Maddison Baldwin
Dr Mitchell	Teya Duncan
Milkshake	Elizabeth Dorn/Naomi Dingle
Tom	Jack Oswald
Cushion	Rebecca Tyler
BUL	Gheed Al Marae
Lite	Jack Moran
TOC	Sophie Davis
Tim	Henry Wilson
Freda	Naomi Dingle
Maria	Jemima Webber
Sister Scream	Erin Healey
Assistant Director	Maddison Baldwin
Stage Manager	Katrina McDiarmid
Musical director	Emma Elsley
Production Manager	Teya Duncan
Montage	Katrina McDiarmid
Photographer	Brianna McCluskey
Poster Design	Gheed Al Marae
Musicians	Emma Elsley, Dominic Ball, Olivia Freund, Teya Duncan, Josh Terry, Emily Chen, Samara Thambar
Singers	Teya Duncan, Emma Elsley, Sophie Davis



INDONESIAN

In addition to their language studies, students in Indonesian this term will be experiencing the culture of our nearest neighbour, trying their hand at cooking Indonesian food with satay and noodle dishes on the menu.



We are also planning a visit from the Rhythm Hunters who run exciting and interactive workshops on drumming and Indonesian music.

Planning for our third trip to Malaysia is underway for our Indonesian students and their families. This has proven to be an exciting trip seeing the wildlife, tasting the cuisine, sightseeing, bargaining at the local markets and chatting to the locals with the students using their Indonesian language skills. (Indonesian and Malay are very similar languages.) Please see separate page about the trip.



In our Indonesian classroom some of our artistic students have started murals with an Asian focus.





Malaysia Trip 2013



Coreena Allen
Indonesian teacher

Merewether High
School

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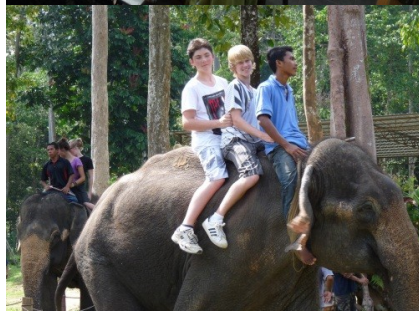
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Malaysia Trip 2013 for Indonesian students

Expressions of Interest forms from Mrs Allen, Languages

Going to Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca



- Botanical Gardens
- Snake temple & Kek Lok Si temple
- Batu Caves
- Orangutan Island
- Elephant Conservation Park
- Bargain at the local markets
- Batik class
- Islamic Arts Museum
- Sunway Lagoon Water Park



GATS FRENCH PROGRAM

In 2012 students in the Hunter Region, for the first time, were offered the opportunity to undertake a GATS program in French, delivered by the French Department of the University of Newcastle.

The GATS program through Newcastle University was a great opportunity. It demonstrated what a university lecture will be like, whilst learning university content and gaining credit points towards a degree at UoN. Alistair Rolls was a great teacher, showing our group the more intricate rules of the French language while teaching us the necessary basics to get HD's in the beginner's course we were completing. I thoroughly enjoyed this program and it has inspired me to take my French on to further study, probably at Newcastle University after seeing how great the French staff are and how many scholarships are on offer to promote the French language. Kirsty Dale Year 11



Dr Alistair Rolls, Dali Clarke, Clara Sitbon, Emilea Burns, Georgia Fardell, Aleksandra Daniels, Alex Crozier, Matilda Spencer, Kirsty Dale and Travis Shearman at the graduation ceremony held at the University of Newcastle.



Dali Clarke, Brooke Watson and Sally Spicer enjoyed French pastries at the HSC Study Day.

HSC French Study Day

Year 12 Continuers French students participated in a study day at the University of Newcastle during the last holidays. French consultants from the NSW Department of Education and Communities and the Association of Independent Schools advised the students on exam technique and study skills. Representatives from the University's French Department and the Alliance Franchise de Newcastle spoke about post school opportunities for study and exchange visits to France. In the afternoon students practised HSC style interviews with native speakers of French. Thanks to the UON French Department and the Kelter Hartley Bequest for their subsidy of the event.



FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

For the first 3 weeks of this term, four students from France visited Merewether High School to experience life in an Australian school.

From the students who hosted:

A few weeks ago four of us hosted French exchange students. Introducing them to Australian culture was something that we really enjoyed and aren't likely to forget. The friendships we formed are unique and we miss them all so much already.

As well as teaching them about Australia we learnt about France and French culture through them. Overall it was a fantastic experience and we hope to one day visit France and see them again.

Thank you to Halina Anthony, Emily Chen, Lily and Blaine McCallum, Betrice Walker and their families for hosting the students.

A message from the French students:

Hi Aussies

Thank you for those three weeks. It really was amazing to meet all of you!

We had a lot of fun! Keep learning French and visiting France!!!

Merci pour tout,

On ne vous oubliera pas.....



Chloé Bridier, Betrice Walker, Inès Syoen, Emily Chen, Carla Bosco, Halina Anthony, Lily McCallum, Ennemond Chandon-Moet

YEAR 9 LANGUAGES FASHION PARADE



All year 9 students of French German and Indonesian got together to put on a fashion show!

And what a show it was !!!!

Students strutted their stuff in outfits that ranged from the conservative to the outrageous !

Imagine wearing a saucepan as a hat
Imagine describing the look in Indonesian !!

Well done year 9 !

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Posh Concert

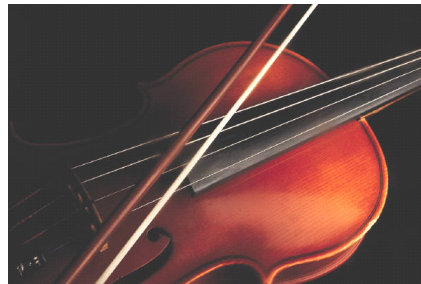
Wednesday

29 August 2012

7pm

ADAMSTOWN UNITING CENTRE

(Cnr Glebe & Brunner Roads)



**SHOWCASING
YEAR 12 MUSIC STUDENTS
&
ALL MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

Tickets available at:
School Cashier's Office
or
Adamstown Uniting Centre Box Office from 6:30pm

**Adult \$10
Student/Concession \$5
Family Ticket \$25**



VISUAL ARTS REPORT

On Thursday 26th July our Year 9 Visual Arts students presented their mid course exhibition of works in the Learning Centre. Represented were Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photographic and Digital Media, displaying a huge diversity of artforms including book sculptures, skateboard designs, fabric printing, photography and etching. The students set up the exhibition to coincide with the parent teacher interviews that were being conducted in the hall. Year 9 music students also performed brilliantly on the night, making the cultural experience even more fulfilling! Well done to all our Year 9 elective classes.





CAREERS

Below you will find information on a wide range 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 is not endorsed by Merewether High School.

For more information about any of the topics below, students from Years 9-12 should refer to the MHS Careers Blog which students can access via their DEC portal (where students access their DEC email) by clicking on the BlogEd link or they can visit the careers office and speak to Mrs Abbo.

Mrs Abbo
Careers Adviser

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR 2012

(The insert in the brackets indicates where students can find more information about this event)

23 rd August	Sydney Universities Road Show @ Newcastle Jockey Club (details below)
28 th August	Newcastle University visit to MHS - Years 10-12 (see email)
28 th August	Newcastle University Open Day
28 th September	UAC on-time applications close
4 th Jan 2013	Cut-off date to change preferences for main round offer consideration
16 th Jan 2013	Main round of university offers

Key Dates for 2012 HSC

Thursday, 2 August 2012	HSC practical examination period commences
Saturday, 15 September 2012	HSC practical examination period concludes
Monday, 15 October 2012	HSC written examinations commence
No later than 9 November	HSC written examinations conclude
At conclusion of exams	HSC Assessment Ranks available (via Students Online)
Wednesday, 19 December 2012	HSC results available to students by internet, SMS and telephone

YEAR 12 INFORMATION

Make sure that you look at the scholarships and principal's recommendation section below for important information about what is available to year 12 students now!

UAC application information sessions

Mrs Abbo has been running information sessions for Year 12 students to demystify the process of applying to university for 2013. These sessions have been run over a week long period during lunchtimes and were open for all students to attend.

Free copies of the 2013 UAC guides are now outside Mrs Abbo's office and in the senior study for Year 12 students to collect.

For more information about applying to UAC go to <http://www.uac.edu.au/>

PowerPoint "Applying to Uni" - <http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-12.shtml>

STAT Test and UMAT 2012 reminder

A reminder that current Year 12 students who are planning to study courses at university that require a STAT test or need to apply through UMAT should be checking the web site for dates for registrations and 2012 testing times etc. If you are not sure about your course check the university web site for your course requirements.

Check for more details at <http://www.uac.edu.au/publications/news/>

UMAT web site - <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

STAT Test via UAC website <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>



HSC Timetables Online

HSC students can now access their HSC timetable online utilising their HSC PIN and their student number. If you have any concerns please see Mrs Abbo.

GAP YEAR INFORMATION

If you are interested in taking a gap year take a look at the careers noticeboard outside the library and you will find information on a range of programs on offer. The MHS Careers Blog also has some useful links.

WORKSHOPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle will be putting on again a bus this year to the ADFA Open Day. The date of the Open Day is **Saturday 25th August**.

The bus will depart from Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle around 5am and will do a pick up then at the Ourimbah Rest area, Central Coast. The bus will then depart ADFA around 3pm allowing for students to have adequate time at ADFA to tour the campus.

The bus will fill very quickly so if you have any students that would like to put their name down to secure a seat on the bus please let me know. Once I receive names will then send through a consent form that students will need to sign to attend if under the age of 18 and not travelling with a parent or guardian



ADFA Open Day 2012

Saturday 25 August 9.00am - 4.00pm

Australian Defence Force Academy, Northcott Drive, Campbell ACT

Info Hotline 02 6268 6000 | sas@adfa.edu.au

ADFA Open Day 2012

To book a seat contact Crystal Vero directly on the number below and see Mrs Abbo for a permission note today.

Phone: (02) 4974 5427

Fax: (02) 4974 5498

Email: cnorman@dfr.com.au

Tertiary Information Road Show Excursion – Newcastle Jockey Club Thursday 23rd August.

Years 10, 11 and 12 students have been sent an email regarding this event. UAC will be at the event so I strongly recommend all Year 12 students to attend. I have asked for the 1-2pm session and students will be accompanied to and from the venue. Parents may wish to attend also in the evening session. See the flyer below for more details



Newcastle Tertiary Information Day

Thursday, 23 August 2012

School Sessions: 11.00am – 3.00pm

General Public: 4.00pm – 7.00pm (free entry)

Location: Newcastle Jockey Club

Darling Street, Broadmeadow



Join us and speak to university representatives about your study options, application procedures, scholarships and pathway programs.

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Environmental Scientist Guest Speaker.

I would like to thank Julie Faux a member of the Merewether High School parent community for making the time to talk to all year 10 science students along with interested senior students about her career pathway as an environmental scientist. Her presentation was very inspiring and clarified what her role entails. Many of the students have started to consider careers in this field as a result of this presentation.

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Date: 30 Aug 2012 - 01 Sep 2012
Time: Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm + Saturday: 9am - 4pm
Admission: FREE ENTRY
Venue: [Sydney Showground Olympic Park](#)
[1 Showground Road, Sydney Olympic Park](#)

2012 Exhibitor List



SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WINTER SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

A Taste of Electrical Engineering (applications close 15th August)

The University of New South Wales are offering a Year 10 and a Year 11 workshop (with 24 places in each), for talented high school students with an aptitude for mathematics, a passion for science and a love of problem solving, to participate in 3 day workshops at the School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications. Further details and applications can be found at;

<http://www.eet.unsw.edu.au/tasteofee>

2013 UNSW Minerals Summer School (science and engineering)

If you are currently in Year 10 or 11 and interested in Science or Engineering and want to find out more about an exciting career in the Australian minerals industry, in any of the following areas: Earth & Environmental Sciences, Geology and Geosciences, Mining and Minerals Engineering or Minerals Exploration, you should apply to join us for a 4 day, fully residential and supervised UNSW Minerals Summer School hosted by the School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales from Monday 7th January to Thursday 10 January, 2013. Further details and application forms can be found at;

<http://www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS2013>

2013 UNSW Women in Engineering Camp

Do you want your career to be at the forefront of positive change for society?

Do you enjoy using lateral thinking, creativity and design?

Do you love problem solving and working in teams?

Do you have an aptitude for maths and science?

If yes, and you are a young woman currently in Year 10 or Year 11, join us for a 4 day residential experience and find out about the exciting careers available to professional engineers. <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/wiec>

University Of Wollongong Women in Engineering Summer School 2013

This program is designed encourage young females to consider a career in engineering. Last year several students from Merewether High School attended and were thoroughly inspired. Preference is given to students starting year 11 in 2013 but is not restricted to only these students. For more details go to; <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/wiesummit/index.html> and apply directly.

Girls' Summer School Programs

Check out these options for a wide range of summer school programs for girls <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/equity-diversity/aim-high/girls-maths-science-summer-school/girls-on-the-go.html>

Indigenous Summer School Programs

IAESS – Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School program is designed for Indigenous students in Years 11 and 12 in 2013 that are interested in learning more about a career in Engineering. It is hosted at Sydney University every January. If you are interested in this program find out more here: <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess>

Honeywell Engineering Summer School 2012

Students must be in Year 11 in 2012 to attend this program. It is run by the Institute of Engineers and covers a very wide range of engineering career pathways and will allow students to assess the areas they may be interested in pursuing. For more details including an application form go to www.engineersaustralia.org.au/hess. I have placed details on the blog also.



Mind and Morality Summer School 2012

Mind and Morality is a Higher School Certificate philosophy course, endorsed by the Board of Studies, which counts towards a degree at the University of Sydney. Mind and Morality students are effectively beginning their tertiary education while in Year 11. The course consists of four modules.

Eligibility for the course:

Any student who has the ability and aptitude to undertake university-level study is welcome to apply. Students can do Mind and Morality during the July of Year 11 (Winter School), or during the January that falls after either Year 10 or Year 11 (Summer School).

Applications for Summer School 2013 close Friday 16 November 2012.

Here is the website for more details:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/mind_morality.shtml

OPEN DAYS

For a comprehensive list of university open days visit; <http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/publicationsnews/2012/march.pdf>

Art and Design course open days

http://www.dgdesignnetwork.com.au/forms/ADERG_Open_Days_2012.pdf

AICM – Australian International Conservatorium of Music <http://www.aicm.edu.au/web/>

Design Centre Enmore open day Saturday 8th September. For more details go to <http://www.sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore/dce/>

CADETSHIPS/APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEES

Blue Scope Steel – Open 1st July close 31st August 2012

Year 12 students can apply directly to BlueScope Steel for Traineeships in the following areas;

BlueScope Steel offer cadetship opportunities in:

- **Materials Engineering**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Mechanical Engineering**
- **Mechatronics**
- **Information Technology**
- **Human Resources**
- **Electrical Engineering**
- **Computer Engineering**
- **Chemistry**
- **Civil Engineering**
- **Procurement & Shared Services**

<http://cadets.bluescopesteel.com/home/australian-cadetships/brighter-future->

BAYERboost Scholarship closing soon for 2012!

Students can apply for up to \$6,000 in the BAYERboost environmental scholarship scheme.

The scheme is open to undergraduate tertiary students and Year 11-12 school students and aims to give students experience in environmental research or restoration with an accredited organisation during their summer break.

Each year there are three BAYERboost scholarships available. They are funded by the innovation and research company Bayer Australia, and are administered by the Australian Geographic Society.

For more information visit the website www.bayerboost.com.au

Applications close 30th September 2012.



SCHOLARSHIPS/EARLY ENTRIES AND PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Year 12 Scholarships

I have included scholarship information below and encourage students to do some research now if they haven't already as many scholarships are open now and close soon. Some websites with comprehensive lists of scholarships are listed below to help you in your search. Also visit the website for the universities and look at the scholarships pages as they have comprehensive lists.

MyFuture

<http://www.myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Funding/Awards%20and%20Scholarships.aspx>

The Good University Guide

<http://www.gooduniguide.com.au/scholarship/search>

Early Entry and Principal's Recommendations

Please check the uni you are considering attending for information for your course.

Check closing dates and put them in your diary.

Get your references organised early as we need time to get this organised and we have many to write.

Here are some examples of what is on offer;

UTS Science – (PR) scholarship – I can recommend 3 students. (2 spaces are available)

<http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/science/scholarships/detail.cfm?code=0000021319>

UTS general – (PR) for low socio-economic

<http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/school/leavers/pathways/principals.html>

Sydney University – (EE) Low socio-economic and indigenous

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/e12/

Wollongong University – Selective Entry Scheme – high achievers <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/selectiveentry/index.html>

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/selectiveentry/index.html>

University of Canberra – PR – high achievers

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/principals-recommendation/>

CSU – Principal's Report Entry Program (PREP)

<http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/prep>

Southern Cross University – STAR Entry Scheme (register before 23rd August 2012)

<http://www.scu.edu.au/howtoapply/index.php/78/>

UNE – Early Entry – (applications due to UNE before 28th September 2012)

<http://www.une.edu.au/for/future-students/landing/earlyentry.php>

Teach NSW

If you are interested in teaching for a career you should visit the Teach NSW website <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching/our-programs-and-initiatives/teaching-scholarships> to find out the latest information about the scholarships on offer. Scholarship applications will open soon so keep an eye out.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching/our-programs-and-initiatives/teaching-scholarships>

Educational Access Scheme (EAS) Scholarships are designed to help students with disadvantageous circumstances throughout Year 11 and 12 to apply and receive concessional ATAR points towards their university applications. For more details on this scheme visit <http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/eas/>

Go Campus – sporting scholarships for overseas university placements

<http://gocampus.com.au/programs/scholarships-offered/>



Year 11 Scholarships

ADFA Education Award (opened in May 2012 – closes 28th February 2013)

This award recognises leadership, academic and sporting achievements. Students are not obliged to apply to the Defence Force on completion of year 12. For more details follow the link below.

http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/applications/education_award.html

Year 10 Scholarships

Drama

Students going into Year 11 Drama in 2013 – Jan Levett Scholarship (Closing date 26th October)

This does state rural but may apply to some Merewether High School students.

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/the-jan-levett-scholarship-for-drama>

Economics and Finance

Students going into Year 11 Economics – The Finance and Energy Exchange (FEX) Group Scholarship. (closing date - 26th October)

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/fex-scholarship>

WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that students in years 10-12 can participate in work experience throughout the year. While year 10 are not permitted to go during any holiday period they are encouraged to look at a time in the school calendar year that will minimise disruption to their study program. Work experience has many advantages for students including the development of personal skills and allowing students to gain valuable insight into a particular career pathway. In my experience many students do not truly understand what occupations actually involve and would certainly benefit from spending a few days finding out.

Where to begin: Students MUST read the 'Work Experience Procedures and Documentation' post on the MHS Careers Blog.

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/288339careers/entry/work_experience_procedure_and_documentation

This post outlines very clearly the steps involved and contains the relevant documents for students to complete in order to undertake work experience.

DON'T leave it too late as employers become reluctant by the end of the year after having many other students.

Remember you must have your completed forms in 2 weeks prior to the placement.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Mining career related app

The NSW Minerals Council is delighted to advise that the 'Oresome World' app is now available through the itunes app store. The app is a multi-media resource that showcases Oresome Resources content through a range of quizzes, challenge activities, fact sheets, images and video. Through this rich content, the user is taken on a journey of discovery of the minerals and energy industries and participates in a range of tasks that increases their understanding and knowledge of the industry, its processes and career pathways available. The content aligns to the outcomes of the Australian curriculum and represents a collaborative effort on behalf of industry and education led by Queensland Resources Council and in conjunction with Minerals Council of Australia, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia, New South Wales Minerals Council, Education Services Australia and Queensland Institute of Technology. Use the link below to find the app. It is located in the bottom right hand corner of the page. <http://www.oresomerresources.com/>

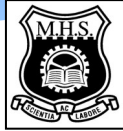


August	AUGUST
Mon 20/8	Y12 Trial HSC exams -day 8/10
Tue 21/8	Y12 Trial HSC exams -day 9/10 Duke of Edinburgh Award Parent Support Group-6pm-Library P&C meeting-Library-7:30pm
Wed 22/8	Y12 Trial HSC exams conclude Welfare Y11-Cheap Thrills-LC Y11 (2013) Information Evening-MPC-7:00pm
Mon 27/8	Ys7,9,10 Poetry in Action-1pd each group
Tue 28/8	Y9 (2013) Course Information Evening-MPC-7:00pm Y7 Board Meetings-day 1/3 Y10 Maths Assessment Task in class pd3
Wed 29/8	Y7 Board Meetings-day 2/3 POSH Concert-Uniting Church Hall Adamstown-7:30pm-10:30pm
Thu 30/8	Y7 Board Meetings-day 3/3 Y11 Final exams-MPC-day 1/9
Fri 31/8	Y11 Final exams-MPC-day 2/9
	SEPTEMBER
Mon 3/9	Y11 Final exams –MPC-day 3/9 Y10 National History Challenge due
Tue 4/9	Y9 Science-Climate Change visit-LC-11:00 Y11 Final exams –MPC-day 4/9 Y7 Assessment Task in class pds 3/4 Y8 Assessment Task in class pds 3/4
Wed 5/9	Y11 Final exams –MPC-day 5/9 Zone Hockey GALA day-1/2
Thur 6/9	Y11 Final exams –MPC-day 6/9 NSW CHS Athletics at Homebush-day 1/3 Y7 Vaccinations
Fri 7/9	Y11 Final exams –MPC-day 7/9 NSW CHS Athletics at Homebush-day 2/3
Sat 8/9	NSW CHS Athletics at Homebush-day 3/3
Mon 10/9	Y11 exams-MPC—day 8/9
Tue 11/9	Y11 Final Preliminary exams conclude Y7 PLG-9:00-10:30-LC Y9 Assessment Task in class pd 4
Thur 13/9	Y7 (Y8 2013) - Course Information Session - 5.30pm Y9 (Y10 2013) - Course Information Session - 6.30pm Y11 (Y12 2013) - Course, BOS requirements and ATAR information - 7.30pm Y8 Board Meetings-day 1/3
Fri 14/9	Y8 Board Meetings-day 2/3
Mon 17/9	Y11 Hospitality-Work Placement-day 1/5
Tue 18/9	Y11 Hospitality-Work Placement-day 2/5 P&C meeting-Library-7:30pm
Wed 19/9	Y11 Hospitality-Work Placement-day 3/5 Y12 Reports issued
Thu 20/9	Y11 Hospitality-Work Placement-day 4/5 Y8 Board meeting-day 3/3
Fri 21/9	Last day, Term 3 Y11 Hospitality-Work Placement-day 5/5 Y12 Farewell Assembly-11:00-MPC



OCTOBER	
Mon 8/10	Day 1, Term 4, all staff & students return Y12 Orientation Program
Wed 10/10	Donormobile-Blood Bank
Mon 15/10	HSC written exams commence
Tue 16/10	P&C meeting-Library-7:30pm
Mon 22/10	Y11 reports issued
NOVEMBER	
Mon 5/11	Y10 final exams-MPC-day 1/4
Tue 6/11	Y10 final exams-MPC-day 2/4 Colin Doyle Maths Competition
Wed 7/11	Y10 final exams-MPC-day 3/4 Welfare-Y7,8,9,11-Cyber Shorts-9:15-3:10-LC
Thu 8/11	Y10 final exams-MPC-day 4/4 Meet the Music Concert-Opera House
Fri 9/11	Remembrance Day-11:00
Mon 12/11	Y7-9 final exams commence-MPC-day 1/5
Tue 13/11	Y7-9 final exams-MPC-day 2/5
Wed 14/11	Y7-9 final exams-MPC-day 3/5
Thu 15/11	Y7-9 final exams -MPC-day 4/5
Fri 16/11	Y7-9 final exams conclude -MPC
Tue 20/11	P&C meeting-Library-7:30pm
Thu 22/11	Y12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 23/11	Y10-Portfolio Training for parents
DECEMBER	
Mon 3/12	Volunteering Program
Tue 4/12	Volunteering Program
Wed 5/12	HSSA Blues Presentation Volunteering Program
Thur 6/12	Volunteering Program
Fri 7/12	Y10 Excursion-Campus Tour
Mon 10/12	Y10 Crossroads-All My Own Work
Tue 11/12	Y10 Crossroads-All My Own Work
Fri 14/12	Y11 Presentation Assembly-11:00am
Mon 17/12	Y10 Presentation Assembly-11:00am-MPC Y9 Presentation Assembly- 1:30pm-MPC
Tue 18/12	P&C meeting-library-7:30pm Y8 Presentation Assembly-11:00am-MPC Y7 Presentation Assembly-1:30pm-MPC
Wed 19/12	HSC results available Presentation Day-Whole School-11:00am-MPC
Thu 20/12	Staff Development Day (SDD)-no students Y12 BBQ Breakfast 8:00am
Fri 21/12	Last day, Term4-SDD-no students

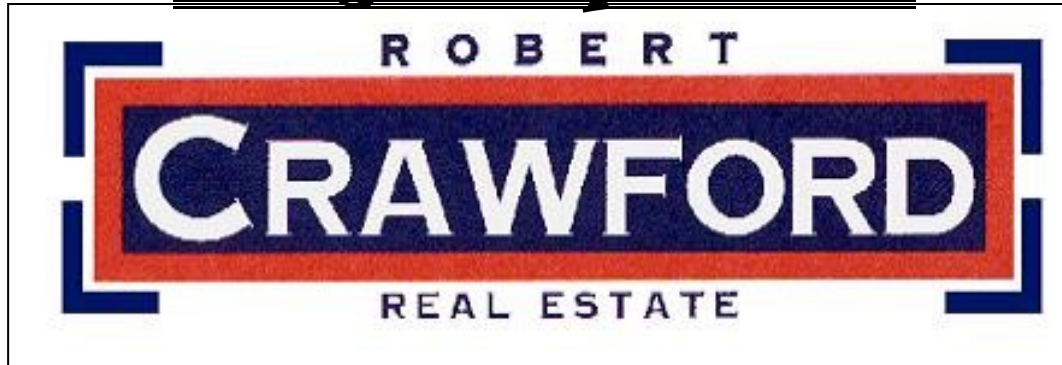
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