

The View

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Mon 10 th Sept	Year 11 exams begin
Tues 11 th Sept	PBL Reward Day
Wed 12 th Sept	P&C Meeting at 6.30pm Aboriginal Camp Wollombi (postponed) U15 boys and girls basketball finals Maitland - All Day
Thurs 13 th Sept	Project 10 Session 10 Effie O'Neil Debate 6pm
Fri 14 th Sept	Year 7 Gala Day Maitland Park - All Day
Mon 17 th Sept	Year 11 Crossroads Mon, Tues, Wed TVET Work Placement - All Week Year 10 Beacon Charter Signing Year 9 invited to attend
Wed 19 th Sept	Peer Support Reward Excursion Year 7T & Year 8Y Rich Presentation Library - All Day
Thurs 20 th Sept	Year 12 Graduation Practice
Fri 21 st Sept	Year 12 Graduation Last Day Term 3
Mon 8 th Oct	First Day for Students – Term 4
Tues 9 th Oct	Sport Presentation 9am – 10am School Hall
Wed 10 th Oct	P&C Meeting at 6.30pm
Fri 12 th Oct	Project 10 Session Final
Mon 15 th Oct	HSC begins

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

D. Pfeffer

From the Principal's Desk

At the time of writing this column ten teachers from our school are attending a two-day symposium on student engagement at Pokolbin.

The symposium has been organised by schools in the Kurri Kurri and Cessnock community of schools and has brought together presenters from Australia and overseas. Approximately 120 teachers from throughout the Hunter area are attending. Michael McQueen, a Sydney-based social researcher was the key presenter on Day 1. He spoke about how parents and teachers can better understand and engage Generation Y – those young people we are currently educating in our high school. It was thought-provoking, stimulating, challenging and extremely relevant.

Our two teams of teachers will be then embarking on a period of action research. One team is exploring the career and positive aspirations of our young people; the other will explore how effective feedback is given so that students' engagement and learning outcomes are enhanced. These are questions which have the potential to significantly improve educational outcomes for the students at Mount View HS. These two teams comprise teachers who are passionate about learning and I thank them for their considerable commitment in undertaking this action research.

"Engagement" of students in their learning is a complex issue. One view is that there is ("e") and ("E") of (e)ngagement. The little "e" refers to the extent to which students are "in the task" and making a real psychological investment in their learning – are they fully absorbed in what is happening in the classroom and in their learning in general? The larger "E" refers to the extent to which students feel connection to their school and that "school is for me."

Last week, the school joined in fundraising and awareness raising of those who suffer life-debilitating medical issues, with Team Ivy Day! What a fantastic effort it was by staff and students alike. This day was certainly an example of "E" – students demonstrated such a strong connection to their school and their community! Maybe our school motto of MV = E (excellence), could equally be represented as MV = E (engagement)!

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

P. Conroy

Subject Selections

The selection process by Year 8 and Year 10 students for next year is almost complete. Students have chosen their subjects and the subjects are now online. A few students who have had clashes or have had extended absences are still being followed up and I hope to finish this process this week. In order to gain an accurate picture of class sizes, the number of staff required and rooming needs it is requested that students not ask to change their choices at the moment. When the opportunity to change arises the students will be asked to present a reasonable argument for change. If a Year 10 student is contemplating completing a TAFE course next year, they are reminded that we do not do the enrolments for TAFE. The school is happy to assist with forms, forward them to TAFE and give advice, but the student must actually ensure that all the forms are completed and followed up; the students also need to be aware that they must accept the enrolments when they are offered otherwise they may lose their position.

I have been very pleased with the considered approach that all students have taken to this process. The students have clearly thought about their future and have determined the path that they need to follow. This has allowed staff to discuss genuine options. With this positive approach I am looking forward to excellent results over the next few years.

Rich Tasks

The next presentation of Rich Tasks by 7T and 8T will be on Wednesday 19th September. I have yet to determine the exact plan for the day however students will be notified shortly. Parents are welcome to attend these presentations, they are held in the library

Year 12 Study Program

Year 12 students will shortly be completing their formal lesson program. Most students will have the first week of Term 4 free for study prior to the start of the HSC exams. Students are welcome to attend school during this week. If the students are coming into the school they should try to attend in their normal periods. Staff will be willing to assist, however they will still have commitments to their other classes and so may not be free to speak to the Year 12 students at a given moment. Once the exams start the students are still welcome to drop in to speak to staff but again a prior arrangement would be appreciated. Year 12 students are also reminded that, while they are most welcome to be in the school, they are required to follow the normal school rules.

Year 10 "N" Awards

Although it does not apply to many students I need to emphasise the importance of responding to any "N" award letters that you may receive. There is not an automatic progression from Year 10 to Year 11; if a student ignores the "Non Satisfactory Completion of Course" letters they may find themselves unable to continue their desired education path. The school is very keen to resolve letters of concern. Our aim is to resolve, rather than inflict the penalty however this can only be done if the students willingly comply with the requests to complete work. It is also important to note that there is a time frame within which we have to work. Students should be trying to redeem all "N" determinations by the end of this term. Unfortunately most students who have "N" letters also have attendance concerns. The first step in the resolution process may well be to make sure that all lessons are attended.

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

J. Smith

Year 9

Year 9 students were introduced to the Beacon Foundation last Wednesday. Ms Dyan Thais spoke to them about the program and students were asked to complete a Careers survey which will be collated and used to inform the approaches the foundation will make to our local community. The focus of the Beacon foundation is firmly based upon the future employment and education of young people.

I urge all year 9 students to complete the survey and to look for opportunities to participate by becoming a Beacon Ambassador in year 10. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in 'Polish' program, 'Speed Career' and other programs.

Year 9 have also the opportunity to train as peer Support Leaders during term 4. Mrs Alder will be coordinating the program and will be providing students with the information about applying for and being trained in this most valuable program.

Year 11

Good luck year 11 in your preliminary HSC examinations! I look forward to seeing year 11 students start their Year 12 studies with renewed vigour and enthusiasm at the start of Term 4. Please remember what you have been told at your year meeting about any change of subjects, wait to receive your final marks and book a time to speak with Mrs Godber, Mr Matzen or Mrs Smith so that we can look at the big picture and discuss all options. No class changes will be made until week 3, unless there has been an 'N' determination for a course. All correct paperwork must be completed and all students are expected to be in their timetabled classes until changes are made officially.

Remember too, that if you are working to your potential that research shows us that students who do study at least the full 12 units for their HSC tend to perform better than those who may take an easy option and 'drop' a subject. Remember to set your goals high and continue to strive to achieve your personal best!

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY 24/8/12



The Leadership Induction Ceremony was held on Friday 24th August 2012. We would like to thank our official guests Mayor Alison Davey and former principal Ian Anderson for giving up their valuable time for us. Apologies were sent from Joel Fitzgibbons, Clayton Barr and Dr David Cullen from Maitland District Office.

Congratulations to our new Captains Jackson Jeffery and Kasey Williams, Vice Captains Nathan Blackburn and Samantha Hayes

We would like to thank our outgoing Senior Leaders of 2012

Archbold	Savannah
Benson	Madeline
Burgess	Eloise
Cartwright	Sarah
Cathcart	Rebecca
Garred	Paige
Hall	Jessica
Hall	Lauren
Harmon	Samuel
Hughes	Natasha
Lewis	Eliza
Lupinsky	Kyrraley
Matthews	Amelia

Murray	Ellie
Nixon	Kimberley
Rouse	Kamara
Sharpe	Montanna
Stacey	Taela
Thompson	Tayla
Walker	Madison
Winstanley	Meg

<u>Captain</u>	
Gleghorn	Thomas
Stacey	Lauren

<u>Vice Captain</u>	
Ling	Chris
Radford	Hayley

Welcome to our Senior Leaders and SRC for 2013. They have already been busy in the last week with the NSW Parkinson Unity Walk and Team Ivy Day as well as helping in the school canteen. Our Year 10 Senior Leaders will be helping the worthwhile charity of Legacy by selling badges down our main shopping areas.

DOMINO'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER: INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER HQ - KAMARA ROUSE

In December 2012, one of our out-going Senior Leaders, Kamara Rouse, will be flying half way around the world to Nairobi, Kenya to volunteer in an orphanage with the organisation International Volunteer HQ. She will be living there for 3 weeks with a local Kenyan family. Her goal is to raise over \$1000 with all donations going to much needed supplies for the orphanage including food, health and hygiene products, school supplies and toys.

Please help her to reach her goal by buying pizza from Cessnock Dominos on Monday 10th September 2012 from 4pm to 8pm. One dollar from every pizza sold during this time will be given to Kamara from the Dominos Dough Fundraiser.

Many thanks to Stuart Preston and Cessnock Domino's Pizza for giving us this opportunity.

NSW PARKINSON'S UNITY WALK

On Sunday 26th August, our school participated in the NSW Parkinson's Unity Walk at Sydney Olympic Park. We were able to walk in honour of our former principal Phil Papworth and raised \$1360 on the day for research into Parkinson's Disease. Many thanks to our students, staff and ex-students who joined us on the day.

A special thank you to Rover Motors Coaches who donated a coach for our transport.



On Tuesday 4th September we were fortunate to have Phil Papworth and representatives from the Coalfields Parkinson's Support Group present a certificate to the school for our participation on the school assembly. We thank Phil for his continued support and wish him well and Mount View High will always remember MV = E



TEAM IVY DAY - Friday 31st August 2012 "Heroes and Fairies"

What a fantastic day !!!!





On Friday 31st August 2012 we had our Team Ivy Day with the theme of the day being "Heroes and Fairies". It is in honour of Ivy Tregenza who is six years old and suffers from Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Her sisters Imogen and Maddie who attend our school with her sister Lily, started this day three years ago and the school has been able to donate to many worthwhile charities including the John Hunter Children's Hospital and the Immune Deficiency Foundation. Ivy is also an ambassador for the Starlight Foundation and Red Cross. Ivy has spent a lot of her time in hospital but with new medication which is made from donations of blood, she is able to reduce her hospital visits.

We thank Mrs Shaw and her Blood Ambassador Team of students and staff that have been donating blood in Ivy's honour throughout the year. Representatives from the Red Cross joined us on the special assembly to hand out certificates. Once again a big thank you to all staff and students involved.

Many students were dressed in the theme and there were lots of fairies, supermen, batmen, frogs, ninja turtles and even Captain America. A gold coin was given on the day for being out-of-uniform and then there were pizzas, fairy floss and sno cones to purchase. We were hoping to raise around \$3000 to start a new program in the John Hunter Children's Hospital called "Beads for Bravery".

We are very proud to announce that a grand total of \$ 4521.75 was raised on the day.

This will allow Mount View High to be the first founders of this program and this may be enough to fund the program for chronically ill children at the John Hunter Children's Hospital for the next two years.

Mrs Tiffany Tregenza is not only a super mother but a fantastic photographer and she has already done a beautiful power point of the day. Team Ivy Day 2012 on youtube.

Thank you to all who supported Team Ivy Day

P&C NEWS

Mount View P&C would like to acknowledge and thank Cessnock Music Academy for their generous donation of \$78,905.71. These funds will be distributed between the Music and Art Departments (CAPA). We are extremely grateful for this money and are looking forward to distributing this towards worthwhile projects.

Other news from the meeting:

- Glenn Death spoke to the P&C about the Local Schools, Local Decisions and the Gonski Review. The P&C fully supports the teachers in these issues
- Tanya Howells and Larayne Jeffery gave us a presentation on what projects they would like to see some of the donation spent on, one suggestion is an extension to the music room.
- Decisions regarding how the funds will be spent will be discussed at upcoming P&C meetings.
- Year 12 Assessment Dinner – cost \$15/person. Please RSVP to the Office

The next P&C Meeting will be held in Wednesday 12th September at 6.30pm

MATHS LUNA PARK EXCURSION – YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 **Ms Roughan**

On Friday 16th November (Week 6 Term 4) the Maths Faculty will be running an excursion to Luna Park. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and displayed positive behaviour throughout the year will receive an invitation from their mathematics teacher.

Students will receive notes during the first week of Term 4 (8th Oct-12th Oct) but will not be able to make any payments until Monday 15th October. This is to allow all students equal opportunity to pay for the excursion.

Only 166 students will be attending and it will be "first in best dressed". The excursion will cost \$45. The buses will depart Mount View High School at 7:30am and return by 5pm.

YEAR 7 REWARD EXCURSION **Ms Roughan**

On Friday 7th December (Week 9 Term 4) students in Year 7 who have demonstrated Positive Behaviours for Learning throughout the year will be invited to attend a reward excursion. The excursion will be to Battlezone Laser Tag at Salt Ash, followed by Ten Pin Bowling at Raymond Terrace. We will stop at McDonalds for lunch (not included in excursion cost).

Students are invited on the excursion will receive notes in the first week of Term 3. There are currently about 100 students who are eligible to attend and there are only 57 seats available. The excursion will be "first in best dressed".

The maximum cost of the excursion will be \$43. The bus will depart Mount View at 7:30am and will return by 3pm.

CAPA SUCCESS

CAPA have some wonderful results from students who have competed in various events this month.

In the Abermain Eisteddfod, Kasey Williams on guitar won the Senior Instrumental Ensemble section with Jacob Roland-Batty on saxophone only one mark behind in 2nd place.

In the Junior Instrumental Solo section, the winner was Bryce Parker on drums, with Andrew Solomon and Thomas Richardson on guitar equal 2nd.

Mackenzie Pringle of Year 8 competed in the Country Music Festival and won first place in the Junior Vocal, second place in the Australian Open Vocal and the Reg Lindsay Memorial Song writing Award. What a talent!

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 LIFESAVING PROGRAM

This is the first reminder about the year 7 and 8 Lifesaving Program that occurs in term 4. In week 7, year 7 will attend Cessnock Pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday where they will start an intensive one week lifesaving program. On Friday the students go to Newcastle where the focus of the program is beach safety. After an initial grading at the start of the week all students will be grouped with other students of similar ability and work towards completing the Royal Lifesaving Society's Swim and Survive awards. This is a mandatory part of the PDHPE curriculum and there will be no normal classes back at school. Dry land activities are offered for students with a note explaining the reason they cannot participate.

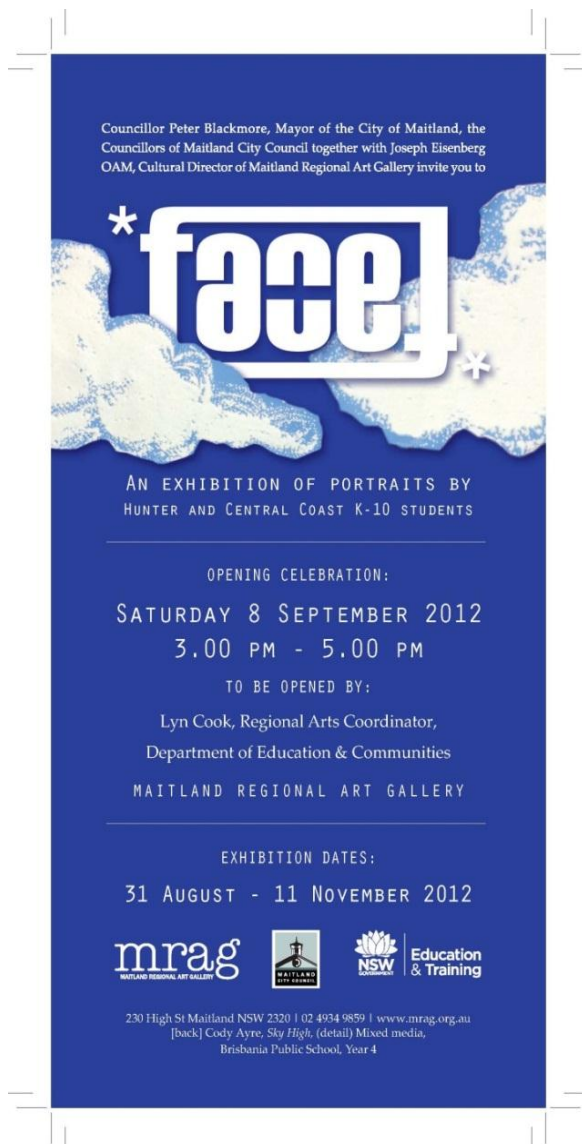
In week 8, year 8 will continue their Lifesaving Program where they left off in year 7 and strive towards completing the Royal Lifesaving Society's Bronze Star award. They will attend Cessnock Pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and then catch a bus to Lambton Pool on the Friday to complete the program. Dry land activities are offered for students with a note explaining the reason they cannot participate

It has been a very successful program for many years at Mount View High School. There seems to have been confusion in the last couple of years that it is a learn to swim program. The program we offer is a Lifesaving program that teaches the students rescue and lifesaving techniques relevant around open waterways. If you would like to check out the program awards go to www.swimandsurvive.com.au/ and follow the prompts on the left of the page to the swim and survive active awards. We look forward to seeing all students attend the Lifesaving Program in term 4.

VISUAL ARTS

Face 2012 Exhibition

Last term some year 7 Visual Art students were invited to create a self- portrait to be entered in the Face 2012 exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery. The opening is on Saturday the 8th of September, 3pm to 5pm at Maitland Regional Art Gallery and the exhibition runs until the 11th of November. Everyone is welcome to attend and it would be great to view the excellent work being done by our students. The Mount View High School students selected to enter the competition were Taigan Lemarseny, Elizabeth Smith, Jermaine Carberry, Georgia Hodgins and Shanae Freeman. We hope to see the artwork by these students exhibited as not all student portraits selected by the school necessarily make it through to the exhibition.



FATHER'S DAY BBQ SUCCESS

Thursday 30th August was a glorious spring evening for our annual Father's Day BBQ & Movie Night. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out which made for a thoroughly enjoyable and successful evening. Special thanks to our guest speaker Clayton Barr, Wendy Birrell from Catholic Care, to all the staff and our P&C volunteers who helped out and to students and their guests for attending. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



HORSE SPORTS

Abby Baker of Year 7 represented Mount View High School on Thursday 30th August at the Dungog Horse Sports. She placed 1st in pleasure hack class, 3rd in hack class, 4th in rider class and placed in sporting events. Congratulations Abby!

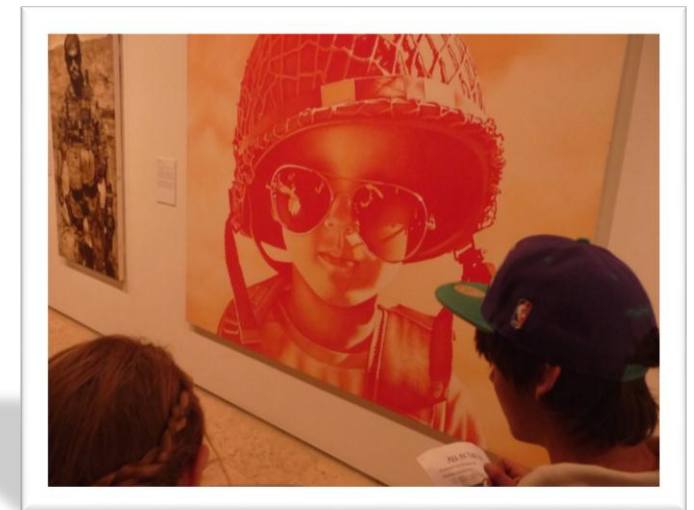
YEAR 7 ARCHIBALD PRIZE EXCURSION



Year 7 had the privilege of viewing the regional tour of the 2012 Archibald Prize exhibition at the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery. Our students were given an in depth tour of the exhibition by volunteer guides provided by NRAG, they explored the artworks in discussions with the tour guides in regards to materials and meanings used within portraits.

Many students commented on how different they found the artworks seeing them in person rather than on screen or in a book. Following the NRAG tour students completed tasks based on our 'Splish Splash' topic which focuses on water and leisure in art. The civic park water fountain and Nobbies beach were the focus of the student's artworks.

A huge thanks to Ms Alder, Ms Willis, Ms Wiseman and Mr Monro for a superb day of viewing and creating art!





HISTORY NEWS

Without History There Is No Tomorrow! 2015 ANZAC Centenary Student Tour



April 20th, 2015 will mark the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli by ANZAC forces. This event will be an important historical occasion. Because of the

importance of this event, the Hunter Valley District Council of RSL sub branches has decided to help organise the '2015 ANZAC Centenary Student Tour'. Mount View High School is one of a number of schools currently involved in fundraising for the once in a lifetime opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals and businesses who have helped us reach our school's target.

Students who will be 16 years of age during 2015 will be eligible to apply to represent Mount View High School. Students will be expected to be a positive representative of not only the school but the wider Cessnock community. A strict criteria will be applied to all students who express interest in participating and those wishing to apply will also need to complete a research project. The details are being finalised and information will be given to those students who are interested. Unfortunately only one student will be chosen and I'm sure that competition will be very high.

The successful candidate will start the tour in Venice, with a 3 day cruise through the Greek Islands and Istanbul. The cruise ship will then move on to the Dardanelles. Tours will be taken around the battlefields and students will take part in the Dawn Service at the 100th anniversary, at the time and place of the landings. The students will stay on the cruise liner throughout the trip and spend the last three days on the return cruise to

Venice. The student will be accompanied by a group of teachers who also have to complete a selection process.



Cities of Vesuvius – 2013

Earlier this year Francis Greenway High School, gave our school the opportunity

to be part of a trip to 'The Cities of Vesuvius'. This is the 'Core' topic for the Ancient History course in the HSC.

3 of our senior students will be accompanied by Mrs Smith and Ms Davies. We will be flying to Italy on the 13th April on a study and cultural tour. We will be travelling with students and teachers from Kurri High School and Francis Greenway High School.



We will spend close to a week in Rome where students will view many of the ancient sites including the Roman Forum, the Catacombs, the Colosseum and the Emperor Hadrian's Villa. We

will also visit the Vatican, other significant sites in Rome and sample Italian cuisine.

From there we will travel to the Bay of Naples where we will spend 5 days. We will, weather permitting, climb Mount Vesuvius before arriving at our hotel at Vico Equense. During our time in the region we will visit both Herculaneum and Pompeii and we will meet Doctor Estelle Lazer, an Australian who has worked extensively on the bones of the victims of the eruption. Other places that we will visit in this region include

Sorrento, Capri, Tiberius' villa and the Amalfi Coast.

All of us are looking forward to this trip and you can expect a 'report' when we return.

Lynne Davies (Head Teacher History)



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 [Exemption from School - Procedures](#). (Details of which can be obtained from Mrs Di Innes, Head Teacher Administration.)

COALFIELDS UNITED AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

2012/2013 season resumes on Friday 07 October 2012 at Cessnock Swim Centre, Allandale Road, Cessnock.

Registrations are held every Friday night commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Races commence at 6.00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join the family swimming club

Contact : Ellena Morris on 0418625482

or

Telephone after 8.30 p.m. 49 906 547



YEAR 7 FINAL IMMUNISATION DAY Tuesday 11th September

The NSW Health team will be back in the school again on **Tuesday 11th September 2012** which will be the final immunisation day. Immunisations on this day will be:

- All Year 7 students will receive the second and final dose of the Hep B vaccine.
- Female Year 7 students will also receive the third and final dose of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

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

If your child is absent from school on this day or has missed getting any vaccines, letters will be posted out to you directly from NSW Health advising that you will need to follow up any missed immunisations with your local doctor.

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

TOUCH FOOTBALL ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!

Maitland Touch is calling for registrations for their new summer competition.

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION

Ages: Under 8's to 18's Boys and Girls

Played on Tuesday afternoons, starting 9th October 2010 (Term 4)

ADULTS TOUCH COMPETITION

Men's, Ladies and mixed Comps available

Competition starts mid-October 2012 until March 2013

Register Now – Online!!

Download your registration kits or register at:

www.maitlandtouch.com.au

Registrations close Friday 28th September 2012

Touch Football is a minimal contact sport played by all ages and skill levels.



PET GUINEA PIG SHOW

Come along for a day of family fun and visit the Pet Guinea Pig Show!

Date: Sunday 23rd September

Venue: Mulbring Hall, Stone Street, Mulbring

Time: 10.30am

There will be information on how to care for your guinea pig and demonstrations on bathing, grooming, nail cutting and much more.

Prizes to be won.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday 21st September 2012 Mount View High School will formally farewell our graduating Year 12 students.

You, your family and friends are cordially invited to attend this ceremony, which will include the presentation of academic awards and Higher School Certificate portfolios.

The ceremony will be held in the school's multi-purpose hall, beginning at 9:30am.

Parents and friends are asked to arrive at approximately 9:15am and to sit in the area set aside for parents and guests.

Year 12 students are requested to arrive and be seated in the hall by 8:45am. It is an expectation that Year 12 students will be in full school uniform (including black shoes) to accept their Higher School Certificate portfolio and awards.

A morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony for guests, parents, staff and Year 12 students.

The school regards this day as very important in the school year. We ask that guests turn off their mobile phones while in the hall, congratulate students by applause only and remain in the assembly until its conclusion so as to minimise disruption to the ceremony.

We look forward to your attendance and to celebrating the achievements of Year 12 students.

D. Pfeffer D. Willis D. Shaw/A. Roughan
(Principal) (Year 12 Adviser) (Special Events Committee)

DO YOU PROVIDE CARE & SUPPORT TO ANOTHER PERSON?

*You are invited to attend our
FREE Carer Information Workshops
that run each Wednesday over 3 weeks.*

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Where: Club Singleton, 50 Pitt Street SINGLETON
(Entrance located on William Street)

Time: 10.00am — 2.30pm

Cost: Free — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided

When: Wednesday 5th, 12th & 19th September 2012

Program:

Session 1 – Meet with Representatives from Centrelink and a panel of Community Service Organisations - understand how they can assist you in your caring role.

Session 2 – Caring for the Carer/Yourself: Stress Management, Effective and Practical Caring Skills

Session 3 – Legal Issues, Advance Care Planning and Advocacy

For more information or to register contact
EDuCARE Carer Support Service on:
4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(Please RSVP for catering purposes)



Respite may be available
by contacting
Commonwealth Respite &
Carelink Centre on
1800 052 222



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

FATHER'S DAY BBQ 2012

Mount View High School would like to thank the following businesses for their wonderful contribution to our Father's Day BBQ lucky door prizes. Also, thank you to our guests who came along and made the event a success. We hope all dad's out there had a wonderful Father's Day!





Education &
Communities

Public Schools NSW

Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents



Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

■ Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

■ Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

■ Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/

BEACON NEWS



Tanya Spruce

What is a Beacon Charter Signing Event?

Beacon's signature event is where Year 10 students publicly make a pledge that by the following year they will be in further education, employment or training.

The supporting parents/caregivers, family and friends of MVHS Year 10 students attend the Charter Signing Ceremony which also includes VIP guests, members of the local business community and Beacon corporate partners.

The 2012 Year 10 students will be making their pledge and signing the Beacon Charter Board this term on Monday 17th September. We hope families and friends of our students will attend and show their support.



MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

Year 10 Charter Signing Ceremony

The Principal, Staff and Students of Mount View High School together with the Beacon Foundation are delighted to invite you to attend the 2012 Year 10 Beacon Charter Signing and Pledge Ceremony where our students acknowledge their commitment to stay at school until they have a clear pathway to further education, training or employment.

We would be honoured if you could accept our invitation.

Date:	Monday 17 th September 2012
Time:	11.30am – 12.30pm (please arrive by 11.20am in order to be seated prior to the start of the ceremony)
Venue:	Mount View High School Hall 106 Mount View Road, Cessnock
RSVP:	10 th September 2012 ph: (02) 49902566 or email: tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au

The Beacon philosophy is that while Government can provide stimulus to youth unemployment, the corporate world can play a very important role in providing a bright future for the next generation of Australians through partnering schools. Further information on the Beacon Foundation can be found at www.beaconfoundation.net.au

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Beacon Year 9 Presentation & Surveys

Last week our Year 9 students were gathered to listen to a presentation by Dyan Thais of the Beacon Foundation to find out what Beacon is all about and what programs and opportunities are available for them next year as Year 10 students.

Students were required to complete a brief online survey which provides Beacon and our school with possible career paths to enable us to put together appropriate programs or work experience opportunities with Beacon's corporate partners. Our year 9 students were introduced to our current Beacon Students Ambassadors and got to hear first hand from Ambassadors what they have experienced through Beacon in our short time as a Beacon school. Beacon Student Ambassadors are involved in organising, preparing and hosting events and have many opportunities for self development. Expressions of interest are now being sought from our Year 9 students for those who are interested in becoming Beacon Student Ambassadors. Ambassadors run the Beacon program within the school and community. If any Year 9 student is interested in becoming a Beacon Student Ambassador please obtain an expression of interest form from the front office prior to 25th October.



Polish Workshop

The one day workshop helps 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 are required to dress as if they are attending a job interview and have the opportunity to network with guests from local businesses during lunch.

Mount View High School has been very fortunate to receive sponsorship from the local business community to enable us to run a further two Polish Workshops in Term 4 this year, thus providing our Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in such a beneficial program.

Mount View High School would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contribution to 'Polish'.



SPORT News

On Tuesday 9th October 2012, in the School Hall we will hold our annual Sport Presentation. It will commence at **9.10am**. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

The Presentation is designed to recognise the outstanding sporting achievements of students at Mount View High School.

Students are expected to be in **full school uniform including black shoes**.

The following is a preliminary list of students who will be receiving awards.

Maiya	Ambrum	Luca	Hawkins	Bryce	Parker
Elanor	Andrews Wookey	Abbey	Hayward	Maddison	Perkins
Rhiannon	Avery	Georgia	Hodgins	Grace	Philip
Jacob	Barker	Michaela	Holden	Kirra	Philip
Madeline	Benson	Natasha	Hughes	Kyle	Plumb
Brandon	Brennan	Reed	Hugo	Oliver	Powell
Tahlia	Brydon	Nicholas	Hurn	Samuel	Provenzano
Madeline	Burgess	Alyse	Iliffe	Caitlin	Radimey
Sarah	Cartwright	Tegan	Johnson	Jacob	Roland-Batty
Maxine	Chapman	Sarah	Johnston	Brendan	Rowe
Joshua	Craig	Chantelle	Jones	Claudia	Russell
Tayla	Crossley	Daniel	Jurd	Sophie	Russell
Tyron	Crossley	Jessica	Kelly	Vicki	Russell
Eliza	Culley	Joshua	Kiem	Jordan	Schofield
Thomas	Cunningham	Raquel	King	Tate	See
Matthew	Cussen	Josef	Lesnik	Montanna	Sharpe
Alexandra	Deck	Eliza	Lewis	Brandon	Slater
Jared	Deck	Fanogo	Maher	Joseph	Smith
Natalia	Dempsey	Liboire	Mbonabuca	Andrew	Soloman
Tamara	Dixon	Lindsay	McCallum	Samuel	Solomon
Cassandra	Douglas	Liam	Mears	Alison	Southcombe

Shaun	Douglas	Mitchell	Mitchell	Haidyn	Stafford
Jaeden	Ewing	Luke	Morris	Sophie	Stephenson
Sarah	Gallen	Amy	Murnane	Aaron	Stevens
Conner	Garred	Ellie	Murray	Joshua	Thompson
Connor	Garrington	Mason	Nugent	Matthew	Thompson
Bailey	Gillett	Jordan	O'Brien	Kurt	Threadgate
Thomas	Gleghorn	Sophie	O'Brien	Taylor	Warren Davey
Jayden	Gunther	Rohan	Oliver	Alex	Westbury
Reece	Harris	Hannah	Onion	Calebj	Whiting
Tuhoe	Haruru				

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator



Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.

There's no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960's and 70's who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family's head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn't deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don't enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:

1. Find something in common with your kids

Dads need something in common with their children. They relate better when they have a shared interest or shared passion with their kids. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common. A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

2. Spend time with your sons

A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like Superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That's when boys turn off their dads.

3. Don't whimp out on discipline

Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children's behaviour.

4. Treat your daughters well

There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

5. Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent

Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It's part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the 'old ram, young ram syndrome'. He's right. It's a type of rite of passage that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. Dads at this stage need a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son's life.

6. Support your partner

Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

7. Change as your child changes

Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They're kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it.

Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.

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