



Diary Dates

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October
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Principal's Report

Year 12

Congratulations to Year 12 who completed their thirteen years of schooling in a positive manner. Year 12 celebrated their last week of school with a number of activities throughout the week, a pyjama day, wear another school's school uniform day, service to school day, where a significant amount of money was raised for the year's gift to the school, their formal held at Newcastle Town Hall and the Year 12 Presentation Assembly held on the last day of term. The Presentation Assembly was an outstanding event with a great deal of emotion shown on the day. The celebration of our Year 12s schooling along with the recognition of all students was a very moving event. I have included the Captain's speech (Rachel Leonard and Hamish Lorang), below.



It is an honour and a privilege for us to address you on this very significant day for us all. As Captains of 2014, we can only hope that we have served you in this role as well as you have supported us – as peers, mentors, educators and friends – throughout our schooling careers. Although neither of us began with a particular aptitude for the formalities of the role, perhaps today we'll make it through one of our assemblies without messing up the script. So bear with us, because like most of our school assessments over the years, we wrote it the night before...

Well Year 12, this is it. We made it. We've reached the finish line, both as individuals, but most importantly, as a cohort. We are Year 12 2014, and never again will there be another year like us. But we wouldn't be here without the endless support of some incredible people throughout our schooling careers.

Firstly, to our Year Advisers; Mrs Horan, although your time in the position has been brief, you embraced the role and our year group with open arms and have shown us great support over the past three terms. We do however, have to acknowledge a certain Mr Grogan. Since Year 7 Orientation day, you and Mrs Allen generously adopted the

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 21st October
Year 7 PLG

Tuesday 28th October
Year 8 PLG

Tuesday 4th November
Year 9 PLG

Wednesday 5th November
Years 7-10 Exams
Commence

Tuesday 11th November
Years 10 PLG



role as our 'school parents'. Every step of the way you were there to support us, ease our anxieties, organise us and turn a blind eye to countless late permission notes. Like true parents of our year, even when our behaviour may not have been exemplary, your caring nature was never any less felt. We cannot thank you enough for the belief all three of you have shown in us, and hope that we can make you 'proud parents' as we complete the HSC and move onto future endeavours.

Before we move on, Rachel and I would like to personally thank our other captains, Cameron and Liz. They have been there every step of the way; through the fun and the madness, the deadlines and organisation; we would not have lasted without their ongoing support and commitment. Also to the prefects, thank you for being a part of our fellowship through this journey, your desire to selflessly donate your time whenever needed has made our job as captains that much easier.



We would also like to give special thanks to the executive staff – Mrs Rippon, Mrs Harvey and Mr Southward. As we have been steadily climbing the HSC mountain this past year, you have provided us with every opportunity towards achieving our personal best possible. You always have our best interests at heart with a true belief in our potential. Mr Southward, despite your brief time at Merewether High you've invested time in getting to know us. Whether by dropping in to the ILC or making conversation in the playground, we appreciate the efforts you have made in such a short period of time. We will miss the pauses in your weekly assembly addresses and hope that your time at Merewether is as enriching as ours has been. We also have you to thank Mrs Harvey, who unfortunately was unable to attend today, for keeping us motivated and on track when the pressure of year twelve became



overwhelming and our commitment to study began to wane. Her high heel collection is an achievement in itself and we may never again encounter another woman with such dedication to footwear-outfit coordination. And especially to Mrs Rippon, Chrissy Ripps, Aunty Chrissy or Big Ripper; we thank you. For your dedication to learning the name of every student, for your open door policy to anyone in the school, for motivating us to achieve higher and study harder, for your support of student initiatives, for having the best interests of each and every student in mind in all of your decisions and for making yourself present throughout the playground. You are the only principal in our time at Merewether to have ever gone on sports tour, participate in handball tournaments and fiercely compete in a teachers vs students basketball match. You have earned the respect of our cohort and continue to have a positive influence on each and every one of our futures. For this, we cannot thank you enough.

“Education...is painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning...by praise, but above all -- by example.” -- John Ruskin.

And so we also have to thank the teachers of Merewether High School. It is your dedication to your subjects and us as your students that has enriched our secondary education. As hard as you have tested us, pushed us to our stress limits, given us painstaking deadlines, additional homework and assessment tasks which always seemed to coincide in the same hectic week; we can recognise that perhaps over the years we've tested you just as hard. Through every 6th period we just didn't seem to listen, every last minute email you've answered, every draft essay you've stayed up late to mark, every lunchtime-recess-early morning-late afternoon you've spent going over and over a concept with us; your commitment to our learning never wavered. Even if we had (on more than one occasion) brought you to tears of frustration, your role as our teachers however has grown far beyond simply covering the syllabus. You have inspired our independence, individuality and imagination as creative and capable young adults. We've shared countless in-jokes with you, humoured your idiosyncrasies and developed student-teacher friendships that have all made our learning experience all the more enriching. It is to our teachers over the last 6 years that we owe much of our academic success. We hope that our imminent HSC results will be a testament to the quality of your teaching and gives you reason to be proud of us. But regardless of the scores or ranks or numbers, we cannot thank you enough for the positive influence you've had on us over these 6 years. To our teachers: in the words of Carol Buckner, "We may forget what you said... but we will never forget how you made us feel."

*And now, we must thank our families, mum, dad, Caitlin, thankyou *Wave*. Rachel's parents, she apologises for all the times she has used baking as a procrastination technique and left you with 3 dozen cupcakes and the washing up to do. In some of the most turbulent years of our lives, you've been there for us – to celebrate our successes, keep us on track, pull us into line and pick us up when we've fallen down. It is commonly said that it isn't just*



*the Year 12 student who does the HSC – but their whole family as well. So over the next month as we stress out, take over the house with textbooks and study notes, ask you for money or eat you out of house and home... please forgive us. You've invested more time and money into supporting us through high school than anyone else. Thank you for your tolerance, pride, encouragement and unconditional love throughout this journey. And now as we come to the end of our high school careers and move onto the next stage in our lives, we can take comfort in the fact that you will always be there for us – as we move into the daunting first chapters of *adulthood*, for everything, thank you.*

Lastly, Class of 2014. Together we have embarked on a quest filled with life lessons and experiences that we will never forget. We'd be lying if we said that high school has been a breeze. It hasn't always been easy and there's no denying that at times we've been faced with pretty confronting challenges. But I have to thank each and every one of you personally, for through these struggles, I've never ever felt alone. The comradeship and mateship displayed on a daily basis – whether it be standing by your mate as he chugs 3L of milk in the quad, helping dig 'dance pits' at the beach; or minding a friend's bag as they leg it to Desas for the Friday arvo chips – has always been an outstanding quality of our year group. Together, we've made it through the many 'beartraps' of adolescence - including the highs and lows of high school love, the constant pressure to be on trend (keep working on the hairstyles Penny) and acquiring the prestigious P plates. Clichés aside, it is during our past 6 years together that we've learnt some of life's more important lessons. Upon receiving our DER laptops, we learnt how to best use technology – ...for Tetris.

We've learnt that the 'CH' in the school song is an integral and un-omittable part of its chorus; and to appreciate Baker's organisation of non-school events (within school hours) such as International Men's Day. We've learnt 'Newy Knights – greatest country in the world', how good Tour was whether you attended or not, the bargains you can reap by waiting for \$1 hot food at the canteen, and that it IS possible to beat the unbeatable Baartz house. (Go Norris). But despite this wealth of knowledge, we all still have so much to learn as we embark on life beyond these familiar walls. Many of us are left to ponder the contents of Mrs Abbo's Careers emails, which way the library door opens, and how to do taxes – but don't worry, we can calculate the volume of solid of revolution of a logarithmic function between two points.

For many of us right now, our future is hanging in the balance. We're waiting for the right numbers or the right opportunities to present themselves. To allude to the words of Beau Taplin: Many of you are sitting there now wondering what your life has in store for you.



You're surrounded by the doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, musicians, actors and accountants and perhaps like me you're a little anxious because you just don't see it. You can't see yourself, 10 years from now, with a career and a house and a car and kids and you don't understand how anyone here could be so sure of themselves of where they're headed. You wonder where the map, the rulebook is, because tomorrow they say you're supposed to be an adult and it's all going much too fast. But it's okay to be afraid. Tomorrow the sun will come up just as it always has and always will and you will be given two choices - 'do' or 'don't'. And my god I hope you 'do'. Because the truth of the matter is whatever comes next – whether it's an eternity of nothing or a kingdom in the sky – graduation is not these few hours now when we formally say goodbye to high school. Graduation takes a lifetime. And what you make of it is entirely and always up to you. Inhale confidence, exhale doubt, and take on the world.

Class of 2014... As we leave today and weave our separate ways through life, I can take comfort in knowing that I have shared some of the fondest memories with you, and despite the grass always being greener at Merewether (literally, it's 60% AstroTurf), we will always have these moments to look back on. So best of luck to every single one of you sausages, we're going to miss you like hell.



We wish Year 12 all the best in their exams and look forward to celebrating with them in December when their results are released.



From the Deputy Principal

Term 4 is always an exciting one! As you read this bulletin our Yr 12 students are deeply embedded in their HSC and it has been great to see their positive attitude to their exams and the mutual support they show as a group. I am sure they will be rewarded for their efforts and move forward into the next exciting phase of their life.

As one group nears the end of their schooling journey, “groups in waiting” shuffle up towards the finish line. We opened the term with a Learning Conference for all of our new HSC students, to provide support and guidance in managing assessments, study skills and time management. It was tremendous to see three of our past students Jodie Cochrane, Briony Beale and Luke Brower return to work with seniors on tips and tricks for ongoing success. Each of our guests made mention of how well Merewether High school prepared them for the transition to university and spoke with pride of their time here.

At the other end of the spectrum Week 1 saw us meet with prospective students for Yr 7 2016 who will prepare to sit the selective schools entrance exam next year. Our information session last Wednesday provided the 400 guests with an overview of our school – the structures, achievements and processes that highlight students striving for their personal best in all spheres. I must mention the fantastic role our school captains elect, Abby Gallimore and Tom Grimes played in the night. They recounted their experiences of arriving at high school and their growth over the years. Our young leaders spoke from the heart and provided shining examples of the young adults which Merewether High School builds. Congratulations Tom and Abby!

As if that was not enough for week 1.... with Thursday morning, there arrived 150 of our new Yr 7 students for 2015 for a day of academic challenge, orientation and peer support. Ms Harvey and incoming Year Advisors Ms Allen and Ms Collins along with an excellent group of peer support leaders guided our future students through a series of group activities. It was interesting to note the new friendships beginning to form as well as some clear leadership skills being shown in group settings as teams worked feverishly on challenges. The day finished with an array of satisfied faces as parents arrived to pick up their children who had had their appetite for more of the “Merewether High Experience” whetted.

And that was just week 1.....

**T. Southward
Deputy Principal**

From the DP

Welcome back to another exciting term. We have already commenced with a frenzy of activity not the least of which has involved the commencement of the HSC for our Year 12 students. With these final exams marking a celebration of their knowledge and skill development across 13 years of formal education, we wish them well for each and every exam and look forward to celebrating with them when their results are released on the 18th of December. I am certain that the future and career paths of Year 12 2014 will shine very bright.

Throughout this Term we will again be hosting our Parent Learning Group meetings. The following schedule indicates the dates and times of these events which will be held in the school learning centre. The learning centre will again be open prior to the PLG meeting from 8.30am for parents who would like to connect with other parents from their child's year group and have a chat over coffee.

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| Week 3 - 21 October | 9am -10.30am | Year 7 |
| Week 4 – 28 October | 9am -10.30am | Year 8 |
| Week 5 – 4 November | 9am -10.30am | Year 9 |
| Week 6 – 11 November | 9am -10.30am | Year 10 |
| Week 7 – 18 November | 9am -10.30am | Year 11 |
| Week 9 – 2 December | 9am -10.30am | Year 7 |



During this term our students will be engaged in various forms of learning reflection meetings. Year 7 and 8 students will be working with their year advisors in their guidance lessons throughout this term to prepare for these meetings. The aim of these meetings is to enable students to reflect on their personal best achievements, to discuss in small groups their personal learning styles and the learning strategies they have used and to set goals for their progress into the future.

Through the Year 9 Academic Enrichment program, students have been working this semester on their own individual projects. Students have engaged real world contacts and experts from their field of inquiry to enhance the quality of their research and develop their project in a more comprehensive and authentic way. Projects range from areas right across the curriculum and include focus areas such as improvements to household water consumption, reduction of school electricity use, major sporting proposals such as bringing the Olympics to Melbourne and Big Bash Cricket to Newcastle, Essays addressing issues of social justice, research into the educational outcomes of twins and creative and design pieces across industrial, textile, art and music and technological contexts. This short list is just a few of the 180 individual projects being developed by our Year 9 students and I am looking forward to their presentations towards the end of this term. Students will be presenting their individual projects and reflecting on their learning process in interview style meetings.

To assist us with providing our year 9 students an authentic audience for their project presentation interviews I am inviting interested parents to volunteer as panel members for these interviews. Each interview panel will involve a staff member, a parent or community member, and a Year 8 student. If you would like to be a part of these interviews (which will be scheduled between the 1st and 12th of December) and hear about the fantastic work being done by our year 9 students, please contact me by email on nadene.harvey@det.nsw.edu.au and let me know of your availability. I will then contact those interested and issue the interview schedule over the next couple of weeks.

Warmer weather brings with it a perfect opportunity to ensure all our students are in Uniform. The Merewether High School community and the P and C support the wearing of school Uniform and whilst the overwhelming majority of our students adhere to this expectation on a daily basis, it is timely to remind the small minority of the importance of wearing full school uniform each and every day. Uniform can be purchased directly through the school uniform shop and if any student requires assistance to gain access to uniform items, the student or parents are encouraged to contact either Mr Southward or Mrs Harvey.

N Harvey
Deputy Principal

Prefects Report

The end of Term Three brings the annual changeover of prefects to Merewether High School. Our 2014 prefects have done a fantastic job around the school, not only demonstrating great leadership in organising charity events such as RUOK Day and World's Greatest Shave, but also in contributing to the quality of everyday life here at school. From formal to informal events, the prefects participated with pride, responsibility and a healthy sense of humour. Their sense of school spirit was on display at the sports carnivals, encouraging and motivating the school with their enthusiasm and sense of fun. They welcomed and encouraged the new Year 7 students by assisting their first nervous weeks at school. Prefects helped run our assemblies, by chairing and introducing speakers, ushering at formal events and speaking with parents and guests. They ran Moofest, our short film festival, helped run Slave Day raising funds for the school gift and attended leadership days in Sydney. So on behalf of the school, I'd like to thank our prefects

Cameron Allan,
Eliza Avery,
Julia Barton,
Meg Buckner



Zane Butler
 Emily Chen,
 Oliver Di Pietro
 Elizabeth Dorn – Vice Captain
 Josh Edwards
 Zac Hamilton-Russell
 Patrick Hartsuyker
 Vanessa Langley
 Rachel Leonard - Captain
 Hamish Lorang - Captain
 Ethan Muddle
 Arjun Raju
 Brigitte Roman
 Michael Squires
 Samara Thambar
 Betrice Walker

And to welcome our prefects elect for 2015

Georgia BENDALL
 Eddie CHEN
 Jonathon CLIFFORD
 Emily COCKING
 Abby GALLIMORE
 Josephine GOLDMAN
 Jessica GRIMES
 Tom GRIMES
 Jack HARDEN
 Ben HOMER
 Neruiben JAYAKUMAR
 Jenna LINDBECK
 Kajanan NITHIYANANTHAN
 Kain O'DEA
 Sam PARKER
 Ha PHAM
 Huong PHAM
 Maddy WALKER
 Rebecca WARD
 Shannen WELSH

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MHS Open Boys Tennis Start Year in Top Gear

By Ben Homer, Year 11

The MHS Open Boys Tennis Team in 2014 (Sam Pearson, Zac Lewis, Ben Homer, Lachlan Russell, Tom Buckner and Justin Lui) have had a very successful year, becoming the first MHS Tennis team to make the state finals in many years. It all began back in May, and here is the story of the first part of their year:

The boys headed to picturesque Port Stephens to take on Tomaree High. Two 6-0 whitewashes in the doubles followed by four victories in the singles ensured a commanding victory and a spot in the second round of the competition.

District Park in Broadmeadow would host the second and third round clashes and after blazing past Callaghan College 48-0, the team would be faced with a mouth watering contest with Lambton High, who pipped Merewether by a single game in 2013 to eliminate them from the competition. Two wins in the doubles would put MHS in the box seat to go through, and with MHS winning two sets of singles and Lambton one, Justin Lui would have to win his singles to put MHS into the fourth round. And win Justin would do, but only just, getting up 7-6 in a nail-biting win.



So a semi-final berth it would be for MHS, to take on Belmont High for a spot in the final. Once again, Merewether would do it easily a six-sets-to-zero victory, and a 36-11 win in games. MHS would have to back-up an hour after their semi-final triumph to take on Rutherford, as the grey skies rolled in. Tensions rose, as Rutherford wanted to begin immediately, and MHS wanted a quick break, which added some ammunition to the battle which was about to begin. In the end, it was a mismatch, as Merewether completed the rout this time a 5-1 win in sets, and a 32-14 overall victory in games. Merewether's Hunter Region Championship victory was complete, and it would be off to the State Finals in September to play against some of the toughest schools in NSW. Stay tuned for the next bulletin to see how the boys went in the State Finals!

Abby Gallimore

By Christy Mullen, Year 11

Abby Gallimore is the new school captain and SRC chair person. She didn't expect to assume either roles. Abby has been in the SRC since Year 7 and balances all of her commitments with a study timetable, as school comes first.

"I have to know when to say no whether its social outings, sporting commitments or down time for myself to manage both roles and school." Abby explains, "I want to do medicine and neurology so an ATAR below 99 won't cut it, I'm aiming for 99 and above along with more than 85% in the UMAT test." However, Abby isn't expecting to become dux.

Her advice to other students wishing to become school captain and the SRC chair person is to "be really involved from the start. You can't expect to achieve a high position without putting work in the junior years. Also don't assume a position you don't think you can do. You have to have commitment."

"You have to want to make a difference in the school and broader community. You also need to be willing to listen and to try new ideas even if not all works."

In regards to changes Abby wants to make within the school, through the SRC they are planning to "create a positive school environment through fundraising and raising awareness of a cause whilst doing activities that actually help the cause. We want to encourage school spirit and also remove the taboo surrounding mental health issues."

The Donormobile

By Bernadette Callaghan, Year 10

On the first Thursday of term many of Merewether's benevolent students and teachers rolled up their sleeves to support the Australia Red Cross Blood Service. The big red donor mobile rolled into the staff car park near G block on the back of a semi-trailer, and soon expanded to create the multiple rooms and storage units inside needed to aid the donation process. Table and chairs were set up outside to allow an area for students and teachers alike to fill out forms before heading into a small office to have their blood pressure and haemoglobin levels measured. Once given the all clear by the examiner, you could move onto donating blood which took, generally, less than ten minutes to complete. At the end of the experience donors were treated with a variety of snack foods to replenish themselves, including chips, muffins, chocolates, pretzels and juice. The donors I spoke to inside the vehicle all seemed in agreement as to why they were giving blood; "It's for a good cause, and it's just a decent thing to do... plus I'm missing out on class."



Its That Time of Term...

By Patrick Wells, Year 11

The timely flocking of students to Mr Harrison's office and along the bottom floor of B-block never fails to make an impression. 'It happens every term and there's more each term', Mr Harrison reports. What could be the cause of such a disturbance on the first Thursday lunch time of every term?

Sports selection changes. Students in years 7-10 were given a range of sports to choose from for Term 4 mandatory sport at the end of last term. Those who did not make a selection were assigned any sport with places available. All students attended their assigned sports yesterday. However, if the flash-mob that formed as the lunch bell rang last Thursday is any indication, the sports, for many, haven't met expectations.

The students are required to line up and indicate their sport change to Mr Harrison, the school sports organiser, one by one. One student participating in the short migration of the 50 or so students was Jonti Crisp (Year 7). He reported students have been waiting in the line since the start of lunch and he had been waiting for 20 minutes. "A lot of people hate their sport choice so would line up this long just to change" he explained. Jess Horton (Year 9) was another student patiently waiting though she said "It's not as bad as the canteen line on Red Day!". "It's the fact they give the selection to us close to the end of term" Jess describes the problem. "We need more time". Cassandra Hallett (Year 9) suggested email selections could be a solution.

"Students need to make better choices first of all and be more selective", says Mr Harrison, although he agrees a computer selection system so students can choose in their own time would be an improvement.



Year 6 Challenge Day

By Jacob Gamble, Year 9

The first Thursday of this term saw the Year 9 Peer Support Leaders take on the task of running a Challenge Day for the Year 7 students of 2015, with the help of teachers, Year 7 and Year 10 students. One hundred and fifty or so eager Year 6 students and their parents streamed into the hall for what would be their first experience of Merewether High School.

Half of the Year 6 students headed off to the Learning Centre for a talk on Welfare with their future Year Advisors, Miss Collins and Mrs Allen, leaving the Year 9 group leaders with the other half.

My fabulous partner, Fia Sankoorkial and I were allocated a colour (Lilac) and a group of students. We chauffeured nine of the newcomers around to the various activities in the hall that were run by Year 9 activity leaders and were given the chance to watch them endeavour in some fun (and interesting) team building exercises.

After a tasty BBQ lunch, the future Year 7s swapped places. Fia and I then guided another group of students through the teambuilding activities. Towards the end of the day, all Year 6 students gathered in the hall.

Mrs Harvey asked the question, "Did you enjoy yourselves?" and the majority of newcomers raised their hands keenly.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the younger students and look forward to seeing them again in December for their orientation. All the teachers involved in organising the Challenge Day should be commended for a successful day.



Year 11 Drama --Excursion

By Freya Dastoor, Year 11

Departing nice and early from Broadmeadow Station on Thursday, the year 11 drama class set off to the Belvoir, Sydney, to watch Upstairs Theatre's production of *The Glass Menagerie*; the play that catapulted author Tennessee Williams to fame. Having spent the first part of the year studying *A Streetcar Named Desire*, another (and perhaps better known) of Williams' works, the excursion was a great opportunity for the students to see one of Williams' plays in the flesh. With glowing reviews from critics such as Jason Blake (of the Sydney Morning Herald), who wrote that it was "a compassionate and illuminating production" that "throws fresh light into corners of a play that can go unexplored or unnoticed" *The Glass Menagerie* is a re-working of one of Tennessee's earlier short-stories, and bears a number of similarities to *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The 'deep south' setting, the role of men in the play and the character of a fading southern belle all align, certainly, though *Streetcar Named Desire* lacks the author's scathing self-criticism that can be found in *The Glass Menagerie* (in the form of the main character Tom, whom is reflective of Williams himself). Nonetheless, the excursion has provided a great chance for all the students to accumulate more general knowledge and material in their studies, attending performances being –of course– key to studying a subject such as Drama. We have huge thanks for Miss. Sellers for the organisation and running of this excursion, and all in all, it can be said that the trip was a definite success- here's to many more like it.



English

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the year 9/10 debating team, coached by Mrs Burdekin, has continued to move forward in their competition and will debate the NSW state semi final on the 16th October in Hunters Hill, Sydney. This team is now one of the last four teams in NSW remaining in the competition. Reaching this level of the competition takes a lot of hard work, commitment and a great level of skill. Over this first week of term, the team has been involved in specialized training and coaching workshops designed to build on their already sophisticated skills.



Our 9/10 debaters after winning the State Quarter Final in Sydney
Zac Welsh, Amelia Rebellato, Rizina Yadav & Claire Sandhoff

Our junior debaters have also continued to achieve success in their competitions. The year 8 team continues to debate at the zone level and is currently involved in the zone finals.

Finally, I'd once again like to ask parents to remind students to return any novels or plays that they have studied in English this year. Students in Years 7 - 9 **do not need** to keep their texts until after the Semester 2 examinations.

Ms Esme Corney
HT English

Writing Competitions

Congratulations to Katherine Miskin (Year 9) for her outstanding poem "The Twelve Dimensions of Dust" which has received the status of "Commended" in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. The judge's comment on Kate's poem was: "I love this celebration of a household nuisance. It explodes with ideas carried on clever word pictures and minimal language. Brilliant." Katherine has entered a number of writing and poetry competitions over the years and she is a talented writer. The recognition of her talent is very deserving. Well done Kate.

ICAS results

Special mention must go to Samuel McIntyre (Year 9) for achieving the top score in the ICAS English for Year 9 for NSW and ACT and Sharvil Kesarwani for achieving the top score in ICAS Spelling for Year 7 for NSW and ACT. Both students will receive a University of New South Wales medal for their outstanding achievements. Congratulations Samuel and Sharvil.



Students have received their certificates for their participation in the ICAS English Competition. The following students performed particularly well in the English Competition and are to be congratulated on their achievement:

Year 10

High Distinction – Elizabeth Tembo, Isabella Malaspina, Ashley Milton, Tessa Pascoe, Meg Stevens.

Distinction – Alliyah Asis, Oliver Ball, Asher Beasley, Harrison Callen, Daniel Carless, Zar Chavla, Thomas Damjanovic, Thomas Davies, Olivia De Jong, Rachel Ditton, Brody Gilmore, Maddelene Gifford, Callum Hirst, Phoebe Hopkins, Ursula Horton, Patrick Huolohan, Emily Keogh, Jeffrey Lord, Padmakumar Madhav,

Bayley Matthews, Toby Morgan, Jacob Parker, Nicholas Partlin, Joshua Pelzer, Maddison Rarity, Samuel Relf, Cara Rixon, Jessica Sanders, Rebekah Smart, Maya St Jean, Kayla Torrance, Terry Teh, Joseph Temperley, Dimitri Velovski, Charlotte Walters, Jade Watson, Zachary Welsh, Aymon Wuolanne.

Year 9

High Distinction – Christopher Chen, Eamonn Garvey, Samuel McIntyre, Annaliese Turner.

Distinction – Blake Anderson, Lauren Baldwin, Aiden Ball, Emma Boundy, Landon Brown, Claire Budden, Anna Carpenter, Aniket Chhillar, Charlie Eastwood, Caitlin Field, Ariel Gallardo, Cassandra Hallet, Nyssa Henry, Jemima Hollard, Britta Meany, Elizabeth Mee, Liam Mobbs, Emily O’Hearn, Thomas Phillips, Moksha Rana, Zack Schofield, Cameron Shaw-Carmody, Owen Small, Nicole Squires, Maksim Stojcevski, Thomas Suturs, Dakota Tait, Jessica Vaisey, Jaziah Watts, Aden Weinmann, Riley Wells, Hailin Zhao.

Year 8

High Distinction – Matthew Blyth, Kate Edwards, Emma Frith, Kieran Simons, Max Spencer Karinen, Max Suciu-Gleeson, Alex Yan.

Distinction – Jessica Avard, Kirrily Boyd, Jade Conner, Taskil Dastoor, Callum Donnelly, Gemma Ferguson, Ross Fletcher, Noah Grady, Estelle Grillmeier, Erin Hartley, Todd Hodgson, Tess Horton, Serena Jacks, Ned Keyte, Sebastian Leacey, Charles Lott, Callum McFarlane, Callum Millington, Ari Mintoff, Ciara Morgan, Tess Neely, Jack Novak, Malaka Perera, Yuri Porter, Samantha Oswald, Elena Rossi, Lachlan Russell, Jasmine Sheng, Callum Smith, Annika St Jean, Laura Stanton, Harry Su, Mitchell Thomson, Jackson Turton, Annelise Verbeek, Olivia Wilson-Wheeler, Gordon You, James Zhang.

Year 7

High Distinction – Hamish Douglas, Leah Dove, Eben Taylor.

Distinction – Bianka Arunraj, Angus Atkinson, Benjamin Beck, Brianna Lee Block, Josh Bywater, Nevenya Cameron, Mitchell Davis, Connor Davis, Zoe Davis, Alicia De Siqueira Mattes, Aditya Enjeti, Matthew Eyre, Chirstopher Falley, Shannon Gillan, Georgina Hay, Faith Iles, Harry Keil, Jake Kinkade, Jack Matthey, Danny Molloy, Anna Moscato, Madison Mulder, Tahlia Nicholas, Alexandra Plotnikoff, Cooper Porter-Kay, Terry Roy, Ellie Sherlock, Daniel Sloan, Campbell Starrett, Harry Tregilgas, Elizabeth Whelan.

Janet Martinez

ICAS and Competition Coordinator

CAPA

Hunter Singers Celebrates 25 years

Hunter Singers 25th Anniversary Concert
Sunday 23 November, 2pm
Newcastle Conservatorium Harold Lobb Concert Hall
Tickets: \$30 adults, \$25 concession, \$10 children

Newcastle's own regional choir recognises 25 years with an anniversary concert that will reunite past members with current choristers in a celebration of song. There are currently 16 students from Merewether High School who are members of Hunter Singers, however, the group's association with Merewether goes back to the very beginning in 1989, when rehearsals were held in KM1.

The music teachers who worked together to form the group included the three past Head Teachers of Creative and Performing Arts at Merewether HS – John Gray, Greg Goyette and Kim Sutherland OAM. Kim has been the conductor of Hunter Singers for the past 25 years, so the concert in November is a very significant event for her.

The group has developed its own unique sound, with an identifiable youthful thread from the earliest days to the present. In the past 25 years, 334 singers from 21 NSW Public secondary schools have been part of the Hunter Singers family, and in November more than eighty of these alumni singers will be assembling in Newcastle for the 25th Anniversary celebrations, culminating in a concert at Newcastle Conservatorium on Sunday 23 November at 2pm.

The anniversary weekend will see old Singers returning to their hometown, some travelling from across the country, to reminisce on their unique musical opportunities they experienced as young singers.

Some selected highlights from the last 25 years include:

- International Tours to USA, Austria, England, Wales, New Zealand, Italy, Canada, Belgium, France, Germany and China





- Gold Diploma and two Silver Diplomas at the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati
- Singing Known Unto God at the Menin Gate, Belgium in the presence of the composer Paul Jarman
- Numerous performances in the Sydney Opera House at the Secondary Schools Choral Concerts, including Massed Choir items conducted by Faye Dumont, John Nickson, Graham Abbott, Lyn Williams. Works included Handel's Messiah, Berlioz's Te Deum, Orff's Carmina Burana, Leek's Daintree, Fauré's Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria.
- Hunter Singers Concerts held in Newcastle Conservatorium Concert Hall, St Andrews Church, Newcastle City Hall, Christ Church Cathedral, Hunter Theatre
- Commissioned works by Stephen Leek, Dan Walker, Sam Donovan, Gordon Hamilton, Owen Elsley, Paul and Julie Bevan, Paul Jarman, Matthew Orlovich, Wendy Ireland, Rosalind Carlson, Peter Brock and Michael Atherton
- National Tours to Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney, Port Macquarie, Wagga Wagga and Hobart
- The 10th Anniversary and 20th Anniversary Concerts in Newcastle City Hall, in which 80 current and former members of Hunter Singers combined to perform as a massed choir



- Schools Tour performances across every school district in the Hunter
- Gold Award at the Hong Kong International Music Festival in 2014
- First prize at the Citibank Open Choral Award at the City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge in 1997, at that stage the only children's choir ever to win the event
- Second prize at the 2009 Summa cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna.
- Two major prizes in the 2003 Verona International Choral Competition, competing against 34 choirs from 11 countries, winning the gold cup award and a special jury prize for the best performance of a contemporary work

Hunter Singers is conducted by Founding Music Director, Kim Sutherland, who was honoured with an OAM in 2013 for her Service to the Arts, due in large part to her 25 years with Hunter Singers.

The compere for the concert on 23 November will be 1233 ABC Newcastle Drive presenter, Paul Bevan.

LOTE

Languages

The holidays were an exciting time for the Languages Faculty with three overseas trips.

Mrs Allen accompanied winners of the Ube Speech Competition to **Japan**. Winners from Merewether High School were Ruby Wilson, Louis Graves and Brooke Donoghoe.

During their stay they experienced daily life in Japan with generous host families, experienced school life through the hospitality of host schools and enjoyed the delights of Japanese cuisine such as sushi, okonomiyaki, onigiri and miso soup. Japanese baths and toilets were a unique experience! They were also very fortunate in visiting Keishin High who visit MHS each August to deepen the friendship between the staff and students.



Merewether High students with the Mayor of Ube Tea Ceremony

Mrs Horan, Mr Byrnes and Mrs Greenland accompanied students on a French and Visual Arts excursion to **London and Paris**. The trip was a great success and the email below, received from a member of the public, reinforces the teachers' impressions of our tour group.

ATTENTION: The Principal

On October 2, 2014 my wife and I returned from Europe with Etihad Airlines. On the Abu Dhabi -Sydney sector we were accompanied by students and teachers from your school. May I pass on congratulations and appreciation of the way the students conducted themselves. There were representatives of the school next to us, across from us and behind us. Behaviour was exemplary- even from the teachers.

*Please pass onto those involved our appreciation of the way they conducted themselves. What fine members of the Australian community they will make. The grounding all comes from their parents and your school.
All the very best for the future*

*Peter Habel
Liverpool. NSW 2170*



French and Visual Arts students at Monet's Garden



Ms Raby and Mr Smith accompanied 24 German language students from years 9 and 10 on a tour of Germany.

The students learned a great deal about German history and took part in a number of cultural activities. They also had the opportunity to stay with German host families and attended a German high school during the last week of their trip.

Jess, Alex, Tessa, Maddi, Claire, Georgina, Mikaylee

TAS

Year 8 students have been developing their CAD skills (Computer Aided Design) during last term and this term their design ideas are being manufactured through some of the new equipment that the TAS department has been fortunate enough to begin using. The CAM (Computer aided Manufacturing) technology has enabled students to take their three dimensional designs and develop them into working prototypes via the 3D printer and a laser cutter. This new technology is becoming common place in manufacturing allowing students some insight into a changing industrial roll of personnel involved in manufacturing areas. Some of the student works shown here are still only 80% complete with only the running gear to be assembled.

A.Donaldson
Class Teacher



TAS

F1 in Schools Update

Velociracing

Velociracing is off to Sydney on the 6th November to compete in the State Finals of the Pro Junior Class. The team performed superbly at Regionals but will be up against tougher competition at State. Good luck to Thomas Whitehead, Asa Sire, Emma Westbury and Michael Holmes from year 9.

Southern Cross F1

Southern Cross F1 are down and back up the M1 regularly to meet with their team members from Barker College. The team is working very hard in preparing for the World Finals in Abu Dhabi starting on the 15th November. Over nine million students from 17,000 schools in 31 nations compete in the F1 in Schools Competition. Southern Cross Racing is down to compete against the last 38 teams as listed below to become World Champions.



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| Australia & Scotland | Impact |
| Cyprus & Greece | Absolute Accelero |
| Germany Malaysia | HighEnd Racing |
| Austria & Czech Republic | AC Racing |
| Hong Kong Portugal | SpeedForce Racers |
| Ireland United Arab Emirates | FUSION F1 |
| Australia | Gamma Raycing |
| Australia | Southern Cross F1 |
| Bahrain | Gulf Speed Racing |
| Brazil | Team Brazil |
| Canada | Phronesis Group |
| Canada | Aurora |
| China | Eastern Fire |
| Cyprus | Fire Racing |
| Cyprus | Six and Plus |
| England | Colossus F1 |
| Germany | Boreas |
| Germany | Javelin Racing |



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| Greece | POLE POSITION |
| Greece | Sapphire Racing Team |
| India | Team Acero |
| Ireland | Autolaunch Racing |
| Ireland | Photon Racing |
| Malaysia | Proton Elitus |
| Malaysia | CRATALYX F1 TEAM |
| Mexico | Escudería Charro |
| Northern Ire- land | Team Nero |
| Portugal | Spectrum |
| Portugal | RACING ART |
| Qatar | Vortex Racing |
| Scotland | Team Robus |
| Singapore | Phoenix Legacy |
| United Arab Emirates | Safire Racing |
| United Arab Emirates | Project Speed |
| United King- dom | Whittle Wonders |
| United States | Affinity Racing |
| United States | SLIPSTREAM |
| Wales | Red Dragon Racing |

Sponsorship has proved to be quite a challenge, especially coincident with the decline of the coal industry in the Hunter. The team would embrace the opportunity to promote new organisations locally, nationally and internationally should they decide to support Merewether High School's Southern Cross F1 team. Please contact Michael Platt from the TAS department or one of the team members themselves – Daniel Bradley, Joshua Beverley or Muhammed Al-Mudaffer if you can help.

Hospitality

During Term 3 Week 10, our Preliminary Hospitality students put all of their theory work into practice by completing a mandatory 35 hour work placement in “back of house”. We received excellent feedback from the employers about our 28 students, with several students offered part time or casual work. One employer stated that his work placement student was the best he had seen in his establishment in 10 years. We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for supporting our students:

Hunter River Hotel
Café Fresh, Charlestown
Boatrowers Hotel, Stockton
Café Bon Oz, Kotara
Clare Castle Hotel, Raymond Terrace
Euro Patisserie, New Lambton
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle
Lotus Espresso Café, The Junction
Seraphine Café, Maitland Art Gallery
Charlestown Bowling Club
The Duke of Wellington Hotel, New Lambton
Rock Lobster, Nelson Bay
Zinc, Cooks Hill
Medowie Macadamia Farm
Hogs Breath Café, Newcastle
Hogs Breath Café, Nelson Bay
Rustica, Newcastle Beach
Carmen’s- A Little Taste of Italy, Singleton
Anchorage Port Stephens, Corlette
Café Salt, Charlestown
Hippo Espresso, Warners Bay
Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club
Nelson Bay Golf Club
Deck 56, Belmont
Euro Bar, Hamilton

Julie D’Amico
Hospitality Teacher







PE

Year 7 Swim, Save and Survive Year 7 Students will partake in MHS Swim and Survive later this term.



This program provides students with the opportunity to learn personal swim survival and water safety skills in a safe environment.

Our program is structured to suit all swimmers and non-swimmers needs, covering elements of rescue and survival techniques and strategies, response to dangerous situations and resuscitation.

Students will receive a permission note in the near future that is required to be returned to school.

Dates: Week 10 -10th, 11th and 12th of December @ Lambton Swimming Pool

PDHPE OCTOBER EDITION

Lunchtime Competition Update

Congratulations to our Term 3 Basketball Champions!!

- Junior Boys:** Basketball Boys (8)
- Junior Girls:** Wildcats (8)
- Senior Girls:** Brooksey's Babes (12)
- Senior Boys:** Ferocious Acorns (11)

Term 4 Competition Starts Soon!

Mixed Touch Football

Begins: Week 3



Wednesday 22nd October

Year 7 Gala Day

Our Year 7 Students participated in our annual interclass Gala Day at the end of Term 3. They participated in a range of activities: Ultimate Vortex, Netball, Dodgeball, Soccer, Schtick (Frisbee) and other fun games throughout the day before inclement weather shortened the day.

All students are congratulated on their effort and enthusiasm, class spirit and their behavior demonstrated on the day.

Very special thanks to our Year 9 and 10 PASS students who were fantastic in their respective roles of referees and coaches



7G – INDIA – Year 7 Gala Day Champion Team!!!

Reminders:

Year 8 Gala Day – Week 3 Tuesday 21st October – See Permission Note for further details
Students are discouraged from bringing valuables to school.



Red Cross Donormobile

Thursday 9th October was the last visit for 2014 of the Red Cross Donormobile with many new donors eager to donate blood. It was the first visit of the new Donormobile with more space and luxury recliner chairs for the donors. There were 21 donations helping to save 63 lives. Thank you to Merewether students and staff for your great effort.

In 2015 there will be two days for donating blood. They are Tuesday 9th June and Thursday 12th November. So remember to put those dates in diaries for next year. Young people under 18 years are only able to donate once in twelve months so choose the best date for donating.

Denise Hughes





ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Merewether High School
Chatham Rd, Broadmeadow

Thursday 9 October 9.00am - 2.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo I.D. with you.

Call 13 95 96 or visit donateblood.com.au

 **Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE**

Mathematics

ICAS Mathematics Competition



376 students participated in the ICAS Mathematics test. 19 students were awarded with a High Distinction, 98 Distinction, 157 Credit and 48 Merit. Sharvil Kesarwani of Year 7 attained full marks in the test and is to be congratulated for this exceptional result. Students who achieved a High Distinction included: Year 7- Ronack Jain, Jonti Crisp, Louisa Suters, Sharvil Kesarwani, Angus Atkinson, Mitchell Davis, Arthy Mukunthan, Year 8 - Jye Hollier, Yuri Porter, Harry Su, Kate Edwards, Bailey Handford, Jason Zhang, Year 9 Cameron Shaw-Carmody, David Park, Hailin Zhao, Year 10- Tom Su, Aymon Wuolanne, Year 11 Muhammed Al-Mudafer.

Melinda Cocking
Manager

Australian Mathematics Competition



In August this year, all students in Years 7 to 10 as well as 4 year 11 students sat the Australian Mathematics competition. We have received some outstanding results this year, 1 Prize, 3 High Distinction, 71 Distinction, 322 Credit, 223 Proficiency and 61 Participation awards.

Sharvil Kesarwani in Year 7 received a medal for his outstanding achievement in the competition. He will be presented with his medal at a formal presentation at Government House in Brisbane in November. In addition, he was presented with a book voucher and an Australian Mathematics pin in recognition of his performance at a school assembly last week. Kate Edwards Year 8 received the Prudence Award for the most number of correct consecutive answers in the school.

The top students in each year were:

Year 7: Sharvil Kesarwani, Matthew Eyre and Angus Atkinson

Year 8: Kate Edwards, Harry Su and Michael Trout

Year 9: Thomas Phillips, Cameron Shaw Carmody, Mitchell Love and Michael Orjekh

Year 10: Edmund Yu, Isaac Roman and Ryan Mitchison

Year 11: Muhammed Al-Mudafer, Joshua Beverley and Patrick Wells.

Congratulations to all our students for participating and achieving in this challenging competition.

Tracy Scollay
Manager
Mathematics Challenge



During Semester 1, 2014 students at Merewether High undertook the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.

Students were given a booklet with several diverse mathematical problems and given the term to produce a detailed set of solutions. Many students produced outstanding documents that displayed exceptional lateral thinking and problem solving skills.

Special mention should be given to Ronack Jain, Cameron Shaw-Carmody, Michael Orjejk, Eben Taylor and Sharvil Kesarwani, who all provided outstanding solutions to all questions.

Bruce Hill

(Manager)

Message from Head Teacher Mathematics

I wish to thank all competition managers for their excellent organisation and management of the mathematics competitions.

Special congratulations to all students who participated in these events and those who performed exceptionally well do attain high distinction and recognition.

Dharmendra Singh

Head Teacher Mathematics



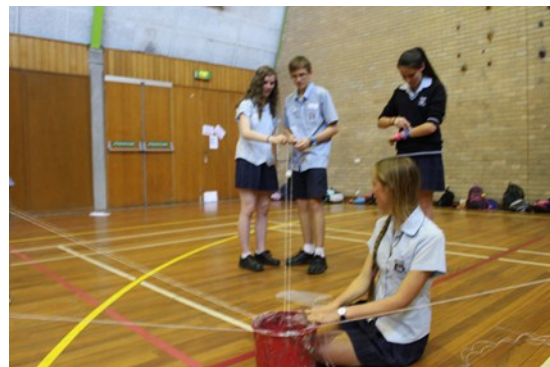
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| The Australian Society for Medical Research 2014 National Secondary School's Quiz |
| New South Wales All Division Winner |
| Christian Langley |
| New South Wales Year 11 Division Winner |
| Emily Cocking |
| New South Wales Year 9 Division Winner |
| Christian Langley |
| New South Wales Year 8 Division Winner |
| Justin Liu |
| New South Wales Year 12 Division Runner-Up |
| Emily Worthington-Rich |
| New South Wales Year 10 Division Runner-Up |
| Ashley Milton |
| New South Wales Year 9 Division Runner-Up |
| Jessica Arnold |
| New South Wales Year 7 Division Runner-Up |
| Elizabeth Whelan |
| Certificate of High Distinction Year 11 |
| Emily Dando |
| Zachary Groth |
| Matthew King |
| Brooke Nguyen |
| Ruby Wilson |
| Certificate of High Distinction Year 10 |
| Emily Keogh |
| Nanuji Lamichhane |
| Nicholas Partlin |
| Casey Smith |
| Certificate of High Distinction Year 9 |
| Lauren Baldwin |
| Britta Meany |
| Lauren Moore |
| William Parsons |
| Cameron Shaw-Carmody |
| Hailin Zhao |
| Certificate of High Distinction Year 8 |
| Yuri Porter |
| Certificate of High Distinction Year 7 |
| Alicia De Siqueira Mattes |
| Jabez Mehanathan |
| Teza Sankoorikal |

YEAR 7 2015 CHALLENGE DAY

On Thursday 9th October we had a visit with our incoming 2015 Year 7 cohort. Our Peer Support leaders from Year 9 welcomed our new students and ran a variety of challenges which tested their skills and had them working together and forming new friendships.

Mrs Allen and Ms Collins, Year 7 Advisers for 2015 ran an information session with a panel of students to give some insight into the many wonderful opportunities and experiences they have to look forward to as students of Merewether High. The SRC cooked up a yummy BBQ for lunch.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this such a successful day... we look forward to our next visit on Orientation Day in December.





| OCTOBER | |
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| Mon 20/10 | Y11 Reports issued |
| Tues 21/10 | Y7 PLG - LC - 9:00am-10:30am Y8 GALA Day Sports Tour 2015 welfare day P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC |
| Wed 22/10 | Yrs 7-12 Music the Music Concert - Opera House Y9 Urban Challenge - day 1/3 |
| Thur 23/10 | CHORALFEST - Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre Y9 Urban Challenge - day 2/3 |
| Fri 24/10 | Y9 Urban Challenge - day 3/3 |
| Mon 27/10 | Vaccinations - Y7 and Y9 Boys - LC |
| Tues 28/10 | Y8 PLG - 9:00am-10:00am - LC |
| Wed 29/10 | Y7-10 Blackout Period commences |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Mon 3/11 | Y10 Science Forensics - LC - all day |
| Tues 4/11 | Y9 PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC |
| Wed 5/11 | Y7-10 Semester 2 exams commence - MPC Support Unit Camp - Riverwood Downs - day 1/3 |
| Thur 6/11 | Yrs 9-12 Music - Meet the Music Concert - Opera House Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 2/8 Support Unit Camp - Riverwood Downs - day 2/3 |
| Fri 7/11 | Y12 Responsible Service of Alcohol Training Y7 - 11 Debating squad - Sydney State Finals Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 3/8 Support Unit Camp - Riverwood Downs - day 3/3 |
| Mon 10/11 | Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 4/8 |
| Tues 11/11 | Y10 PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 5/8 |
| Wed 12/11 | Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 6/8 |
| Thur 13/11 | Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 7/8 |
| Fri 14/11 | Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - conclude |
| Mon 17/11 | Y12 Meeting |
| Tues 18/11 | Y11 (Year 12 2015) PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC P&C Meeting - 9:00am - 10:30am |
| Wed 19/11 | HSSA Boys Softball |
| Thur 20/11 | Y11 Assembly - 11:00am - MPC |
| Mon 24/11 | Support Unit Disco - MPC - 10:00am |
| Wed 26/11 | CAPA Excursion - Wicked - Capitol Theatre Sydney Y12 English Orals—All day |
| Thur 27/11 | HSSA Boys - Cricket |
| Fri 28/11 | Prefects' Investiture—MPC—11.00am |



EVENT DIARY

| | DECEMBER |
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| Wed 3/12 | Y7 Orientation Day (2015) |
| Fri 5/12 | HSSA Blues Presentation |
| Wed 10/11 | Yrs 8, 9 & 10 Textiles Excursion - Wicked - Capitol Theatre Sydney |
| Mon 15/12 | Y10 Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Y9 Assembly - MPC - 1:30pm |
| Tues 16/12 | Y8 Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Y7 Assembly - MPC - 1:30pm |
| Wed 17/12 | Presentation Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Morning Tea following the Assembly - 12:30pm HSC Results released |
| Thur 18/12 | School Development Day-No Students Y12 2014 - BBQ |
| Fri 19/12 | School Development Day-No Students |



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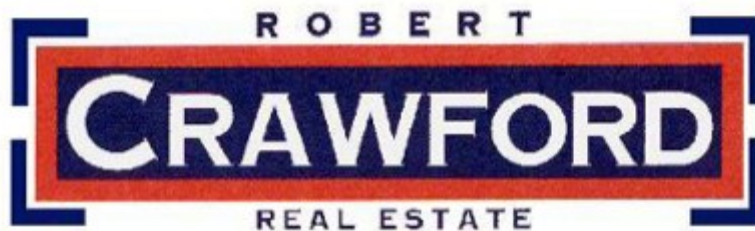


Merewether High School Sports Tour 2014-15



Planning is well under way for the 2014-15 Sports Tours to be conducted in December. A boys' soccer tour and a mixed rugby and netball tour will travel to the UK to play and be billeted by host schools in England and Scotland. The tours also provide sight-seeing opportunities and experiences in Dubai, London and Paris. Sports Tours are ingrained into the culture of Merewether High School and are extremely popular. They offer our students the opportunity to experience different cultures, play sport on international soil, and gain independence while traveling the world with their friends in a safe and supervised environment. MHS Sports Tours really are an 'experience of a lifetime'.

Sports Tour management is pleased to announce our continued association with **Robert Crawford Real Estate**. Robert has generously contributed funds again in 2014 and is the **Major Sponsor** of our upcoming **Sports Tours**.



Ph. 02 4957 6166 – New Lambton

Ph. 02 4955 7888 – Elermore Vale

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We also welcome Hunter Imaging as a sponsor in 2014 and acknowledge their generous donation.



Thank You to our sponsors

All money donated to a 'MHS Sports Tour Team' assists with defraying the cost of playing gear and other mandatory uniform items for individual tour members and ultimately contribute to the longevity and overall success of the Sports Tour program. Your sponsorship is very much appreciated.



Merewether High School International Sports Tour 2014-15

would like to acknowledge the following local business groups for their generous support of Sports Tour fundraising initiatives

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| 102.9 KOFM | Grill'd – The Junction | Pacific Dunes |
| 106.9 NXFM | Healing Wave Chiropractic | Paul's Asian Affair |
| Anchorage Port Stephens | House | Pegs - Cafe |
| Aphrodite's On The Lake | Howards Storage World | Perfection Point - Skin & Body |
| Aqua Lilly Hair Design | Hoyts Charlestown | Pharmacy for Less Kotara |
| The Athlete's Foot | Hunter Business Golf Group | Poppies Garden Centre |
| Babyshop | Hunter Gourmet Pizza | Priceline Pharmacy |
| Bakers Delight | ITW Group - Cyclone | Pulse Climbing |
| Belmont Golf Club | Jarret's Quality Meats | Restaurant Mason |
| Belmont Hairdoo | JB Hi-Fi | Robert Crawford Real Estate |
| Bi-LO Cardiff | Jenda Collection | Rosie's School of Rock |
| Board Crazy | Joslin St Butcher | Salamander Village Florist |
| Bunnings Warehouse | Junction Fair Pharmacy | Scott-Dibben Amcal Kotara |
| Cellarbrations - Adamstown | The Bottle-O Kahibah | Scrap Needs |
| Christiane's Hair Design | Kathmandu | Seaview Malaysian Restaurant |
| Colour de Rose | KFC | Sesames - On the Lake |
| Cupcake Espresso | Koko Hairdressing | Strachans Day Night Pharmacy |
| Dan Murphy's | Kylie's Hair Specialists | Suki Hairdressing |
| Darby Street Pharmacy | Lambton Fridge | Super Strike Salamander |
| Deneng Pty Ltd | Lambton Fruit Market | Tackle Power |
| Donut King | Lombard- The Paper People | The Forum University |
| Elite Mobile Locksmiths | Lucky 7 Supermarket | The Letter Q |
| Extraless Prices Variety Store | Macs Home Timber & Hardware | The Wests Group |
| Gateshead Tavern Bottle Shop | Megamania | Tri-Benedict Solutions |
| Gemelli Estate | Merewether Golf Club | Warners at The Bay |
| Global Packaging | Merewether Hair Studio | Wax in the City |
| Good Guys Kotara | Moo Culture | The Bottle-O Whitebridge |
| GR Brassiere | Nesbitt Hair and Body | Whitebridge Butchery |
| Graze at Valentine | Newcastle Family Dental | Woolworths |
| Greencross Vets | Office Works - Newcastle West | Worimi Framing Services |
| Grinding Halt Café | Open Dorz | XY Body Treatments |