

The View

Mount View High School's Newsletter

"Delivering excellence, innovation and success"



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2013 EVENT CALENDER

Mon 9 th Dec	· Yr9 and selected Yr7/8/10 classes to Powerhouse Museum
Wed 11 th Dec	· Stage 4 (Yrs 7/8) Presentation Day in the school hall at 9.30am · Yr9/10/11 Rewards Excursion to Hunter Valley Gardens
Thur 12 th Dec	· Peer Reading/Quicksmart morning tea in school library
Fri 13 th Dec	· Stage 5 (Yr9/10) & Prelim (Yr11) Presentation Day in the school hall at 9.30am
Mon 16 th Dec	· Whole school community volunteering
Tue 17 th Dec	· Whole school community volunteering · Lifeskills/MC class end of year excursion to Hunter Valley Gardens
Wed 18 th Dec	· Last day of school for students

2014 EVENT CALENDER

Wed 29 th Jan	· Yr7/11/12 start school
Thur 30 th Jan	· Yr8/9/10 start school
Thur 6 th Feb	· School Swimming carnival at Cessnock Pool
Fri 19 th Feb	· Zone Swimming carnival at Maitland Pool

FACULTY LEADERS

English Philip Jenkins	PD/H/PE Sue Ford
Maths Andrew Gill	TAS Grahame Chamberlain
Science Rlg Natalie Death	Welfare Julie Myers
Social Science Bruce Deer	Administration Rlg Liz Alder
History Lynne Davies	Teaching/Learn Leanne Triggs
CAPA Larayne Jeffery	

YEAR ADVISORS

Year 7 Rebecca Bartlett	Year 8 Angela Roughan
Year 9 Sharon Curran	Year 10 Christine Bell
Year 11 Nathan Russell	Year 12 Daniel Matzen

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Ms Desley Pfeffer

Welcome to the last parent newsletter for 2013. It is hard to imagine that another academic year has come to an end. As I read through the various articles submitted for this edition it was

very clear to me that our students have again participated in a range of activities and taken every opportunity to be involved in their learning both in, and out of, the school. A common theme in many reports is that wherever our students have represented the school or travelled to events, the manner in which they have conducted themselves has been exemplary. Staff have regularly commented on the excellent participation and behaviour of our students and indeed, passed on comments from members of the public, event organisers, transport companies and others, that have praised our students' behaviour. Although this is certainly the school's expectation, it is wonderful to be able to pass on such glowing comments to the students. Of course, these many opportunities have only been possible because the staff have gone 'above and beyond' to organise the activities and give up much of their free time in doing so. I thank you all!

One of the most significant and heart-warming events that I have witnessed at our school occurred on Tuesday 26 November. In the preceding week Mrs Smith and I took our four school captains to the Cessnock Chamber of Commerce Breakfast where White Ribbon Day was highlighted. So moved by what they learnt at the Chamber breakfast, that our captains decided that they must act. The captains enlisted the support of our Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent, a White Ribbon Day Ambassador, and Cessnock Business and Professional Womens' Network Secretary Mrs Sharryn McDonald. At the full school assembly on 26 November, about 80 senior male students and staff

were led in the following oath by the Mayor: *I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. This is my oath.* This was such a powerful event and I commend my captains, Jordan, Murray, Kelsey and Imogen for their foresight and commitment.

Later in this newsletter you will see information about POP – Parent Online Payments. This facility has received very positive recommendations for the schools and parents currently using this secure payment facility and we trust that it will be an efficient and effective innovation for you as well.

On a final note, I look forward to seeing many parents, guardians and family at our two Presentation Assemblies this week when we formally acknowledge the many achievements of our students for 2013. I am always thrilled to see the very high attendance at these events and I thank you for joining with us to acknowledge the students' successes.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday and the very best for an exciting and rewarding 2014.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Mr Peter Conroy – Yrs7/9/11

Senior Students

There has been a change in the leave arrangements for senior students. This was put into place at the start of the term however some students are still indicating that they are unaware of the leave arrangements for seniors. In simple terms, the students do not have the right to leave during their study periods. Students are not required at school prior to their first class and may leave after their last lesson. For example if a student is off first period and has a study lesson in period 3, then they are allowed to arrive at 10.00am but can't leave at 11.00am; they are required at school from 10.00am until 3.00pm. It is disappointing when students wish to argue about leaving to go to fast food outlets rather than using their time wisely to prepare for their Year 12 exams. Students must report to the Attendance Office when they arrive after roll call or leave before the end of the day.

Class Changes

There has been the opportunity for Year 11 students to drop a subject as they enter Year 12. As a minimum students are required to complete 12 units in Year 11 but only 10 units in Year 12. I have strongly recommended that students refrain from rushing into this decision until they are sure of their 2014 pattern of study. Students should make sure that TAFE courses have been settled and that any change of subject or level won't impact on their end of year post school options. Once dropped a student can't re-enter a course.

All Year 10 students who are intending to attend Mount View HS in 2014 have now been placed into classes. Because of the need to finalise the timetable and class lists there will be no changes to these classes between now and the end of the year. Traditionally Year 11 students are given the opportunity to review courses at the start of the year. This will happen again next year as some students will gain employment and leave, thus creating vacancies in some classes.

For the first time we have given Year 9 the opportunity to reconsider their elective choices for Year 10. Unfortunately class spaces were minimal and so some students were unable to get their choice because classes were full. However it was pleasing that a number of students completed their forms on time and were able to enter a different course. It is hoped that these students will do some catch up work and enjoy their new courses. Changes will commence at the start of 2014.

There has been a significant change for the Year 7 students entering Year 8. Both the "M" and "T" classes have been completely reviewed. They will run as parallel classes in 2014 with activities being completed by both groups, not just "T". There have also been a significant number of changes in and out of these classes. Parents will receive letters advising them of changes.

Ms Julie Smith – Yrs8/10/12

Stage 4 and 5 Assemblies

Congratulations to all Year 8 and 10 students who have successfully completed Stage 4 or Stage 5! Our Presentation Assemblies in Week 10 of Term 4 are a highlight of the school year. As well as congratulating students who have been successful in individual

subjects, those who receive Excellence Awards, we also mark the significant move from one stage of schooling to the next.

Year 8 students who receive their Mount View High School Stage 4 Certificate will progress to Year 9, the first year of Stage 5, where they will have the opportunity to study three electives of their choice. Students will also find that they are not in the same class group for the entire timetable. The Head teachers of each core subject, English, Mathematics, Science, PDHPE, History and Geography will create their own graded groups according to the performance of students in Year 8. Many students will find that this allows them to form new friendships and varies the interaction throughout the week. We invariably find that students settle well into Year 9, because of these changes.

It is vital, however that each student continues to strive for their personal best – this focus does not change. We also encourage students to start to seriously look towards their future educational and career path, to form an 'exit plan' for school. We begin to include discussions around career planning, and Year 9 students also have the opportunity to visit the CATS caravan which is supervised by Mrs Godber, our Careers Adviser.

Year 10 students who have successfully completed Stage 5 will move onto a variety of paths. Some will leave Mount View High School to begin apprenticeships or full time work. We wish all these students the very best in the path that they have chosen.

Most Year 10 students, though will move on to Year 11, the first year of Stage 6. Some have selected an HSC and ATAR pathway, other students are looking at a vocational pathway with VET subjects which include compulsory work placement. For all students, however, it is important to begin their senior studies in a focused and organised manner as senior school is significantly different to the junior years. Students are expected to work independently and to a timetable of study which includes the school based hours as well as homework, study and assessment task preparation. Year 10 students are aware of the Assessment Policy and Procedures, and it is important to state that these rules, as set by the Board of Studies are followed even more stringently in Stage 6.

All Year 11 students will receive their Assessment Policy and Schedule early in Term 1, 2014. This booklet should be used as the basis for preparing a study timetable. Miss Bell and Mrs Smith will be working with the year group to assist all students to be organised and ready to achieve their best in each assessment task. The homework centre will again be available to all students on Monday afternoon from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. We also encourage senior students to utilise their Tuesday and Thursday afternoons usefully, by staying at school and working in the library. The great benefit of this is that students have access to their teachers, or Head Teachers if they have questions are need clarification or support.

Once again, congratulations to all students who have successfully completed the next stage of their education. We look forward to working with you all in 2014 as you progress on your educational journey.

CCGPS



The Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) has developed an exciting and interactive new website to support our families and the broader community. Learn more about the initiatives in place across our schools, creating strong educational pathways for all our students. Great links to parent support sites and local community services, and information about who we are and what we are doing within your community.

Check out the new website and get involved in your child's future today! www.ccgps.schools.nsw.edu.au

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR PARENTS

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a](#)

payment. Mount View High School Parents Online Payments (P.O.P) will go live on 3rd February 2014.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

YEAR ADVISOR REPORTS

Year 7 – Ms Rebecca Bartlett

The end of the year is nearly upon us and it has been a super successful start (note the alliteration) for the class of 2018 (which is when your children will graduate from Mount View High School). 75 students were invited to enjoy a reward day on Friday the 6th December due to their demonstration of the PBL

values and they all should be commended for their commitment to learning and consistent positive behaviour. There was no cost involved unless students wished to participate in extra activities payable on the day. Wednesday 11th of December is the Stage 4 presentation day where students' academic achievements will also be recognised and there are numerous students who will be acknowledged on this day.

Students have been actively involved in a range of activities throughout the year and, as a group, have been regularly congratulated for the manner which they conduct themselves. Their behaviour and participation in swim school was noted as being excellent and those who attended the Luna Park excursion were also noted as being exemplary.

7M recently completed Project 7 and all students presented themselves to a very high standard.

As a year advisor, I have been very pleased with the performance, progress, and patterns of behaviour exhibited by most students. Some students have yet to reach their potential and I hope that, after a relaxing holiday, students tackle Year 8 with a positive approach and all the required equipment.

To one and all I wish a safe and satisfying holiday and I look forward to seeing all students return in 2014.

Year 8 – Ms Angela Roughan

This has been another successful year for Year 8. On Friday 6th December 65 Year 8 students were invited on the Reward Excursion for displaying positive behaviours consistently throughout the year and for having above 85% attendance. The day was held at Hunter Valley gardens with the school providing free transport and a BBQ.

During Week 8 Year 8 participated in swim school. The behaviour of the students who attended was excellent. All students participated in the activities with enthusiasm and were successful in further developing their skills. Those students who earned their Bronze Medallion are to be congratulated.

Students in Year 8 have now completed Stage 4 and will receive their Stage 4 certificate at the presentation assembly on Wednesday 11th December. Students will also be receiving special awards for coming first in their class, for being highly commended and also excellence

awards. Students who receive these special awards should be very proud of their efforts this year.

Next year students move onto Stage 5 and the curriculum will become more rigorous. It is essential for students to ensure that they develop good study habits early including the completion of all homework and assignments.

In 2014 Year 9 classes are graded for core subjects. Students have been placed into classes based on their results from this year. These classes are not set in concrete and students who work diligently throughout the first semester may earn themselves a position in a higher class. I look forward to the success of Year 9 in 2014!

Year 9 – Mrs Sharon Curran

As 2013 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Year 9 for being the amazing group of students that they are.

This year has seen the commencement of choice for their subjects with the majority of the year group thoroughly enjoying the chance to study the subjects that interest them. Next year will see them take on the challenge of giving their best as they complete the Stage 5 part of their education and prepare to make choices for their senior years.

A wonderful group of students volunteered to assist with our Peer Support program next year and attended two training days earlier this term where they demonstrated all the PBL values of Mount View High School. Last week saw them super excited as they put all their newly learnt leadership skills into action on the Year 6 Orientation morning.

These leadership skills will become important as they move into Year 10, 11 and 12 and choose to apply for Senior Leader positions and maybe even Captains. Congratulations Year 9 on an excellent year.

Year 10 – Ms Christine Bell

This has been another busy year for Year 10. On Wednesday 11th December 64 Year 10 students are invited on the reward excursion for displaying positive behaviours consistently throughout the year and for having above 85% attendance. The day will be held at Hunter Valley gardens with the school providing free transport.

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All of Year 10 were commended on their presentation for Project 10 and their involvement in leadership roles as they move into the Preliminary course next year. There will be ample opportunity for them to step into more roles of responsibility next year, culminating in elections for school captains. Students aiming for these opportunities need to show how dedicated they are to the school community during the first half of Year 11.

The first two days of Week 11 will see Year 10 involved in learning study skills that will help them to succeed in the Preliminary and HSC course. It is expected that all of Year 10 will be attending until 18th December.

Year 11 – Mr Nathan Russell

I would like to congratulate our students on all the hard work they have put in over the course of 2013. Beginning the Preliminary HSC was a big step-up in expectations and effort for many of our students, but they have adjusted to life as senior students admirably, settling into the pace of work and finding a balance that meets the needs of both their education and their personal goals.

This year, more than any other, we have been out in the community, representing the school in a range of venues and activities. From work placement to Crossroads camp, charity activities such as the Parkinson Walk and community events such as ANZAC Day, students have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner.

I am particularly proud of our students stepping up into leadership roles. Every year I speak to students about being role models and school leaders and this year I was very happy to see them take on roles as School Captains and Vice Captains, Senior Leaders, and members of the Mount View High Leo's club and Junior AECG. Many students also took on less formal leadership roles, participating in Lions Youth of the Year and National Young Leaders Conference.

2013 has been a big year, full of great achievements. I am very proud of everything we have achieved and am looking forward to seeing what the students accomplish in 2014.

ATTENDANCE

Term Four Attendance

Please note that the Attendance rules do not change during Term Four.

The Deputy Director-General has issued a memorandum to all principals stating as follows:

Memorandum to: principals

All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 will be required to attend school up until the last day of teaching, Wednesday 18 December 2013. Prior to this date, students in all year groups should be engaged in meaningful work based on the 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.

**Gregory Prior
Deputy Director-General, Schools
November 2013**

Mount View High will be providing meaningful curriculum based work up to the 18th December, as directed.

Families that have special events and holidays planned outside of the normal school holiday, may collect 'Exemption from School' Applications at the Attendance Office.

May we also remind families that all 'Late Arrivals', 'Early Leaves' and absences need to be explained. This can be done via letter, phone or reply SMS.

Unjustified Absences

Unjustified absences will be shown on a student's attendance record where the explanation for an absence or partial absence does not meet with the

Department of Education and Communities policy. Valid explanations for absence include:

- substantiated illness
- substantiated medical appointments
- funeral
- moving residence
- unavoidable involvement in a serious family situation
- religious celebration
- misadventure due to emergency events eg: fire, flood
- family holidays (exemption application required)

All explanations for absence are required within seven days of the absence date(s). This should be prior to the absence in the instance of appointments and holidays. In the case of extended periods of absence due to illness, by providing a Dr's Certificate, you are eligible



to also apply for an 'Exemption from School'. Please contact the Attendance Office for further information.

MATHS FACULTY

The Mathematics Department had a great day with the students at the "Maths is Fun Day" at Luna Park on Friday 15th November 2013. We took 170 students on this day and we would like to thank these students for their impeccable behaviour and co-operative attitude throughout the whole day. They had fun on the various rides and activities while completing their worksheets.

All textbooks should now be returned to the mathematics department. Please have a look around at home for any math texts at all, whether it belonged to older siblings etc. All textbooks returned will be appreciated.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and holiday from the Mathematics Department !!!

HISTORY FACULTY

Mrs Lynne Davies – Head Teacher

"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child." – Cicero

The History Faculty would like to congratulate Hannah Onion who was chosen to represent Mount View High School on the Gallipoli 2015 tour which is being organised by the Hunter District Council of RSL sub branches. She is one of twenty students who will start their tour in Venice. They will be at ANZAC Cove on the 25th April to take part in the centenary commemoration of the landing of the ANZACS in 1915. This is an exciting opportunity and we wish Hannah all the best.



Hannah Onion

This year the Remembrance Day commemoration was held in the school's hall. This year the students who nominated to complete the project for Gallipoli 2015 spoke about the individual they had researched. Their speeches were of the highest standard and gave an insight into the men who they have come to know so well and who, for some, 'have become a part of them'. Both the staff and students were impressed with the quality and the depth of the knowledge shown by those involved.

Gallipoli by Hannah Onion

At the beginning of this year Mrs Davies stood up in front of the assembly and announced that there would be an opportunity arising for anyone over the age of 16 in April 2015 to have the chance to go to Gallipoli on its centenary. She explained that a meeting would be held

in out of school hours for those who wanted more information. I and a number of other students and their parents attended this information afternoon.

It was from there that I was informed about the requirements for this competition. We had to research a soldier from World War I, if possible a relative. We were given until September to complete this work which was to then be handed into Ms Davies. No late entries would be accepted. About half of the people originally interested made it to this stage with 8 students handing in this research.

The following week each student was to go through an interviewing process where we answered questions about our research, intentions and thoughts on the Gallipoli trip. The panel consisted of 4 people including Mrs Smith, Ms Davies, Jackson Jeffery and Mr Max Lewis representing Cessnock RSL.

After all of the applicants were interviewed the panel went about making their final decision. At a special morning tea in our school library, Mrs Pfeffer announced that myself and Darnley Crossly were chosen to move forward to the final selection process, with Sidney Harris and Matthew Griffin as reserves. The panel stated that they would have happily sent any one of the students on to the next stage and found it a very difficult decision. We were interviewed by The Advertiser and our photos were taken.

About a month later in October I had my final interview. We were asked to prepare a 15 minute presentation and answer similar questions to the interview we had done for the school's selection process. After this, Darnley and I had to wait for a phone call to let us know which one of us was successful. This was to be nearly a month.

After all the hours of work put into both the research and preparation for the interview I received a phone call announcing that I had been chosen to represent our school on a fully funded trip to Gallipoli in 2015. This left me in a state of shock, excitement and appreciation. A lot of fundraising still needs to be completed but I look forward to representing our school, and ultimately the Hunter region on this amazing opportunity.

SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Mrs Lily Amos – Relieving Head Teacher

Term 4 has been a very productive one in Social Science. Students have been busily completing assessment tasks and teachers have been writing reports for parents to gain an understanding of how their students have performed this semester. We would like to extend a big welcome back to Mr Deer who has been enjoying a lovely spring jaunt over the last 8 weeks.

Year 8 Geography students demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of the enhanced greenhouse effect by building three dimensional models to show how the process works. A selection of models is currently on display in the school library.



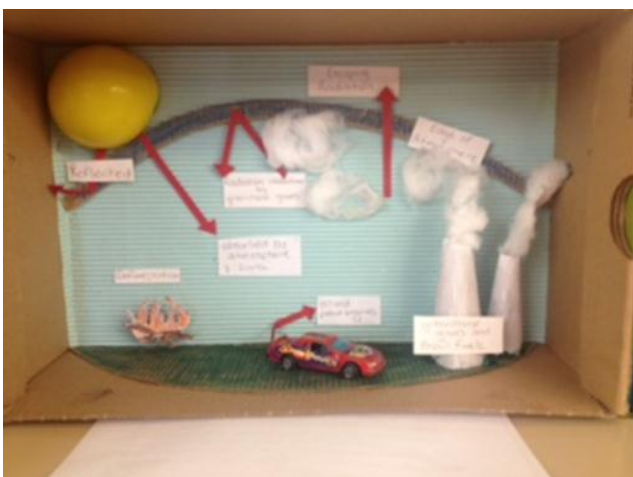
A model by Luca Hawkins



Mr Deer perusing the display in the library upon his return



A model by Grace Younger



A model by Jesse King



A model by Khadija Arain

Many Year 9 Commerce students successfully researched and organised events online as part of the e-commerce topic studied in Term 4. Kate Norris, Jordan Appleyard, Molly Rayward, Chelsea Anderson, Ally Crossley, Maddison Crump, Jessinta Harris and Sidnee Harris are to be congratulated on their excellent assignments in which they gained full marks.

Year 11 Retail students took part in a valuable learning experience at Greenhills Shopping Centre. They took part in Visual Merchandising activities by building displays and dressing mannequins. The students were required to liaise with store managers regarding products, colour schemes and special promotional periods and then create displays around the information they collected.



Cassie George, Alison Witcom, Brodie Baccus and Mollie Brown dressing a family of mannequins.



Kelsey Sim, Savannah Smith, Georga Mattiussi and Emily King with the displays they built in the glass pods.



Maxine Chapman with her display of summertime accessories.



Keely Roe, Jennifer Cartwright, Melissa King and Brock Sneesby with their displays.



Georga Mattiussi learning about the finer points of securing her display.

Centre management was very impressed with the way in which Mount View High School students conducted themselves and with the results of their merchandising displays. I am very happy to say that we have been invited to return for further Visual Merchandising activities next year.



Jacintha Davies, Maxine Chapman and Melissa King conducted their research and merchandising with such a high level of detail and professionalism that the manager of Mathers Shoes offered them paid employment in the store.

I would like to thank Mrs Evans and Miss Curran for accompanying the students to Greenhills Shopping Centre over four Tuesdays in November and providing them with recommendations and advice. Both Mrs Evans and Miss Curran have worked in Retail and have a wealth of information to share with the students. I would also like to thank Mr Allen and Mr Gajewski for driving the minibus and delivering our students safely to Greenhills and back to school.

The Social Science staff would like to wish our students and their families a most enjoyable Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. We look forward to working with you again in 2014.

CAPA SUCCESS

Former student and teachers have success!!

On the 7th November 2013, members of the band "Hey Sanchez!" attended the Australian Independent Music Awards (Musicoz), for which they were invited to attend as a finalist for their songs "Same Same But Different" and "Itsa Me!"

What is the significance for Mount View High School? The bassist from the band is **Tristan Bradley**, Mount Views peripatetic guitar tutor, and **Josh Vadas** is one of Mount Views drum tutors. The guitarist, **Aaron Martin**, also happens to be a former student!

An incredible night was had, despite missing out on the award, and many connections were made with industry insiders. This is a great achievement for a local band, and highlights what everyone learning instruments is able to achieve at Mount View High.

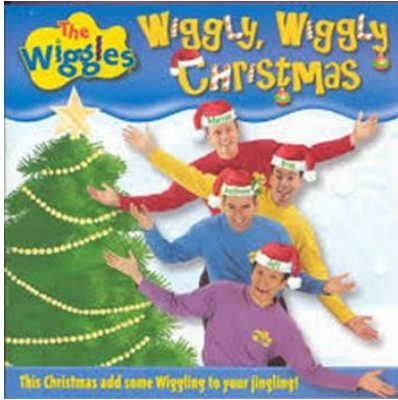
"Hey Sanchez!" debut EP, "Lyrics Sold Separately" is available for purchase from Tristan.



*Tristan Bradley (guitar teacher), Krystal (friend), Aaron Martin
(Josh Vadas- drum teacher absent)*

CAPA wishes Dudley St Preschool a Wiggly Christmas!

As part of our Service Learning Program in the last week of school, CAPA music students will visit Dudley St Child Care Centre at their request to perform a Christmas Concert for the toddler group. Songs will include a selection of Wiggles Christmas songs plus some old favourites such as Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Students will be accompanied by Mr Daniels and Mrs Jeffery.



In addition to this activity, CAPA Art students will paint a selection of murals in the Boys' amenities block to complement the work done in the girls' area in 2011. This wonderful art work is much appreciated by the students and makes this area much more appealing. Work will commence under the artistic directorship of Ms Wiseman and Mrs Willis.

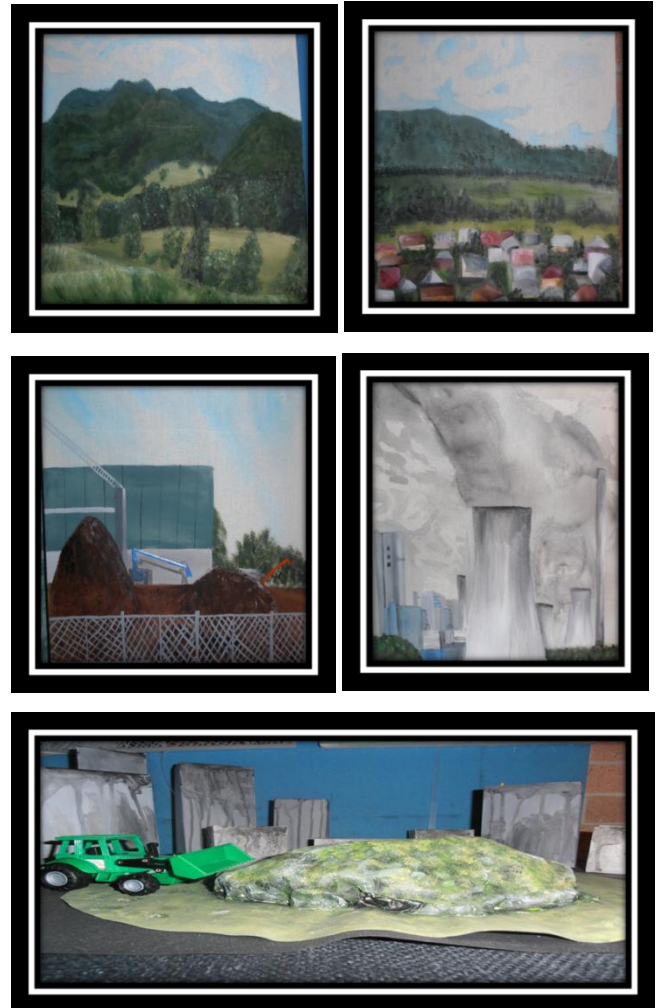
Artist of the Month



Eliza MacKenzie

Artist Statement...

"My body of work represents land use in the local area. The four canvases illustrate local landscapes starting from untouched land in Congewai, housing developments in Mt View, the Bunnings warehouse construction site in South Cessnock to the power station in Singleton. My 3D work shows land use in action with machinery ploughing down the remaining buildings towering over the background. The use of linen canvases was inspired by Mandy Martin who is an artist I studied earlier this year. Watercolour combined with acrylic paint was used to further show my inspiration."



Eliza will receive a commendation for her excellence in Visual Art and will also take home the Ekersleys Art Award.

Mount View High School student receives Art Award in Tokyo, sending a heartfelt message to the world!



Mount View High School Year 7 student, Baylee Garred, has received an Honorable Mention for her

artwork & design at the 17th Magokoro Fureai Etegami Exhibition, held in Tokyo, Japan.

Managing Director of Pokolbin Brothers Wines, Mr Glen Thomson, on behalf of event organiser and President of Yu-Net Service Co., Ltd., Mr Go Hanzawa, presented Baylee with her Honorable Mention Award, as well as a Japanese Book containing a reproduction of her artwork, and a beautiful pair of chopsticks as a special gift memento sent especially from Japan.

Mr Thomson has co-ordinated entries from local Cessnock Schools for the annual event held each year, in association with his very important business partner in Japan, Mr Go Hanzawa, and says the inclusion of Mount View High School in this year's exhibition could not have been made possible without the notable and enthusiastic support of Mrs Larayne Jeffery, Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts.

Mr Thomson explains that the traditional Japanese Art of Etegami is a very important part of Japanese culture, and literally means 'postcard with self-drawn picture, accompanied with heartfelt message'.

The event is held to promote the Japanese picture letter culture, and to foster the communication skill and ability to express joy and excitement for the children who bear the future.

It is becoming quite cosmopolitan, with entries being received from Japanese Primary Schools and Junior High Schools, and from many countries including Australia, Thailand, USA, France & Singapore.

Ms Mikiko Yamada, Director of Web and International Business Development of Yu-Net Service Co., Ltd., on behalf of President Mr Hanzawa, said "This is the first time we are introduced about Mount View High School, and we are very happy that we could receive a lot of outstanding works from your school, in particular the picture with touching note from Baylee Garred. We congratulate Baylee Garred and Mount View High School, and sincerely wish to continue this cultural exchange between Australia and Japan".

The venue of the event this year was the Chinese Culture Centre in Tokyo. Mr Thomson said, "With supporters of the event including Japan Post, 7 x Japanese Newspaper Companies, 2 x Chinese Newspaper Companies, 3 x Japanese Television Companies, Chinese Culture Center in Tokyo,

Yokohama Nan-o Rotary Club, & The Japan Association of Shategami, along with 52 Company sponsors, we are very proud of Baylee's extraordinary achievement, not only for her recognized talent, but for also being such a fine ambassador for her school, Mount View High, and promoting our City of Cessnock in such an admirable manner, on a significant part of the world stage".

Baylee said she would like to thank the organisers of the event, and is very happy to receive the award, hoping to have the opportunity to enter again next year.

Mount View High School Japanese class teacher Mrs Julia McNeill Teacher said, 'the entire class enthusiastically participated in the Etegami Exhibition with some wonderful entries, and we are all very proud of Baylee's achievement'.



Glen Thomson Managing Director of Pokolbin Brothers Wines, Baylee Garred and Mrs Jeffery

STUDENT WELLBEING

Throughout the year the Welfare Faculty facilitates a number of programs to support the health and well being of each individual child at Mount View High School.

Thank you to all the students for their enthusiastic participation and the many services and agencies that engage with us on our path to support young people. During the year the students have participated in:

Respectful communication/Bigger than a bully	Yr 7
Healthy relationships	Yr 8

It's my life – drugs & alcohol work shops	Yr 8
Cyber safety/sexting workshops	Yrs 7-10
Pit stop program	Yr 9
Motivational media – Mad for Life	Yr 7-12
Brainstorm productions – Verbal Combat	Yr 7
Brainstorm Productions – Hurting Game	Yr 8
Brainstorm Productions – Cheap Thrills	Yr 9
Mother /Father day breakfasts	7-12
Daily breakfast club	7-12
Girls' Resilience program	Yr 7 & 8
Boys' Resilience program	Yr 7 & 8
Roll call Social Skills program	Yr 7 & 8
Peer Support Leaders program	Yr 10 & 7
Peer Support program - training	Yr 9
Jump Start Transition program	Yr 6 & 9

Fresh from the 'Coffee Shop'

As we sign off for 2013, preparation for our Christmas Extravaganza Luncheon is underway. This term the students in our Coffee Shop team have been very productive meeting outcomes in preparing tasty and nutritious snacks for themselves whilst assisting with the preparation and service of the main meal and a dessert for our coffee shop customers.



Jake Barrett of Yr8 at Coffee Shop



Braden Lambert of Yr7 at Community Access


Our senior hospitality students have been contributing to the very high standard of our coffee by demonstrating their barista skills during preparation and service periods.

This term's focus has been based on developing fine motor skills including 'chopping', 'slicing', 'grating' and 'dicing'. There has also been an emphasis placed on processes including recycling and composting, particularly cleaning up after jobs are completed.

Our students also created paper 'poppies' which were sold to staff and worn at our Remembrance Day Service to create awareness. The proceeds have been proudly donated to Legacy Australia totalling \$88.

We will finish off the year with a social outing to Hunter Valley Gardens and participate in Aqua Golf and view our entry in the 'Gingerbread House Competition'. The competition will be running and open for viewing from the 15th November 2013 to 26th January 2014.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and Holiday season!



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Anti-Racist school**

Irrespective of its sources, racism is racism.
Ignorance is no excuse. Insecurity is not justification...racism
in all its forms should be uncompromisingly condemned.
*Michael Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner,
quoted in Human Rights and Equal Opportunity.*

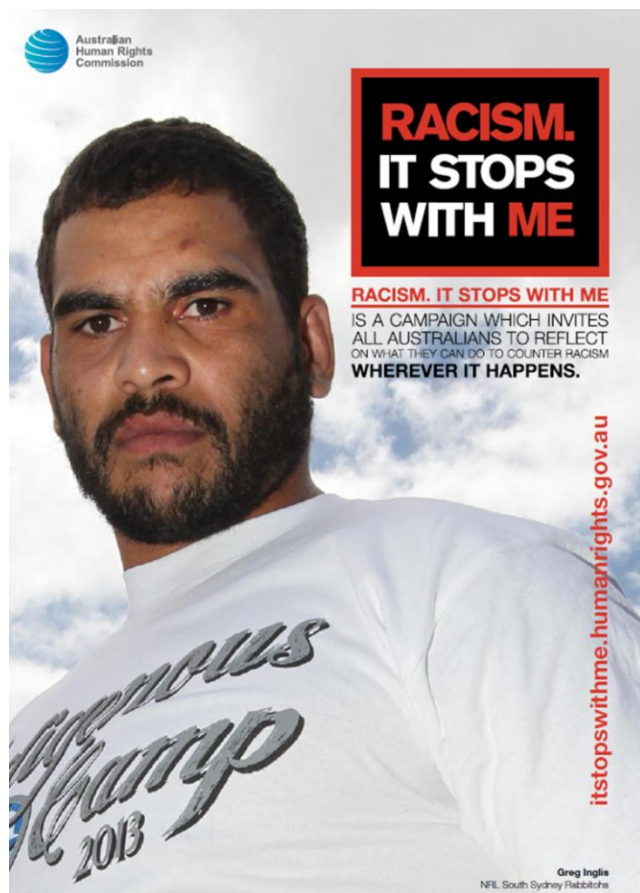
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We believe in the**

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Report all forms of Racism

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SENIOR LEADERS & SRC

Senior Leaders have been busy once again. In early November they helped organise an appeal for the bushfires in conjunction with the feeder schools of Cessnock. The Senior Leaders collected tin food, toys, and non-perishable food and money donations during each roll call for over a week. All the donations were then taken to a collection area in Maitland. We thank all students, parents and staff that donated to this worthwhile charity.

The National Young Leaders Conference was on Friday 29th November 2013. We had 18 of our Year 12 Senior Leaders travel to Sydney on the Thursday and stay at the Sydney Central YHA overnight so they were ready for the early start on Friday. The National Halogen Conference was at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre and had the following speakers:

Markus Zusak – Author

Sarah Wilson – Journalist/TV Host

Lt General David Morrison – Chief of Army

They all gave inspirational speeches and gave their experiences in gathering leadership skills. They reinforced that failures lead to excellence and all successful projects are 1% from inspiration and 99% perspiration. I would like to personally thank the students who attended for being great ambassadors for our school and looking the best dressed in a room of over three and a half thousand students mainly from private schools. Also special thanks are extended to Mr Rick Allen for giving up his personal time and driving the school bus for us, along with getting up before 5am to get a bus park for us in Darling Harbour.



Rainbow Day

The Senior Leaders and the new SRC will be organising Rainbow Day for Tuesday 10th December 2013. It will be in memory of all ex-students who have sadly passed away. On this occasion, the parents of Alex Williams will address the Assembly. Purple was Alex's favourite colour and students will be dressed in the colours of the rainbow as we remember all of those who have passed away and their special colours. It will be an out-of-uniform day and students will give a gold coin donation, along with pizza and cupcakes sold on the day. All donations will go to the John Hunter Children's Hospital who nursed Alex in her last days.

Mount View Leo Club

Our new Mount View Leos have also been busy considering that they are also members of our Senior Leadership Team. The Leos helped with the Wiggles Cycling Event in October by organising the food and BBQ all day in windy and blistering conditions in the Basin car park. They volunteered to help the Cessnock Lions Club with supervising at the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights. They enjoyed getting a fluoro vest and a flashing light wand as they helped people around the lights for over 4 hours each night for the week. They have also volunteered to help with their feeder primary school Cessnock West for their Christmas Carols Night.

We had five of our Leos and Senior Leaders compete in the Lions "Youth of the Year" competition. The students were put through an interview on Sunday 17th November at Mount View High and then they had to deliver two impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech on Tuesday 19th November at Potters Tavern.

We would like to congratulate Brendon Gamble, Caitlin Ivan, Ainslie Griffin, Maxine Chapman and Maddie Burgess for their excellence in this competition.



Congratulations to Brendon Gamble who won "Youth of the Year" on the night and who now proceeds to compete at district level. Congratulations to Maxine Chapman as well for winning "Best Speaker on the Night".



Uniform

Just a quick note to all parents and students since it is the end of the year. If you have any uniform articles that are in good condition and you will not be using them again, could you please donate them to our uniform pool. We would appreciate any skirts from Year 12 and Year 10 female students who are not passing their skirts onto someone else. All donations can be left at the front office or given to Mrs Blandon.

SPORT

Year 7 and 8 Lifesaving Program 2013

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 work under pressure in the future if the need arises. Lifesaving is a skill they will have for the rest of their lives.

The participation levels were a little disappointing considering it is a compulsory part of the students' PDHPE curriculum however the students who attended were very well behaved and they have stronger skills from the experience. Approximately 75% of Year 7 students and 65% 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.

The program would not be the success it is without the help of Mount View High School's Year 10 PASS students. Students were selected on their ability to demonstrate leadership skills in an outdoor setting. They will all be recognised as successful junior instructors. This was a great achievement. The following students demonstrated great communication and leadership skills and were great ambassadors for Mount View High School.

Gabrielle Alexander	Jaide McLawrence
Liam Anderson	Erin Mitchell
Caleb Archbold	Lachlan Morris
Matt Clarkson	Jye Nightingale
James Crouch	Sophie O'Brien
Olivia Cussen	Brock Putnam
James Harman	Matt Schreiber
Will Hurn	Carly Snowden
Victoria Ling	Meg Stacey
Kurt Lomas	Aaron Stevens
Jessika Madden	

Following are a couple of photos of some Mount View High School students displaying their lifesaving skills.



AMAROOKOBA NEWS

By Members of the Junior AECG



The Indigenous students at Mount View High School had the opportunity to attend the inaugural Sydney Corroboree which was held in the third week of November. Students from Mount View were accompanied by students from Cessnock and Kurri Kurri High Schools. The students had the privilege to visit the Australian Museum which presented a number of displays. One popular display was the weaving demonstration in which the students could actively participate. They were taught how to create a bracelet or necklace. Other displays were Aboriginal artefacts, contemporary Indigenous art and didgeridoo making.



Brock Schofield and Darryl Foster from MVHS along with a student from Kurri Kurri HS engrossed in the weaving demonstration.

All students enjoyed exploring the museum and they were very inquisitive learners. Their behaviour was commendable especially around members of the general public. There were a lot of very small children at the museum on the day and I was proud to see our students assisting these small children when they tried to access some of the hands-on displays.



Yasmyne Smith and Samantha Bayliss exploring the Australia's First Peoples exhibition



Patrick Smith examining one of the contemporary Indigenous art works on display

Following the museum visit the entire group walked from the museum to the Domain where they enjoyed a relaxing lunch under the trees. After lunch we walked to the Royal Botanical Gardens for an Aboriginal Heritage tour. This was a lesson on bush tucker and the use of tools and weapons. The students from all three schools participated eagerly in this lesson and some even tasted the examples of bush tucker that were offered. Their facial expressions were interesting.



Students from Mount View, Cessnock and Kurri Kurri High Schools enjoying a Didgeridoo demonstration



Some of the group at the end of a fun day

2013 has been packed with many significant events in which the students have eagerly immersed themselves. The level of involvement by Indigenous students has grown steadily as the year has progressed. We, at Mount View High School, look forward to 2014 being a continuance of this enthusiasm as it provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in different aspects of their culture. In addition, it educates the whole school body about Australia's Indigenous culture.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St. Joseph's Parish Cessnock 2014 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 5th FEBRUARY 2014

Details required are: Child's Name/Age/Contact Number/Parish of Baptism

ENROLMENT MEETING (parents only)
WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2014

COMMITMENT MASS (6pm)
SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2014

Meeting dates to be advised

Miss Cessnock Show Girl Competition

Incorporating the Miss Junior Showgirl
and the Little Miss Showgirl Competition

Miss Showgirl - 18-24 Years
Miss Junior Showgirl - 8-17 years
Little Miss Showgirl - 5-7 Years



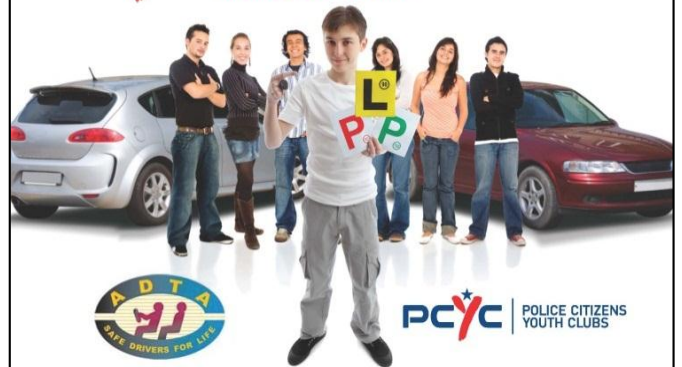
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