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DATES TO REMEMBER



Mon 5 th Nov	Year 10 Assessment Period (all week)			
Wed 7 th Nov	Year 7, 8 and 9 Exams (Wed, Thurs and Fri)			
Thurs 8th Nov	Year 11 Maths students – Guest Speaker 11.30am – 12.30pm			
Fri 9 th Nov	Year 12 Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course			
Mon 12 th Nov	Year 10 Assessment Period (all week)			
	Year 12 Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) Course			
	9.30am - Remembrance Day Ceremony			
Tues 13 th Nov	Re-Engineering Australia (REA) State			
	Finals at University of Technology			
	Sydney			
	Jump Start Program/Year 6 Transition			
	9am – 11.30am			
Wed 14 th Nov	Year 7 and 8 Netball/Cricket Gala Day			
	Re-Engineering Australia (REA) State			
	Finals at University of Technology			
	Sydney			
Thurs 15th Nov	6.30pm - P&C Meeting			
Thurs 15 th Nov	Year 12 Formal – Lindemans Estate			
	Arrive at 6pm for Dinner at 7pm			
Fri 16 th Nov	Year 7, 8 and 9 Reward Excursion - Luna			
	Park 7am – 5pm			
Sun 18 th Nov	Senior Leaders – Halogen Conference,			
	Sydney			
Mon 19 th Nov	Senior Leaders – Halogen Conference,			
	Sydney			
	Year 8 – Using Electronic Devices and			
	Social Media Workshop (Kim			
	Smith – School Liaison Police			
	Officer)			
Tues 20 th Nov	Year 8 - Essential Secondary Science			
	Assessment (ESSA)			
Wed 21 st Nov	Year 8 - Essential Secondary Science			
	Assessment (ESSÅ)			
Fri 23 rd Nov	Year 6/7 Orientation Day			
Mon 26 th Nov	Years 7 and 9 – Smart Show. Newcastle			

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Mon 26 th Nov cont. University promoting careers in Maths and Science		
Tues 27 th Nov	Jump Start Program/Year 6 Transition 9am – 11.30am 11.15am – 1.00pm Cessnock Community Of Great Public Schools Photo Shoot	
Wed 28 th Nov Tues 4 th Dec Wed 5 th Dec Fri 7 th Dec	Year 8 Drugs and Alcohol Workshop 7T Pace Presentations – Library Pd 1 and 2 P&C Christmas Dinner – 6.30pm Year 7 Reward Excursion -Battlezone and Ten Pin Bowling 7.45am – 3pm Year 8 Reward Excursion – Hunter Ice Skating 9.00am – 3.00pm	
Mon 10 th Dec	TVET Work Placement (all week) Year 11 Geography Excursion – Glenrock 9.00am – 3.00pm	
Wed 12 th Dec	Presentation Assembly - Year 7 and 8 (Stage 4) 9.30am 6.30pm – P&C Meeting	
Fri 14 th Dec	Presentation Assembly – Year 9, 10 and 11 (Stage 5 & Prelim. HSC) 9.30am	
Wed 19 th Dec Thurs 20 th Dec Fri 21 st Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 (for students) School Development Day School Development Day	

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK D. Pfeffer

I would like to begin by congratulating Year 12 2012 on their conduct and achievements throughout the final days of classes and at the Graduation Assembly held late last term. It was wonderful to see a large number of parents attending the assembly and joining with the school in acknowledging the achievements of a wonderful group of young people. The HSC examinations are progressing well and no doubt the students are looking forward to their formal on Thursday 15 November.

Year 11 students completed their Preliminary courses at the end of Term 3. They have now commenced their HSC studies in earnest and I would like to remind them that their

assessment marks from this term count towards their final marks. To achieve their best results it is imperative that they work with sustained effort and diligence and attend all lessons. The Board of Studies sets strict guidelines for the successful completion of HSC studies which must be adhered to by all schools, and all students. If a student does not apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks provided by the school, an "N" warning letter is sent. Please do not ignore these letters as failure to address the issue can result in a student being "N-determined" for the course and ultimately not fulfilling requirements for their HSC. Unfortunately a number of Year 11 students still have work to be completed before they can officially proceed into their HSC studies.

Mr Conroy and Mrs Smith have both written about the change from the old "School Certificate" to the "Record of School Achievement (RoSA)." A letter will shortly be posted to all parents of Year 10 students outlining the recent changes in legislation about the age at which students may leave school. It is most important that the New School Leaving Age legislation is strictly adhered to.

Year 10 students recently participated in "Project 10" presentations. Many community members joined the interview panels and have commented on the very high calibre of work that our students presented for discussion.

I am currently involved in an action research project at the school and have the pleasure of working with a team of wonderful teachers - Mr Russell, Mrs Doherty, Ms Alder, Ms Conn and Mrs Death. The team focus is "How do we give effective feedback that will most improve engagement and learning outcomes for high achieving students?" We are concentrating on Year 10/11 students for the purposes of our research. They have already provided some information through an initial survey and focus group meetings and will start to do an online survey next week. I have been so impressed with the insightful comments made by these students in regards to their learning and in this, and other projects across the school, am so excited about the opportunities to incorporate student (and parental) opinion into our school's direction.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK – Years 8, 10 & 12 P. Conroy

Year 8 to Year 9 (2013)

The elective subject selection process has now been completed. As was explained on the evening of the selection presentation, the process takes considerable time and invariably requires some slight modifications of student choices as less popular subjects are eliminated and new students are included in the choice process. The choices have been published. This is to allow students to draw attention to any errors that may have been made, for example a name left off one of the lines. There will be no changes of electives at this time. It is essential that there is a "no change" period so that class lists can be established and that spaces for the inclusion of new students can be clearly identified.

Head Teachers, class teachers and students have been advised that class requests for placement in core classes should be followed up at an individual level. The staff have been advised that they should outline the specific requirements that a student must meet to be placed at a certain level. Students need to follow up this advice when it is given. I would encourage parents to seek this information if the students do not pass it on, or if parents feel that the requirements are not clearly explained.

Week 11 of Term 4

As is noted on the school calendars Presentation Days for Years 7 to 11 will be held during the second last school week of the year. This is the week ending Friday 14th December. It is expected that students from these years will attend school until Wednesday 19th December, the last day of the student year. The school has organised meaningful learning experiences for the students for the last three days of the year, Monday 17th December to Wednesday 19th Wednesday. Considerable effort will be put into the organisation of these days and it is hoped that parents and students will be most supportive of these efforts.

Charity Days

Schools are very similar to homes and businesses. We regularly receive requests for support from many deserving charitable institutions, however we are unable to respond favourably to all of these requests. Sometimes parents and students feel that the failure to offer support reflects a lack of interest or an unfair prioritising of one group over another. This is untrue as it is impractical to continually give and to have multiple out of uniform days. Agreement has been reached that the school will hold four special days each year, one per term. Each day will result in a generous donation to a deserving charity. The charities appreciate the efforts made by the students. The new school leadership team is encouraged to consider alternate fund raising methods to the traditional out of uniform days. Possibly parents could offer suggestions to the students about school appropriate approaches to fund raising.

Scholarships

Year 12 students are currently completing their HSC exams. The students have approached these with reserved confidence and we wish them well. Possibly the last thing they would want to do as the exams draw to a close is to consider filling in more forms. However I would encourage the students to be aware of the many scholarships that are available. The Cessnock Mayoral Scholarships are an excellent local initiative that enables local students to access significant amounts of money from generous local organisations. Students should make themselves aware of the many different options available from the council. Universities also offer a wide variety of scholarships, many of which go unfilled. Even if they are unsure of their future, students should apply on a broad scale. The school would be happy to endorse applications from our many deserving students.

School Certificate Becomes RoSA

Up until this year students completing Year 10 sat for exams and completed requirements for the School Certificate. This document was available to all students who met course outcomes. As you are aware the government has replaced the School Certificate with the RoSA, Record Of School Achievement. One of the most significant changes is that students will only receive the RoSA when they leave school. Since most students move from Year 10 to Year 11, they will not have to sit for the online RoSA tests in literacy and numeracy. The school has set aside two days for the students who do intend to leave this year for their completion of the tests. These have been tentatively set for Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd. These dates are tentative because we are waiting on government approval. Those students who are returning to Mount View will complete the compulsory All My Own Work modules. It is essential that all students carefully consider which path they would like to follow, the RoSA or the AMOW. Mr Russell and Mr Conroy will give details of requirements to all students over the next two weeks. Please make sure that students attend all year meetings and keep well informed of end of year requirements.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK – Years, 7,9 & 11 J. Smith

As reported in the View in June this year, Mount View High School will be initiating the presentation of Stage 4 and Stage 5 certificates to those students who have successfully completed Year 8 and Year 10. As most parents will be aware from 2012 there will be no School Certificate , in its stead students will receive a 'Record of School Achievement' (RoSA) at the point at which they leave school from the end of year 10 and prior to the successful completion of the HSC. The RoSA will record the subjects studied and grade awarded for each subject in Year 10 and Year 11.

Mount View High School sees this at the ideal time in which to introduce the 'Mount View High School Stage 4 Certificate' and the 'Mount View High School Stage 5 Certificate' which will allow our students, parents and wider school community the opportunity to celebrate students' successful completion of Stage 4 and Stage 5 studies. We believe that these milestones should be publically celebrated and acknowledged

so that students can set individual and achieve able learning goals.

Mount View High School's P and C Association has agreed with the introduction of the new certificates and see this as a positive and productive step in the public celebration of student achievement.

Coupled with this new certification is the reinforcement with students that there is not an 'automatic progression' from one year of schooling to the next. The Board of Studies, the Department of Education and Mount View High School expect that students will work with due diligence and commitment to complete set work and achieve course outcomes. Students in Stage 4, 5 and 6 may receive 'N' determination warning letters if they do not complete set work or assessment tasks, or do not work consistently and diligently towards achievement in their courses.

All students at Mount View High School are expected to set individual goals and work to achieving their potential. Students who do not do so, from Year 7 onwards can expect to receive warning letters regarding their lack of commitment. Any student who does not address this concern may be considered not to have satisfactorily completed their studies and may be required to repeat a school year. This decision would be made in consultation with the student, their parents and the school, with the final decision resting with Mount View High School's Principal.

We are very excited about the introduction of our Stage 4 and Stage 5 Certificates as we are proud of the achievements of our students and look forward to the acknowledgement and celebration of their many successes. Students in Year 8 and Year 10 will be receiving more information about these changes at their year meetings, and will also have the opportunity to be involved in the final design of the certificates themselves.

Please place the following dates in your calendar so that you can join us at our Presentation Assemblies for 2012:

Wednesday 12th December – Stage 4 Presentation Assembly – 9.30am

Friday 14th December – Stage 5 and Preliminary HSC Presentation Assembly – 9.30am

The Stage 4 presentation Assembly will recognise the achievements of students in both year 7 and year 8 as well as provide us with the opportunity to present year 8 students with the Mount View High School Stage 4 certificate.

Likewise the Stage 5 and Preliminary HSC Presentation Assembly will allow us to recognise the achievements of all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 as well as present year 10 students with the Mount View High School Stage 5 Certificate. Please note that due to its proximity to these end of year assemblies, the Principal's Assembly scheduled for 28th November will not take place, these awards will be presented at the later Presentation Assemblies.

Further information regarding the Record of School Achievement is available at the Board of Studies website http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/

P & C NEWS

Thank you Year 12 for the wonderful meal that was enjoyed by all at our P&C meeting. This meal was provided as part of their Year 12 Assessment.

Discussions are continuing for plans regarding expanding CAPA rooms using funds provided from the music academy.

Desley Pfeffer discussed local schools, local decisions.

Christmas dinner has been set for 5th December at 6.30pm.

Next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th November at 6.30pm.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2013 for a stay of one or two semesters.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit the website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call toll free on 1800 500 501, to request a selection of international student profiles to check out and capture the spirit of family and friends.

ENGLISH FACULTY

First I would like to extend my best wishes to Year 12 2012 and wish them all the best in the future. I would also like to remind the current Year 11 that it is essential that they revise at home; especially ensuring that they read their novels for English. Again I wish them all the best in their studies during the HSC.

Secondly, may I remind all Year 12 students to return their English texts.

Finally, I would like to let parents know how students in years 9-11 are placed in English classes. The students are initially graded according to the faculty-based assessment tasks. Their class marks are then taken into account as are recommendations for suitable combinations of students from their English teachers. Students are then placed into graded classes.

I wish all students the best in their studies for the remainder of this year and 2013.

Philip Jenkins Head Teacher English

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CAMP 2012

Aboriginal students from Mount View HS, Nulkaba PS, Cessnock West PS, Congewai PS, Millfield PS, Paxton PS and Wollombi PS attended a three day camp at Wollombi from October 17-19.

Students were involved in a range of cultural activities including bush tucker walks, cave visits, the making of traditional yabby traps, traditional dance and art.

To reward leadership shown, our four Year 10 students along with Mrs Godber and Mrs Bennett, were treated to a visit to a sacred site that not many people have previously visited. All came away from this experience with a sense of calm and belonging.

A Corroboree was held on the Thursday night where families and community members were invited to come along. This year was the most successful year yet with approximately 100 people in attendance on the night. Students showed their newly learned skills with a wonderful performance of traditional Aboriginal dances. Everyone was then treated to dinner.

We would like to thank Mrs Godber, Mrs Bennett, Mr Jarrett, Shona Skuthorpe, Michelle White, Mr Bragato, Mr Cochrane, Mr Jenkins, Ms Alder and Mr Gajewski for joining us on our camp this year along with the teachers from some of our partner primary schools who also made the effort to come and learn more about our culture.

Marissa Floyd Aboriginal Community Liaison Office



Aboriginal students at camp

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Students and Staff

MOUNT VIEW JAZZ

The Mount View High School Jazz Band has had a busy time this year with a number of performances at school, departmental and private functions. The students, Jacob Roland-Batty on saxophone and Bryce Parker on drums, have greatly benefited from these opportunities to play in front of audiences in a variety of settings. The band has appreciated the support given by The Vintage Golf Club in scheduling regular performances for the first Saturday of each month at the club between 1pm and 3pm. We hope that this arrangement will continue next year as the students move into their senior years and progress towards the HSC.

Shortly the school will receive a pull-up banner designed and donated by MSP Photography. This will be displayed at all performances to ensure that Mount View High School is recognised for the great support it provides for the performing arts.





Calling for Expressions of Interest

We are looking to start a club in the Hunter which will enable people with additional needs to enjoy the benefits of football. While our focus is on having fun and participation, players will also benefit from physical, emotional, and social skills that often help to build confidence and self esteem that can last a lifetime. Our games will run on Saturday afternoons at the same time and same venue each week.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

•**PLAYERS** (The club is ideal for players with a disability or special need who are just starting out or prefer to play in a safer and less competitive environment).

 •VOLUNTEERS- We are still in the process of setting up our club however, any volunteers who will be able to help on game days or in achieving behind the scenes goals will be greatly appreciated.
•SPONSORS- In order to keep costs to a minimum for families we

would love to hear from any sponsors who may be able to help.

FOR ALL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT

Alex Threadgate- 0406883020 or email- maitlandfootballforall@live.com.au Or FIND US ON FACEBOOK- Maitland Football For All

BEACON NEWS

Charter Signing Ceremony

At the end of last term the Beacon Student Ambassador team held the very first Charter Signing Ceremony where our Year 10 students signed a pledge board acknowledging their commitment to pursue further learning, training or full time employment to achieve the best for their future. Our Year 9 students were invited to attend and had the opportunity to see what being a Beacon Student Ambassador is about. Guest speaker Bryce Gibson of LJ Hooker Real Estate, spoke about his journey beginning as an ex- student of Mount View High School through the path he has carved and the opportunities and hard work he has undertaken through to his personal success in the business world. Our Beacon Student Ambassadors would like to thank our special guests, parents, friends, Beacon corporate partners and members of the local business community for attending the ceremony.





'Polish' Workshop

The presentation skills of a small group of Year 9 & 10 students were given a real 'polish' recently during a special day of activities run by representatives of the Beacon Foundation at Cessnock Supporters Club.

The workshops held on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd October, helped young people prepare for their careers through personal presentation and communication training, giving students the skills to conduct themselves appropriately when entering the world of work and employer expectations. Students were required to dress as if they were attending a job interview and had the opportunity to network with guests from local businesses and use their newly found communication and culinary skills acquired in the morning tutorials.

Mount View High School was fortunate to receive sponsorship from the local business community to enable us to run these workshops giving our students the opportunity to participate in such a beneficial program especially for those students looking to enter into the world of work. Mount View High School would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contribution to 'Polish'.











'Lunch with the Girls' Workshop

A group of Year 10 female students from Mount View High School were given the unique opportunity to spend the day with 6 successful women on Thursday 25th October for the Beacon program 'Lunch with the Girls'. The Cessnock Supporters Club provided the venue for the girls to share stories and lunch with their female mentors.

We had an overwhelming response from women who were wanting to be part of our very first workshop. A huge thank you to Sandra Jurd, Carmen Smith, Mandy Wyborn, Trudy Ryan, Krystal Sellars and Kylie Pratt. These mentors were amazing women who had taken time out of their busy schedules to come and inspire our young students. The day allows the girls to develop a relationship with women of different ages and backgrounds away from the school environment. The program encourages self-help in young women before they leave school to develop skills and confidence needed to achieve personal success for themselves and their community. The day's focus is around self-awareness, motivation, gratitude and goal setting.





We were very fortunate to have Alex Croak host our Beacon Polish and Lunch with the Girls workshops. At only 28 years of age, Alex is a dual Olympian having represented Australia as a gymnast at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and as a diver at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Alex is the first Australian athlete to have won gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in two different sports (diving and gymnastics). Unfortunately Alex missed out on making the Australian Olympic diving team earlier this year for the 2012 London Games. With a degree in occupational therapy, Alex is now studying a Masters in Health Science, is a sporting ambassador for the Premiers Sporting Challenge program and has recently starting working as an ambassador with the Beacon Foundation.

Expression of Interest for 2013 Beacon Student Ambassadors – Last Chance

Attention all Year 9 students – are you interested in becoming a Beacon Student Ambassador of Mount View High School? Beacon Student Ambassadors are involved in organising, preparing and hosting events, have many opportunities for self-development through Beacon workshops and run the Beacon program within the school and community. Expressions of interest are now being sought from our Year 9 students for those who are interested in becoming Beacon Student Ambassadors. If any Year 9 student is interested in becoming a Beacon Student Ambassador please obtain an expression of interest form from Ms Bell now.

Tania Spruce Community Liaison Officer

PURPLE DAY - 26TH OCTOBER 2012

The SRC and Senior Leaders organised Purple Day for Friday 26th October 2012. It was an out-of-uniform day and the students wore purple in memory of Alex Williams as it was her favourite colour. Money raised on the day will be given to the John Hunter Children's Hospital who nursed and looked after Alex in her final days. We thank all staff and students for supporting this day and we were able to fundraise \$ 1500!

SENIOR LEADERS : NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

On Sunday 18th November 2012, our Year 12 Senior Leaders will be travelling to Sydney to attend the Halogen National Young Leaders Conference at Darling Harbour. They will spend their time listening to motivational speakers which has included the Governor General and Delta Goodrem in the past. We thank Mr Allen for giving up his weekend to drive the school bus for us.

This group of students will also be participating soon in the "Lions Youth of the Year "competition. They will be presenting a prepared speech as well as having two impromptu speeches and having an interview with specialised judges from the club and the community. We give them our best wishes as they prepare for this.

TOY AND TIN WEEK

The SRC and Senior Leaders will once again be collecting new toys and tins of food for our local Salvation Army. We ask during Weeks 5 and 6 that students donate as much as possible and the most generous roll call group will be rewarded. Please support such a worthwhile charity for the Christmas season.

UNIFORMS NEEDED - YEAR 12 AND YEAR 10 STUDENTS

When you have finished for the year, if you do not have anyone to pass your uniforms onto, please bring them into the office or give to Mrs Blandon in the Mathematics staffroom. We desperately need girls' skirts (both junior and senior ones) and blouses that are in good condition. Thank you in anticipation for supporting the uniform pool.

F1 TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Vipers 11, Busted Nut Racing, Drag Kings, Magic, 3ree 6ixty Rollers, Crushers, and Arctic Racers to name just a few may seem to be rather strange names but they are some of the team names that represent a group of 11 student teams from Mount View High who came together in September this year at Newcastle Panthers after weeks of planning to compete in the Newcastle and Greater Hunter Valley regional finals of the F1 Technology in Schools competition. This competition saw teams from across the region challenge for one of four team spots to see who would go on to represent the Hunter at the State finals to be held in Sydney during a two day event in November at UTS. The F1 in Schools Technology Challenge is the world's largest secondary school technology program. It involves over



nine million students from 17,000 schools in 31 nations. In Australia the competition is run by Re-Engineering

Australia Foundation (REA) a not-for-profit organisation which began in 1998 with the

objective to establish a series of stepping stone activities which would form a pathway of encouragement along which students could progress – with each step adding to their interest and understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities, trades and professions. Since the first National Engineering Innovation Competition, the REA Foundation has introduced a number of nationwide initiatives which have been embraced by hundreds of thousands of Australian students.

During the regional competition teams from Mount View High were involved in racing their miniature F1 cars powered by a small CO2 cylinder, designed on world class CAD software (Catia) and constructed using a CNC mill down a 25metre

track reaching speeds in excess of 100km/h in approximately one second. But the competition is not just about fast cars. F1 in Schools is a holistic action learning program which focuses on developing long



term employability skills. Students learn leadership, team building, project management, business planning, public speaking, marketing, collaboration, writing and presentation skills through a variety of pit displays, design folio presentations, technical presentations of their car designs to teams of industry engineers and marketing of team identity through sponsorship and industry links.



After a day of racing, interviews and presentations by students from all attending schools, the final tally of points for all race classes across all criteria was collated to see which teams would be selected to go forward to the NSW State Finals in Sydney. After the points for all aspects of the competition had been tallied a total of three Mount View High teams were announced to have been successful in winning three event classes with the final fourth class awarded to a team from Merewether High.

This was an outstanding effort by all the Mount View teams. Since 2006 when Mount View first joined the program we have been one of the most successful schools in the State

competition having teams win their way through each year to represent the region at the State level often in more than one event class and winning numerous awards along the way. These awards



have included NSW State Innovation awards, best marketing, best collaboration and best industry links. Additionally, we have consistently provided some of the most competitive cars in the competition.

As a follow up to our three teams selected for the State finals at the regional event the REA organisation has recently contacted the school offering us an additional wild card entry for a fourth team to go to the State event. This team is to be selected from the Cadet class entries, all of whom proved to be highly competitive at the regional races as well.

These four teams are now busy preparing for the State finals from which only three teams from across NSW will be selected to go forward to the National event early next year to be held in



conjunction with the Avalon Air Show. At the National event three teams will be then be nominated to represent Australia at the International Race event in late 2013. Australian teams selected from the National event earlier this year are currently enjoying the hospitality of Abu Dhabi at the incredible Ferrari World venue.

Mount View wishes the various team members of our four State teams, Viper Racing 11 (Snr Pro Class), Busted Nut Racing (Development Class), Light Eagles (Cadet Class) and the 3ree 6ixty Trollers (Cadet Class) all the best for their upcoming races and presentations in Sydney. If you wish to know more regarding this competition just google REA F1 or F1 Technology in Schools program for more information. Business houses or any local industry interested in becoming involved in support for the program at Mount View High in the form of sponsorship or mentoring of teams, providing assistance in presentation or display development or forming an Industry link with a team should contact Mr Chamberlain – Head Teacher Technology or Mr Bassett – Technology Faculty for further information.



Grahame Chamberlain Head of Technology and Applied Science

SPECIAL FOR MOUNT VIEW HIGH

Lowes Menswear is hosting a special night for Mount View High on Thursday 15th November from 4pm – 7pm



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

School attendance is compulsory. This year all students are required to attend school until Wednesday 19th December 2012.

In particular, Year 10 students and families should please take special notice of the following excerpt from a memo from the Department of Education and Communities.

Attendance of students in Term 4, 2012

Memorandum to: principals (secondary and central)

With the removal of School Certificate tests and introduction of the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) in 2012, all students excepting those undertaking Higher School Certificate examinations will be required to attend school up until the last day of teaching.

As school staff are involved in school development days at the end of Term 4 in 2012, **all students are required to be in attendance until the third last day of Term 4, Wednesday 19 December 2012**. Prior to this date, programs for students in all year groups should be based upon the achievement of outcomes as appropriate to curriculum and syllabus requirements.

Where parents are seeking permission for their child not to be at school for a period of time the matter should be dealt with using the <u>Exemption from School - Procedures</u>. (Details of which can be obtained from Mrs Di Innes, Head Teacher Administration.)

student exchange AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND						
PF	RICES REDUCED FO	R 2013 PROGRAMS	3			
INCREASE	ED SCHOLARSHIPS	& EARLY BIRD DISC	COUNTS			
DEADLINE EXTENDED - APPLY BY 30 TH NOVEMBER						
Each year 12 scholarships, valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year.						
Students' language skills improve, their independence and maturity is enhanced and they gain an important edge when it comes to future career and						
study opportunities.						
Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.						
5 x Language Scholarships		2 x International Affairs Scholarships				
3 X Design Scholarship)S	2 x Indigenous Scholarships				
Students can also make a saving of up to \$1,000 off the program fee with an Early Bird Discount: \$1,000 discount \$250 discount						
for programs of 10-12 months	for programs of	of 5-7 months	for programs of 2-3 months			
The deadline for scholarship and early bird discount submissions for programs departing between April – September 2013 is Friday 30 th November 2012 To request an information pack or for all the details please contact us on 1300 135 331 or info@studentexchange.org.au or visit our website http://studentexchange.org.au						