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Mount View High School's Newsletter
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*Merry
Christmas*



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 10 th Dec	TVET Work Placement – all week Year 11 Geography excursion – Glenrock 9.00am – 3.00pm
Tues 11 th Dec	Presentation Assemblies – Practice
Wed 12 th Dec	Presentation Assembly – Years 7 and 8 @ 9.30am
Fri 14 th Dec	Presentation Assembly – Years 9, 10 & 11 @ 9.30am
Wed 19th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 (for students)
Thurs 20 th Dec	School Development Day
Fri 21 st Dec	School Development Day
Tues 29th Jan	Staff Development Day (no students)
Wed 30 th Jan	Year 7, 11 and 12 return
Thurs 31 st Jan	All students attend

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

D. Pfeffer

The end of a school year brings forth many sentiments. Among these is a sense of a 'job well done', of congratulations, of reflection about the year past, and of planning for the future. Needless to say it is one of the busiest times of the year in our school.

I am thrilled that, as Presentation Assemblies approach next week we will acknowledge the achievements of so many students. With the abolition of the School Certificate in Year 10 this year by the Board of Studies, we have taken the opportunity to introduce Stage 4 and Stage 5 Certificates as our own acknowledgement of the end of critical stages in students' education – Stage 4 at the end of Year 8, and Stage 5 at the end of Year 10.

I have read, and signed countless academic reports and certificates and have been left with an overwhelming sense of the high levels of achievement reached by many, and of their engagement and connection to other activities which run in the school – cultural, social and sporting. For some students however, their reports indicate a need for greater commitment to their studies. I am hopeful that they can make this commitment and return to the 2013 academic year with renewed enthusiasm and drive. Staff are eager to assist and, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or the faculty Head Teacher. I also highly recommend students' use of the Homework Centre each Monday afternoon from 3.00 – 5.00pm in the school library.

Our school is most fortunate to have a very efficiently functioning, very friendly and committed P&C. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the staff common room. The meetings are well run and finish generally within an hour. Your involvement in P&C sends a powerful message to your child about the importance that you too place on their education and I ask that, as a parent, you seriously consider becoming involved.

In closing I wish to thank students, staff, parents and our wider school community partners for the way in which you have welcomed me to Mount View HS this year. I feel very

fortunate to have been entrusted with the guardianship of the school. There are a number of changes proposed for education in NSW in the very near future. This will present challenges, problems and opportunities. It will need to be a 'team effort' between all involved to ensure that students at Mount View HS continue to receive a high quality education. It is one that I believe is achievable and I look forward to working with you further in 2013, and beyond.

On behalf of the school staff I wish our students, their families, and our community a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK – Years 8, 10 and 12

P. Conroy

Alternate Programs

Over the last few weeks of this year and again at the start of 2013 a number of parents will receive invitations for their students to join alternate programs. These may include placement at the Cessnock District Learning Centre, placement in our own on site learning centre, involvement in programs run by the PCYC or Northnet or possibly even programs run by private providers such as Youth Off The Streets. It is important to realise that each of these programs have been well researched by the school and the offer is made with the understanding that, in the professional opinion of the staff at school, this program will benefit the invited student. There are many examples of students who have greatly benefitted from being involved in the programs and our continued support of them is an indicator that we believe strongly in their value. We accept that the setting can be quite different from a traditional school site and that this may confront some parents, but it is equally true that a number of students have struggled in the school setting and so need an alternate arrangement. Please consider all offers in the light of the benefits that we feel your student will receive.

Rich Tasks

Congratulations to 7T on the presentations that they made this year. Once again the Term 4 presentation was excellent. Students had completed considerable research and balanced this with well informed opinions. 8T are finalising their work on an alternate task. They have been asked to develop their organisational skills by assisting with the Service Learning Program. They found this quite daunting initially but are now enjoying the challenge of trying to make an event work. Hopefully all students will support the initiatives put into place

by 8T and come along on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.

Year 10 (2012), Year 11 (2013)

The starting date for Year 11 next year is Wednesday 30th January. I have included this note to emphasise the importance of all Year 11 students attending all days of school. On this first day considerable information will be issued to students. It is expected that students will have a diary as well as books and pens and have the expectation that they will start work immediately. In order to ensure that all students can access classes it would also be appreciated if any student who decides to leave school between now and the start of 2013, could contact the school. A leaver may create a space for a new student to fit into a class or may allow a spot to be created for a student who wishes to change subjects.

Schools in Partnership

Over the past three years the school has received funds from the Schools in Partnership (SiP) agreement. This has enabled many Aboriginal initiatives to be completed. The quality of these programs has meant that non Aboriginal students have also received benefits; quality teaching, a better environment and interesting performances from Indigenous groups have all been a part of the SiP program. Unfortunately the funding triennium has now come to close. I would like to personally thank all who have been involved with any of the initiatives and assure them that the impact across the school has been substantial. The challenge is to ensure that the loss of funding does not lead to a loss of interest in, or support for, our Aboriginal students. As I said above, such a loss would be felt by all students. Early in 2013 I would like to explore ways that we can maintain the momentum created over the past three years. Because of the lack of funds this will require considerable community support. Please consider ways that you can be of assistance.

SPORTING SUCCESS FOR MOUNT VIEW HIGH

Claudia Russell



On Wednesday 5th December 2012, Claudia Russell received a "Special Mention Award" at the Regional Sports Awards in Newcastle. On Friday the 7th December 2012, she is going to Sydney to the State Sports Awards, where she will be given a "NSW CHS Blue" for Netball. She is the second person in our school history to receive such an award and achieve to this high level of sporting success.

Claudia has completed her Higher School Certificate at Mount View High this year and was selected as Vice Captain in 2011 being a part of the Leadership Team for the last three years. She was an outstanding achiever in all areas and received the Caltex Best All Rounder Award in 2011. She has been a dedicated, academic student and has been involved in representative sport including State Athletics and Netball. She was an integral member of the Hunter Netball Team for the past 4 years. This year she made the NSW State Under 19s Netball team, NSW Waratahs and was Hunter CHS captain as well as NSW CHS captain. She was in the Hunter United Division 1 –Waratah Cup and a member of Newcastle Under 19s Rep team who won the state title. Claudia was in the NSW Under 19s team for the third year running and placed second at the National Titles. On court she always displayed composure, leadership and determination to succeed. Outside of school she has been a member of the NSW Talented Athletes and Tall Timbers programs as well as representing her State at the National Championships.

Congratulations to Claudia on her successful sporting achievements and we wish her well in the future. Thank you for being such a great ambassador for Mount View High.

SENIOR LEADERS: NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

The new Year 12 Senior Leaders for Mount View High spent their weekend travelling to Sydney to prepare for the Halogen National Young Leaders Conference on Sunday 18th November 2012. They represented our school with pride and were dressed to impress. We thank Mr Allen again for giving up his valuable weekend to drive the school bus for the leadership team. Halogen presented the following speakers on the day which were able to inspire and encourage us in our leadership roles.

Dr Karl – Scientist, radio and TV presenter

Ronni Kahn - Social Entrepreneur and Founder of the food rescue charity – Oz Harvest

Kevin Sheedy – One of Australia's top football coach

They each had a great story to tell and one key point was to never let failure defeat you.

Congratulations to the following students for their participation and being great ambassadors for Mount View High:

Kasey Williams, Jackson Jeffery, Samantha Hayes
Nathan Blackburn, Kristy Whiting, Laura Ashelford
Claudia Towers, Ella-Rose Hugo, Bianca Swinton
Abby Shearer, Alyse Iliffe, Madelyn Parsons, Jessie Murray





SALVATION ARMY TOY AND TIN WEEK

Staff and students donated new toys and tins (of non-perishable food) to our Salvation Army "Toy and Tin Appeal". It was a tremendous response and the donated goods nearly filled the room. Thank you to all who donated to such a worthy charity and congratulations to the following most generous roll call groups:

9 Opal 3 - Mrs Wells
 10 Aqua 3 – Mr Teys
 11 Ruby 2 – Ms Curran
 10 Aqua 7 and 7 Library – Ms Devine and Ms Banks

Ronni Kahn from the Oz Harvest charity was asked at the Young Leaders Conference how schools could help at Christmas. Her response was to have a tin drive for your local charity or provide new toys for unprivileged children. We were proud that Mount View High has been doing both of these suggestions for many years.



LIONS "YOUTH OF THE YEAR" and MVHS LEOS CLUB

On Tuesday 27th November 2012 we were proud to listen to six of our Senior Leaders give inspiring speeches at the Cessnock Lions "Youth of the Year" and we had three Senior Leaders compete at the Warners Bay Lions "Youth of the Year". These competitors were interviewed on the previous weekend, and then on the competition night had to speak for 2 minutes on two different impromptu topics and deliver a 5 minute prepared speech. All students did an amazing job and the judges had a hard time choosing an overall winner but Kasey Williams was given the title on the night as well as best public speaker award. She will now proceed to the regional level and attend a Lions camp with the other district winners.



Congratulations to Kasey Williams, Nathan Blackburn, Madelyn Parsons, Samantha Hayes, Alyse Iliffe, Ella-Rose Hugo, Maxine Chapman, Murray Thompson and Maddie Burgess.



Cessnock Lions are keen for Mount View High School to have a Leos Club. Mr Ian Anderson (a former principal of Mount View High) has spoken to the students on assembly and will be attending another assembly to collect the application forms. Cessnock Lions are paying the joining fees for our students, so there will be no cost. If you are interested in joining the Mount View High Leos Club and would like to do local charity work, please see Mrs Blandon in the mathematics staffroom for a form.

P&C NEWS

Mount View P&C would like to thank the ladies in the canteen for all their hard work during the year. Without the canteen the P&C wouldn't be able to contribute so much money towards our school.

At the last meeting it was decided to provide funds for:-
2 air conditioners, a mat for the Library, feed and water troughs and mowing equipment for Agriculture and three outdoor learning pavilions near the oval. The total cost was over \$22,000.

We have also contributed over \$28,000 towards resources for the 2013 school budget.

HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

Remembrance Day 2012

This year the school's Remembrance Day Commemoration was held on Monday the 12th November.

The assembly was held in the amphitheatre prior to 11AM. This year students from the Year 9 Elective History class volunteered to participate in the presentation to the school. The theme for this year used the idea of 'I don't want to remember but I should never forget'. Each student then presented 'personal stories' about the war.

When the students' presentation was concluded Mrs Myers sang the John Lennon classic 'Imagine', accompanied by Mr Chris Monro on the guitar. The school then observed one minute silence.

As in previous years, the commemoration was received positively by both the students and the staff, many of whom took the time to congratulate the students who were involved.

Gallipoli 2015

During 2011 and 2012 the school undertook a fundraising campaign to ensure that **ONE** of our students would be able to part of a group from the Lower Hunter Region to visit Gallipoli and other historically significant sites for the centenary of the landing on Gallipoli. Planning is well underway.

Students wishing to be part of this exciting opportunity will need to be turning **16 years of age during 2015**. Students will also need to complete a research assignment and go through a number of interviews. The successful candidate will be announced late in 2013. More information will be available early in 2013 so that students will have time to research.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost property at school, please go to the front office as there are many articles that need claiming (wallets, jewellery, electronic devices, clothing, caps, glasses and lots more.)

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne Aham on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

CESSNOCK CATHOLIC DEBUTANTE BALL



When: Saturday 31st August, 2013
Where: Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley

Young ladies in Year 11, 2013 or who turn 16 years of age before 1st July, 2013, wishing to make their debut, please contact Michelle O'Donnell on 042 104 1681 by 1st March, 2013.

St. Joseph's Parish Cessnock 2013 Sacramental Programme

ENROLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

Children who are in Year 3 (or older) are warmly welcomed to take this important step in their faith journey. If you feel that your child is ready to participate in this programme please note that the Enrolment Meeting will be held in St. Joseph's Church at 7pm on Wednesday 6th February 2013.

Details required are:

Child's Name/Age/Contact Number/Parish of Baptism

Wednesday	6 th February 2013	Enrolment Meeting (<u>parents only</u>)
Saturday	9 th February 2013	Commitment Mass (6pm)

PBL REWARD DAY

The end of term PBL reward BBQ was held on Tuesday 4th December for classes 8T & 7W who demonstrated consistently positive behaviour in the classroom and playground this term.

Students received a free sausage burger and drink with entertainment at lunchtime by the music department showcasing our talented music students.

At our weekly assembly, a special prize draw was held identifying students across all year groups who have demonstrated positive behaviours throughout Term 4. Prizes included two \$50 vouchers from Target, Back Pack from Sports Power, a \$25 voucher from Bombora surf shop and ten food vouchers from KFC

A special thank you goes to our local businesses for their wonderful contribution of gift vouchers and support of the PBL program at Mount View High School.



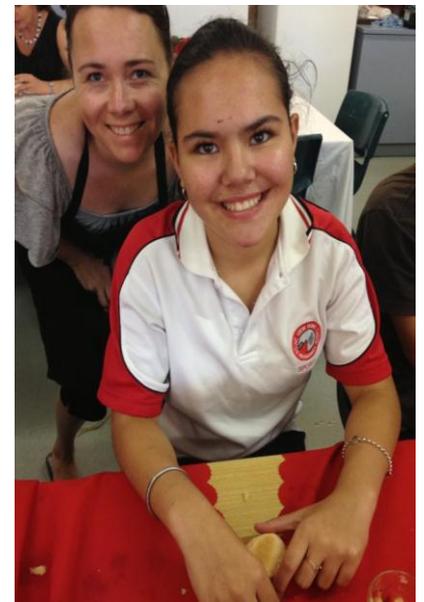
A COFFEE SHOP CHRISTMAS!

Our Coffee Shop team of staff and students came together last Thursday to prepare and celebrate an end of year Christmas gathering for Mount View High School staff and visitors from the community. The students participated with enthusiasm and team spirit displaying all the skills they had learnt throughout the year serving staff and delivering a scrumptious baked dinner and ice-cream pudding dessert.

Students were in true Christmas spirit working harmoniously to the sounds of Michael Buble Christmas Carols. Those that had completed their tasks were able to watch a Christmas movie.

For a number of weeks beforehand students put in great effort to prepare small gifts for staff by cooking and making craft items.

A big thank you to all that were involved in this festive event!



CESSNOCK BASKETBALL



Cessnock Basketball are now taking nominations from teams for competitions starting in 2013.

MONDAY NIGHT: Open mixed comp – (each team must have a minimum of 2 females on the court at all times).

TUESDAY NIGHT: From 4pm – Rookies is a competition usually for children up to Year 4 who wish to progress from the “Learn to Play” stage – the backboards remain lowered. From 4.40pm – Super 12’s Comp (can be mixed – no requirements)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Learn to Play is for the littlies who want to come along and have fun and learn basketball skills from some of our more senior players. The backboards are lowered for this level

From 5pm High School Comp 0 (Can be mixed – no requirements)

4.00pm – 4.45pm – We now offer a program for children with special needs.

Most competitions will have at least 2 divisions (depending on numbers).

(NB times may vary depending on the number of teams in each competition. Draws may change during the competition if new teams wish to come into the competition)

MEMBERSHIP COSTS:

Learn to Play - \$40 per term. Price includes starter pack (ball, drink bottle and singlet – One time offer) of \$5 per week (no starter pack if you pay this way)

Rookies Comp: \$50 per year (usually children in Years 2, 3 and 4 at school)

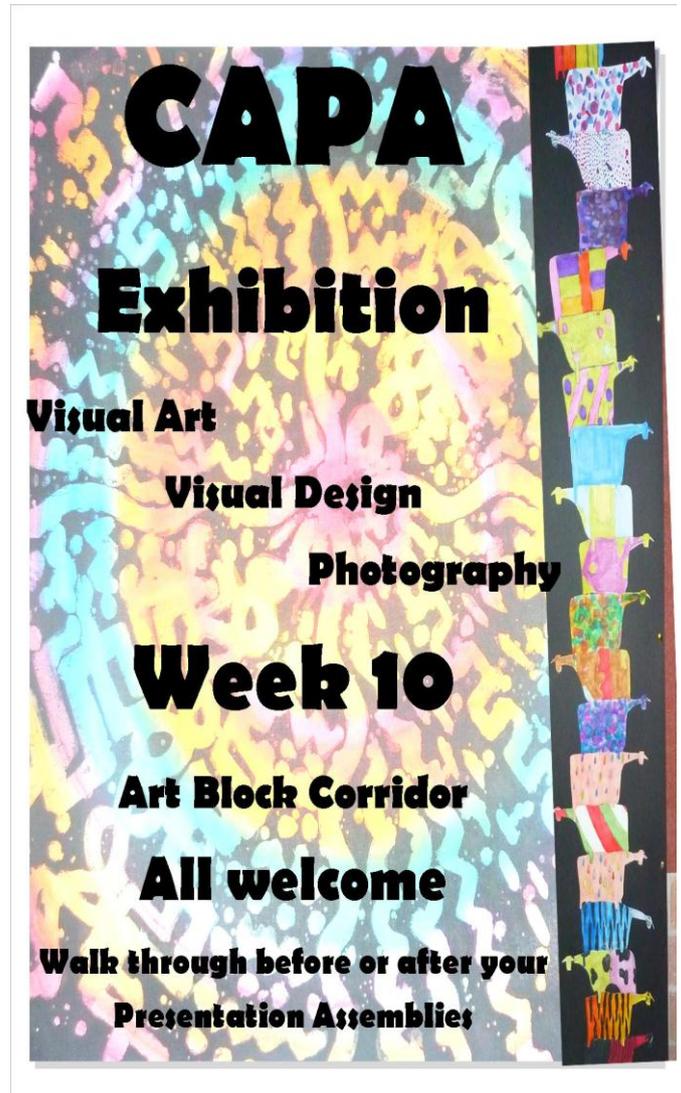
Super 12’s Comp: \$65 per year open to any child up to the age of 12 years.

High School Comp: \$65 per year

Adult: \$80 per year

Special Needs Program: \$5 per week

NB: High School children are welcome to play in the Monday night mixed comp as well as the High School comp. Primary school children are welcome to play in Division 2 of the High School comp as well as Super 12’s. One membership covers all competitions.



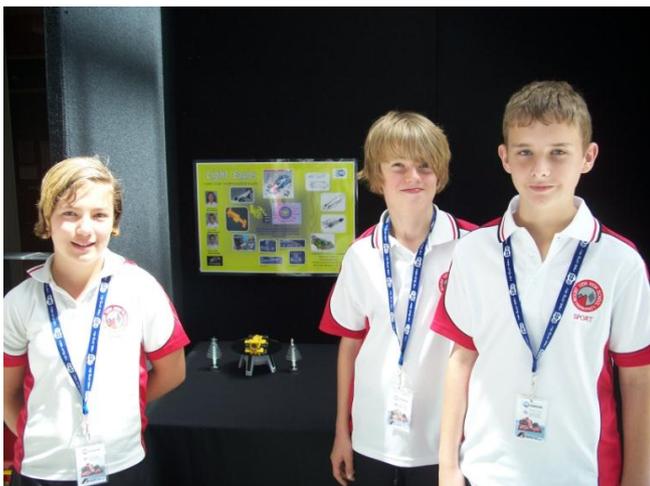
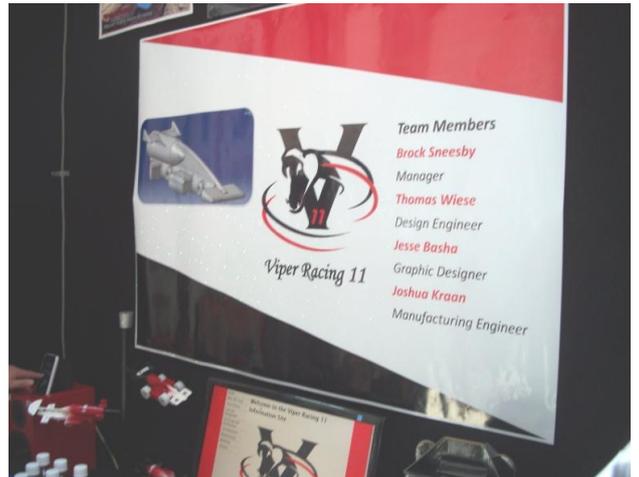
F1 TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM – NSW STATE FINALS

During November students from Mount View High School travelled to the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) to compete in the NSW state finals of the competition to select teams to take on the best from all states in the National event to be held in early 2013 at the Avalon Air Show. Students from Mount View competed in three of the four divisions after winning through from the Hunter region finals earlier in the year. Unfortunately although our students represented themselves, the school and the wider community very well they missed out on national selection. As outlined in a previous edition of the View these students had to design and manufacture the miniature F1 cars and also had to prepare engineering folders, verbal presentations, pit displays,

marketing programs and create a corporate identity just as any other racing team.

Mount View HS now stands as the only school to have reached state level of competition in every year since we first entered the competition in 2006 and in those years with the exception of one year we have managed to have multiple teams reach state level. Perhaps 2013 will be our year to break through to the National event. My congratulations to all students involved in the Light Eagles, Viper Racing 11, Busted Nut Racing and the 360 Trollers teams and thank you to the various sponsors who assisted the teams in their efforts.

Grahame Chamberlain
HT Technology



NEW TECHNOLOGY AT MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Everyone cringes a bit when a beautiful sports car is blown up in movies. It happened in James Bond's Skyfall with the iconic Aston Martin DB5. But fret not if you have already seen the movie, that wasn't an original car; it was a miniature replica that was "printed" out.

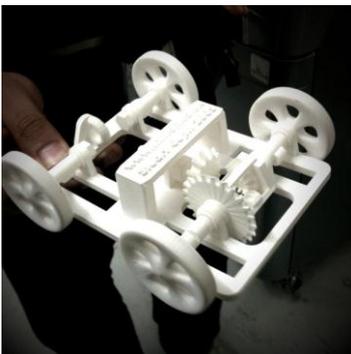


The production team could not destroy the vintage car, so they turned to a British company that could print a replica at one-third the original scale. The process is known as 'additive

manufacturing' or 'rapid prototyping'. And here's the good news: Mount View now own two such printers. Not big enough to make the Aston Martin but big enough to have students make some interesting projects.

Actual 3D objects can be "printed out" from a drawing or schematic using this technology. There are different printing processes but the fundamental principle of the printers at Mount View is that the printer can lay down small layers of a plastic polymer or wire, micrometers in thickness, on top of each other, which then harden together immediately. The 3DUP printers which Mount View now have and are pictured here are very flexible and utilise various coloured ABS plastic to manufacture items.

Traditional manufacturing processes are subtractive, that is, material is removed from a bigger block and shaped to requirement. But 3D printing has several advantages over them. It can print almost any shape, which would be difficult in traditional methods.



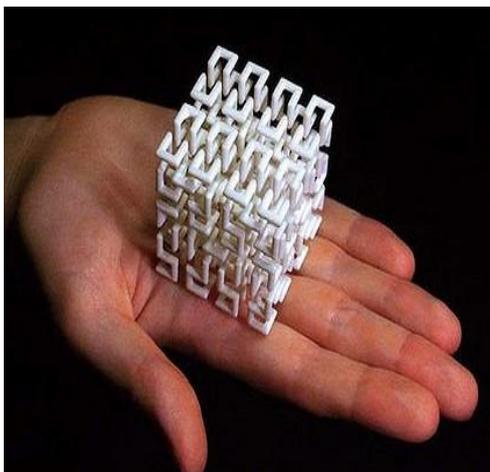
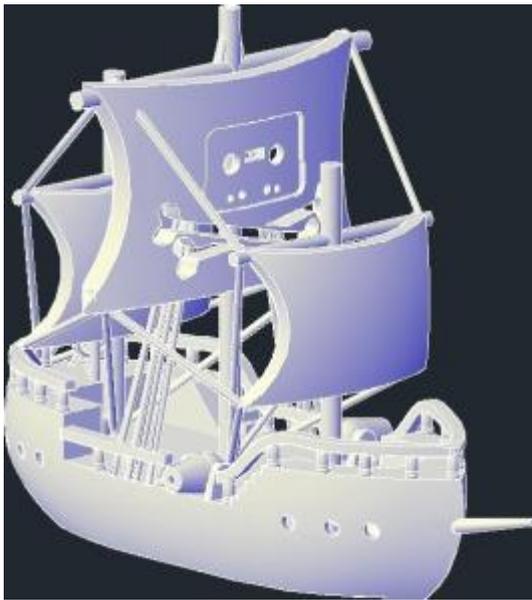
Students who represent Mount View HS in the F1 Technology in Schools program have already seen the possibilities this technology represents in the design and manufacture of car parts such as wings, custom wheels and suspension. It is envisaged that senior students will also benefit from being able to manufacture small prototypes of their major works before commencing construction on the real item.

In real terms the possibilities are only limited by one's imagination. In 2008 I was fortunate to be able to visit one of Australia's rally car teams in Canberra as part of the National F1 in Schools competition and marvelled at how an entire custom exhaust system for a car was manufactured in this way first and only after this prototype was finished and checked for fit and accuracy did they then manufacture the final item to the exact same size from another material.

I highly recommend that students and parents read up on this technology and the possibilities it presents both now and in the future. A recent article I viewed talked in terms that one day a 3D printer would be able to print replacement arteries etc using a suitable material. Only three weeks ago I watched a program from America showing how a young girl suffering from a degenerative muscle condition had an arm support system which enabled her to pick up items in the normal manner, manufactured by 3D printing, and showed how as she gets older a new system would be custom made quickly to keep pace with her growth. Who knows but maybe one day they will even work out how to print clothing or food. Science fiction you say, well 40 years ago I would have said the same thing about today's smart phones, 6 years ago I would have said the same thing about printing 3D items, 1 year ago I would also have said the same thing about having such technology available to students.

Grahame Chamberlain
HT Technology





YEAR 7 AND 8 LIFESAVING PROGRAM 2012

The Lifesaving Program is held each year in term 4 to promote safe behaviour around waterways and to develop the student's lifesaving skills. This will ensure they are prepared to react under pressure in the future if the need arises. Lifesaving is a skill they will have for the rest of their lives.

There was another good response to the program again this year. Approximately 80% of year 7 students and 75% of year 8 students participated in their respective programs. The students are striving to achieve the Royal Lifesaving Society Swim and Survive and Bronze awards.

All students must be congratulated for their efforts during the program. All students achieved at least one Swim and Survive

award, with many students achieving more than one. Special congratulations must go out to the Bronze Star students in year 7 and the Bronze Medallion students in year 8. To complete these awards is a great achievement.

During the program 20 year 10 PASS students achieved their Junior Instructors award. This was another great achievement. The following students demonstrated great communication and leadership skills and were great ambassadors for Mount View High School.

Chantelle Jones	Jordan O'Brien	Shaun Douglas
Emily Hall	Ben Morris	Sophie Russell
Brodie Chapman	Tayla Crossley	Caleb Whiting
Kirra Philip	Liam Stephenson	Jack Gibbons
Sarah Johnson	A.J Colbran	Keely Roe
Chris Kermode	Chloe Ingle	Stephanie Nella
Josef Lesnik	Madeline Burgess	

Below are a couple of photos of some MVHS students displaying their lifesaving skills.

James Grove



PEER SUPPORT TRAINING 2012

Year 9 recently had a Leadership Skill Development opportunity where they could complete a training course for Peer Support.

Students engaged in a multitude of activities and learning over the course of two days that focused on developing leadership and group management skills.

From dressing each other in Newspaper to discussing how to cope with challenging group dynamics and strategies to engage all group members, Year 9 students excelled in their effort and really shone with leadership potential.

Most students completed the training successfully and were awarded certificates on a Year Group Assembly, proving their skill acquisition and making them eligible to be a Peer Support Leader for the incoming 2013 Year 7 students.

Congratulations to all students completing the training, as they have demonstrated excellent leadership skills. This qualification can be used in their Curriculum Vitae's and in casual employment applications.



CAPA FACULTY NEWS

MVHS Big Day Out took place this week with a range of performers from Stage 4 and 5. Students gave an end of year concert in the amphitheatre for their peers. Fantastic performances were given by:

Jye Nightingale, Railey Fishburn, Alan Tull, James Harmen, Mackenzie Pringle, Bryce Parker, Cassie Oakley, Jesse Basher, Adam Shepherd, Maxine Chapman, Phoebe Metcalfe, Jack Mayo-Jaffray, Chloe Brown, Bailey Gillett and Sharleen Clarke.

Thank you to Mr Daniels and Mr Monro for their excellent performances!!!







EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS RUN BY CAPA IN 2012

In 2012 Creative and Performing Arts students were involved in:

- Musical Production – ‘Rising Up’
- HSC music seminar - Newcastle Conservatorium of Music
- Peripatetic music program
- HSC Music Trial preparation performances
- Gifted and Talented workshops in Music and Visual Arts
- Solo and group musical performances at special assemblies
- Jazz Band
- Starstruck as soloists
- Engagement Symposium at Kirkton Park
- Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Concert at St John’s Anglican Church
- Country Music Festival
- Abermain Eisteddfod as individual instrumental soloists
- Creative and Performing Arts Graduation Exhibition
- Middle School partner primary school art program
- Year 6 mini lessons
- Painting and Ceramics workshops during NAIDOC week
- Aboriginal Art Workshop for Indigenous students
- National Day Action Against Violence promotions and poster development in conjunction with Harmony Day
- Excursions to city and regional galleries
- Participation in external music, songwriting, art and design competitions
- Perpetual Exhibition of Visual Art, Visual Design and Photography works
- Stage 6 Installation Piece – ‘The Last Dinner Party’
- Guest Artist Seminar – Shan Turner-Carrol
- Stage 6 Artmaking Workshop
- Stage 6 Visual Art Peer Review Interviews

BUILD ME A FUTURE

On Friday 19th October, 36 Year 8 students who have been identified as being talented in Science were invited to compete in the Build Me a Future Day at The University of Newcastle. Students participated in a variety of activities involving science, engineering and manufacturing.

Students were asked to build gliders, solve power supply problems, manufacture towers that would withstand heavy



pressure, create rubber band powered racing cars and construct a catapult which could shoot with both accuracy and speed.

After the (extremely close) competition, the students watched displays of Electronic Bikes, Mechatronic robots and Science by University staff and students. The day was excellent fun and students acquitted themselves extremely well against tough competition.



2013 YEAR 7 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM & HPV FOR YEAR 9 BOYS

Tuesday 19th February 2013

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council for adolescents as part of the free school based vaccination program.

From 2013, boys in Year 7 in all NSW high schools will be offered the HPV vaccine annually. In addition, boys in Year 9 will be offered the vaccine as part of the national 'catch up' program in 2013 and 2014. The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

The NSW Health team will be in the school on **Tuesday 19th February 2013**. Immunisations on this day will be:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – dose 1, Yr 7 boys & girls
- Varicella – single dose, Yr 7 boys & girls
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – dose 1, Yr 9 boys only

Please note that dTpa vaccine will no longer be offered to students in Yr 10 as NSW has brought forward the adolescent booster to Yr 7 to provide earlier detection.

We are currently waiting on Parent Information Kits/Consent Forms to be sent to the school, once received they will be given to students in Year 7 & 9 in the first week of Term 1 2013.

If you have any queries regarding the school based immunisation program please contact the school office on 02 49902566 or email tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas



FREE FREE FREE FREE

Carols in the Park

The Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent on behalf of Cessnock City Council invites you to an evening of traditional Christmas Carols in Cessnock.

Our talented local performers include soloists, groups and choirs.

Santa Claus will make a special visit

Thursday 6 December 2012
7.30 - 9.30pm
Cessnock TAFE grounds

Bring your picnic blanket, hamper and seats (please leave your alcohol and glass at home)

Come and enjoy the spirit of Christmas

For further information please contact Pauline Ross on 4993 4210.

With thanks to our major sponsor and supporter, L J Hooker Real Estate



IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Attendance system

A computer based attendance system operates at Mount View High School. All students have been photographed and have received a sturdy plastic ID card to use with the system. The barcode on the card is also used for borrowing books from the school library and is readily accepted as an ID for student concessions when required. The initial cost of student cards is met by the school, but the cost of a replacement card is \$5.00 per card. School commences every day at 8.40 a.m. Arrival after this time means that the student is late; they are then required to use their ID card to swipe into the attendance system. The system is located at the Attendance Office; this is where students go if they are late. The swipe card is only used when a student arrives late or leaves early. Otherwise attendance is marked by their Roll Call teacher in their roll call room.

The school closely monitors lateness to school. Students who are frequently late can expect that their parent/guardian will be contacted and that the student will be required to complete an after school detention. The school operates an SMS system to notify parents of absent students. In accordance with the Education Act parents are required to contact the school to explain each day a student is absent within 7 days of the absence – otherwise it is listed as an unjustified absence. Explanations by a student are not able to be accepted.

Absence from School: A note signed by a parent/guardian must be brought to school after an absence. Absence notes should be sent the first day a student returns to school. Alternatively, parents may phone the school on 4990 2566 to register an explanation for a student absence. Absences for any reason other than illness or medical appointments are strongly discouraged.

Sickness: In cases where an absence due to sickness is in excess of two school days, the Department of School Education allows us to request a medical certificate detailing the nature and the duration of the sickness.

Late arrival/early departure: Notes explaining lateness or requesting permission for any absence during the school day (e.g. a medical appointment which cannot be arranged outside school hours) must be brought to the Attendance Office before school. Students are then given a permission pass signed by the Attendance Officer. When it is time to leave the student returns to the office and presents the permission pass. Failure to do this can significantly affect your attendance record. The school operates an SMS system to notify parents of absent students immediately.