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### Dates to Remember

#### Wednesday 17th

11.00am  
Sports Presentation

#### Friday 19th

(10.00am morning tea)  
11.00 am Yr 12  
Presentation Assembly

#### Tuesday 7th October

All Students Return  
Year 12 (2015)  
Learning Conference



### Principal's Report

Campbell Melrose of Year 12 is one of seventeen outstanding senior high school students selected to represent Australia at The Hague Model United Nations (THIMUN) Conference, one of the most significant gatherings of young people in the world. The Conference attracts over 4000 students from 90 different countries. Now in its 47<sup>th</sup> year, the annual conference runs for five days from eh 26 to 30 January 2015 in the Dutch Seat of Parliament, The Hague. Model United Nations is a simulation of the various organisations of the United Nations. In order for Campbell to participate in the Conference he needs to raise just over \$7000. Currently Campbell is looking for sponsors to help him make the trip.



As Year 12 move towards their last week of classes and their final exams, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for the contribution they have made to Merewether High School throughout the past six years and wish them luck for their upcoming exams. Year 12 have continued to prepare diligently and to access the many supports in place to help them in their final weeks. The next five weeks leading to the HSC exams and the work each individual does can be the difference in their final results. Students are currently working together to support each other to achieve their personal best. I am impressed with the level of commitment and determination the majority of students are demonstrating at this time of their learning program. Groups who work together and support each other do better than those who work individually. The better each student does in the HSC examinations the better the cohort will do as their school assessments can be positively moderated. All Year 12 are very aware they still have 50% of their final HSC mark to achieve. Congratulations to Year 12 on their achievements to date and I look forward to sharing in their celebrations and successes at the completion of the HSC early November and when their results are released in December.

Tuesday 7th October will be the first day of the Higher School Certificate for our Year 11 students. To commence this very important year, all students will participate in a Learning Conference for the day. Students will be involved in sessions on Board of Studies requirements, scaling, moderation, past students will talk about their preparation and a session on time management and study skills will complete the day. The day is to support our students as they commence their final year at high school.

Anyone who attended the annual POSH Concert will agree it was an outstanding night showcasing not only the talents of our Year 12 Music students, but the musicianship of our ensemble students. The sophistication of the performances and the development of the extensive performing arts programs within the school was evident on the night. Congratulations to all students and the CAPA staff.

### Diary Dates

P&C Meeting  
Tuesday, 16th  
September  
7:30pm - ILC



Congratulations to Tiernan Baldwin, Emma Elsley, Loryn Hibbard, Jemima Webber and Kristen Wunderlich who have been nominated for inclusion in OnStage as a result of their performance in the Higher School Certificate Drama examination for their group piece "Oestrogenation".

Congratulations to Matthew Blyth of Year 8 who achieved second in the state in the National History Competition, an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Ros Penson, Clare Howlett, Cath Donnelly and Isobelle Walsh who were recognised during Education Week by students for their inspirational teaching, building sense of community and service to learning. This was an initiative of the school prefect body where students were able to nominate staff for the awards. Over one thousand nominations for staff from students were received as part of this program. Prefects then took the nominations and decided on the four awards.

### ***From the Deputy***

As I write my bulletin entry I am reflecting on some of the recent achievements of our students and I am inundated with great news to share. Our Year 12 Drama students have recently presented their HSC performances pieces. Under the guidance of their teacher Ms Sellers our students have created and subsequently performed a satirical piece which they called Estrogenation. The performance is about a company that makes the perfect women. Following their performance for the HSC marking team, the piece performed by Emma Elsley, Tiernan Baldwin, Lauren Hibbard, Jemima Webber, and Kristen Wunderlich has been nominated for inclusion in On-Stage. On Stage is the BOSTES recognition show for outstanding Drama performances in the NSW HSC 2014. This is an outstanding recognition for their excellent work.

Sharvil Kesarwani in Year 7 has achieved 100% in the Australian Maths competition and has been invited to fly to Brisbane to attend a prestigious award ceremony to accept his prize. Sharvil is a very promising mathematician and it is wonderful to see his talents being acknowledged in this way.

Following on from great work in the MUNA competition, Campbell Melrose of Year 12 has gained recognition for his work in being selected as the Australian representative to attend the international Model United Nations conference in the HAIG. This is an outstanding honour and we look forward to hearing of Campbell's' experience on his return.

Last week we had a number of students representing Hunter at the state athletics championships at Homebush.

After successful performances at this event, both the senior boys relay team (who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>) consisting of Hamish Lorang, Declan Spencer, Lucas Millward and Matt Reeves along with Zax Devenny who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 13years boys 200m have now qualified to represent NSWCHS at the all schools state carnival next month.

Next week is our final week of school for Year 12. We are looking forward to this very positive week of celebration for them as a culmination of their 13 years of formal schooling. A significant number of special activities and events are planned for them over the course of next week commencing with a very glamorous Year 12 formal event this Friday evening. It has been my pleasure to be their Deputy Principal throughout their HSC year and I have been particularly impressed with not only their approach to study and achievement but also to their commitment and selflessness towards others. This is a wonderful group of young people who are community minded and very giving. They have demonstrated to us on many occasions that they are more than ready to make a wonderful contribution to the wider world as they leave us at the end of their HSC exams. I will be undertaking a professional learning exchange to a school in Ontario Canada commencing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September and whilst this is a wonderful opportunity it does unfortunately mean that I will not be present to congratulate Year 12 at their Final assembly on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution to the school and for their ongoing preparation and success during their exams I wish them well. I look forward to seeing them during the period of their HSC exams in Term 4.

**N Harvey**



## MHS MOOSPAPER

### 5 useful exam tips you might not have heard before

*Olivia Stanley, Year 11*

The smell of caffeine, highlighter ink and freshly-written essays... It's that time of the year again for Years 11 and 12 – exams. By now, most of the senior students (should) have mastered the exam techniques to optimise their performance in the HSC year, so we all know the classics: get a good night's sleep, eat well, take study breaks etc. These are fundamentals to productive study, but the addition of these lesser known tips might just give you an edge.

#### 1. Nail the multiple choice (literally)

If you have a spare minute during 'reading time', use that time to your advantage and start on the multiple choice – use a nail to mark your answers on the sheet. Then, when you can pick your pen up you'll be able to mark out your answers quickly and get onto the next section, saving valuable writing time.

#### 2. Peer pressure

In the time leading up to the exam, avoid anyone loud and/or panicking. Their attitude will just put you on edge and cause unnecessary nerves. In addition, their 'I haven't studied at all!' or frantic reciting of language techniques in their loudest voice will distract your own preparation and planning. Instead, choose a quiet place to do last minute revision and stay calm.

#### 3. Mix it up

Find out beforehand the format of the exam, and allocate time limits and a sequence to complete the exam in depending on your personal ability. For example, the Business Studies test might be multiple choice, short answer, then an essay. If you're a slow writer you might like to do the essay first and take extra time from the multiple choice to do this.

#### 4. Relatable Mnemonics

Create mnemonics for any and all lists you're required to remember. That is, systems such as a pattern of letters, ideas or associates which aid in remembering something. Make them either fun (helps them to be memorable) or the more effective strategy when remembering a lot: make them relevant to the list you're remembering by using the subject's terminology. Mnemonics are easy to remember, and as soon as you start the test simply write them out on the front page to get them out of your brain.

#### 5. *Don't* sit at the squeaky table

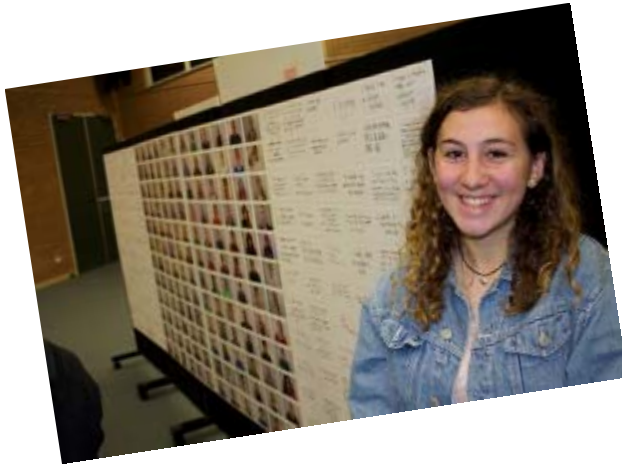
This is both distracting and annoying to you and all those around you who are trying to remember the electron structure of Magnesium. These desks are hard to spot outright but when you sit down, give the tabletop a wiggle; if it squeaks, pick again.





## Art Students Display Their Major Works

Zane Butler, Year 12

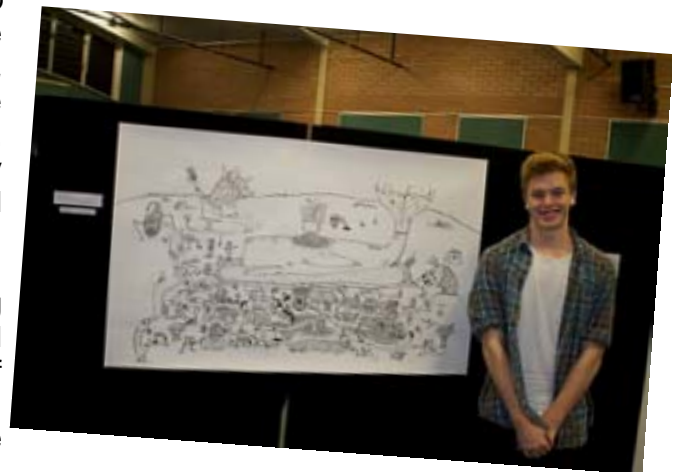


As a component of the Visual Arts HSC course, all students are required to create a Body of Work. Throughout a nine-month process, students develop their artistic concepts and bring their ideas to fruition. On the 25th of August, Merewether's year 12 class exhibited their artworks in the Learning Centre for parents, friends and teachers. The evening was a great success, exemplifying the talent and arduous efforts of the Visual Arts students and recognising their months of work.

This year, eight students — myself among them — displayed their Bodies of Work as a part of the exhibition. In spite of the relatively small cohort, there was a broad range of forms and concepts which ensured a dynamic experience for all who attended. Notably, Erin Healey's piece *Confessions* drew particular interest. The work combined 144 anonymously submitted confessions which ranged from happy to heartbreaking, alongside 144 photographic portraits of the confessors. 'I wanted to explore the concept of anonymity,' said Erin, '...how people feel more comfortable sharing secrets with strangers than with those closest to them.' Another exceptional piece was Charlie Finlay-Jones' *The World Through Warped Eyes*. Using highly detailed pen drawings that lure the viewer into countless, off-the-wall scenarios, Charlie creates a dream-like sense of hyper-reality through the seamless blending of fantasy and realism.

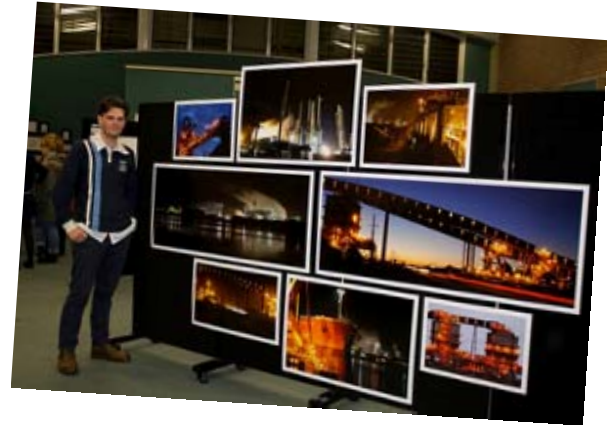
Four students chose to create portraits, utilising various media to ensure highly personal representations. In Isabel Harnden's series of miniature oil paintings and pencil drawings, *Confessions of an Impostor*, she explored the changing nature of self-representation over time. Jess

Holmes' triptych of self portraits, *Surrender*, investigated the tension between an individual's inner and outer selves, while Sophie Davis' series of etchings, *Interpersonal Identity Development*, subverted the traditional nature of school photos to allow year 12 to adopt poses expressive of their true personality





personality. Emily Wilson's *Common Threads* used the medium of embroidery to create a series of portraits that emphasise the importance of relationships in the make-up of an individual. Other artworks included Natalie Avtarovski's series of watercolour paintings *A "Still Life"* which emphasises the beauty of nature's often overlooked details, and the interconnectedness of the natural world. My work, a series of photographs entitled *The Island*, positions Kooragang Island as a metaphorical expression for the twilight zone between childhood and adulthood.



### **6 years come to an end!**

*Lydia Watson-Moore, Year 12*

This term marks the final term of Year 12s high school career. For the majority of my cohort, we've spent the last six years within Merewether's classrooms and playgrounds, sharing a multitude of exciting and challenging experiences. From our daunting first days in blue shirts, scrambling for the school map inside our over-sized backpacks, the Class of 2014 now faces its final few days left of secondary education. The atmosphere is a blend of excitement, apprehension, sadness and satisfaction. The past year has been a blur of rushed assessments, hard-core study and pestering of teachers for guidance and help



(Sorry!) We've made it to the final hurdle; the HSC looms, beginning in mid October. Some in the year are thrilled with the prospect of University, or overseas travel, or just getting some sleep-ins! However, I'm sure many will reflect back on their experiences of Merewether High, and remember some wonderful times. Personal highlights were the school dances, sport, especially Zumba, and most certainly the canteen food. I know that many Year 12s will be slightly disorientated without the constant availability of \$1 wedges or raspberry icy poles once we leave.

I've personally had such a wonderful time at Merewether High. The opportunities I've had to pursue my academic goals, along with sporting and social activities, have been plentiful, and I'm so proud to have been part of this community.

As we enter the final weeks of our remaining school term, we look forward to our formal and final walk out. Each day, as the date gets closer we cross off another day on our Quad chalk countdown. Each day, the emotions continue to build. I know the tears will certainly be pooling on the final Friday.

On behalf of the Class of 2014, I'd like to thank the teachers and executive for their support over the years. It's been a long, exciting, intense experience and it's hard to fathom it has come to an end!

Thank you MHS, I will certainly miss you!

## **Spring Cleaning**

*Christy Mullen, Year 11*

It's that time of year again, spring. The days are getting longer and warmer, flowers are blooming and exams are around the corner for the majority of Merewether High School. However it doesn't have to be all doom and gloom. Use the start of spring to start afresh; engage in some spring cleaning.

In preparation for upcoming exams clean your desk. Just do it. See all those papers from the midcourse exams? File them. Have a folder for each subject and file all of your tests and notes. You don't want to keep your past papers or notes? Have a ritualistic burning and throw all of your rubbish on a fire. (Don't actually, please recycle or give to younger years) Trust me your desk will look much cleaner which in turn will encourage you to study more.

There's no point having a clean desk if your computer is your go to for study. From filing and creation of notes to research tasks, your computer may be your life line. Save yourself from additional stress when you can't save a file or your computer just won't open anything and do some spring cleaning on your computer. Similar to your notes on your desk, use folders. Delete everything off your computer that you don't need. You don't need that assessment task from last year anymore. Or that album of photos you've already posted everywhere online. If you can't bear to part with your digital files invest in a portable hard drive or an online storage system, such as a drop box or other online services.

Now that you have some much needed space on your computer, update everything. Make sure you won't need your computer for a good period of time. Update all of your apps and if possible your operating system. Your computer will feel brand new.

To save time in the morning rush for school, clean your closet. Make sure school clothes are easily accessible, especially white socks. Use dividers or separate drawers for white socks and essentials. Nothing is worse in the warmer months than wearing a pair of socks two days in a row. Well almost nothing.



Cleanse yourself this September. As the term draws to a close it is ok to relax just a little bit. Vow to make good habits this month that you will continue. Get into the habit of drinking lots of water. As intelligent students you don't need to be told how good water is for you. Bring a water bottle to school to save numerous trips to the bubbler and feeling distracted by your newfound thirst for water when the teacher won't let you go get a drink. Make some healthy eating habits. Ensure you have enough energy for the day by having breakfast instead of energy drinks. Make your breakfast is enticing enough to get you out of bed. Whether it's adding fruits such as berries and bananas to your cereal or a cup of tea, the quicker and yummiest it is, the more likely you'll make it.

Make some time for yourself. Take at least one day a week off for yourself or an hour a day. Indulge yourself in your favourite television series. Go down to the park and pat a dog. Have afternoon tea with a friend. The more relaxed you are the better you will perform at school. To assist in performance make sure you are getting adequate sleep. All nighters just don't work. Don't do it. It varies between people on how many hours of sleep they perform best at however 9 and a half is the recommended amount for teenagers. To help you get the most out of your sleep, try and have no bright lights on an hour before going to sleep. If you just can't get enough sleep because your bus leaves super early and you get home super late and you have way too much school work at least take naps to recharge.

Treat yourself well this spring by surrounding yourself in clean, positive and friendly environments.

### **Year 9/11 Drama Performance Night**

*Jacob Gamble, Year 9*

On Thursday 14th of August Year 9 and Year 11 Drama classes had the opportunity to showcase some of the work they had been undertaking this year. The show started at 6 pm in the Learning Centre.

First to perform was a Year 9 group who depicted the different stories of prisoners in a humorous piece titled *Cell 309*. Next up was a hilarious Year 11 performance about a mysterious gun that caused love to blossom. The third performance was an amusing act that followed the story of a band reuniting and changing their image. The fourth performance was a cleverly adapted scene from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* that incorporated technology for a modern twist. Another comedy piece by Year 11, called *Timmy's International Terrorist School* left the audience in laughter. Following this was an intriguing performance titled *Extreme Emotion Enterprise* based on the concept of Absurdism. To finish off the night, a spooky comedic performance of *Halloween* was performed by Year 11.

Congratulations to Mrs Sellers and all the drama students for an entertaining evening.





## English

Our HSC students have completed their Trial Examinations and should now be using the feedback provided to identify areas they should focus on in the lead up to the HSC Examinations. Students can access past papers on the BOSTES website or we have a number of papers that students can use to revise. It is important that students write practice essays under time constraints so that they are developing their skills in producing sustained essays.

Our junior debaters are continuing in their competitions and are about to move into the Regional semi-finals. We wish them luck in these competitions. Our junior debaters have been invited to attend the final of the Premier's Debating Challenge for years 9 and 10 in Sydney in November. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our debaters to see a quality debate at State level.

Finally, could I remind all students to return any English textbook they have had on loan this term.

**Esme Corney**

**HT English**

### Competitions

In this month's Bulletin, we have a number of students to congratulate for their participation and achievement in a number of competitions.

**Premier's Reading Challenge:** The 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge has closed. The Challenge is open to all students in Kindergarten to Year 9 to encourage reading and to improve literacy outcomes for all. Congratulations to the following students who completed the Challenge: **Year 7** – Angus Atkinson, Matthew Brun, Alicia De Siquiera Mattes, William Driver, Shannon Evans, Alexander Hughes, Jade Hunter, Rose Lamack, Jack Lyons, Lucinda Paterson, Anna Popowicz, Callum Quinn, Teza Sankoorikal, Elizabeth Whelan. **Year 8** – Andrew Allen, Amy Boyd, Sasha Cook, Katherine Edwards, Ned Keyte, Tess Neely, Alex Yan, Dunnil Yohanes, Isabella Zulumovski. **Year 9** – Miedhushan Sathialingham, Cameron Shaw-Carmody, Timothy Whelan, Rizina Yadav. Students should receive their certificates next term. Students who have completed the Challenge every year from Kindergarten to Year 9 receive a medal.

**ICAS Writing:** Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results in ICAS Writing. Students should have received their certificates in class. Please see your class teacher if you haven't received your certificate as yet.

**Year 7: Distinction:** Jun-Young An, Angus Atkinson, Michelle Avtarovski, Benjamin Beck, Bridget Beverley, Alyssa Burgess, Patrick Carstens, Ruby Dixon, Leah Dove, Ella Duncan, Jack Fonti, Shannon Gillan, Violet Hancock, Faith Iles, Sophia Jang, Ronack Jain, Rose Lamack, William Lucas, Joseph Lyons, Chathuni Mabotuwana, William McGrath, Arthy Mukunthan, Charankarthi Musuwadi, Alexandra Plotnikoff, Blake Rixon, Teza Sankoorikal, Sophia Scepanovic, Lulu Suters, Rikki Teh, Louis Travers, Sayra Vincent, Heather Wasson, Elizabeth Whelan, Nicholas Wilson. **High Distinction:** Declan Bates, Zoe Davis, Shania Prasad.

**Year 8: Distinction:** Annabelle Cleary, Sasha Cook, Lauren Cosgrove, Phoebe Gray, Sophie Griffiths, Todd Hodgson, Joshua Kershaw, Ciara Morgan, Ben Oakley, Yuri Porter, Lachlan Russell, Jasmine Sheng, Callum Smith, Laura Stanton, Harry Su, Sharon Teh, Miriam Temperley, Sebastian Thwaites, Michael Trout, Olivia Wilson-Wheeler, Alex Yan, Holly Yare. **High Distinction:** Ruby Dempsey, Kate Edwards, Emma Frith, Emma Nickel.





Year 9: **Distinction:** Alyshia Barnes, Emma Boundy, Anna Carpenter, Aniket Chhillar, Jemma Hollard, Abbey Isaac, Wonsun Jin, Peter Kyriakides, Rani Lewis, Sophie Lewis, Samuel McIntyre, William Parsons, Isobel Saccaro, Fia Sankoorikal, Joshua Starrett, Eloise Trotter, Elke Wallace-Smith, Jessie Walton, Riley Wells, Hailin Zhao. **High Distinction:** Kate Miskin, Jacob Mockovic, Priya Vakil.

Year 10: **Distinction:** Curtis Aitken, Oliver Ball, Angus Barton, Bridget Buckley, Amy Buckner, Bernadette Callaghan, Eloise Callingham, Zar Chavla, Imogen Croal, Brooke Farr, Maddelene Gifford, Hamish McCarthy, Carson McGovern, Mitchell McLeod, Toby Morgan, Emily Mulhearn, Madeleine Novak, Cara Rixon, Sally Shin, Casey Smith, Tom Su, Stanley To, Dimitar Velovski, Zachary Welsh, Ethan Wilkinson. **High Distinction:** Nicola Gray, Abbey McPherson.

**ICAS Spelling:** Congratulations to the following students who performed extremely well in this competition. Again, students should have received their certificates and are asked to see their class teacher if they have not.

**Distinction:** Jun-Young An, Zoe Davis, Hamish Douglas, Benjamin Hallet, Danielle Hallet, Faith Iles, Harry Keil, Kaiya King, Elliot Kozary, Rose Lamack, William Lucas, Alice Musgrave, Mitchell Pagey, Allan Parmenter, Cooper Porter-Kay, Zac Pritchard, Callum Quinn, Blake Rixon, Ellie Sherlock, Rikki Teh, Kayla Walsh, Heather Wasson. **High Distinction:** Shannon Gillan, Sharvil Kesarwani, Ethan Morris, Henry Tregilgas.

**ICAS English** certificates have just arrived and will be distributed to students before the end of term. Overall results and high achievement recognition will be published in next month's Bulletin.

**Write4fun Competition.** Last Bulletin we congratulated Fia Sankoorikal on the success of her poem "Holi" being published in the anthology "Write As Rain". We are delighted to report that Charlie Hoswell's (Year 12) poem "Plans" was also selected for publishing in this anthology. Congratulations to Charlie and we thank him for giving us permission to publish his poem in our school Bulletin to share with the school community.

### Plans

In his silent haunted shell,  
While the world around him seems like hell.  
Twisted views of what is real,  
Continue to slip through his seal.

A harmless comment goes awry,  
Now casting its judging scornful eye.  
The words he mistakes as personal blows,  
Are those that now limit how much he shows.

He walks his life a broken man,  
Realising he's only got one true plan.  
Seeking the love of those around,  
Who he's pushed away and never found.



When he finally shuts off all the voices,  
He will no longer worry about all his choices.  
But for now he stays where he knows well,  
In his silent haunted shell.

**By Charlie Hoswell  
Ms Martinez  
Competition coordinator**

## LOTE

### JAPANESE VISIT FROM KEISHIN HIGH

On Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> we had our annual visit from Keishin High, a senior high school located in Ube, the sister city of Newcastle in Japan. 36 students and 2 staff members joined our Japanese classes for the day in an exchange of language and culture.

Through bush dancing, Aboriginal art, Aussie food tasting and an intense game of Dodgeball students from both schools enjoyed interacting with each other and new friendships were formed.

We look forward to our visit again in 2015 and in the meantime Louis Graves, Ruby Wilson and Brooke Donoghue from year 9 will visit Keishin High in the upcoming school holidays.

A special thank you to Year 9 Japanese for your organisation of the day and making it such an enjoyable day for all concerned.





### CONTEST WINNERS TRIP TO JAPAN

The Language Department wishes Brooke Donoghoe, Louis Graves and Ruby Wilson the very best for their upcoming trip to our sister city of Ube Japan in the September school holidays. Lucy Schroder from Kotara High School was the other winner of the trip and students will be accompanied by Mrs Allen.

**COMBINED JUNIOR CAPA and TAS NIGHT** – As part of the Semester 1 program, Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 CAPA and TAS students showed off their fantastic skills at the Junior CAPA/TAS night. On display were landscape paintings by Year 7, Visual Puns, Luna Park posters and ceramics by Year 8, Vanitas still life and Crime Scene photography by Year 9 Visual Arts and PDM and images of the human figure by Year 10. Year 9 Food Technology classes served beautiful finger food and conducted cupcake demonstrations and Year 8, 9 and 10 Music students entertained us with sounds from classical to jazz musical history. It was a wonderful opportunity for all our very talented students to show off the range of skills learnt over the past semester. Everyone enjoyed the evening and are looking forward to the next!























## *Posh Concert*

**Harold Lobb Concert Hall  
Newcastle Conservatorium of  
Music**

**Thursday 21 August 2014**

Every year we celebrate the successes of our Year 12 Music students in a concert of high quality and excellence. Posh Concert is also a chance to showcase the Merewether Music Ensembles on the

professional stage at Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. The concert this year was inspirational, as solo and group performances donned the stage. The Year 12 Music 1 and Music 2 students chose a piece from their HSC repertoire to perform on the stage. These performances were interspersed with each of the various musical ensembles.

The Merewether ensembles and their conductors that performed on the night were as follows:

*Concert Band*

*Jazz Ensemble*

*Percussion Ensemble*

*String Ensemble*

*Vocal Ensemble*

*Clarinet Ensemble*

*Saxophone Ensemble*

*Ms Charissa Ferguson*

*Mrs Alison Tenorio*

*Mrs Rebekah McClure*

*Mrs Gillian Pettengell*

*Ms Kim Sutherland*

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**We would like to thank the Comperes of the night, School Captains, Hamish Lorang and Rachel Leonard,** as they made the night run smoothly. Also the night would not have

been possible without the technical crew and their brilliant work.

Congratulations to the Year 12 music students of 2014:

Zach Hamilton Russell, Dom Ball, Phoebe Hickson, Charlotte Formby, Oliver De Pietro, Teya Duncan, P.J Pilgram, Lachlan Swan, Georgia Gamper and Olivia Freund.

We wish you all luck for your HSC Performances.





### Support Unit

**IOTAS(Hunter) Athletics Carnival** was held at HunterSports Centre, Glendale on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September with schools travelling from as far afield as Singleton and Chatham High Schools. The day commenced with Irrawang HS winning the March Past, Hunter River Community School a close second and Merewether HS in third. The fun events of captain ball and tunnel ball followed and Merewether HS was lucky to come third in the tunnel ball as the competition was tough.



Billy won his heat of the 100 metres sprint Oly was another keen runner for Merewether

Mr Alex Adams, retired from MHS, was the track events starter for the morning competition with all the Merewether HS students trying hard which was seen by the results in the heats. Some great results in Field Events in the afternoon capped a great day of athletics under a sunny sky.

A big THANK YOU to all the Merewether High School student volunteers from Years 10 and 11 and the PE interns, Mr Hoole and Mr Bettinzoli whose assistance help made the day run smoothly.

**World War 1** Miss Allan-Georgas, Special Education intern, has been teaching the support class about the importance of the 100 year anniversary of the start of World War 1 and its impact on Australia and the World. The Australian War Memorial has loaned a 'memorial box' to enrich this study, bringing the army/navy uniform, photographs, medals and letters/postcards to our classroom. Students have also had the opportunity to visit the "Three Soldier's" historic photo exhibition at Newcastle Library and bake Anzac biscuits in Food Technology. Lizzie wore a helmet from WW1





Malcolms frame was decorated by MANY garden creatures very effectively



The boys are making ANZAC biscuits



The class visited the Three Soldiers photographic exhibition at Newcastle library



Tunnell ball was strongly contested and the class was lucky to come away with third place



Volunteer students from Merewether and Maitland High Schools were a great help on the day



**Projects** A number of great projects have been completed this term including picture frames in Visual Arts and bird boxes for Father's Day in Technics.



Emily made a great bird box



Billy is very happy with the finished job

**Lawn Bowls** requires concentration and planning to allow for the bias of the bowl and as the game progressed students were able to get their bowls closer and closer to the jack at Jesmond Heaton Bowling Club.



Emily ready to bowl at lawn bowls

**Denise Hughes**

**Teacher**





## EVENT DIARY

SEPTEMBER	
<b>Mon 15/9</b>	Y12 Meeting - Period 1—Hall Y12 (2015) Course Selections due Yrs 10 and 11 Hospitality - Work Placement - Day 1/5
<b>Tues 16/9</b>	Yrs 10 and 11 Hospitality - Work Placement - Day 2/5 Y12 Physics & Chemistry - ANSTO - Sydney. P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC
<b>Wed 17/9</b>	Y12 Reports issued Sports Presentation - MPC - 11:00am Yrs 10 and 11 Hospitality - Work Placement - Day 3/5
<b>Thur 18/9</b>	Yrs 10 and 11 Hospitality - Work Placement - Day 4/5
<b>Fri 19/9</b>	Y12 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am Yrs 10 and 11 Hospitality - Work Placement - Day 5/5 Last day of Term 3
OCTOBER	
<b>Tues 7/10</b>	All Students Return Y12 (2015) Learning Conference - LC
<b>Wed 8/10</b>	Y7 (2016) Information Session - 5:00pm
<b>Thur 9/10</b>	Y7 (2015) Challenge Day BloodBank Donormobile
<b>Mon 13/10</b>	HSC Commences Bandfest Week - day 1/5
<b>Tues 14/10</b>	Bandfest Week - day 2/5
<b>Wed 15/10</b>	Bandfest Week - day 3/5
<b>Thur 16/10</b>	Bandfest Week - day 4/5
<b>Fri 17/10</b>	Bandfest Week - day 5/5
<b>Mon 20/10</b>	Y11 Reports issued
<b>Tues 21/10</b>	Y7 PLG - LC - 9:00am-10:30am P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC
<b>Wed 22/10</b>	Yrs 7-12 Music the Music Concert - Opera House Y9 Urban Challenge - day 1/3
<b>Thur 23/10</b>	Y9 Urban Challenge - day 2/3
<b>Fri 24/10</b>	Y9 Urban Challenge - day 3/3
<b>Mon 27/10</b>	Vaccinations - Y7 and Y9 Boys - LC
<b>Tues 28/10</b>	Y8 PLG - 9:00am-10:00am - LC
<b>Wed 29/10</b>	Y7-10 Blackout Period commences



## EVENT DIARY

NOVEMBER	
<b>Mon 3/11</b>	Y10 Science Forensics - LC - all day
<b>Tues 4/11</b>	Y9 PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC
<b>Wed 5/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams commence - MPC Support Unit Camp - Riverwood Downs - day 1/3 HSC Concludes
<b>Thur 6/11</b>	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
<b>Fri 7/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 3/8 Support Unit Camp - Riverwood Downs - day 3/3
<b>Mon 10/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 4/8
<b>Tues 11/11</b>	Y10 PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 5/8
<b>Wed 12/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 6/8
<b>Thur 13/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - day 7/8
<b>Fri 14/11</b>	Y7-10 Semester 2 exams - MPC - conclude
<b>Mon 17/11</b>	Y12 Meeting
<b>Tues 18/11</b>	Y11 (Year 12 2015) PLG - 9:00am - 10:30am - LC
<b>Wed 19/11</b>	HSSA Boys Softball
<b>Mon 24/11</b>	Support Unit Disco - MPC - 10:00am
<b>Thur 27/11</b>	HSSA Boys - Cricket
<b>Fri 28/11</b>	Prefects' Investiture—MPC—11.00am
DECEMBER	
<b>Wed 3/12</b>	Y7 Orientation Day (2015)
<b>Fri 5/12</b>	HSSA Blues Presentation
<b>Mon 15/12</b>	Y10 Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Y9 Assembly - MPC - 1:30pm
<b>Tues 16/12</b>	Y8 Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Y7 Assembly - MPC - 1:30pm
<b>Wed 17/12</b>	Presentation Assembly - MPC - 11:00am Morning Tea following the Assembly - 12:30pm HSC Results released
<b>Thur 18/12</b>	School Development Day-No Students Y12 2014 - BBQ
<b>Fri 19/12</b>	School Development Day-No Students

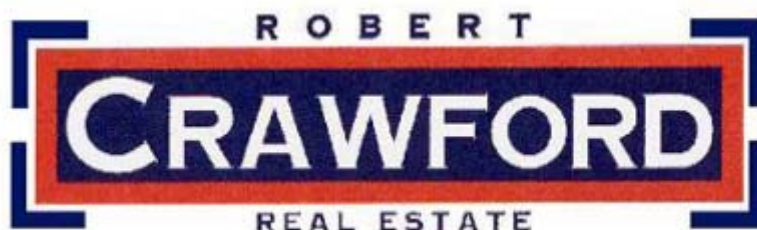


## Merewether High School Sports Tour 2014-15



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**.



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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

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Cupcake Espresso	Koko Hairdressing	Strachans Day Night Pharmacy
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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
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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



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*Have a fun and safe holiday!*

*School returns  
Tuesday 7th October*