

The View

Mount View High School's Newsletter
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 13 th June	Dad and Me BBQ 8am – 9am Starstruck major rehearsal 8am – 5pm Mayoral Challenge Debate 9.30am – 12noon
Thur 14 th June	Starstruck technical and dress rehearsal 7am-6pm
Fri 15 th June	Starstruck performance matinee and evening 9am-11pm Lost & Found in the Smoke - Aboriginal Health Production – MPC PD/H/PE HSC Enrichment Day H.S.P.A. Project 10 Session 4
Sat 16 th June	Starstruck performance lunch and evening 12noon-11pm
Mon 18 th June	Careers Excursion – All Week SistaSpeak/BroSpeak 9am – 10am Year 9 and Year 10 Aboriginal Art Program 9.15am – 11.15am
Tues 19 th June	Year 12 Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Experiment Fest. All Day Ncle Uni
Thur 21 st June	Year 12 English Hamlet performance Seymour Centre 7am – 3.30 pm Year 9 Visual Art NRAG, Watt Space and Ncle. Art School 9am – 3pm
Mon 25 th June	TVET Work Placement
Tues 26 th June	Year 10 Speed Careering (Beacon Event) 9am – 11am Parent Teacher Evening Year 7 – Year 11 inclusive – Reports issued 3pm – 6pm TVET Work Placement Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation / Year 7 from 9am Year 10 after Speed Careering
Wed 27 th June	TVET Work Placement
Thur 28 th June	Cows Create Careers Presentation Day Total 10am – 2pm
Fri 29 th June	Last Day of Term 2 Year 9 and Year 10 Aboriginal Art Program Exhibition Opening – Cessnock Art Gallery
Mon 16 th July	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – no students
Tues 17 th July	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Year 10 Subject Selections:

The Year 10 into 11 subject selection evening is not until early next term however the process of considering subjects has started this week. All students have been issued with an initial choice sheet. This was not definitive but was meant to stimulate discussion and open enquiries. Year 10 students are encouraged to commence asking questions of Head Teachers and gain knowledge of all subjects. It is also important to consider what level of English and Mathematics that will be undertaken. Placements in these subjects will be influenced by results, those students wishing to be placed in Extension and Advanced courses need to have shown a sound understanding of the subjects throughout. Year 10 students who achieve success in the Higher School Certificate set themselves high but achievable goals.

Year 12 Study Days:

Over the past few weeks the students in Year 12 have had the opportunity to attend study days at Singleton and in Newcastle. Mount View has also organised an internal day. Each of these days has stressed three key elements for success. Students must know their work. At the end of the year the students will be competing with students across the state. Many of these students will have studied hard, asked questions of teachers and read extensively on the topics to be examined. MVHS students will only match students from other schools if they also fully understand their work. Secondly students must be organised. The whole HSC experience can appear to be overwhelming, but it can be confronted confidently if the student is organized and has a balanced approach to the workload. Thirdly, the students need to know what to expect. Each student should be aware of the style of the exam as well as the content. Students should have prepared essays, if appropriate, know how to do multiple choice questions or have a sound idea of the amount of working to show to get marks. Parents are encouraged to discuss the points with the students.

Discipline Review:

Last year the school completed a Discipline Review. One of the recommendations was that regular contact be made with parents about aspects of Discipline within the school. This month I would like to reinforce our card system. Parents and students can request placement on a card to check behaviour and effort. Students may also be placed on cards if the school feels that monitoring would be of value. In either case it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the card is completed and shown to parents. The card should be signed off each day by each teacher and then viewed by the parent in the evening. Feel free to comment on the back of the card, this is an important communication tool. If you would like further information on the card please contact one of the Deputy Principals.

Sporting Success:

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Montanna Sharpe who has achieved success at the highest level. Montanna has excelled at Hockey for many years, she has represented internationally during her time at Mount View. She was recently selected to play for NSW in the National Championships, the pinnacle of achievement for students. As the goalkeeper for NSW, Montanna was instrumental in assisting the team to reach the semi finals. Because the semi was a draw the match was decided on a penalty shootout. Montanna saved all the shots and enabled the team to advance to the final. Once again she performed exceptionally well enabling NSW to win 4 goals to 2. We are proud to have a National Champion at our school, well done Montanna. Peter Conroy

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Social Science Department has been a hive of activity over recent weeks. Years 7, 8 and 9 have been busy completing Geography assessment tasks before their transition to History at the start of Term 3. Some exceptional 3D Global Warming models have been submitted by students in Year 8.

Social Science News



Jahli Pateman, Kate Norris and Kaniesha Blandon of 8T with their Global Warming models.

Year 9 students have researched an Australian Natural Hazard or Disaster and presented it to their classmates as a PowerPoint presentation and speech. Many of these were thoroughly researched and presented rather competently.

Year 10 Geography students have been busy undertaking fieldwork activities in Cessnock and surrounding areas. They compiled surveys and questionnaires in order to investigate issues such as vandalism in urban areas, the lack of facilities for young people in Cessnock and the cost and availability of housing in Cessnock. Many of the fieldwork reports submitted were of a very high standard and students are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Year 9 Commerce students are eagerly anticipating the commencement of their next topic of study – Running a Business. This topic allows them to apply the skills learnt in class to the practical application of running a business in the school quad during Term 3. Students are already planning the purchase and preparation of tantalising products to sell to the school community.

Year 11 Business Studies students are researching a small to medium sized business, which will be the basis for an extended response to be written in class on the functions of management.

Year 12 Geography students recently undertook a field trip to Newcastle to study the urban growth and renewal of Honeysuckle.

Year 12 Retail students have completed various practical activities in order to meet competencies required for their Certificate 2 in Retail. They have dealt with customer complaints, taken orders over the telephone and shared their product knowledge and selling skills in various role play situations.



Brenna Roe, Samara Nichols, Madison Walker and Rebecca Cathcart celebrating success in their half yearly Retail exam.



Kirstie Marshall and Ellie Murray demonstrating product knowledge and selling skills.



Jennifer Clancey on work placement at Video Ezy, Cessnock.

The Social Science staff is now busily preparing half yearly reports and look forward to discussing student progress with parents and caregivers at the Parent/Teacher afternoon later this term.

Lily Amos

MUSIC NEWS



Congratulations to Brooke Shearer who performed at the Queens Diamond Jubilee Concert on Sunday 3rd June at St John's Anglican Church.

Brooke performed a range of repertoire representing her love of country and pop music and was accompanied by Mr Chris Monro on guitar.

Brooke will be a featured performer in the 2012 school musical 'Rising Up' and will complete her HSC in Music this year.

LIBRARY NEWS



Andrew Daddo, a renowned Australian author of children's books, spent an hour entertaining students from Years 7, 8 & 9. This excellent event was organised as part of the National Year of Reading in association with Cessnock City Council Library. The students were totally captivated by Andrews's stories describing how he started writing and how he creates stories. The students were keen to ask questions and were interested in the adventures Andrew has had in his career as an author. Many students have been into the library since his talk to look at and borrow some of his novels.



HEYWIRE

HEYWIRE is an annual competition for young people from regional Australia. It's also a place to share your stories and opinions about the news that affects you.

Tell us your story!

The Heywire competition calls for stories about you and the community where you live.

Each year, the best stories that have been uploaded to the Heywire website are chosen to be broadcast across the ABC on Triple J, Radio National and Local Radio.

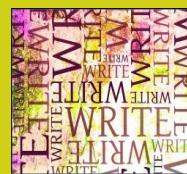
Anyone can upload stories to the website, but you have to be aged between 16 and 22, and live outside Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide or Perth, to be eligible to win the annual Heywire Competition.

The winning entrants (roughly 40) get the chance to go to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February - all expenses paid!

The 2012 Heywire competition is open!

You can enter as many times as you like and can submit your story in any form of media: text, video, photography, audio or a song and upload it to: abc.net.au/haywire
Entries close in September, 2012.

Check out the website, meet the 2012 winners and view their stories and check out the stories that have been posted this year! Give it a go some great prizes to be won.



Junior Creative Writing @ Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Library

**CESSNOCK LIBRARY: LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH, 4-5 PM**

**KURRI KURRI LIBRARY: LAST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH, 4-5 PM**

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy Ryan on 49934384 for the Cessnock sessions or Karen Bruce on 49371638 for the Kurri Kurri sessions

ATTENDANCE: IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

When students miss a class lesson they lose the thread of the subject material. The result is that their ability to logically think through issues and processes is seriously impaired. Could you imagine leaving out a chapter here and there; how much sense would the book make?

To fill in these gaps, both the teacher and student have to set aside time outside class to work together. Unfortunately, despite the best of intentions, this does not always happen and your child's learning is scarred.

Say **NO** to your son/daughter when there is an opportunity to shop or babysit younger brothers and sisters. The **CONTINUITY** of his/her education **class** by **class** is all too important.

When you receive your son/daughter's report and there are areas highlighted in need of improvement, please reflect on how much condoned absences contributed to the situation.

Let's all work together to make a difference to your child's future. Say **NO** to absence.

Be on time, be at school, that's the rule!

COMING UP: PARENT TEACHER EVENING

YEARS 7-11 HALF YEARLY PARENT TEACHER EVENING

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE 2012

TIME 3PM-6PM, IN SCHOOL HALL

Bookings for interviews with your child's teachers can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the school code **TSW5L** and complete booking, ensuring to enter your email address to receive your booking confirmation.

Bookings **open 9am on 12th June** and will remain open until **3pm on 25th June**.

Please get in early to avoid missing out on your preferred timeslot.

Alternatively, Community Liaison Officers Tania Spruce and Marissa Floyd are available to make bookings on your behalf, therefore, please feel free to contact them on 02 49902566.

Half yearly reports will be issued.



NSW PREMIER'S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS

Mount View High School is pleased to offer students in Years 9 and 10 an opportunity to participate in the NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards Program.

Volunteering is a great thing to do and highly valued, especially by potential employers. Students may already be volunteering either within or outside of school. Are you a member of the SRC, Junior AECG, Lift UP Australia or involved in many other school programs such as Breakfast Club or Peer Mentoring? If so, you already qualify for this program and deserve to be recognised for your hard work and commitment.

There's no catches or extra work involved, all you need to do is sign up and I do the rest. Students that accumulate a minimum of 20 hours will then receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Further information can be found at www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/volunteering

or by contacting Tania Spruce – Community Liaison Officer at the School Learning Support Office (next to canteen).



**Certificate I In Information Digital Media
And Technology (Course No: 10302) Is Designed For
People With No Previous Experience With Computers**

The course includes:

- How to operate a personal computer
- How to safely search the internet
- How to use digital equipment such as cameras and scanners
- How to operate a spread sheet
- How to do a digital presentation

The course will be held on:

- Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm-9pm
- Course commences on Monday 16th July and finishes Wednesday 28th November

IVY TRIVIA NIGHT



It was one proud moment being a Mount View High teacher when I arrived at the Ivy Trivia Night at Bellbird Public and saw so many of our students and staff participating. Cat Boorer did a fantastic job of organisation and there were unreal prizes to win on the night. Some of our students won a colour TV with DVD player, tent, mountain bike and luggage set. Even the last team won prizes.



The staff team consisted of Di Shaw and her talented science team (with Karen and Angela). They placed third on the night.

Congratulations to Cat and Ivy's Family who wanted to raise \$2000 to purchase a special pump for Ivy. They raised \$3955 which will allow a second pump to be bought for another family in need.

VARIETY BASH

For further information contact:

Les Clifton 49237318

Lori Killen 49237333



Our very own Social Science Head teacher, Mr Bruce Deer is participating in this year's AHA NSW Newcastle Variety Bash (May 20-26) which is a key regional fundraising event for Variety. This year Variety's thrilled to have Australian Hotels Association NSW (AHA NSW) as a sponsor. The Bash is not a race or rally but rather a drive through Central Western NSW where everyone is driving the miles for the smiles. This year's Bash is the biggest yet, with a record number of 200 'Bashers' taking part in 68 weird and wonderful vehicles. This seven-day charity motoring event covers 2333km, beginning in Newcastle travelling to The Entrance and back again, whilst pit stopping at schools to donate equipment on wish lists and delighting the locals along the way.

Last year Bashers raised \$300,000 to help our kids, while this year they have set their sights on raising \$500,000.

Bashers are only permitted to drive pre-1974 cars, typically decked out in novel style and dressed themselves, in the most craziest and outrageous costumes that you can ever imagine. But it's two-wheel drive vehicles only, no omnibuses, motorbikes or motorised wheelbarrows allowed. Bribery and blatant cheating are in fact encouraged as participants vie to complete the course while raising the most funds for the kids, so there's plenty of antics. Aside from the fun and camaraderie the event provides, the Bash is a great opportunity for participants to travel to parts of Australia that they may not otherwise see, at the same time as raising money to support kids in need.

Since its inception in 1992, the Newcastle Bash has achieved a great deal, with \$4,000,000 being raised collectively by the Bashers.

The 2012 Variety Bash route left on Sunday May 20 from Newcastle Harbour and headed to Niangala, Gunnedah, Pilliga, Lightning Ridge, Quambone, Coonabarabran, Wongarbon, Bathurst, St Albans, The Entrance and will arrive home in Newcastle again on Saturday May 26. *(article courtesy of The Ridge News)*

SUPPORT MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL IN WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN.



It's designed to help secondary schools earn valuable resources just through shopping at Woolworths, so start collecting your stickers now!

Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) until July 22nd. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Students can hand stickers in to the school library.

THANK YOU



Thank you to Specsavers Cessnock for their generous support of our 2015 ANZAC Student Tour of Gallipoli.

Educational . Supportive . Child- focused .

Young Mothers Program

Each Friday from 4th May– 22nd June
10am– 12noon at Koe– Nara

A FREE 8 week program for young parents up to 20 years in the Cessnock LGA..

- Informative Sessions Including Play Skills, Parent-Infant Relationship, Child Development
- Pampering and self-care session
- Free Child-Focused First Aid Course with MediLife
- Morning Tea and Assistance with Child-Care included

For more information
please contact the services
below



Cessnock CatholicCare
Youth & Family Support Service

Young Parent Network
Cessnock

Koe– Nara
Cessnock



Kylie- 0409 921 083

Cathy- 4991 0588

Jane- 4990 9354



LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

The official launch of the Beacon program into Mount View High School on Friday 1st June 2012 marked an enhanced and fresh commitment to the future of the region's young people.

Already operating in 140 schools across Australia, Beacon aims to work in partnership with the schools, local businesses and the wider Hunter to provide a positive pathway for students outside the school gate.

Typically, the Beacon program is run in schools at year 10 level and relies heavily on local business and industry to support an array of practical hands on programs to inspire and motivate students to stay at school, seek further training or employment, thereby avoiding social welfare.

Mount View High School was keen to become part of the Beacon offering, confident in the region's ability to support the program, backed by the support of the local community and Dyan Thais who is the Beacon Partnership Manager for the region.

Core to the Beacon mission is the desire for each young person to develop an independent will to achieve personal success for themselves and their community through self-help and enterprise.

The Beacon program was officially launched to the business, industry, community and wider school networks at Mount View High School on Friday 1st June by special guest speaker. Clayton Barr MP.

There are many opportunities for business people to be involved in the school. Some events include participating in mock interviews, presenting a snapshot of your career, site tours for students, work experience and various mentoring programs. For more information about the Beacon Foundation visit the website, www.beaconfoundation.com.au

FREE DRIVING LESSONS FOR LEARNER DRIVERS



Learner drivers and their supervisors can receive a free lesson as part of the Australian Government funded *keys2drive* program.

This is a fantastic site as it also gives detailed information about Licensing requirements for each state, help for supervising drivers including checking for bad habits (major issue for all), lots of tips, lists of accredited driving instructors and car guide and lots more.

The *keys2drive* program aims to improve driver safety by helping provisional drivers (P platers) drive for six months without hurting themselves or others, building a foundation for a life of safe driving.

The *keys2drive* coaching approach is designed to provide a learning experience that is more real, more thorough and more attuned to the reality of licensed driving.

For more information, or to register for a free lesson, visit the *keys2drive* website: www.keys2drive.com.au.

COALFIELDS NEIGHBOUR CARE

Just 2 hours a fortnight

Do you have it to spare?

Volunteers are needed to assist those in need with a range of services

- Meals on Wheels
- Transport to medical appointments
- Shopping assistance
- We will arrange days to suit your schedule and circumstances
- You don't always need a car but if you use your own car, a car allowance is paid
- You do need a little kindness, patience and a big smile
- **REWARD YOURSELF AND BECOME A VOLUNTEER!**

Coalfields NeighbourCare Inc. is the largest community service organisation in the Cessnock LGA and supplies, Meals on Wheels, Neighbour Aid, Transport, Personal Care and domestic Assistance.

Call Wendy or Lorraine today on 49304706 for a chat about what is involved.

Mount View High School

Dad & Me BBQ Breakfast



All Students & their Dads,
Stepdads, Pops or Uncles

Celebrating the role of males
in our student's lives.
Join us for a bacon & egg burger.

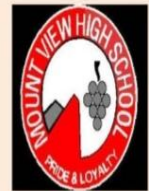
Wednesday 13th June 2012
8am—9am
Mount View High School Hall

RSVP 8th June
by calling 49902566 or
email tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au

Mount View High School would like to thank

Curves Cessnock and Jdlani Jewellery & Giftware

for their wonderful contribution to our Mother's Day Breakfast. Thank you also to the mums that came along and made this event a success. We hope all the mums out there had a wonderful Mother's Day!



YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATION DAY Revised date Tuesday 26th June

As part of the free school based vaccination program, the NSW Health team will be back in the school on **Tuesday 26th June 2012**. Immunisations on this day will be:

- All Year 7 & 10 students will receive one dose of the Boostrix (combined Diphtheria-Tetanus-acellular Pertussis dTpa) vaccine.
- Catchup Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for Year 7 students who were absent on first immunisation day.

Parents should ensure that your child has eaten breakfast the morning of immunisations.

Year 7 parents received these consent forms at the beginning of the year, therefore those who have already returned them we have them safely stored at school.

Year 10 parent consent forms have recently been given to students. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form.

For parents of Yr 7 & 10 students who haven't yet returned consent forms and who wish for their child to receive this vaccine please ensure the consent form is returned to the School Admin Office prior to **15th June 2012**. A record of vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the school by NSW Health.

If you do not wish your child to partake in the vaccination program at school we ask that you still return your unsigned consent forms as we are required to return them to NSW Health. If your child is absent from school on this day you will need to follow up this immunisation with your local doctor.

Proposed remaining immunisation dates:

11th September – All Yr 7 students final Hep B & Yr 7 females final HPV (only given to those students who have received previous doses at school)

If you have any queries or need another consent form please contact the school office on 02 49902566 or email tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au