



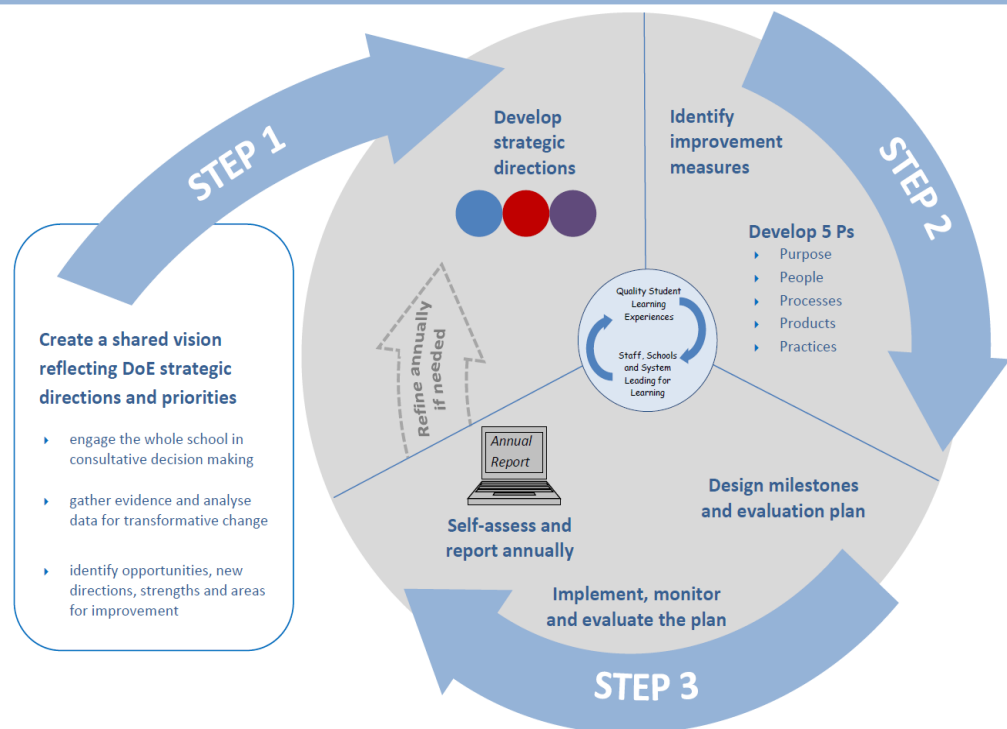
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Over the course of the next two terms, we will be completing a number of evaluations with staff, students and parents, to inform our planning for the next three years. We will consult with all stakeholders to inform this planning. Parents, through the many activities we hold, will have the opportunity to provide feedback, initially on our evaluations and throughout the planning and implementation phase of our new school plan. The information gathered through parent learning groups, parent information sessions, evaluations from staff and material gathered from student forums, will be used to inform the future directions we take as a school. As a school, we will develop a shared vision and identify the three strategic directions that will form the basis of the upcoming three year planning cycle.

The school planning and reporting approach



Dates to Remember

- 20/6 - Y7PLG**
- 22/6 - Y11 Parent Teacher interviews**
- 23/6—NAIDOC Assembly**
- 27/6 - M Factor**
- 30/6 - Y7,8,9 Reports Issued**

On Tuesday 27 June, we will be holding Recognition Assemblies for Years 7, 9 and 11 at 11.00am and Years 8, 10 and 12 at 1.30pm. Parents of students receiving awards will be emailed the week prior and parents are very welcome to attend these assemblies.

Over the past three weeks Mr Southward, Mrs Harvey and myself have interviewed all Year 12 students to discuss their current academic achievements and aspirations. We have been very impressed with all students, their honesty and willingness to discuss their current position and the areas they need to concentrate on over the rest of their time with us to maximise their outcomes. We are continually looking at the ways we can continue to support Year 12 as they move towards the HSC. The Independent Learning Centre is open prior to school (7.30 – 8.50 am), Monday to Friday and after school (until 5.00pm) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the use of Year 12 in private study. The Year 12 tutorials in English and Mathematics continue on Wednesday mornings and those students who have a mentor continue their work in establishing good routines and study habits.

Congratulations to our singers, dancers, instrumentalists, soloists and back up singers who will be involved in Star Struck from the 13th - 17th June. The number of students representing us at Star Struck grows each year and we are very proud of their efforts and commitment.

The end of term is an extremely busy one with students completing exams and teachers marking, providing feedback and writing reports. Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive their reports in the last week of term and Year 11 theirs at the end of Week 8. Year 10 will receive their reports in Week 3, Term 3. Year 10 exams finish the second last week of this term and for staff to have time to mark, give feedback and write reports we need to carry this timeline across the holidays. Parent teacher interviews will be held for Year 11, Thursday 22 June; Years 7 and 9 Tuesday 25 July and Years 8 and 10, Thursday 3 August. Emails will be sent to parents to book appointments for these interviews. The last day of the term is Friday 30 June and Term 3 begins for all students on Tuesday 18 July.

Congratulations to Teyjah Abell, who after the recent NSW State Under 18 Women's hockey titles was selected into the NSW Accelerated Athlete Program (AAP) squad. This squad acknowledges talented players 15-18 years old, with players being selected from this squad for the 2018 NSW Under 18 Hockey Team.

Congratulations to Eloise Petersen who has been selected in the NSW All Schools Australian Rules Football team to compete at the Australian Championships to be held in Perth in July.

Congratulations to Annabelle Cleary who at the recent Youth Climbing Nationals held in Melbourne was placed second overall. Annabelle has earned a place on the Australian team and will represent Australia at the World Youth Championships, to be held in Austria in August and September this year.



Congratulations to Caleb Hopping who has made the NSWCHS Rugby team, one of three players selected from the Hunter team at the State Championships held in May.

Congratulations to our Year 11 Debating team, Lucy Witherdin, Rosanna Gately, Tom Su and Callum Donnelly who are through to the State Quarter finals. Congratulations to our students who received their bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh awards at a ceremony held in the Learning Centre Sunday afternoon, 4 June. The program is run by our parent body and provides many students and parents access to a platform that develops skills highly valued by future employers. The program is open to all students who attend Merewether High School.



D.P's Report

The cold and dark winter months are upon us and staff and students are immersed in the cycle of assessment, feedback and reflection as they complete mid-course assessments. Whilst many students and families measure "success" in examinations by the marks and raw scores achieved in tasks, we as a school encourage students to learn from these tasks by reflection. Most students at Merewether High School are motivated to prepare for tasks and our school works to build student skills in understanding effective means of preparation that are applicable to them.

It is not a "One Stop Shop" where there is one identified way to study, organise time and set goals. Staff work with students through our Guidance program, Study Skills Sessions, Elevate Education Seminars, Mentoring, Academic Review meetings and our Senior Study Program, to showcase a set of skills and processes which can improve effectiveness of learning. We encourage young learners to "experiment" with a variety of strategies of summarising, practising past questions, processing notes and interpreting questions and notifications. From this experimentation, each student can then reflect on their exams or assessments to judge how effective their processes were. This is not an easy or natural process but I believe it is valuable. I encourage students to focus "not on the marks" achieved but think about the positive parts of their preparation (*What worked for them?*). Just as important is an honest evaluation of what was not successful as a strategy. At this point, a pause to record what you need more of, and also a list of pitfalls to avoid allows each individual to more fully understand themselves as learners.

Whilst this seems an obvious process, it is one which is sometimes “buried” as students finish a task or exam period, breathe a sigh of relief and move on. From a school perspective, we focus on this reflection period and Ms Harvey and I work with our student groups to emphasise outcomes of the process. We strive to have all our students understand the importance of a Growth Mindset where they are not at their “best” yet, and see the value in moving forward as learners. With this, we will move forward towards the warmer, brighter, sunny days of spring and summer.

English

Our debating teams and public speakers have continued to participate in a range of debates and competitions with varying successes. Whilst our year 7, 8, 9 and 10 debating teams are still participating in the zone and regional level debates, our year 11 debating team were successful in winning the Regional final and will now debate in the NSW quarter finals in Sydney.

Congratulations to George McNamara who won the Regional final of *the Rostrum Voice of Youth* and will now compete in the State Final in Sydney. Sammy Seth was also recognised for her skills in public speaking and was awarded runner up in this competition. Rizina Yadav and Sammy Seth participated in the *Plain English* competition with Sammy progressing through to the NSW semi final. Ethan Floyd recently participated in the *NSW Speak Up* competition and came second in both the prepared and impromptu speeches.

Congratulations must go to all students who participated in debating and public speaking competitions recently. Feedback from coaches and adjudicators has been that all students represented the school with distinction.

The English HSC revision study sessions have begun. These sessions provide opportunities for students to revise the set texts, key concepts and approaches to exam style questions. Our year 12 students should try and make time to attend these sessions so that they continue to develop and consolidate their knowledge of the Area of Study and each of the modules.

As the term draws to a close, it is important that students remember to return the copies of any text they were issued in class this term. These texts should be returned to the library. Students do not need to retain their text for the year.

Ms Esme Corney - HT English



George McNamara



Ethan Floyd

MOOSPaper

M-Factor is Back!

By Chloe Bassingthwaite, Year 12

The bi-annual Merewether talent competition is back for another year to seek out the school's best performers. This year, the auditions kicked off in the Learning Centre with some spectacular flairs of talent from students in years 7-12. So far we have seen stunning singers, awesome acting performances and even a show of circus skills. Judge Priya Vakil (Year 12) says that this year's auditions have been "an unexpected and considerable improvement from what we saw two years ago" and she anticipates that it'll be a tough competition with plenty of contenders for first place. The last auditions are on at lunch time in the Learning Centre on **Wednesday the 14th of June**. The big finale will include presentations from some of our top performers on **Wednesday the 28th in week 10**, stay tuned for more details about time and location! Come along for a great night to support all of the wonderful talent our school has!



Year 7 & 8 Debating

Alyssa Wharton and Lana Dowman, Year 8

The Year 7 & 8 debating teams have had yet another amazing debate, with the subject being, 'That we should ban setting educational tasks outside of school hours.' The Year 7 students were arguing the affirmative side, whilst the Year 8 students took the negative side of the argument.

Witty words and persuasive techniques were exchanged as both teams fought for victory, but in the end it was the Year 8 Team that came out triumphant.

We have also been informed, by a member of the Year 8 debating team, that the debate was a practise debate for an upcoming one where they will verse Lambton High School. The whole of Merewether High School wishes the Year 7 and 8 debating teams the best of luck for their next debates.

Studies of Religion/Modern History Jewish Museum Visit

By Timothy Whelan, Year 12

On the 7th of June, the Senior Studies of Religion and Modern History classes travelled to Sydney to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum. Both classes were able to use their time to further their knowledge about content they were studying in class, but also able to empathise and connect with the many meaningful and emotional stories that were displayed throughout the museum. The museum had an extensive collection of artefacts from World War II including advertisements, suitcases and prison uniforms worn in the concentration camps. As well as being able to explore the museum, the Modern History and Studies of Religion classes got the opportunity to go to seminars that were both extremely interesting and emotional. The Modern History class got the chance to listen to a seminar from a Holocaust survivor who was held in Auschwitz during WWII. Dakota Tait, a Modern History student recounted that the seminar, "was really evocative and emotional and it was probably one of the most valuable experiences and things I'm glad I can say I've done in my life". The museum is open to the public so if you are interested in learning more, go to: <http://sydneyjewishmuseum.com.au/>



Year 8 Commerce Market Day

By Annabelle Miller and Eve Oxenham, Year 8

As many may already know, the well-known and well-liked Commerce Market Day was held recently on the 9th of June. Due to the weather on the day, the event that lasted the entire lunch period on the Friday was moved from the quad to the Bensley Hall. This was where students from all year groups flocked to at the beginning of lunch. For those with spare change to spend, or those with friends with spare change to lend, there was a wide variety of delicious treats to buy: all of which were provided by the students from the Year 8 elective Commerce class this semester.

All profit from the day went to the amazing, charity, Soul Cafe which provides roughly 700 meals per week to disadvantaged community members. The Soul Cafe changes the lives of others by giving them the help and support they need, therefore the Commerce class thought it was a vital cause to assist and a great way to give back to the community.

Overall, nobody can deny the success of the Commerce Market Day or Merewether High's eagerness for the next one.

Open Prefect Meeting

Kate Edwards, Year 11

Unless you're a prefect yourself, the question of what exactly goes on at prefect meetings has generally always been a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

This was all to change, however, when the Merewether student executive introduced the concept of the Open Prefect Meeting earlier this year. On the 31st of May, the entirety of Year 12 were invited to fill the independent learning centre to spectate and to contribute to the second of these events. Many chose to accept the invitation, and seating was at a premium.

When asked about the meeting's significance, school captains Sam and Priya had similar responses.

"[Prefects] become a separated group," said Sam, stating that this was an opportunity for them "to branch out."

"It allows us to offer the broader population a voice," agreed Priya.

Items on the meeting's agenda included the Year 12 gift to the school (plus associated fundraising) and the upcoming Pizza Challenge, ending with some comments of exam positivity from Jacob and a cheerful rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Georgina.



Annabelle Cleary's Rock Climbing Heroics!

By Luka Harrison and Ashley Naylor, Year 11

Merewether High School's champion rock climber, Annabelle Cleary of Year 11, recently competed at Youth Nationals over the course of 3 days. Annabelle's dedication and determination clearly showed through in her results, as she finished 2nd in lead and speed climbing, 3rd in bouldering and 2nd overall, qualifying for the Australian team to compete in lead climbing! The competition was one of the biggest in Australian history, meaning that there was also even more competition than usual.

The focus will now shift to the Youth World Championships, to be held in Innsbruck, Austria, during August/September. When asked about her ambitions regarding her first overseas competition, Annabelle said that she would love to "rank in the top half of my category and to make semi-finals would just be amazing so that's definitely a goal. After that I'll head to New Caledonia for Continentals and I'd really like to make podium there."

Annabelle is currently working even harder than usual in the build up to representing her country, Her gruelling training regime is composed of "a hang boarding session, 3 strength sessions and 4 climbing sessions" per week, as well as trips to Sydney on the weekend.

A Magnificent Moofest

By Abbey Isaac, Year 12

Glamour was abundant in the famous Bensley Hall throughout Moofest, a magnificent evening of filmic genius, entertaining commentary and glittering smiles. Mr Southward's safari suit was undoubtedly the greatest 'Hollywood Glam' outfit of the night.

After viewing all the splendid films that had been created by dedicated, passionate young actors, directors and editors, the judges decided upon our winners. Teia, Crystal, Abbie, Aidan and Lily of Year 8 won the Junior Filmmakers Award with their thought-provoking film entitled 'Chroma'. Wonsun Jin of Year 12 won the Senior Filmmaker Award with his stunning animation '1000'. Wonsun comments; "Since last year's film Metanoia I knew I wanted to make another animation because I really enjoyed being able to share something I love doing. Last year I got a lot of positive feedback on how emotional albeit sad my film was, so this year I wanted to make people feel emotions through more positive triggers. Submitting my film, I really didn't expect to win anything, let alone the senior prize! Regardless, it's great that I had this opportunity."

Another notable entry was 'MHS Underbelly', a wickedly hilarious and intelligent piece created by Zack, Evie and Alex of Year 12, winning the distinguished People's Choice Award. It was a wildly successful evening and the audience was astonished by the filmic talent in our school.



UN Youth Evatt Success

By Jacob Gamble and Zack Schofield, Year 12

The Evatt debating competition comprises of a mock UN Security Council debate, where teams of two each represent a country currently on the Security Council to debate topical resolutions to world problems. Recently, Zack Schofield and Jacob Gamble of Year 12 competed in the Newcastle Preliminary Round representing Ukraine to discuss issues such as US Electoral Interference, The Annexation of Crimea, and Fake News.

The round was overall a success, with the majority of the resolutions and Ukraine's proposed amendments coming to fruition in the face of a defiant Russia. Both of us along with Evina Yadav of Year 9 and Teza Sankoorikal of Year 10 were lucky enough to be included in the 30 teams chosen out of 296 to advance to the Evatt State Semi Finals held at the University of Sydney in a week's time.



We look forward to immersing ourselves in more global issues, this time representing the United States while Evina and Teza will represent Senegal. For any person interested in developing skills in diplomacy or politics and learning about topical issues, we'd highly recommend that you participate in the Evatt Competition next year.

Prefects Report

The Prefects have been busy at work throughout the school and would like to take a moment to look both directions before crossing the road into next term. Not only thanking the whole community for their support and participation as we look backwards – but also encouraging continued excitement and spirit as we look forwards towards Term 3.

Looking backwards there have been some incredible events and activities organised by the prefect body:

'Be Brave and Shave' went far beyond our greatest of hopes as the school smashed our \$8000 dollar fundraising goal.

Together we raised in excess of \$18000!

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the cause, all the hairdressers who donated their time and everyone who participated in the shave - dying their hair blue for the event. We couldn't have done it without you and we congratulate all of you on helping make a big difference to lives of those fighting leukaemia nation-wide.

Our Easter Raffle was an incredible success as four loaded tables of prizes, chocolate and Easter goodies were distributed to the school. Congratulations Callum Melville on winning the Big Bucket Prize and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. Particular thanks to Year 12 for all the egg donations and all the behind the scenes work.

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Moofest was a red carpet worthy evening as the 'Oscar' themed event proved to be one of the most star-studded and successful yet. Congratulations to Wonsun Jin (Winner, Senior Moo), Teia Bradbury, Crystal Lang-Piason, Abbie Barr, Lily Patterson, Aidan Bottom (Winner, Junior Moo), Harry Su (Encouragement Moo), Zack Schofield, Evie Laurence and Alex Hobbs (People's Choice Moo). Everyone looked fabulous on the night and we look forward to the films that will be produced next year.

Looking forwards in the wind-down of term two there is much to expect after the return from holidays and even in the weeks to come:

Year 12's open prefect meeting was a booming success and many ideas have been germinated for how we can push on next term for an even more vibrant school community, be expectant for continual upwards growth.

There looks to be bake sales approaching on the prefect calendar of next term, so get those bellies ready.

Year 12 is pulling together for yet another year challenge as we tug-of-war on the back fields. We invite any students to come, watch and cheer for your favourite Year 12 class.

After prefect novelty activities at cross-country we have begun deliberations over which house will be winning the Merewether Spirit Cup. So be sure to keep up those house spirits.

Behind the scenes we have been especially focused on establishing a firm foundation for the school leaders of next year and the years to come. We look forward to how the school will strengthen and benefit in the future from the simple but consistent work that prefects are putting in today.

We would like to offer a large round of applause to the whole school for making the whole term a success. As we look both ways on prefect street we also encourage you to join us on a road trip and buckle up for the months to come. Because for this team, there seems to be no signs of slowing down.



Social Science

Mock United Nations Assembly

On 2nd June Year 11 students from Merewether High School travelled up to Muswellbrook to attend MUNA 2017. Our school was represented by Annabelle Cleary and Elly Diamandis-Nikoletatos representing France. The students enjoyed meeting team members from schools across the Hunter region and were busy Friday night in Bloc Meetings and preparing for the mystery resolution that related to climate change. After a fantastic day of debating at the Muswellbrook Council Chambers Merewether was successful in being awarded a highly commended for their outstanding effort on the day.



Rotary Club Partnership

On Monday the 29th May the two students attending the MUNA competition in June had the opportunity to meet and dine with the Wallsend Rotary club who have kindly sponsored our school. Year 11 students Annabelle Cleary and Elly Diamandis-Nikoletatos had a fantastic opportunity to learn from the club's President Mrs Madeleine Atkins about the many and varied good works and exchange programs run by Rotary across the world including eradicating Polio and being the first non-government organisation to work closely with the United Nations since 1945. The students in turn shared with the club the country that they would be representing in the competition and the resolutions that they would be debating. We very much enjoyed the dinner provided and the support offered by the club and look forward to an ongoing partnership in the future.



Lisa Burnett - Head Teacher Social Science

LEGAL UPDATE - Mock Trial Team 2017

The Mock Trial team for 2017 has made a fantastic start to the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition with wins in the first three rounds. The team has worked extremely hard to prepare for all criminal cases, taking on the roles of all court personnel and achieving success in trials that have proved challenging against schools that presented as tough competition.

A very big thank you goes out to Michael Evers the teams Mock Trial solicitor (coach) who gives his time to come and help prepare and give advice to the students on the legal aspects of these cases.

Good luck to the following students who are participating in the team for 2017:

Elly Diamandis-Nikoletatos	Isabel Formby	Rosanna Gately	Jonathan Gorsevksi
Luka Harrison	Hannah Head	Ross Fletcher	William Lucas
Shania Prasad	Lucy Witherdin		

Rachael Tonks - Social Sciences



Waste Awareness Week 2017

In week 4 the MHS Enviro group ran a variety of events to raise awareness about the issues associated with waste. This included waste facts that were shared with the school community via the notices each day, Meat Free Monday, a vegan morning tea for the staff, collecting soft plastics in the playground and finally a very successful Q and A session in the learning centre on Friday with members from the community. These stakeholders included Christine Prietto from Hunter Wetlands, Pauline from OzHarvest, Alicia Sheen - Waste Management Coordinator at Newcastle Council, Daan Schiebaan - Environment Manager at Newcastle Uni, and Councillor Michael Osborne from the Greens Party. Our special guests were impressed with the thoughtful questions posed and the support from the broader school community for this initiative.

It was a highly organised week that successfully raised awareness about the issues of excessive waste in our society. I commend the group's initiative and enthusiasm.

Lisa Burnett - Head Teacher Social Science

Waste Awareness Week

Zack Schofield and Britany So, Year 12

Environment Club is a weekly gathering of Merewether's enthusiastic and passionate students who hope to bring forward sustainability as a major focus for upcoming generations to consider and live by. In today's new world, it's quite evident that current management of the environment is in crucial need of improvements to accommodate for the rapidly growing world population along with its fast-paced consumerism; the current rate of plastics, clothing, and edible waste is highly harmful towards the future of our living.



Waste Awareness Week - the brainchild of Enviro Group leaders Jacob Gamble and Annaliese Turner - was the latest initiative in their program to bring environment causes to the forefront at Merewether. It was a resounding success, and has definitely raised awareness of both the issues at hand and of the Enviro Group itself; membership is steadily growing.

It began on Meat Free Monday. The horrors of industrialised meat production and its side-effects is an issue every environmentalist can name. On this Monday, the group asked everyone in the school to give up this small luxury for one day, to show them how meat doesn't have to be part of a daily diet. The canteen also helped by making more vegetarian options available for students to try.

Tuesday saw a panel of local experts and professionals in sustainability of the Newcastle district pay a visit to Merewether High. An interactive Q&A session was held, with thorough discussions enlightening students of the issues concerning our local environment. Issues covered included interesting facts about the 'yellow bin' race between local councils, food waste, effects of climate change and natural disasters, and finally ways to take part in pushing for the sustainable future we need; namely, participation in political lobbying.

The Waste-Free Wednesday Staff Morning Tea was an event for the ages, with plenty of vegan/vegetarian snacks and treats available (presented in reusable packaging of course!) for members of staff, in a thinly-disguised attempt at bribery that worked wonders! During recess, staff enjoyed their morning tea while discussing environmental issues with our students, and contributing their support to the MHS Enviro Group.

Thursday was a day for the Plastic Police. The Plastic Police is an organisation which collects soft plastics not normally recycled, like single use plastic bags and cling wrap, and processes them into plastic furniture for schools and other public institutions. This is a great example of waste reduction, as one of the biggest issues in regards to every-day pollution is single-use plastic bags.

Fun Fact Friday was the culmination of this school-wide event, which saw environmental facts popping up in the morning notices and over the loudspeaker during recess and lunch. Did you know that 27,000 trees are felled each day for toilet paper? Education about these issues, as well as regular reminding, is a good way to make sure we don't forget about the damage done every day to our only planet. The next step is to act on it.

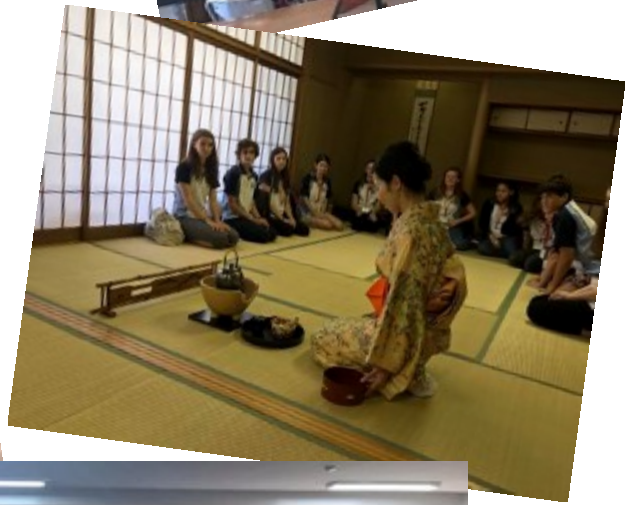
JAPAN TOUR 2017

Merewether High students studying Japanese went on an action packed trip to Japan during the last school holidays. 44 excited travellers explored Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima, visiting temples, the anime and electronic district of Akihabara, Ghibli Museum, shops and the beautiful and moving city of Hiroshima.

We stayed in ryokans and slept on futons, ate delicious okonomiyaki, sushi, tonkatsu, yakitori and practised our Japanese. Visiting our Sister City of Ube in Japan was a highlight of the trip where the Ube City Council team arranged a traditional Tea Ceremony experience, a tour of Tokiwa Park and lots of fun activities done together. We even found ourselves becoming celebrities, being interviewed by local media. In Ube our friends at Keishin High made us very welcome with the students showing us different aspects of Japanese culture and the features of Ube that are similar to our very own Newcastle.

Thank you to all our travellers for being such good company and for making the trip one full of *すごくて、すばらしい* memories. A huge thank you to Ms Martinez, Mr Smith and Mrs Hughes for kindly giving up their holidays to take care of our travellers.

Mrs Allen



CAPA

The last few months have been extremely hectic and creatively inspiring for the CAPA faculty.

DRAMA

Merewether High's junior dramatists have experienced a busy June, filled with theatrical opportunities in both performer and audience capacities.

Year 8 Elective Drama were due to view Sydney Theatre Company's 'The Popular Mechanicals' show, however performer illness resulted in a false-start to the day. An exceptional turn of events meant that instead, the students were treated to a backstage tour of the company's props, costumes and set design areas, as well as a professional warm-up workshop from the show's Charles Mayer. The opportunity to interact with the professional actor was excitedly taken on by our gifted and confident cohort!

Driven by the 'Discovery' themed show, Year 8 Drama also hosted their first performance evening for friends and families of our school. From twisted fairytales through to thought-provoking plotlines, the class represented the subject honourably in showcasing their original pieces of theatre.

The Star Struck 'Shine On' show hitting Newcastle Entertainment Centre later this week will include a select group of keen Year 9 and 10 Drama students. Placement in the production's 'Strike It Rich' segment sees Merewether students exploring scenes from the goldfields of Australia. Frolicking amongst other performing art students from the Hunter, our students will playfully act and dance their way through the choreographed extravaganza.



MEET THE MUSIC CONCERTS

We have been to 3 Meet the Music Concerts at the Sydney Opera House this year that have been musically engaging. 20 students have attended each of these Sydney Symphony Orchestra concerts. Students include Elective Music students, MHS Music Ensemble members and on our last excursion, students who wanted to see what all the rave was about with the Meet the Music Concerts. The last Meet the Music Concert for the year will be in Term 4, 2nd November featuring Katie Noonan and poet/cartoonist Michael Leunig. Please see a Music teacher if you are interested in attending this concert.

Concert 1: featured the World Premiere of Australian Composer, Nigel Westlake's Oboe Concerto which was written for SSO Principal Oboist Diana Doherty. This work was absolutely exquisite.

Concert 2: was titled Symphony for the Common Man. Every instrument featured in Andrew Ford's celebratory *Headlong*, written for the SSO's 75th anniversary in 2007. Simon Tedeschi performed Rachmaninoff's extraordinary Fourth Piano Concerto and the concert concluded with Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*.

Concert 3: A fantastic audience participation performance of "Last Night of the Proms" conducted and compered by Guy Noble. There was much English and Australian flag waving, singing, streamer throwing and dancing. A bonus on this evening was viewing the lights spectacular of VIVID.





ENCORE

In March, 20 senior Elective Music students travelled to the Opera House by train to view outstanding performances from the 2016 HSC in the NESAs concert - **ENCORE**. This excursion gives students the opportunity to see what quality of performances there are around the state and to hear compositions written by HSC students. The program lists outstanding compositions and viva voces from 2016 and this year included MHS students – Harry Callen and Zachary Nickel.

MHS CONCERT BAND WORKSHOP/PERFORMANCE WITH HUNTER WIND ENSEMBLE

Merewether High School Concert band was treated to a workshop with the regional ensemble – Hunter Wind Ensemble. Following this workshop they were invited to perform with the regional ensemble alongside the Newcastle Army Band to perform the 1812 Overture at the Music of the Guns Concert at Fort Scratchley. Several MHS students took up this once in a lifetime opportunity.





SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PLAYERLINK, NSW YOUTH ORCHESTRA and SCHOLARSHIP

Playerlink is a special orchestral immersion experience for talented young musicians (Years 5–12) based in regional NSW.

Each year, a group of Sydney Symphony Orchestra musicians travels to a regional centre to work with and mentor a specially formed youth orchestra. This pop-up music camp provides a unique opportunity for young musicians to learn from some of the best in the business.

At Playerlink, students participate in instrumental section tutorials where they study orchestral parts focusing on aspects of musicianship such as posture, intonation, articulation, ensemble playing and interpretation. The students and SSO musicians then come together to rehearse as a whole orchestra, finishing the weekend with a free family presentation-workshop. In May this year **Year 11 student Adrienne Hanslow** was privileged to take part in this outstanding program at Orange Conservatorium of Music. Adrienne has also been selected to be a member of the orchestra for Mary Poppins playing at the Civic Theatre June 22-24, and very excitingly has been selected to be a member of the NSW Youth Orchestra to play Oboe. Adrienne has also secured The Morton Music Award scholarship organised through Belmont Rotary Club. Congratulations Adrienne on these outstanding achievements.



ANDREW BRASSINGTON of Year 11 is part of a local Indie band "Throw Me To the Wolves" who had the pleasure of opening for Australian Indie Pop four-piece "San Cisco" at the Cambridge Hotel on June 4th. You might know San Cisco for their catchy pop songs like "Awkward" and "Fred Astaire" which Andrew's band cover, making the support slot an even more surreal experience for the group.

The band launched into their thirty minute set with recent single "Daisy Chains" and played an all original 8-song set, ending with a new track they aim to have out as a single by August.

After their set, Andrew also joined RAAVE TAPES front man Joab Eastley in the side bar to play a few unrehearsed covers in support of a cancer fundraiser. Andrew's next gig is an all ages gig at The Commons in Hamilton June 23rd. Get along and hear this fabulous group!

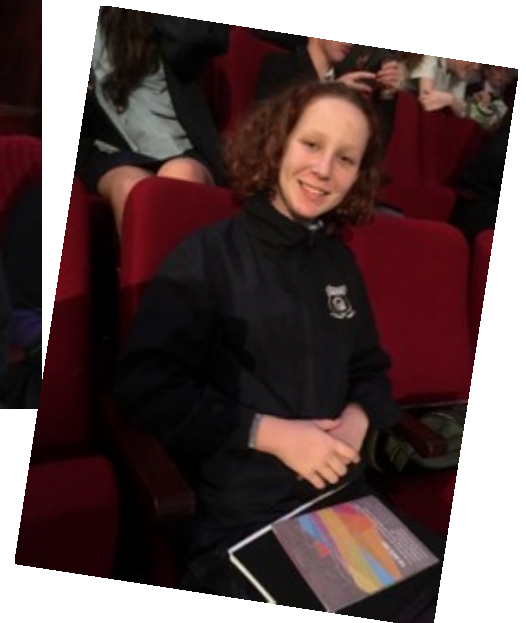
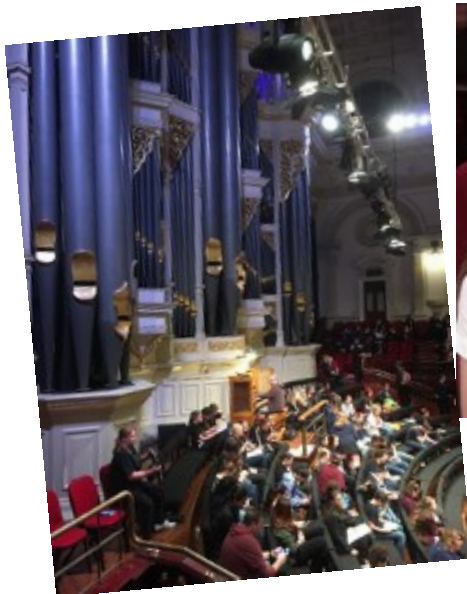
DAVIS AND KOFI HARARA On the 22nd March, Davis (Year 12) and Kofi Harara (Year 9) were very privileged to perform at Lizottes as part of the Live 'n' Local showcase. The musical brothers played a half hour set to entertain the crowd in this amazing venue that has been a performance stage for many famous musicians. Davis and Kofi played a varied program and received many compliments on the night about their talent, skill level and entertaining manner. Davis sang while playing guitar and this was accompanied by Kofi on drums, backup vocals and bongos. The students, parents and teachers that attended as part of the audience that evening were very fortunate to witness these two talented MHS students.



The Live 'n' Local nights at Lizottes were commenced to showcase local performers in a professional performance place. Lizottes is a venue where audience members can sit and eat a lovely meal while listening to music .

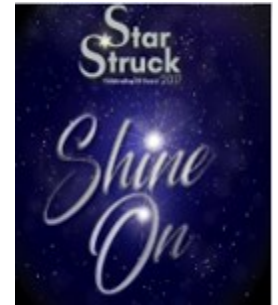
SECONDARY CHORAL CONCERT – SYDNEY TOWN HALL

The Merewether HS Vocal Ensemble was honoured to perform in Sydney Town Hall in May for the Secondary Choral Concert. Our 30 students were part of a 700 voice choir to sing Faure’s Requiem, Stanhope’s Jandamarra and two songs with Felix Riebl and the Cat Empire. We rehearsed the works with orchestra during the day and performed in the concert at night. Ensembles Unit also appeared as featured items in the concert.



STARSTRUCK

Star Struck is celebrating it's Silver Anniversary – 25years of the performing arts extravaganza on stage presented by the Hunter/Tamworth Directorate of the NSW Department of Education. The theme for 2017 is **Shine On!** This year Merewether High School is highly involved in many aspects of Star Struck including: Choir, Drama, Dance, Student Dance Segment Coordinator, Featured Artists, Backing Vocalists, Signing Choir and the Orchestra. Star Struck performances are being held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June with tickets being available through Ticketek. A report on the event and photos will follow in an upcoming bulletin.



WINTER WINDS CONCERT

Merewether High School Concert Band has been invited by the University of Newcastle, Conservatorium to perform a featured segment in their upcoming concert – Winter Winds Concert. This is a truly wonderful opportunity for our concert band to perform in a professional space the repertoire they have been working on all year .




 THE UNIVERSITY OF
 NEWCASTLE
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THE CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT BAND,
 AND JUNIOR CONCERT BAND
 PRESENT A NIGHT OF COOL TUNES

Winter Winds

FEATURING
 VALENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 CONCERT BAND AND MEREWETHER HIGH
 SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

7:00pm
Friday 23rd June 2017

HAROLD LOBB CONCERT HALL
 NEWCASTLE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

Tickets available at the Box Office from 6pm
 ADULT \$12 ~ CONCESSION \$8 ~
 CHILD \$5 ~ FAMILY \$25

LIZOTTES

This is a spectacular evening showcasing the talent of our Year 12 HSC Music students at the restaurant Lizotte's in Lambton. Everyone is welcome to attend to see the amazing musicality of the students of MHS. Ticket details are in the flyer below.



Senior Music Evening at Lizotte's

When: Monday 26th June 2017
Doors open for dinner at 6pm. Performances begin at 7pm

Where: Lizotte's Restaurant - 31 Morehead Street, Lambton

Experience the talent and skill of Merewether High's HSC musicians.
Sit and enjoy a delectable evening of music & food.

TICKETS: for the evening are available directly from the Lizotte's website at \$18 per person www.newcastle.lizottes.com.au

An al-a- carte menu is available on the evening. The prices of the al-a-carte on average are entree \$15-\$20, main \$25-\$30, dessert \$10-\$17 and the snack bar menu ranges from \$6-\$17.50 and includes tapas style food.

Limited seats available

STATE MUSIC CAMP

Each year the NSW Public Schools Arts Unit run a statewide Music Camp over six days in which it aims to promote excellence in all forms of music making. Each year Merewether High School is well represented at these camps. In Week 10, Term 2 the following students will be travelling to Sydney to take part in this experience: Isabel Formby, Adrienne Hanslow, Eve Leacey and Sebastian Leacey.

NEW MHS MUSIC ENSEMBLE – JAM

A new and exciting music group has started up at MHS! JAM - Just Add Music - has begun rehearsing and has attracted quite an eclectic mix of musicians. At the first rehearsal, the group had ukuleles, guitars, keyboards, glockenspiels, flutes, clarinets, a drummer, bass guitarist, and even an ocarina! There were all levels of talent ranging from highly experienced seniors, to new year 7 musicians.

The group rehearses Monday lunch in KM2. If JAM sounds like something you might be interested in, get along and join in the fun. It's all about having a jam together and enjoying music! Everybody welcome.

HUNTER SINGERS

There are currently 15 Merewether HS students who are members of the regional choir Hunter Singers: Matthew Banney, Julie Boyd, Stephanie Hanlon, Arthy Mukunthan, Vithaki Mukunthan, Lucinda Paterson, William Sim, Tom Gilbertson, Campbell Moore, Madeline Newland, Georgia Olds, Vihan Roy, Ganan Thiyakesan and Ezekiel Weedon. The group will be touring to Canada in 2018 and will be fundraising throughout the next 12 months. The next event will be the Beauty and the Beast Singalong at Tower Cinemas on Friday 23 June - a great opportunity to sing along with this fun show. Dressing up is encouraged! The next Hunter Singers concert will be on Sunday 25 June at Newcastle Conservatorium. Details on both these events are in the flyers below.



Hunter Singers
Hunter Trebles

Sunday 25 June 2017, 2pm
 Newcastle Conservatorium Concert Hall
 Music Director – Kim Sutherland OAM

Tickets \$30 adults, \$25 concession, \$10 children
 Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/P5712Y



HUNTER WIND ENSEMBLE

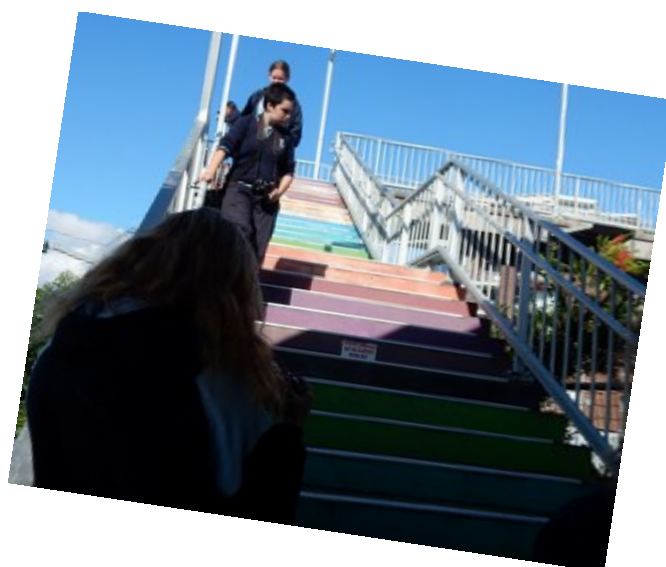
Hunter Wind Ensemble (HWE) is the regional Wind Band made up of 46 students from 15 different NSW Public Schools across the Tamworth Directorate (from Lake Macquarie, out to Tamworth and up to the Queensland border). 12 members are from Merewether High School – Lara Fraser-Geddes, Zeraphina Freeman, Adrienne Hanslow, Maya-Jayne Howat, Eve Leacey, Ella Simons, Maghnus Grady, Noah Grady, Callum Smith, Rowan Smith, Max Spencer Karinen and Sam Spratt. This group has recently competed in the Australian National Eisteddfod in Canberra and earned 1st place in their section. This year they have also performed at the Music of the Guns concert at Fort Scratchley, the All Schools ANZAC Ceremony at Civic Theatre and their upcoming 15 year anniversary concert at Newcastle Cathedral will take place on 5th August. HWE has been selected to perform a feature item in the Festival of Choral Music concert series at the Opera House later in the year. This group is touring to Spain and Portugal in January 2018. If you are interested in auditioning for this ensemble, email hunterwindensemble@gmail.com.au

MHS Music Upcoming Events:

- 16th and 17th June - Star Struck, Newcastle Entertainment Centre
- 23rd June - Winter Winds Concert, University of Newcastle Conservatorium
- 26th June - Yr 12 Music Evening, Lizottes in Lambton
- 24th July - HSC Trial Music Performance Exams
- 29th July-1st Aug - State Wind Band, Sydney Opera House
- 21st August - Hawkesbury Eisteddfod
- 25th August - POSH Concert, University of Newcastle Conservatorium

VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts department and students have been quite busy over the past few months taking part in excursions and exhibitions outside the school environment. Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media students went into Newcastle city to take photographs of urban decay and urban renewal for a unit of work that explores the hidden beauty in the urban environment. They managed to take photographs of Wickham station days before it was demolished and in doing so, have not just taken creative and evocative photos of the area, but also captured a snapshot



Year 11 Visual Arts and Year 10 accelerated students had a visit from David Solomon, our Eckersley's representative and participated in a hands on art workshop. They were shown a huge variety of new materials, techniques and mediums that could be used and made sample sheets for future reference. This will be extremely useful in their upcoming unit of work on two-dimensional portraiture, the Merewether Portrait Prize by opening up many artistic possibilities.



Congratulations to Tehleah Greenwood (Year 10), Wonsun Jin and Elena Pavlou-Watt (Year 12) whose artworks will feature in the Maitland Art Gallery's exhibition 'Showcase'. Tehleah created a beautiful painting of the starting blocks at Newcastle's Ocean Baths in an Impressionist style and Wonsun and Elena both impressed with their portraits titled respectively 'Barb' and 'Yianni'. The Showcase exhibition highlights recent outstanding works from Hunter Region students so to be included in such an exhibition is a reflection of the standard of work these students have achieved. The exhibition runs from June 3rd until 10th September and is highly recommended.



Maitland Regional Art Gallery
@Maitland.Regional.Art.Gall

make a face

EXHIBITION DATES
3 JUNE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

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OPENING EVENT
SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2017
from 11.00am

SHOWCASE 4

An exhibition of artworks by
Pre-school - Year 6 students from
Maitland and the Lower Hunter

ARTWORK BY LOCAL YEAR 7 - 12
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

And finally, a major art exhibition that includes the works of students from 7-11 will be held during Week 2 Term 3. All student's works from Semester 1 will be on display (over 300 works), so this will prove to be a major blockbuster event in The Learning Centre. More information will be forthcoming with specific details closer to the opening.



Year 10 Accelerated Visual Arts along with Year 12 and Year 11 Visual Arts visiting the Art Gallery of NSW to view ArtExpress and Andy Warhol Exhibition earlier this year.



Year 10 Accelerated Visual Arts students viewing the 'Magic Mike' (Michael Zavros) and 'The Island' (Alex Seton) exhibition earlier this year

Hospitality

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes have recently held two coffee shops, utilising skills they had learned at the Crema Coffee Garage course last term. These coffee shops raised over \$300 for The Hospie's chosen charity for 2017 Soul Café. Soul Café is local charity supporting homeless and disadvantaged people with food for those who cannot afford it.

In addition, during Week 3 of this Term, the two classes held two 5 course degustation functions for a total of 42 guests, raising an additional \$860 for Soul Café.

The menu consisted of:

- Bruschetta
- Quiche Lorraine
- Creamy Pumpkin Pasta
- Moroccan Chicken Skewers
- Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis
- A variety of non-alcoholic beverages

Thanks to the support of family, friends and staff, both classes were able to meet their competencies for the unit 'Serve Food and Beverage' and raise money for such a worthwhile charity. The feedback received from our guests was overwhelmingly positive with customers very impressed with both the quality of the food served to them and the outstanding level of service provided.

The donation of almost \$1200 will be presented to a representative of Soul Café at a future assembly.







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M factor



coming soon to MHS

The MHS SRC biennial talent quest is underway with students from across the school showcasing a range of talents during 2 weeks of auditions. With over 30 acts in contention the competition to become a finalist is fierce.

We have had students from Years 7 – 12 dancing, singing, acting, playing music and performing in bands all in search of a position on concert night. They have all done a marvelous job and we thank them all for their entertainment, bravery and good humor as they have entertained us during lunch breaks in weeks 7 & 8.

Next week the finalists will be announced!!!!

The SRC would like to extend an invitation to family and friends of the MHS community to come along for the Grand Finale where you can vote for your favourite act on the night. There will be 3 major prizes, the People's Choice Award, The Judges Award and The SRC Encouragement Award.

When: Wednesday (Week 10) June 28th at 6pm

Where: The Bensley Hall

Cost: Tickets are \$5 each (children under 5 free) and can be purchased at the door or during lunch breaks in Week 10 from the SRC.

There will be snacks and drinks available on the night, so please come along and enjoy this wonderful and highly anticipated event on the MHS calendar.

MHS Student Representative Council





SPORT

Students are asked to make a selection from the following sporting activities. Students who select a sport that leaves the school grounds **MUST** have a permission note, signed by their parent/guardian, when making their selection.

SPORTS OPTIONS AND DETAILS

Below is a list of sports with brief details that will be offered to students. Sports will be finalised by Week 10 Term 2

Sports requiring bus fee

Students selecting a bus sport are to pay the bus fee to the front office, by **Week 3 Term 3**. Please do not pay until all sports are finalised (Week 10 Term 2).

	Sport	Permission Note Required	Cost/week	Bus fee	Outcome	Max No
Bus sports	Zumba <i>Bling performing Arts Studio Broadmeadow</i>	Yes	\$5	\$50	Students will develop skills and movements associated with this activity under the guidance of a qualified instructor.	40
	Rock Climbing <i>Pulse Climbing Adamstown</i>	Yes	\$8	\$50	Students will learn basic skills of rock climbing in an indoor graduated environment	40
	Ice Skating <i>Warners Bay Ice Skating</i>	Yes	\$8	\$50	Students will develop skills and movements associated with this activity	50
	Ten Pin Bowling <i>Mayfield Supa Strike</i>	Yes	\$8	\$50	Students will participate in Ten Pin Bowling game play	40
	Functional Gym <i>Pin Point Athlete</i>	Yes	\$5	\$50	Students will develop skills and movements under the supervision of a qualified instructor	30
Sports requiring payment – no bus levy	Tennis <i>District Park</i>	Yes	\$4	Walk with teacher	Students will participate in tennis game play	40
	Lawn Bowls <i>Adamstown BC</i>	Yes	\$2	Walk with teacher	Students will develop skills and movements associated with this activity	30
School Sport No cost involved	Soccer	No	Nil	At school	Students will learn basic skills of activity through skill practice and game play	No limit
	Oz Tag	No	Nil	At school	Students will learn basic skills of activity through skill practice and game play	No limit
	Basketball	No	Nil	At school	Students will learn basic skills of activity through skill practice and game play	30
	Badminton/ Table Tennis	No	Nil	At school	Students will learn basic skills of activity through skill practice and game play	25
	Netball	No	Nil	At school	Students will learn the skills of activity through skill practice and game play	30
	Volleyball	No	nil	At school	Students will learn the skills of activity through skill practice and game play	30

Information and permission notes have been emailed to all students in Years 7 -10 and their parents.

Thank you - M. Ridgeway (School Sports Organiser)

Open girls Netball

The Open girls' knockout netball team didn't have the year that we had hoped for. After being crowned zone champions early in the term, the goal was to make state again this year, but unfortunately the girls didn't play their best game and ended up going down by one goal in the regional semi-final. As was to be expected from this talented group of girls they accepted defeat with dignity and sportsmanship. The senior girls have been the core of this team over the last five years and will be missed and hard to replace.



Merewether High has a lot of talented girls who play netball and following outstanding performances we have four girls selected in the Hunter region team to compete at the State Championships this year, where the team came fourth.



Angel Barber, Chloe Bell, Madeline Melville, Grace Harvey



'THE STUDENT GUIDE' MENTOR PROGRAM'

During 2016 'The Student Guide' Mentor Program was initiated at MHS. With our school song firmly in our mind "*Merewether guides the way.....*" students from Years 10,11,12 are matched with students requesting a mentor from any year group to offer guidance and support in helping each other reach their goals. We are looking forward to getting this project up and running again over the next few weeks.

The mentors have taken part in a training program and are ready to provide assistance to students in three areas:

- Academic support in particular subject areas
- Study and organisational skills
- General support- someone to have a chat to

Students who are mentors are volunteers who are keen to support other students in the school. They may meet once a week, a fortnight or on an as need basis, perhaps to support the completion assessments or prior to the exam period.

Students wishing to have a mentor can come from any year group at the school, they can request one themselves or a teacher may suggest their involvement. In 2016 we had 89 students take advantage of this great opportunity and we thank our volunteer mentors for their support, guidance and friendship shared with their peers. We would also like to thank Mrs Brooks, Mrs Chalmers, Mrs Eden, our Counsellors and Support Staff for their involvement and support of the program.

If you are interested in 'The Student Guide', you may request a mentor through the Survey Monkey link you will receive in coming weeks to your student email account. Mentors will have the chance to nominate again at the end of term 2. For further information you can contact Mrs Allen in the Language Department.

P&C News

Canteen: We are now in the refurbished canteen kitchen and providing more freshly prepared healthy items for your children. If you have heard any positive comments about particular food items, please forward to merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com or encourage your children to speak to our Canteen Managers Sharon and Lisa.

We are still fine tuning the winter menu and appreciate the efforts of our volunteers to prepare healthier food. Please provide any feedback or suggestions from your recent experience to Sharon or Lisa.

WWCC: All our volunteers need to provide their Working With Children Check (WWCC) number and date of birth to the school office for them to verify your status. If you are unable to provide a WWCC number, then you must go to the school's front office and ask to fill out an 'Appendix 5 – Working with Children check – Declaration for volunteers and contractors' with your Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check. This must be done BEFORE you start work in the canteen.

Next P&C Meeting: The MHS P&C meets in the Independent Learning Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (excluding school holidays) at **7:00pm** during Terms 2 & 3. **Tuesday 20th June** will be the next general meeting. **All parents and carers are invited to attend.** If you know of a teacher who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, feel free to come to P&C and nominate them for a P&C Certificate of Appreciation.

Entertainment Books: Support our School by ordering your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! \$12 from every book/membership purchased goes to the MHS P&C. For more details, contact Denise Lyons 0404508474. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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	JUNE
Fri 23/6	NAIDOC Assembly
Mon 26/6	Medieval Day Year 8 Lizottes - Year 11 & Year 12 Music Performances
Tues 27/6	ROSA Assemblies Y7,9,11 — 11.00am Y8,10,12— 1.30pm
Wed 28/6	M Factor
Thur 29/6	Y12 Careers Day - Newcastle Uni
Fri 30/6	Years 7, 8 and 9 Reports issued End Of Term
	JULY
Mon 17/7	School Development Day
Tues 18/7	Students Return Year 11 Jindabyne - day 1 of 4
Wed 19/7	Year 11 Jindabyne - day 2 of 4
Thurs 20/7	Year 11 Jindabyne - day 3 of 4 Year 7 (2018) Tour and information session—4.00pm
Fri 21/7	CHS Cross Country Year 11 Jindabyne - day 4 of 4
Tues 25/7	Year 7 & 9 Parent Teacher interviews Green Day
26/7	Hunter Regional Athletics Opportunity placement Test
27/7	Hunter Regional Athletics AUST MATHS COMP
31/7	Year 10 Reports Issued Year 12 Blackout period commences
	AUGUST
1/8	ICAS English
3/8	Year 8 & 10 Parent Teacher Interviews Year 9 Brainstorm 1.30pm
7/8	Year 10 (2018) 4.30pm Info Evening Year 11 (2018) Course Info Evening 6.00pm
8/8	Year 8 (2018) 4.30 pm Year 9 (2018) 5.30pm Course In Evening



14/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams Commence
15/8	P & C Year 12 Trial HSC Exams ICAS Maths
16/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
17/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
18/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
21/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams Year 11 Blackout Period Commences
22/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
23/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
24/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
25/8	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams Conclude
29/8	School Dance
SEPTEMBER	
4/9	Year 11 Final Prelim Exams Commence Peer Support Year 9
5/9	Year 11 Final Prelim Exams Year 12 Elevate session
6/9	CHS Athletics Year 11 Final Prelim Exams
7/9	CHS Athletics Year 11 Final Prelim Exams
8/9	CHS Athletics Year 11 Final Prelim Exams
11/9	Year 11 Final Prelim Exams
12/9	Year 7 PLG Year 11 Final Prelim Exams
13/9	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
14/9	Year 11 Preliminary Exams
15/9	Year 11 Final Preliminary Exams Conclude
18/9	Year 12 Meeting Year 12 (2018) Extension Info Session 4.30pm Year 7 Vaccinations

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19/9	P & C
20/9	Year 12 Reports Issued Sports Presentation Assembly 9.00am Year 12 Formal
22/9	Year 12 Presentation Assembly 9.30am End of Term
OCTOBER	
9/10	Year 12 (2018) Learning Conference / Elevate
10/10	Year 7 2019 Info Session– 4.00pm
11/10	Year 7 2018 Challenge Day-9.30am to 1.00pm
16/10	HSC Commences
17/10	P & C
23/10	Year 11 Reports Issued
24/10	Year 7 PLG
25/10	Year 9 Urban Challenge
26/10	Year 9 Urban Challenge
27/10	Year 9 Urban Challenge
31/10	Year 8 PLG
NOVEMBER	
1/11	Year 7-10 Blackout Period Commences
6/11	Year 7-10 exams commence
7/11	Year 9 PLG Years 7-10 Exams
8/11	Year 7-10 exams
9/11	Year 7-10 exams
10/11	Last Day HSC Year 7-10 Exams
13/11	Year 7–10 Exams
14/11	Year 7-10 Exams Year 10 PLG
15/11	Year 7-10 Exams
16/11	Years 7 -10 Semester 2 Exams overflow if needed
17/11	Years 7 -10 Semester 2 Prefect's Investiture 11.00am

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21/11	Year 11 (12 2018) PLG P & C
23/11	Year Assembly 11.00am
27/11	Learning reflection Year 8
29/11	Year 7 Lifesaving
30/11	Year 7 Lifesaving
	DECEMBER
1/12	Year 7 Lifesaving
4/12	Learning Reflection Year 7
5/12	Year 7 (2018) Orientation Day
7/12	Christmas Photos Santa
11/12	Year 10 Assembly 9.15am Year 9 Assembly 11.00am
12/12	Year 8 Assembly—9.15am Year 7 asdsembly-11.00am
14/12	HSC Results Presentation Assembly 10.30am
15/12	Year 12 BBQ 11.00am End Of Term



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OPERATING HOURS

– School Term –

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

GIRLS UNIFORM : 7 - 9				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Girls Sky S/S Blouse	All Sizes	\$38.50		
Tartan Formal Skirt	All Sizes	\$69.00		
Girls Formal Shorts	All Sizes	\$42.00		
Girls Fitted Pants	All Sizes	\$49.00		
Knitted Jumper	10 - 16	\$82.00		
	18 +	\$92.00		
GIRLS UNIFORM : 10 - 12				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Girls White S/S Blouse	All Sizes	\$42.00		
Tartan Formal Skirt	All Sizes	\$69.00		
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SPORTS UNIFORM				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	All Sizes	\$42.00		
Sport Shorts	All Sizes	\$38.00		
Tracksuit Jacket	All Sizes	\$79.00		
Tracksuit Pants	All Sizes	\$50.00		

BAGS				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Backpack	Large	\$54.00		
Trolley Bag	One Size	\$109.00		
ACCESSORIES				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Socks - striped crew (1pack)	All Sizes	\$10.00		
Socks - white crew (1pack)	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Socks - black crew (1pack)	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Microfibre Tights - navy	All Sizes	\$10.00		
Gloves - navy	One Size	\$8.00		
Scarf - navy	One Size	\$12.00		
Leather Belt - black	All Sizes	\$15.00		
Bucket Hat	One Size	\$21.00		
Sports Cap	One Size	\$18.00		

SHOES

School Shoes – to be black lace-up, able to be polished leather school shoes which do not extend over the ankle or have a platform. The leather should cover the whole upper foot for safety. Boots, joggers and sneakers are not permitted.

Sports Shoes/PE Practical – to be predominantly white, and should have laces or velcro straps, and be supportive of the feet during exercise.

PLEASE NOTE

- Sizes available : Primary School: Boys J4 – XS & Girls J4 – L8 / Secondary School: Boys J10 – 3XL & Girls J10 – L20.
- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed, and a 50% non-refundable deposit made upon order.
- For sizes 4XL and L22 and over, a \$10 surcharge will apply

Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop, therefore postage will occur on the next opening day of the Uniform Shop.

Payments can be made with Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.

Please contact your bank regarding individual access and availability of these facilities.



Special Religious Education

In accordance with the Education Act 1990, Special Religious Education (SRE) lessons are offered at Merewether High School. Youth Pastor Joel McCrindle from Generation City Church, Hamilton and a volunteer with the Newcastle SRE Board Incorporated, will teach the lessons. The Newcastle SRE board will deliver on behalf of:

Authorised SRE provider	Church Name
Presbyterian Church of Australia	Scots Kirk, Hamilton
Baptist Union of NSW	Baptist Tabernacle (Newcastle)
Australian Christian Churches	Generation City Church (Tudor Street)
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle	A New Church
Uniting Church of Australia (NSW Synod)	Glebe Road Uniting Church
Associated Christian Ministries	Live Free, Adamstown

Special Religious Education is offered as per the policy and procedures of the Department of Education.

Policy <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/religious-education-policy?refid=285776>

Procedures <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/REimplementproced.pdf>

Lessons are offered each week to students in Year 7. Those students who have nominated a religion on their enrolment forms and have not opted out of the SRE program remain with the SRE teacher for instruction. Those who have completed the required letter to the principal to withdraw from SRE are then taken by their classroom teacher to an area within the school to complete suitable activities including reading, private study and completing homework. Students are provided with this information at the beginning of the year. Records are kept of those students who opt out.

Specific details of the SRE program can be found at <http://www.newcastlesreboard.com.au/high-schools/>

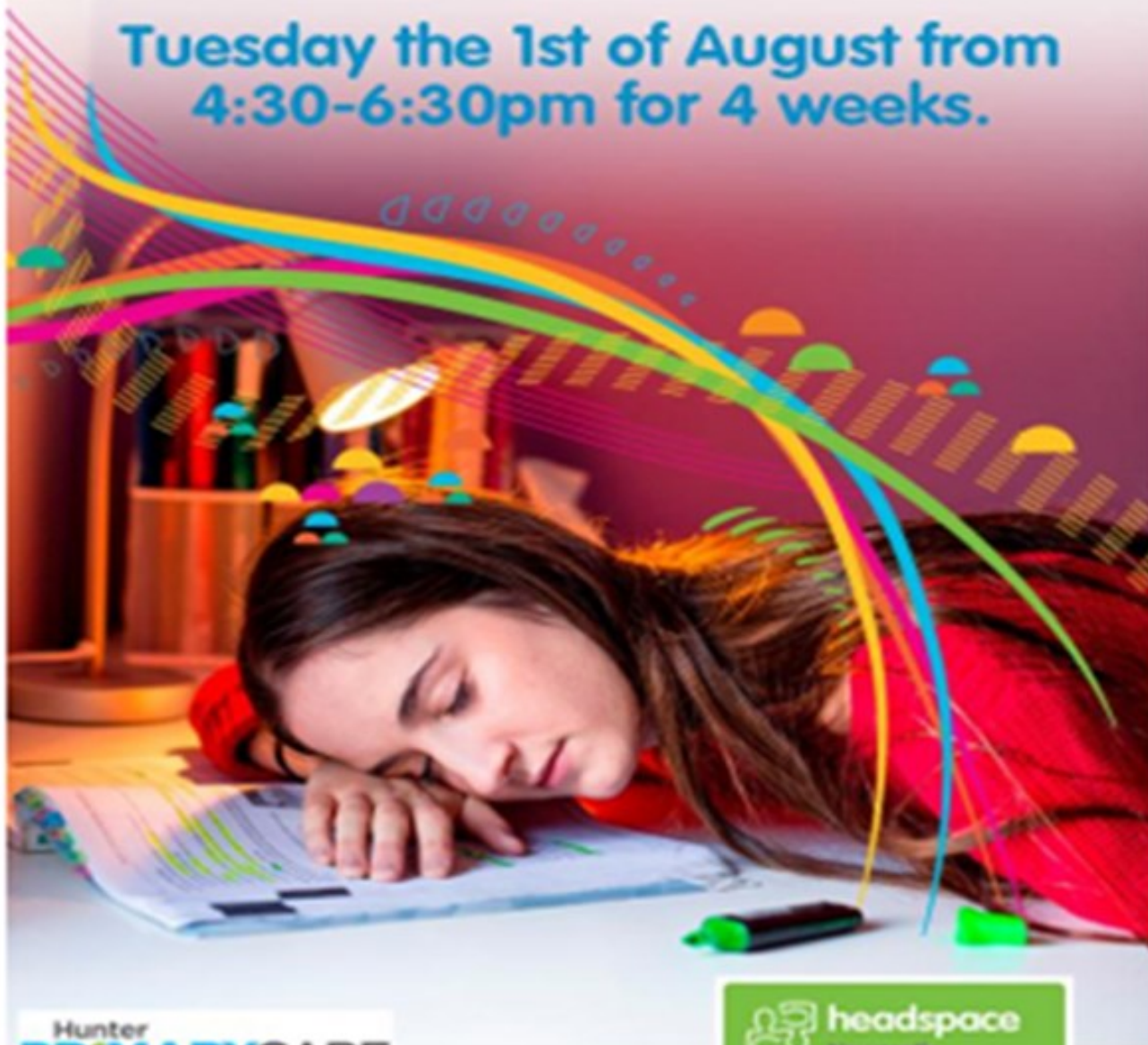
The local representatives of the above SRE Providers have agreed to cross-authorise the following SRE teacher at Merewether High School. The SRE teacher listed below is appropriately authorised by their respective SRE Provider according to the Department of Education guidelines, has SRE Accreditation Training, and has met relevant requirements under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013.

Authorised SRE Provider	SRE Teacher
Australian Christian Churches	Youth Pastor Joel McCrindle
Authorised curriculum:	Think Faith SRE Curriculum
Curriculum web address:	http://oursre.org.au/content/oursre-curriculum/gjg8h4
The submission of this form to the school is confirmation that the above details are correct and that cross authorisation has been confirmed, by letter or email, with each of the authorising religious leaders.	
SRE Coordinator	Mr Alex Dey
SRE Coordinator Contact:	0408490247
SRE Coordinator Email:	alexdey@nsf.com.au
Board Name:	Newcastle SRE Board Incorporated

HSC Stress Less Workshops

A series of workshops for year 11 and 12 students to help navigate through the stress of the HSC

Tuesday the 1st of August from 4:30-6:30pm for 4 weeks.



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