



## Diary Dates

P&C Meeting  
Tuesday, 15th  
September  
7:30pm - ILC

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## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 16th**  
Sports Presentation  
Assembly - 9:00am

**Year 12 Formal** - 6:00pm  
Merewether Surf House

**Friday 18th**  
Year 12 Presentation  
Assembly - 9:30am



## Principal's Report



Congratulations to Rizina Yadav on receiving the John Lincoln Youth Award, by the Order of Australia Association, at a ceremony at the Governor's house in Sydney on 2nd September. Only twenty students from across New South Wales were awarded on the day.

## Year 12 2015

As Year 12 move towards their last week of classes and their final exams, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for the contribution they have made to Merewether High School as well as wish them good luck for their upcoming exams. Year 12 has continued to prepare diligently and to access the many supports in place to help them in their final weeks. Congratulations on your achievements. We look forward to sharing in your celebrations in December.

## Thin Blue Line

Congratulations to Claire Campbell, Jenna Lindbeck, Amelia Willcox and Isobel Maclean whose group Drama Performance piece has been nominated for *OnStage* as a result of their performance during their HSC performance examinations.

## POSH Concert

What an outstanding night showcasing not only the talents of our Year 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Extension students, but the work completed within the ensembles students are able to participate in at Merewether. The development in our concert band along with the vocal, string, percussion and jazz ensembles was evident on the night. Congratulations to all students and our wonderful CAPA staff.



## Year 12 Major Projects

Congratulations to all Year 12 students who completed major projects during Term 3. Anyone who had the opportunity to view the Art, Design and Technology, Music Compositions, Extension 2 English projects and the Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects could only be impressed at the level of work presented.

## Congratulations

Over the past month we have had many students competing in a variety of activities at a state and national level. I would like to congratulate the following students who have excelled in their chosen areas and pursuits.



Josh Chapman was selected as captain of the Hunter Region Trampoline Team and led the team to victory at the recent NSWCHS Carnival. Josh also won an individual bronze medal at the championships. Josh will represent the state later in the year as an official in diving at the Pacific School Games.



Bailey Proud recently competed in the Surf Life Saving winter months' State and National Pool Rescue competitions. These competitions are run by Surf Life Saving Australia and are fast becoming a popular sport on a National and International level for Surf Life Savers during the winter months. Bailey's results in the NSW Pool Rescue Competition held on the Central Coast in July were 1st U/15 50m Swim with Fins, 1st U/15 100m Manikin Carry with Fins, 3rd U/15 50m Manikin Carry and 7th U/15 200m Obstacle Swim. At the Australian Pool Rescue Championships held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport, QLD in August, 1st U/15 50m Swim with Fins, 2nd U/15 200m Obstacle Swim, 3rd Interstate (VIC) Open 10x50m Obstacle Relay and 3rd Interstate (VIC) U/15 4x50m Medley Rescue Relay.



Our Boys' Tennis team travelled to Shoalhaven to compete in the State Knockout finals with ten teams left in the competition. After initially being defeated in game one by Farrar Memorial Agricultural High School, the team won all remaining games, playing Parkes High School in the consolation final, winning 7 -1. The boys received a bronze medal as a result. Congratulations to Ben Homer, Zac Lewis, Sam Pearson, Tom Buckner and Lachlan Russell for an outstanding effort.



Charlie Hawke recently competed in the NSW Short Course State Swimming Championships. Charlie achieved the following at the carnival: 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Fly, 5<sup>th</sup> 200m Fly, 9<sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke, 7<sup>th</sup> 200m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m IM, 15<sup>th</sup> 100m Breaststroke and in the 3 Freestyle events he broke NSW Country Records.

Patrick Moore recently competed as a member of the NSW All Schools' Cross Country team in Victoria at the Australian Championships.



Kiahni Abell has been named in the Australian Floorball team to compete in Finland later this year.





## Moospaper

### Aspire 2015

Merewether High School was represented at the 2015 Aspire "Today, Influence Tomorrow" Competition by two female students. Sammy Seth (Year 10) was selected as one of three finalists from around the Hunter for her essay on influence in government, whilst I was selected for my essay on influence in journalism. Attending the ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> August at the Newcastle Museum, we were both honoured to be not only the presence of prominent community figures such as Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes but identified by them as future leaders of tomorrow.

The judging panel, composed of five experts in the categories of radio/media, government, police, journalism and charity, continually expressed their surprise and admiration at the high calibre of entries in this year's competition. After each of the finalists were recognised, the panel went on to announce a winner for each category, each winner chosen by the expert in their category. Winners now have the opportunity to undertake a day of mentoring with the expert in their corresponding category, forming network connections and gaining vital experience in their field of interest. I'm now looking forward to working with and learning from senior journalist Jason Gordon of the Newcastle Herald as my mentor.

I would definitely encourage any student in Years 10 -12 next year to enter Aspire. It's been a phenomenal experience and has opened up extremely valuable opportunities.

**Olivia Stanley - Year 12**

## English

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

A large contingent of our junior debaters recently had the opportunity to attend a two day Hunter Central Coast regional debating workshop. The Department of Education Arts Unit provided a range of the State's most experienced adjudicators and coaches to develop the students' skills in effective debating. Congratulations to Lucy Witherdon, who was recognised as a highly skilled debater and was chosen to be a member of the Hunter Central Coast debating team.

Finally, could I remind all parents to encourage 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 and recognise for their participation and achievement in the ICAS Spelling competition.

Congratulations to the following students who performed extremely well in this competition. Students should have received their certificates and are asked to see their class teacher if they have not.

**Distinction:** Zachary Cox, Dharam Arora, Genevieve Ball, Audrey Tran, Zaynab Alam, Charlie Beddall, Lachlan Kiem, Richard Le, Melinda Leitch, Ella Simons, Rory Graham, Torquil Prior, Harriet Brindley, Layne Karger, Amy Tan, Cas Masia, Rebecca Mason, Mackenzie Gilligan, Senan Kuruppu, Anna Muddle.

**High Distinction:** Nicole Maningo, James Harvey Punch.

**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.



## Prefects Report

Now, as the end of Term 3 approaches it's almost time to say goodbye to our outgoing prefects and captains and hello to the incoming ones. For me, it's time to reflect on the achievements and successes of this group of students and to share with the whole school and community how incredibly proud I am with all that they have accomplished this past year. This fine group of leaders have been involved in so many events and it's been quite an overwhelming realisation for me that not only have they juggled studies, part time jobs and extra curricular activities with their HSC year, but have also taken a part in...

- Yr 7 orientations for incoming Year 7 students
- Be Brave and Shave fundraiser for Leukemia
- Merewether High School's short film festival "Moofest"
- Education Week Teacher Awards
- RUOK day
- Leadership workshops and seminars
- Chairing and running assemblies
- Community Anzac Day representation
- Novelty Events for X Country Carnival
- Merewether High School Spirit Cup
- Easter Raffle fundraiser
- ATAR BBQ for outgoing Year 12 students
- Salvation Army Christmas Food Drive
- Headspace and promotion of awareness of mental health

As you can see, representing Merewether High School as a prefect is not simply a figurehead position. A proactive, organised and enthusiastic attitude is paramount with a good dose of empathy, humanity and humour an absolute necessity to make the mixture just right. I congratulate all our prefects for a fantastic year and I feel privileged to have been a small part of your accomplishments.

**Ms Karen Gilbertson**



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# Merewether High School Bulletin





## Social Science

### University of New South Wales Business Studies Competition

Each year our Business Studies and Economics students enter the prestigious and challenging Australian Economics and Business Studies Competition run by the University of New South Wales.

In 2015 two students have been awarded prizes for achieving exceptional scores in this competition. Congratulations goes to the following students:

- Patrick Stuart - \$100 prize
- Damien Morgan - \$50 prize

Students will be awarded their prizes at the Awards Evening held at the University in September.



### Year 8 Westfield Kotara Excursion

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September Year 8 Elective Commerce along with Mrs Tonks visited Westfield Kotara as part of the classes' assessment program to observe the strategies implemented by the various businesses to successfully market their products and services. The students day out required them to visit a variety of stores to collect data, do some product comparisons as well as look at the methods implemented by businesses to make their stores gain a competitive advantage. Students were fantastic role models for Merewether High using their time wisely to complete all set tasks and when communicating to collect information from store owners. A big congratulations to all the students in the class for their efforts on the day to complete their work and for a great day out.



## Year 8 Marine Studies Excursion Report

### Sophia Scepanovic (Aquarium)

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 15 of our Geography Elective class were up bright and early to catch a train that pulled in at 6:28am at Broadmeadow station. We packed on to the then almost-empty train and settled down for the long trip to Sydney. Workers commuting to Central soon filled the train. On arrival to Central, we walked in a circle around the station before backtracking and catching another train to Town Hall. We came out in the sun blinking, and walked to Darling Harbour.



We had a quick break, and though I'm not sure what *other* people did, we had fun climbing on the playground, then fitting in a snack while setting up our clipboards and booklets.

We then travelled to the doors of Sydney Aquarium brandishing our clipboards and pens, dodging packs of primary school children who settled in lines beneath our feet.

We then had an informative talk from an Aquarium staff member covering adaptations of different marine animals and what we'd see in the aquarium, while being eyed by the sharks in the tank in front of us.

We then were allowed free reign through the aquarium to fill in our booklet, and got to see many different animals such as dugongs, sharks, fish, starfish and a Burnt Sausage Sea Cucumber (that didn't move at all) while jotting down notes from the plentiful information pressed upon us. In our booklets, we were asked to cover scientific names, types of marine animals, and reefs and habitats—most of which information we found in the aquarium.

### Louise O'Rourke (IMAX)

After the aquarium, we had 45 min to have lunch. Most people walked beside the harbour looking at the cafes, and bought food from McDonalds and Subway, while some of us walked across the bridge over Darling Harbour to reach the larger food court. We met outside the IMAX Theatre ready for an awesome movie. The film was a documentary on marine creatures in 3D called 'Under the Sea 3D'—which was great with the giant screen. It talked about many different types of fish and plants, as well as the Great Barrier Reef, its species and the problems facing it, which helped with our booklet.

After this Mr Berry took off without a backward glance, leaving the rest of us to alternate between fast walking and running to catch up with him. We ran all the way back to Town Hall with seconds to spare. Literally (not even joking) we ran to the station almost just as the train arrived, and jumped on it.

When we reached Central we got off the train and set off at the same insane pace to catch the train back to Newcastle. We then travelled home, absorbing sugar at an (also) insane pace while playing games and talking. We pulled in at about 5, tired, and relinquished our clipboards. We had a great day.





## LOTE

## JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

As part of the Newcastle – Ube, Japan Sister City relationship 5 students and 1 teacher from Ube visited Merewether High School on a one week exchange program. Runa, Yuna, Takayoshi, Lucy and Mayuka were warmly welcomed to our school by all staff and students. In addition to this we also had Ayana visit from Tokyo Japan during the same week.

The students attended classes, visited the University of Newcastle, toured Newcastle, visited koalas and wildlife at Blackbutt Reserve, visited the Anzac Walk and Fort Scratchley, had a shopping evening with students from Merewether High School, along with various other activities with their host families. A highlight of the tour was a visit with Lord Mayor Nuatali Nemes where Japanese students toured city hall and made a presentation to the Lord Mayor on behalf of the city of Ube in celebration of 35 years of this sister city relationship.

Japanese classes have enjoyed practicing their Japanese skills, learning about cultural and lifestyle differences between our two countries and found many ways to communicate and enjoy each others company. New friendships have been formed and we have been very proud of the welcome and participation of Merewether High Students during this exchange program, it has been a very enjoyable and rewarding week for us all.

A huge thank you to the families of Louis Graves, Abbey Isaac, Zaira Hartley, Bernadette Callaghan, Alicia Law, Jessika Tisdell and Mrs Horan for hosting our students this year. Your generosity, open minds and kindness has been greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you to the staff of MHS who welcomed the students into their classrooms too, your support of our exchange programs is highly valued.

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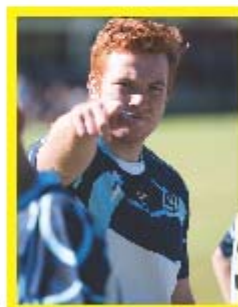
## MHS Sport

### SPORTS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The 39th Annual Sports Presentation ceremony will take place on Wednesday 16th September at 9am in the Bensley Hall. Over 250 awards will be given to students for a variety of achievements including individual and team successes, representation at levels from Hunter up to Australia as well as the main awards of Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year and the Jack Scott Trophy. A full report with photos will be available for the next bulletin.

### AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Year 12 student Harry Johnson-Holmes who was recently selected to represent Australian Schools in Rugby Union. He will shortly play tests against both New Zealand and Samoa.



Despite our school's long association with the game Harry is the first Merewether student who has achieved this great honour. What makes the achievement even the more noteworthy is that out of the 23 players selected Harry was the only student selected from a State High School. To gain selection Harry had to go through an arduous selection process including selection in the Hunter Region team, then the NSWCHS team, on to the NSW all-schools team before finally being rewarded with his Australian cap. Obviously Harry hopes to balance his tertiary education over the next few years with his dream of one day being selected as a Wallaby.

### U16RUGBY SUCCESS

Congratulations to the U16 Boys Rugby team for a great performance in getting through to the last eight in the state in the Buchan Shield CHS rugby competition. The team will admit they were very disappointed in the early rounds of the competition but still did enough to qualify for the final 16 stage. It was certainly at this stage that they discovered their mojo and as a team they came ahead in leaps and bounds. First victory was against a strong team from Killara High who they defeated in a strong performance 24-7. From here they progressed onto a match against old rivals Epping Boys, where some 50/50 decisions went against us in a close 10-7 loss. The team finished off their season with a great performance in the Coast to Country Cup where in a very strong pool they were winners against both Newcastle and Hunter Valley Grammar, narrowly losing to the winning school from St Pius. The future is very bright for our senior Rugby program if the efforts of this team is any indication.



### FUTSAL CHAMPIONS

Our school's long history in Futsal Indoor Soccer continued this year with great success in both the U16 and the U19 boys divisions. Both teams were easy winners of the Newcastle Zone before going on to play brilliant Futsal in the Champion of Champions tournaments. In a number of high quality displays both teams were able to fight their way through the tournament to be crowned champions. As well as this team success we had a number of individuals gain representative honours.







#### OPEN NETBALL - 5th in NSW

The Open Girls Netball team returned from Sydney last week as the 5th best team in NSW. This was a great result considering all but 1 of the team will be eligible to play again next year and seven of them again the year after. Taking this into account we have high hopes for state success within the next two years. The team played some fantastic Netball throughout the year, starting with an emphatic victory at the Zone qualifying carnival in March right up until the state finals in Sydney. Well done to all concerned!



#### CRICKET SET TO CONTINUE

Both our Open Boys and our Baker Shield teams are about to continue their challenges for back to back Hunter Region Championships. Both teams started their quest in first term and both had hard fought wins against strong opposition. We are all confident that both teams will go deep into the competition and perhaps the Open team can go on to win the State Championship which eluded them last year.



#### OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

One of the highlights of the year to date was the performance of the Open Boys Football team. Many of the players, fresh from a European footballing experience over the Christmas holidays, displayed great skill and tenacity throughout a series of matches to eventually fall in controversial circumstances to Crestwood High from Sydney. The side recorded impressive victories over a number of local schools, most of which could be seen on the internet through the support of local provider Bar TV Sports. The undoubted highlight of the season was the goal from halfway against Toronto by Chris Fayers, a feat that has since recorded a huge number of internet hits. The real strength of the team however was the teamwork they were able to display and the quality of the goals that they scored, and plenty of goals there were. It was unfortunate that the State final 16 match had to be played against Crestwood when half of our team were away at Jindabyne, and even though we had a large group of youngsters step up to play the game, at the end of the day we were just not good enough, going down 4-3. 2016 however promises great things as our school has re-discovered our great football heritage, evidenced by a string of great performances by all football teams during 2015.







MHS Sport

#### GIRLS HOCKEY

The Open Girls Hockey team travel this week to Sydney to contest the State Finals. The team have developed well over the last few years and are now a truly strong combination, containing experienced campaigners such as the Ward sisters and Kiahni Abell as well as a string of younger students who with time and more experience are sure to ensure we have a bright future in this sport for years to come. The team played very well during the regional section of the tournament and were virtually untroubled to take the Hunter title. A full report on how they went in Sydney will appear in the next bulletin. Best of luck girls!



#### OPEN BOYS TENNIS

A great result last week from the Shoalhaven Tennis Club when our Open Boys Tennis team represented the Hunter Region at the State Tennis Titles. The team of Lachlan Russell, Sam Pearson, Zach Lewis, Tom Buckner and Ben Homer battled hard for two gruelling days against a string of quality opposition schools. At the end of the tournament the team finished a creditable 5th in NSW, a position that could have been so easily higher had a few close calls and a few missed shots went our way. We have a great tradition in boys tennis and the five young men, capably coached by our Principal Mrs Rippon, certainly lived up to our reputation as fine ambassadors for their sport.



#### TABLE TENNIS

Our Open Table Tennis team won the title of not only Hunter Region Champions, but also the most travelled team in 2015. The north coast, the upper hunter and Sydney were all on the agenda as the team battled against a variety of opposition on their way to the 'big smoke'. In Sydney the team played well but were a little surprised by the quality of some of the other schools, eventually finishing 7th in NSW, a sound result and with a young team a result which we could improve upon in years to come.



#### BEN HOMER

Congratulations to Ben Homer for his Pierre De Coubertin Award for 2015. Presented to a student that displays sportsmanship and dedication to sport, Ben is a worthy recipient, having recently attended a presentation ceremony in Sydney.



#### SPORTS TOUR 2016

Preparations for the 2016 Sports Tour are progressing. In December next year 55 students will embark on a trip to England, France, Dubai, Hong Kong and Phuket. The group is working hard raising funds for this trip, the next one being a Book Fair coming up in the September holidays. The group is still looking for students to play Rugby overseas so if there is anyone interested please contact Mr Harrison

#### SPORTS SELECTIONS

Sports selections for Term 4 are now being made. Students have been emailed the options, they need to discuss with parents and return their preferences as soon as possible, the final cut off date is the last Thursday of this term.



## Support Unit

### Sailing on Newcastle Harbour

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August the Support class travelled to Newcastle Yacht Club, Wickham, to sail on the racing yacht, "Kayle". It was windy but not raining. We boarded and the crew introduced themselves. The crew were Mark, Michael, Greg from Stockton, Julia and Jo. One of the sails was ripped in the morning so it was decided to use the motor and no sails. After everyone had lifejackets on we headed out into the harbour. Sophie, Lizzie, Emily and Malcom all had turns steering the boat. Lizzie loved doing doughnuts in the harbour. "Hold on Mrs Hughes". We sailed past the sculpture "Destiny" at Dykes' Point. There were dolphins swimming in the harbour. Lawrence, Billy and Oliver enjoyed sitting on the forward deck viewing the scenery of Newcastle as we travelled past Stockton Beach and Breakwall and past Nobby's Lighthouse and Breakwall. "Kayle" will be racing in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race again this year leaving Sydney on Boxing Day. We will be cheering it on.

The organisation Sailors with DISABILITIES was in Newcastle for a fortnight taking students from across the Hunter for a sailing experience on Newcastle Harbour.





**Boccia - NSW School Grand Final 2015**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the Support class were invited to compete in the State competition at Sydney Olympic Park for Boccia. 16 schools were competing from across New South Wales in the annual competition. The class competed against Dubbo, Crestwood, Heathcote and Newcastle High Schools winning two games and losing two games.

It was a wonderful day of great sportsmanship amongst the schools. Merewether hopes to make it to the finals again in 2016.







#### Tour of Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House at John Hunter Hospital supports families of young people under 18 years of age who are in hospital and live further than 100 kilometres away. Some children may have been involved in an accident, needing a hospital stay for surgery or ongoing medical treatment.

The support class visited to see what happens and how people in the community are able to help through donations or volunteering. The students took along donations of colouring in books, textas, pencils, reading books and craft items for the siblings of the sick children who are staying in RMH.

Thank you to the other students who made donations and were delivered by the Support class.





## Premiers Reading Challenge

Recently 29 students from Years 7-9 completed the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). More than 270,000 students successfully completed this state wide challenge. Certificates will be issued in November.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. We look forward to and encourage more students from Merewether High School participating in this great challenge next year.

Congratulations to the following students from Merewether High School for successfully completing the 2015 PRC:

### Year 7

|                        |                 |                    |               |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Elizabeth Allen        | Molly Boyd      | Rosalili Ford      | Adrian Harrod |
| Ruby Keyte             | Kaitlyn McMahon | Shivani Richardson |               |
| Mahisha Saithialingham | Harry Troup     | Thomas Wood        |               |

### Year 8

|                |                  |                           |                |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Angus Atkinson | Matthew Brun     | Alicia De Siqueira Mattes | William Driver |
| Shannon Evans  | Alexander Hughes | Lucinda Patterson         | Anna Popowicz  |
| Callum Quinn   | Teza Sankoorikal | Elizabeth Whelan          |                |

### Year 9

|                |            |                   |                     |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Andrew Allen   | Amy Boyd   | Katherine Edwards | Ned Keyte           |
| Emily Mitchell | Tess Neely | Alex Yan          | Isabella Zulumovski |

**Ms Lea Taber (MHS PRC Coordinator 2015)**





## Aboriginal Education Update

Aboriginal culture is alive and flourishing at Merewether High School!

Students in Year 7 and 8 attended the *iBelieve* program run by Dominic Dates from Wollutuka (University of Newcastle). This program encourages young Indigenous students to set high academic goals toward pursuing a tertiary education. Noarelle Heise from The Wollotuka Institute has also arranged for students in Years 11 and 12 to attend the University of Newcastle for a UAC information session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Several senior students are accessing individual tutoring as part of the Norta Norta Program in subjects such as Mathematics, English and Chemistry.

The school celebrated Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks last term. Mr David Newham was an invited guest for the NAIDOC Assembly and he used the traditional 'campfire' yarn as an analogy to speak to our students about the importance of having good friends and positive people around you to support your health and well-being. Three students also gave presentations about their respective Nations. I congratulate Louise Abernethy, Daniel Cosgrove and Eloise Callingham who spoke about the people of Boigu Island in the Torres Strait, and the Awabakal and Darkinjung peoples respectively.



**We all Stand on Sacred Ground:**  
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

Merewether High School has recently formed a strong relationship with the Wakagetti Dance Group. Members of the group, Jacob and Dav, recently presented historical, dance and cultural sessions to students in Years 7 and 9. These presentations complemented the students' studies in History and practical experiences in the PDHPE Dance unit.

**Robyn Morrison**  
**Aboriginal Programs Co-ordinator**







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## P&C/Canteen News

**P&C Certificates of Appreciation:** The P&C appreciates the efforts of Merewether High teachers who frequently go above and beyond the call of duty to offer fantastic opportunities for our students. P&C Certificates of Appreciation are emailed to teachers endorsed at P&C meetings. If you would like to nominate a teacher (or other member of the school community), please come along to P&C or email your nomination to the P&C secretary at [MerewetherHighPandCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MerewetherHighPandCSecretary@gmail.com)

**Canteen Volunteers Needed: Gaps exist in the Tuesday canteen roster** - if any parents/grandparents/friends out there have some time to spare on Tuesdays, please contact Tuesday's Canteen Manager (Sharon) on 4961 3736 or [merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com)

**Canteen Menu Assessment:** Work continues to find healthier alternatives to serve in the canteen. Anyone interested in contributing to this process should contact the Canteen Convenor at [merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com). Canteen Volunteers are invited to put their suggestions in the "Healthy Food Suggestions" book in the canteen.

**Canteen kitchen revamp:** The next major project for the P&C will be a refurbishment of the canteen kitchen. A book has been placed in the canteen for volunteers to tell us what improvements they would like to see in the new kitchen. **If any parents have expertise in commercial kitchen design, building or Council regulations,** please email the Canteen Convenor on [merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com](mailto:merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com) if you are willing to assist with the planning process.

**Next Canteen Committee Meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Eco-house. Any interested parents/carers are invited to attend.

**Next P&C Meeting:** The MHS P&C meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (excluding school holidays) at 7:30pm in the Independent Learning Centre – enter via the main gate on Chatham St, turn right to ILC, situated on the street side of the library. **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** will be the next general meeting. **All parents and carers are welcome to attend.**

### NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

School vaccination clinics continue into terms 3 & 4

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

#### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE**

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

#### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015.**

Any year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016.

**Additionally – any year 8 student** who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>





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Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646  
or [cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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Hamilton Public School invites Lambton PS, New Lambton PS,  
Mayfield West PS, Merewether HS and the local community to

# Twilight Movie on the <sup>School</sup>Lawn

♥ A Fundraising Evening for Bali Hearts and Hands ♥



Paper Planes (G)

**Friday 18th September on the Hamilton P.S. Lawn**

**\* \$4 per Person \***

(Money Raised will Help Support Traditional & Cultural Education &  
Technology Programs in Schools in Tamblang - Northern Bali)

5:00 - 6:30PM

Picnic on the Lawn

5:30 - 6:00PM

Entertainment

6:15 - 6:30PM

Slide Show

6:30 - 8:00PM

Movie

**ON SALE!**

Sausage Sizzle, Sushi, Cold Drinks, Tea,  
Coffee, Cakes, Sweets & Popcorn

**Major Raffle  
Prize of Balinese  
Art**



**Balinese  
Trinkets to Buy!**

\* **BYO Picnic Rug (Chairs Only If Needed)**

**Please Note: All children must be supervised by an adult at all times. In the case of wet weather, movie will be screened in the school performance centre.**





|                    | September  |
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| <b>Tues 15/6</b>   | P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC<br>Concert Band - Primary Poms - Sydney Town Hall                             |
| <b>Wed 16/9</b>    | Sports Presentation Assembly - 9:00am<br>Year 12 reports issued<br>Year 12 Formal                        |
| <b>Fri 18/9</b>    | Year 12 Presentation Assembly - 9:30am - MPC<br>Fri 25th - Sun 27th - Book Fair - Sports Tour Fundraiser |
|                    | Term 4 - October   |
| <b>Tues 6/10</b>   | Year 12 (2016) Learning Conference   |
| <b>Wed 7/10</b>    | Year 7 (2017) Information session - 4:00pm   |
| <b>Thurs 8/10</b>  | Year 7 (2016) Challenge Day - 11:00am - 2:30pm   |
| <b>Mon 12/10</b>   | <b>HSC</b> exams commence<br>Junior CAPA 7-10 Art Exhibition   |
| <b>Tues 13/10</b>  | CANTEEN - SRC charity event<br><b>HSC</b> exams<br>Junior CAPA 7-10 Art Exhibition                       |
| <b>Wed 14/10</b>   | <b>HSC</b> exams<br>Junior CAPA 7-10 Art Exhibition  |
| <b>Thur 15/10</b>  | <b>HSC</b> exams<br>Junior CAPA 7-10 Art Exhibition  |
| <b>Fri 16/10</b>   | Bandfest - Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre<br><b>HSC</b> exams<br>Junior CAPA 7-10 Art Exhibition  |
| <b>Mon 19/10</b>   | <b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Tues 20/10</b>  | Year 7 PLG - 9:00am - LC<br><b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Wed 21/10</b>   | Year 9 Camp - day 1/3<br><b>HSC</b> exams  |
| <b>Thur 22/10</b>  | Year 9 Camp - day 2/3<br><b>HSC</b> exams  |
| <b>Fri 23/10</b>   | Year 9 Camp - day 3/3<br><b>HSC</b> exams  |
| <b>Mon 26/10</b>   | <b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Tues 27/10</b>  | Year 8 PLG - 9:00am - LC<br><b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Wed 28/10</b>   | Years 7 - 10 Blackout period commences<br><b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Thurs 29/10</b> | <b>HSC</b> exams   |
| <b>Fri 30/10</b>   | <b>HSC</b> exams   |



|                    | November  |
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| <b>Mon 2/11</b>    | <b>HSC exams</b>  |
| <b>Tues 3/11</b>   | Year 9 PLG - 9:00am - LC<br><b>HSC exams</b>  |
| <b>Wed 4/11</b>    | Years 7 - 10 exams commence<br><b>HSC exams conclude</b>                              |
| <b>Thurs 5/11</b>  | Years 9 - 12 Meet the Music<br>Years 7 - 10 exams                                     |
| <b>Fri 6/11</b>    | RSA Training<br>Years 7 - 10 exams  |
| <b>Mon 9/11</b>    | Years 7 - 10 exams  |
| <b>Tues 10/11</b>  | Y10 PLG - 9:00am - LC<br>Years 7 - 10 exams   |
| <b>Wed 11/11</b>   | Y12 Music 2 - Meet the Music<br>Years 7 - 10 exams                                    |
| <b>Thurs 12/11</b> | Red Cross Donormobile<br>Years 7 - 10 exams   |
| <b>Fri 13/11</b>   | Year 7 Vaccinations<br>Years 7 - 10 exams conclude                                    |
| <b>Mon 16/11</b>   | Support Unit - Canberra Excursion<br>Years 7 - 10 Semester 2 exams overflow if needed |
| <b>Tues 17/11</b>  | Year 11 (12 - 2016) PLG - 9:00am - LC<br>P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC                   |
| <b>Thurs 19/11</b> | Year 11 Assembly - 11:00am  |
| <b>Fri 20/11</b>   | Prefect's Investiture - 11:00am   |
| <b>Mon 23/11</b>   | Support Unit Disco - MPC  |
|                    | December  |
| <b>Wed 2/12</b>    | Year 7 (2016) Orientation Day   |
| <b>Wed 9/12</b>    | Hunter PSSA Sports Award Presentation   |
| <b>Fri 11/12</b>   | SSSA Blues Presentation   |
| <b>Mon 14/12</b>   | Year 10 Assembly - 9:00am - MPC<br>Year 9 Assembly - 11:00am - MPC                    |
| <b>Tues 15/12</b>  | Year 8 Assembly - 9:00am - MPC<br>Year 7 Assembly - 11:00am - MPC                     |
| <b>Wed 16/12</b>   | Presentation Assembly - 9:30am - MPC  |
| <b>Thurs 17/12</b> | School Development Day - No Students<br>Year 12 BBQ - 11:00am                         |
| <b>Fri 18/12</b>   | School Development Day - No Students  |





## The Uniform Shop

**0401 725 885**

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Uniform Shop opening hours during school terms are:

**Monday 8.00am – 12.00pm      Thursday 1.00pm – 3.30pm**

The uniform shop can be contacted during these hours by phone or email:

**Ph: 0401 725 885**

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Payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel on the day of purchase. Alinta will take payments in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card.

Uniform price list & online shopping available at: **[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)**



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### Uniforms for 2016

All students requiring any new uniforms for 2016 are required to either visit the shop during opening hours or make an appointment for a uniform fitting during Term 4, 2015.

Families can purchase or lay-by uniforms at the time of fitting. The uniform shop will be open in January 2016 for lay-by collection and size exchanges (if required).

Please make your Term 4 uniform fitting appointment as soon as possible.

1. Go to **[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)** and register to make a booking.
2. Email The Uniform Shop: **[merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au](mailto:merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au)** (the shop manager will either call or return your email to arrange a suitable time)



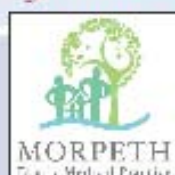
# Merewether High School Sports Tour 2016

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