

The View

Mount View High School's Newsletter

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2013 EVENT CALENDER

Mon 12 th Aug	· Jnr AECG meeting at MVHS
Tue 13 th Aug	· Beacon BBQ with the Boys at MVHS
	· Captains Induction
Wed 14 th Aug	· P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Mon 19 th Aug	· AECG meeting at Nulkaba
Tue 20 th Aug	· Beacon Polish Workshop at Cessnock Supporters Club for Yr10 careers class
Tue 27 th Aug	· Final Immunisation day for Yr7 & Yr9 students
	· CAPA Graduation
Wed 28 th Aug	· Beacon Polish Workshop at Cessnock Supporters Club for Yr10 careers class
Fri 30 th Aug	· Father's Day Breakfast 8am
	· "Ivy Day" – out of uniform
Tue 3 rd Sep	· Maths Fun Day at MVHS for Feeder Primary schools
Thur 5 th Sep	· State Athletics at Homebush
Fri 6 th Sep	· State Athletics at Homebush
Wed 11 th to Fri 13 th Sep	· Cultural Camp at Wollombi for Indigenous Students
Fri 13 th Sep	· Yr7 Gala Day
Mon 16 th to Wed 18 th Sep	· Yr11 Crossroads Camp
Fri 20 th Sep	· Yr12 Graduation

FACULTY LEADERS

English Philip Jenkins	PD/H/PE Sue Ford
Maths Andrew Gill	TAS Grahame Chamberlain
Science Natalie Death	Welfare Julie Myers
Social Science Bruce Deer	Administration 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

Each day there is so much happening at our school to add to the richness of teaching and learning in the classroom, and so much to be celebrated!

Education Week Awards

In Education Week the efforts and achievements of many were recognised at the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools' (CCGPS) Education Week Reception held at Mount View High School. This year awards were presented to the following persons or programs from our school:

Excellence in Student Achievement

Taylah Dalton – for excellent contribution to the musical, MADD night and creative arts programs, particularly in dance

Kasey Williams – for outstanding commitment to her own education and exemplary leadership demonstrated as school captain

Excellence in Teaching

Jodie Scheffler – for excellence in teaching through engaging and motivating students to always perform at their best

Ross Levick – for outstanding contribution to students' musical development and to the creative and performing arts

Outstanding Contribution by a Non-teaching Member of Staff

Tania Spruce – for promoting our school in the local community as Community Liaison Officer

Natalie Young – for the development and effective implementation of attendance improvement programs

Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member

Jo Harris – for outstanding contribution and representation of Mount View High School's P&C Association as a dedicated volunteer and parent

School Achievement Award

Agricultural program – for the promotion of learning and career opportunities in Agricultural Studies – accepted by teachers Samantha and Craig Jarrett and Farm Assistant Phillip Dearn

SRC and Senior Leader's Group – for exemplary student-led initiatives to fundraise for, and raise awareness of charitable and humanitarian causes – accepted by students Zac Maloney and Alyse Illiffe

MADD Nights

Our MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) nights were also held during Education Week and were an outstanding celebration of our students' and staff's talents. Together with guest performances from "Fortunate" of X Factor fame, the audience was treated to polished and inspirational performances. MADD night was well profiled in last week's Cessnock Advertiser and congratulations are extended to all who were involved in such an outstanding production.

National Award – Mrs Rebecca Rounsley

Also in last week's local newspaper (cover page) was news of Mrs Rounsley's national award for her program in financial literacy from the Commonwealth Bank Foundation. Mrs Rounsley was appointed to Mount View High School this year and has developed the financial literacy program working with students who have learning difficulties. The win has enabled Mrs Rounsley to purchase additional resources to expand the financial literacy program even further.

Leo Club

Students and staff at Mount View High School have a long-standing tradition of service to the community and of raising awareness of charitable and humanitarian causes. This was recognised at the recent Education Week Reception as outlined previously. I am so proud now to announce that a Leo Club has been formed at our school under the sponsorship of Cessnock Lions Club. The Leo Club will further promote service activities throughout the community and will develop in its members the individual qualities of leadership, experience and opportunity.

Encouraging Student Voice

I am very keen to provide opportunities for students in our school to have a say in what happens in their classrooms and in the wider activities and opportunities of the school. As such, I am delighted that our school has been selected to participate in a Department of Education and Communities pilot of the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/surveys/ttfm-parents>

The survey will provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is anonymous and students cannot be identified by their responses. The survey is conducted online and will take around 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 19 August and 6 September.

An information sheet and consent form about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Wednesday 14th August.

Reading for Meaning

Earlier this year our school received substantial funding under an Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership grant. The funding is being used in several ways to further improve our students' literacy outcomes. One of these is a whole staff commitment to undergoing significant professional learning in how we can best help students comprehend what it is that they are reading (visual and written texts) in each of their classes. I applaud the staff for their commitment in this regard and I am confident that the strategies that they are learning will be of huge benefit to our students.

P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th August commencing at 6:30pm in the Common Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Mr Peter Conroy - Yrs 7/9/11

Year 11 Subjects

A number of students have enquired about dropping subjects for the HSC year. This process will occur at the end of the second week of Term 4. It is important that all students complete all of their Year 11 subjects so that options for Year 12 are maintained. Students should not let their work rate slip thinking that they will drop out of a subject and then not be eligible to drop units because they have not gained a Preliminary Certificate.

Monitoring Folders

Some parents will receive letters about their students explaining that a monitoring folder has been used. This is quite a common process at the school and is used in a variety of classes. Pleasingly the folder normally indicates that the majority of students are working very well and this results in many letters of praise being sent. The folder is commonly used in Years 7 and 8 and gives the school some insight into the period by period needs of all the students. If you are concerned about the process, please contact the relevant year adviser.

Aboriginal Education

A highly successful Aboriginal Health Quest day was held at Mount View High School on Wednesday 24th July. Students from MVHS joined students from Cessnock High School, Kurri Kurri High School and students from our partner primary schools. Visitors came from essential services such as the Ambulance service and also from Hunter New England Health. The response from the students was excellent with many saying that they learnt a considerable amount from the day.

In the next few weeks we hope to be actively involved in the 'Close The Gap' Rugby League match involving the Knights and the Storm and we also hope to organise the Cultural Camp which will be held from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September 2013.

The next AECG meeting will be held at 4pm at Nulkaba PS on Monday 19th August 2013.

I strongly encourage parents to be involved in all of these meetings and activities.

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

ATTENDANCE

Make Each Day Count!

During Education Week the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) announced the launch of its campaign aimed at improving student attendance.

The intention of this proactive initiative is to work collaboratively with students, parents, staff and community, across all Cessnock public schools to develop and foster a shared commitment to improving attendance.



Standing L - R: Kasey Williams, Nathan Blackburn, Samantha Hayes
Seated L - R: Madelyn Parsons, Ella-Rose Hugo

"Each of our schools you will soon begin to promote a consistent message. That message is to "Make Each Day Count", said Desley Pfeffer, Leader of The CCGPS Wellbeing Team and Principal of Mount View High School. "There is considerable evidence which shows clearly, that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. It unquestionably shows that 'turn up = grades up.' "

Each of the 16 schools have begun implementation of a new data accountability tool which enables schools to track the attendance of each student more effectively and strategically. The schools believe this ability to consistently monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance will benefit both the safety and the achievement levels of students.

"As a group of schools we are committed to making student attendance a 'big deal.' In doing so, we plan to provide consistent messages to our school communities about attendance, and employ strategies including working with students and parents, a 'no-tolerance' approach to unexplained absences, and the introduction of incentive and reward programs, to meet an attendance improvement target across our group of schools" said Desley.

"CCGPS will continue to focus on the provision of quality teaching and support for student wellbeing and we hope that by involving students in better understanding their own attendance rates and garnering the support of the community, we can create a sustainable trend for improved attendance to "Make Each Day Count", said Desley.

(Article courtesy of The Cessnock Advertiser)

Attendance League

The Attendance League ran for the whole of Term 2 with some amazing results. Most students have put in a great effort towards individual results and giving their class a chance to win.

Attendance League has been designed to give students an incentive to come to school and make it fun, competing against others as individuals and as a group. How does the attendance league work? An individual student who has 100% attendance at the end of each month receives a ticket to put in the draw. At the end of the term a ticket is drawn and this student wins.

Tickets are given out monthly so as to make it fair as some students do get sick within a month so this way they get another chance the following month. The Class League runs on a point system with all classes receiving points at the end of each week for 90% to 100% Attendance Points range from 1 point to 5 points. At the end of the term the class with the most points wins. The most improved individual winner results come from their % at the end of one term to the % at the end of the following term.

Results for Attendance League in Term 2 are:

100% Attendance Winner was Parinya Kesornbua winning a \$50 Big W voucher and a Gold privileges card.

Most Improved Winner was Sam Jordan with an improvement of over 10% on his attendance rate in Term 1.

The Overall Winner in the class attendance on 16 points was 7Cocoa4 who had a 99% attendance in week 8 alone. These students got to enjoy a Pizza Party for lunch for their efforts.

In second place on 14 points was 7Cocoa5 and they got to enjoy a Munchies hamper.

The winner of the class with most explained absences was a tie between 9Mango1 and the MC class who both also got to enjoy Munchies hampers.

School Attendance and Appointments

The school operating hours of 8.30am to 3pm are important learning and development times for your child. Please take this into consideration when scheduling medical and dental appointments.

School holidays and after school are ideal times to schedule routine appointments and check-ups. Missing part days may involve missing complete lessons in some areas and impact on the continuity in your child's learning. If an appointment cannot be made outside of school hours, please consider returning your child to school (provided they are healthy enough) so as to minimise the impact of being absent.

Thursday sport afternoons appear to be a preferred time for families to make these types of appointments but please remember that all students must attend a minimum of 80 to 120 hours per week of school sport as a Department of Education and Communities requirement. Further information regarding this can be accessed via the following link.

www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/curriculum/policystandards161006.pdf

School sport is an important part of the Mount View High School routine and participation in it is considered crucial to the social and physical development of our students. It appears from our data that students have weekly or fortnightly appointments in this time and they are at risk of not gaining the required hours and benefits.

Leaving School Without Permission

It has come to our knowledge that students have left the school grounds with family members and friends without the school's knowledge or permission. Of particular concern is Thursday afternoon during sport time. As you can imagine this is highly concerning as knowledge of the student's whereabouts between the hours of 8.30am and 3pm is a legal requirement of the school.

If you or your representative, need to collect your child without prior notice at any time during the school's operating hours, they must be signed out via the Sick Bay or Attendance Office. The school will then have an accurate record of the whereabouts of your child and can ensure their safety. Students who leave the school premises without permission are considered Truant and are placed on attendance monitoring provisions regardless of who they are with.

MATHS FACULTY

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 1st August 2013, 147 Mount View High students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Approximately half a million students across Australian and South Pacific school compete in this annual competition which aims to create, encourage and sustain interest in the study of mathematics amongst secondary students.

The competition consisted of a:

Junior Division – Year 7 and 8

Intermediate Division – Year 9 and 10

Senior Division – Year 11 and 12

Students will receive certificates of participation, credit, distinction or high distinction depending on their submission, early next term.

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 competed and we would like to give special thanks to 7M, 7T, 8M and 8T students for competing as whole classes. This makes it

possible to cover the competition with staff members in the hall; otherwise it would not be possible to run the competition at all.

If students still have not paid their registration fee of \$5, can they please pay it at the front office by Friday 16th August.

Year 7: Zoo Project

Year 7 are currently completing their Zoo projects in their mathematics classes. The first assessment task is due at the moment. They are to research different types of animals for their zoo and complete graphs on their food requirements, habitat and climatic conditions.

CAPA SUCCESS

MADD 2013

Congratulations to all the Music, Art, Dance and Drama students who participated in our MADD concert in Education Week. It was a wonderful show supported by guest artist 'Fortunate' who were an inspiration and motivation to our students.

Dancers:

Maiya Ambrum	Madeleine Lantry
Breehanna Banks	Abbey Laybutt
Kaniesha Blandon	Victoria Ling
Caitlin Bowie	Meg Mitchell
Emma Brown	Starla Moore
Tahlia Brydon	Montana Phillips
Rochelle Carr	Molly Rayward
Sarah Clarke	Tahnee Redman
Shelby Craig	Nydelle Reid
Eliza Culley	Jessica Ritchie
Claudia Dalton	Sarah Richardson
Taylah Dalton	Chloe Rolls
Lindsay Daniel	Sophie Russell
Sarah Dehn	Elyssia Sams
Ethan Dodds	Mariah Saunders
Tamara Dixon	Emma Shearer
Katelin Divall	Elizabeth Smith
Taylah Divall	Monique Smith
Louise Fawcett	Carly Snowden
Shanae Freeman	Meg Stacey
Samantha Gallegos	Breanna Teasdale
Ebonee Gane	Paige Trowbridge
Emma Hall	Sarah Westling
Sidnee Harris	Maigan Willson
Jasmine Hewitt	Olivia Witherspoon
Layla Howe	Meg Wrightson
Michaela Holden	Grace Younger

Ashleigh Johnson
Sharmain Jones
Chloe Kirk

Musicians/Crew:

Georgia Bailey
Chloe Brown
Marnie Bullen
Maddie Burgess
Chantelle Jones
Maxine Chapman
Sharleen Clarke,
Kaitlin Earl
Railey Fishburn
Zoe Fitzgerald
Bailey Gillett
James Harman
Sydney Harris
Caitlin Ivan
Mikayla Johnson
Ben Lane
Keeleigh Luiting
Nic Markwort
Phoebe Metcalfe

Jessica York

Zac Moloney
Wylie Neville
Jye Nightingale
Cassie Oakley
Bryce Parker
Mackenzie Pringle
Tea Robinson
Jacob Roland-Batty
Patrick Smith
Yasmyne Smith
Sam Solomon
Haidyn Stafford
Alan Tull
Kayli Van Vliet Moss
Storm Walton-Clare
Bailey Watts
Meighan Winchester
Laura Zeinert

Eliza Mackenzie
Lucy Neville
Monique Smith
Sophie Stephenson
Olivia Hancock
Georga Scott
Emily Simon
Patrick Bacon
Thanawan Boonnam
Sarah Dehn
Zoe Fitzgerald
Jamie-Lee Fullick
Sarah Gallen
Delicia Imbornone

Erin Mitchell
Taya Needham
Maddison Nikora
Clair O'Brien
Alicia Piper
Jaiden Lombardi
Jordan Newland
Montana Phillips
Mark Pilcher
Meighan Winchester
Riley Burdett
Louise Fawcett
Jordon Greedy
Carley Selby

Drama Year 9 & 11:

Mikayla Abel
Alex Annand
Breehanna Banks
Justin Bradley
Riley Clough
Dean Cook
Dahnley Crossie
Ally Crossley
Maddison Crump
Damon Dawson
Ben Fazio
Ethan George
Sidnee Harris
Jasmine Hewitt
Layla Howel
Patrick Kermode
Nick Markwart

Meg Mitchell
Kate Moore
Jessica Ritchie
Geordie Russell
Emily Slee
Dylan Sneddon
Page Taufel
Andrew Thomas
Lilian Tregenza
Emma-Lee Wadley
Jack Walker
Logan Wrightson
Tanya Harris
Raquel King
Kirrily Moore
Courtney Radnidge
Emily Westling

Art Year 7 & 10:

7art1
7art2
7art3
7art4
7art5
7art6
7art7
7art8
7art9
Chloe Brown
Sarah Donn
Carrie Kirk Marselos

Madeline Harrison
Madeline Lantry
Victoria Ling
Jaide McLawrence
Rachel Morgan
Dee Templeton
Scott Annetts
Olivia Cussen
Ainsley Davies
Natalia Dempsey
Bria Lee Hatch
Jessica Madden

Guitar Examinations

Congratulations to Andrew Solomon (Year 11) and Ryan Forrest (Year 7) who successfully completed their external examinations in 5th and 3rd grade guitar under the tuition of Tristan Bradley.



Japanese Etegami Competition

Every Year in August, Yu-Net Service in Yokohama Japan hosts this event to promote the picture letter culture and to foster the communication skill and ability for students across the world. Thank you to Mrs McNeill and Ms Freeman who entered Japanese postcards from their Year 7 and Year 10 classes. This year **Baylee Gerrard** of Year 7 has won an Honourable Mention! The Award ceremony will be held in Tokyo on the 24th August and then a supplementary prize will be forwarded to Baylee. Congratulations!



AGRICULTURE

Catching Up On The Farm

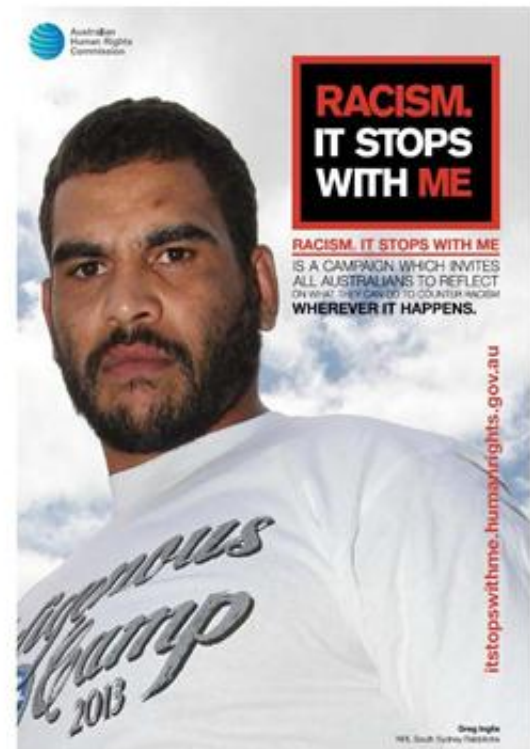
Over the past term and a half we have been flat out on the school's AG farm in all years and wanted to share some of the stories and successes of our students.

Year 8: These classes have just swapped programs from either gardening to animals, or vice versa. Students all get the opportunity to grow a vegetable garden with friends and eat the fresh produce at the end of term. Some parents were lucky enough last term to receive special presents sent home in lunch boxes. Sorry to the rest of the mums and dads, but there were a lot of students who couldn't wait to eat their produce straight from the dirt. I doubt that there will be many of you getting your students to eat radishes in the near future. Very few students could keep a straight face and eat a whole one. For students just finishing the animal topic, they have had the pleasure of watching the dairy calves grow and helped out with the feeding rosters. If your student is just starting the animal topic, unfortunately the calves have headed home, but there are new ducklings and yabbies taking up residence on the farm this term.

Year 9: Term 2 was very full on for both Year 9 classes with the Cows Create Careers project in full swing. Most students were eager to fill up the feeding roster, even on weekends which we appreciate very much. Thank you parents and families, who came in and met us, fed the calves and made the experience enjoyable for both us and their students. Family involvement makes our program worthwhile here at Mount View. Apart from lots of feeding, cleaning and grooming, the students also participated in a nationwide competition about dairy cattle which included making a three minute video. Mount View competes in the Hunter/Central Coast section against approximately 10 other schools. I would like to formally congratulate the four teams selected from our classes for their efforts. They have taken out the top prize as overall school winners for the Hunter/Central Coast region. Apart from a fun day out to be a part of the presentations, these students have won a \$500 cheque for our school's AG department. This money will now make it possible for us to buy more sheep next year as the students enter Year 10.

Well done to all students involved.

STUDENT WELLBEING



Mount View High is an Anti-Racist school

Report all forms of Racism

Teachers, Year Advisers, Head Teachers, Deputies and the
Principal can all help you.

Anti-Racism Contact Officer -Ms E Alder 49902566 ext 122

Being Cyber Smart

As a part of our commitment to the education of our students and families about the use of technology, the following article from the Cyber Smart website and link below provide another look at keeping safe online. Cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and 'sexting' are all a part of the online world our children live in.

Please take the time to read through both and discuss them with your children. You're in control:

- *How would you define your digital life?*
- *Are you out there, sharing everything with the world?*
- *Or do you set rules for yourself about the type of information you make public?*
- *How careful are you in choosing who you speak to online?*

Remembering these key tips will help you keep control online, both now and into the future.

- *Keep your personal details private. Don't post*

information about yourself that strangers might read, and don't share your password with anyone at all.

- *Think twice about what you say and post. Don't post anything you don't want others to see or know about.*
- *Remember – it's forever. Posts on the internet can remain there for a long time and might be read by future employers, partners and even your own children!*
- *Respect your friends. Be a good friend, and treat them as you would like to be treated.*

Unfortunately there are an increasing number of media reports which have involved **grooming young girls and boys** by older members of the public via social networking sites. Please be vigilant and take proactive steps to monitor who your children are contacting and the content of the messages. Often 'faceless' interaction creates situations which may not occur in reality IF the same comments were made face to face.

Got yourself into a situation and not sure what to do? Try the following link for some advice:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Teens/How%20do%20I%20deal%20with.aspx>

During Week 4 every student in Year 8 has participated in Cyber Safety workshops at school, with each student receiving a 2 hour Cyber Smart certificate. These workshops were about raising awareness of cyber safety. As always, if there is something the school needs to know about, please contact your child's Year Advisor or Julie Myers - Head Teacher Welfare.

Head Lice

There have been reports of an increase in cases of head lice in the lower Hunter region. The following information is from the NSW Department of Education and Communities:

1. The facts

- Head lice infestations are a common occurrence.
- About 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time.
- Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is.
- Head lice move from one person's head to another via hair.
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head.
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet.
- Head lice have built up some resistance to head lice

treatments.

2. Treatment

- Daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits).

3. Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

It is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- Regularly check your children's hair.
- Teach older children to check their own hair.
- Tie back and braid long hair.
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Student HPV Immunisations

2013 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR YR 7 & YR 9 STUDENTS

Final Visit – Tuesday 27th August 2013

The following vaccines will be administered as well as any catch up dosages:

- Hep B vaccine for all Year 7 students final dosage
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for all Year 7 students & Year 9 male students final dosage

Catch up dosages for those students who missed out earlier this year:

- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all Year 7 students
- dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis – whooping cough vaccine for all Year 7 students

It is really important that parents ensure that their child has eaten breakfast the morning of immunisations. We had a number of instances where students fainted as a result of not eating or drinking the morning of immunisations. Also if your child is absent and/or misses being vaccinated, a catch-up will be offered where applicable at this visit.

If your child has not received the full dosage schedule, parents will receive a letter from the NSW Health team to advise that they need to follow up missing vaccines at their doctors.

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

We recognise that some students missed the first (and second) opportunity to commence immunisation at school for HPV vaccination. Three doses of this vaccine are required to provide optimal protection. If parents/carers wish we can start the course for students who missed out on the first dose/s this year during the next clinic visit to the school. The course can be completed during the first visit/s next year while they are in year 8.

Free HPV Vaccine

The Ministry of Health has made available free HPV vaccine for 15 year old males in Year 10 via their local

doctor. **Gardisal is free for 15 year old boys in Year 10.** It is only available through general practice this year for these boys. Further information can be obtained from: <http://www.hpvvaccine.org.au/>

National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure.

Girls in Years 7 and 9 have been given a brochure to help make parents of schoolgirls aware of the outward signs of scoliosis. After reading the brochure if you think your child may have this condition, please consult with your family doctor.

Student Medical Forms

Revised medical forms were posted at the beginning of this term to families of students who we are aware have a severe medical condition. It is extremely important that the school has an updated copy of our students' medical conditions on file. Parents who have already received a copy of the Student Medical Form are asked to return it to the Administration Office by Friday 16th August.

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

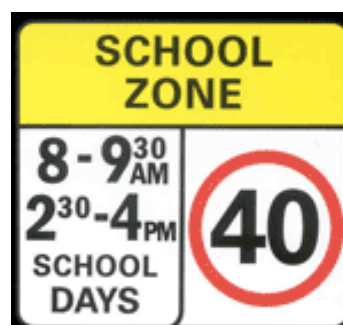
If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do. The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

SchoolZone Patrols

"keep your kids safe, park in the right place"



Parent and teachers are reminded that the rangers will be out in force throughout Cessnock to ensure all drivers are parked legally in school zones. Cessnock City Council rangers are reminding all drivers of school children to park safely when transporting their children to and from school. To improve the safety of our children, penalties for many traffic and parking offences in school zones increased.

Driving and Parking offences in school zones carry higher penalties and also include demerit points. They apply during school zone operational hours of **8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm**. A ranger or authorised officer only has to site a vehicle offence in a school zone to issue a fine to the registered owner of the offending vehicle.

The below offences apply for drivers illegally parked in school zones:

School Zone Offences	Fine	Demerit Points
Stop on/near Pedestrian Crossing – school zone	\$397	2
Stop on/near Children's Crossing – school zone	\$397	2
Stop on/near marked foot crossing – school zone	\$397	2
Disobey No Stopping Sign – school zone	\$298	2
Stop on/near Bus Stop – school zone	\$298	2
Disobey no parking sign – school zone	\$165	2
Stop in Bus Zone – school zone	\$298	2
Double Park – school zone	\$298	2
Stop on path/strip in built up area – school zone	\$165	2
Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land	\$165	2

For more information in relation to parking in School Zones and other parking offences go to the Roads and Maritimes Services website www.rms.nsw.gov.au or contact the Cessnock City Council Customer Service on 49934100.

SENIOR LEADERS

The Senior Leaders have a busy month with fundraising and change over to a new team. Our Year 11 candidates underwent interviews recently and gave their election speech in front of staff and their peers of Year 10 and Year 11. Votes were counted and congratulations are extended to:

Captains 2013-2014

Jordan O'Brien & Kelsey Harvey



Vice Captains 2013-2014

Murray Thompson & Imogen Tregenza



The following will be our new Year 11 Senior Leader Team for 2013-2014:

Madeline Burgess

Cobi Eade

Brittney-Lee McCarthy

Caitlin Ivan

Phoebe Metcalfe

Charlotte Roberts

Maxine Chapman

Brock Sneesby

Chantelle Jones

Kaitlin Earl

Brendon Gamble

Jack Morris

Claire Taylor

Dannielle Murrell

Melissa King

Ainslie Griffin

Our Year 10 Senior Leader Team is currently under review and will be announced prior to the Senior Leader Induction Day on Tuesday 13th August.

NSW Parkinsons Unity Walk



Mount View High School is once again attending the NSW Parkinsons Unity Walk at Sydney Olympic Park, on Sunday 25th August 2013

It is a family day out and we will be doing the 4km walk through the parklands and walking in honour of Phil Papworth (former principal of MVHS) and for Coalfields' Parkinsons.



Ex student Brooke Thompson, Former MVHS Principal Phil Papworth, Ilze Papworth, Deputy Principal Peter Conroy

We will be leaving Mount View High at the bus bay at 7:30am and will be travelling with Rover Coaches, who have generously donated a coach and driver for the day.

Students, family, parents, former students and friends are more than welcome to join us for the day. After the walk we will be having a picnic lunch in the park. Students can bring their own lunch or there are plenty of stalls and markets to purchase food and goods, along with amusement rides and entertainment. We should be leaving Sydney Olympic Park about 2:30 – 3pm so arrival back at MVHS should be approximately 5pm.

Registration cost is \$25 per person which is given to NSW Parkinsons as a donation. This can be paid at the school's front office. RSVP 16th August 2013.



A BIG THANK YOU to ROVERS COACHES for their kind donation of a coach and driver. We are now able to donate an extra \$1000 to NSW Parkinsons.

Team Ivy Day – Friday 30th August 2013

The Senior Leadership Team are once again organising TEAM IVY Day with the help of the Tregenza Family. Last year we were able to raise over \$4500 which helped launched the new program of “Beads for Bravery” at the John Hunter Children’s Hospital. Ivy suffers from Immune Deficiency Syndrome and most of her time is spent in hospital. She is also the face of the Starlight Foundation and Red Cross, with her having constant blood transfusions. We hope to continue our support and brighten her day with it being an **out-of-uniform day with the theme being “Fairies and Super Heroes”**.

Students will be asked to donate a gold coin and there will be various fundraising stalls on the day. Please encourage our students to support such a worthwhile cause.

Mount View’s Leo Club

Students from Mount View High were approached by Cessnock Lions Club and Mr Ian Anderson (a former Principal of MVHS) to start a Leos Club in our community. We are proud that it has come to fruition and 20 of our students were inducted in the Mount View Leos Club on Wednesday night 7th August 2013. It is one of only a few Leo Clubs in the district and it is unique in being a school based club.

The Charter Night was a dinner in the school hall, which students, staff, parents and Cessnock Lions as guests and our principal Ms Desley Pfeffer attended. Ian Anderson hosted the proceedings of the night with Clayton Barr our Local State Member as the guest speaker. The meal was prepared by Ms Triggs, Mrs Winstanley and the Year 11 Hospitality students and we were thoroughly entertained by our own Mount

View High Jazz band comprising of Mr Levick, Jacob Roland-Batty (a new Leo) and Bryce Parker. A big thank you to all those mentioned for your outstanding efforts and for making this night such a success.



Installation of Leo Club Members are:

Connor Garred	Brendon Gamble
Jacob Roland-Batty	Murray Thompson
Charlotte Roberts	Chantelle Jones
Brock Sneesby	Claire Taylor
Ainslie Griffin	Caitlin Ivan
Kirra Moore	Jack Morris
Emily Hall	

Board Members:

Anthony Dixon
Thomas Wiese
Maxine Chapman

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BEACON NEWS

2013 Beacon Student Ambassadors

At the end of last year we asked if any Year 9 students were interested in being a Beacon Student Ambassador and in consultation with the Year Advisor a small group of students were selected at the beginning of this year to represent their year group as Student Ambassadors. The group of students attended a training day at Beresfield Bowling Club earlier in Term 1 where they had a chance to meet other new BSA's from surrounding schools.

Beacon Student Ambassadors (BSAs) provide a link to the school and running of the Beacon program within the school and community. BSA's are involved in work experience, organising, preparing and hosting events and have many opportunities for self-development through Beacon workshops.

Introducing our 2013 Year 10 Beacon Student Ambassador Team. Congratulations **Sophie O'Brien, Delicia Imbornone, Isabella Sumner, Banjo Major and Sam Soloman.**

Business Lunch & Charter Signing Ceremony



At the end of last term the 2013 Beacon Student Ambassador team hosted a Business Lunch held in the school library and attended by organisations and businesses that support Mount View High School. The Business Lunch was a way of saying thanks to these businesses for their ongoing support and to introduce the Beacon Foundation and the programs within the school available to our Year 10 students. Guests were fed delicious food catered and served by our talented students within the hospitality department. Entertainment was provided by the school jazz band. Our Beacon Student Ambassador Team were presented with badges in a short presentation by Dyan

Thais of the Beacon Foundation. Guests were then invited to move to the hall where the BSA team hosted a Charter Signing Ceremony where our Year 10 students signed a pledge board acknowledging their commitment to pursue further learning, training or full time employment to achieve the best for their future. Our Year 9 students were invited to attend and had the opportunity to see what being a Beacon Student Ambassador is about. Guest speaker Kane Bradley of LJ Hooker Real Estate, spoke about his journey beginning as an ex-student of Mount View High School through the path he has carved and the opportunities and hard work he has undertaken through to his personal success in the business world.

Our Beacon Student Ambassadors would like to thank our special guests, parents, friends, Beacon corporate partners and members of the local business community for attending the business lunch and charter signing ceremony.



Community Sponsorship for 'Polish'

Mount View High School was fortunate to receive generous sponsorship from the local business community which will enable us to run a couple of Polish workshops this term. The workshops give our students the opportunity to prepare for their careers through personal presentation and communication training by giving students the skills to conduct themselves appropriately when entering the world of work and by understanding employer expectations. Mount View High School would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contribution to Beacons 'Polish' program.



Year 10 Mini Business Blackboard Session

During last term's careers week, we were wanting to give the students who did not attend the careers excursion some sort of careers focus whilst they were at school and decided to hold a business blackboard session. Business Blackboard is a Beacon program wherein businesses volunteer to participate as a presenter in the classroom to share their knowledge with students, making real life connections to the school curriculum.



The Year 10 students who remained at school heard from Jonea Owen of Castle Personnel, Peter Giannopoulos of Cessnock City Council and Kane Bradley of LJ Hooker Maitland about how Maths and English play an important part of their day to day job. A huge thank you to our special guest speakers for taking the time out of their busy day and contributing to our Mini Business Blackboard Session. We greatly appreciate the time they took to help motivate and inspire our students.

Year 10 Beacon Mini Speed Careering

Also during the week of the Year 10 careers excursion, our Year 10 students participated in a Mini Speed Careering Day where nine businesses had a representative speak to the students about who they were, what business they were representing, the types of jobs within their organisation, qualifications needed and what they look for when employing staff. Students were split into 9 small groups and moved around each station every 5 minutes.

A huge thank you to Sage of Anytime Fitness Cessnock, Erol of Cessnock Tafe, Tegan of LJ Hooker Cessnock, Nicole of Bunnings Cessnock, Adam of Motor Traders Association, Bronwyn of HIA, Melissa of Sign Style and Stephanie of RSPCA.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Term 2 Middle School Program

At the end of Term 2 approximately 50 students from our partner primary schools and their parents attended the end of term presentation and afternoon tea at the school where they were welcomed by our National Partnerships Coordinator Mrs Jeffery.

Students were presented with a certificate for completion of the Middle School Program and had the chance to speak about what they have been doing and showcase their wonderful project work.

During Term 2 students participated in Dance, Visual Arts, Textiles and Formula One Racing. Thank you to our teachers Miss Callinan, Mrs Willis, Mrs Scheffler and Mr Teys who taught the students about subjects they are passionate about during sport afternoons every week. A special mention is also extended to our student mentors who assisted Miss Callinan in the dance program.

We look forward to welcoming the new lot of primary school students in Term 3.



Middle School Visual Arts Participants



Middle School Dance Participants



Middle School Formula One Racing Participants



Middle School Textiles Participants



Mr Les Elvin, Kylie Pratt (CatholicCare), Desley Pfeffer (Principal MVHS), Lochlan Miller Yr 7 and Mr Peter Conroy (Deputy Principal MVHS)



Artwork created by Piper Bolsover, Yr7

AMAROOKOBA NEWS

By Members of the Junior AECG



Welcome to the first edition of the Amarookoba News. The intention of this column is to inform about and celebrate the activities of the indigenous students at Mount View High School.

All indigenous students from MVHS were invited to participate with their families in an art program, with nine students accepting the offer. The Indigenous Art & Culture Program was funded by CatholicCare and facilitated by Les Elvin. Many fabulous art works were produced and exhibited at the Cessnock City Library during NAIDOC week.

Our school celebrated NAIDOC Week 2013 during the last week of term two. On the Monday a whole school assembly was held and hosted by Kaitlin Earl, the President of the Junior AECG at MVHS. This assembly included a smoking ceremony conducted by Maurice Perry. The Welcome to Country was delivered by Samantha Bayliss and our special guest on the day was Mrs Sonia Sharpe, the President of the Cessnock local AECG. Students displayed the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags and spoke about their significance.

A recently formed MVHS Indigenous dance group performed a traditional Aboriginal dance during the ceremony. The members of this group would like to thank Miss Chantel Roberts for her tuition and contribution to their performance. Further thanks go to Ms Triggs and the Hospitality students who cooked and served a barbecue featuring 'Bush Tucker' sausage sandwiches to the whole school following the assembly.



Students involved in the NAIDOC Ceremony with Mrs Sonia Sharpe (President of AECG), Mr Craig Jarrett (Teacher MVHS) and Maurice Perry (Smoking Ceremony/Didgeridoo)

Term two culminated with a Year 7 Cultural Immersion day featuring five groups. These activity groups were art, cooking, timelines, dreamtime stories plus boomerang throwing and dance. Art work created on the day was displayed during the MADD night performances. In addition, a school banner was created by Kaitlin Earl, staff and students and this banner will be proudly displayed at an upcoming Knight's game. Following the game the banner will be on display in the school. We would like to thank Mr Adam Dryley, who participated on the day by demonstrating aspects of his culture to the students.

A group of students and their parents have been invited to attend the Knight's Close the Gap round match on Sunday 18th August, 2013. The students who have been invited were selected due to their consistent contributions at school events celebrating their indigenous culture. The banner created at the cultural immersion day will be paraded around the Knight's stadium by these students during the half time break. This game will be fully televised on NBN for everyone to enjoy.



Finally, two of our Year 9 students Mariah Saunders and Caitlin Owen participated in a program called

PhotoVoice. The girls attended a workshop at Koe-nara which is located at Cessnock Public school. As a part of this program the girls photographed the NAIDOC ceremony and these photos will be part of an exhibition later this year at Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

Will you be in Year 11 or 12 in 2014 and think a \$2,000 scholarship would help your studies?

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Authorised by PMD, NSW Electoral Office, Queensland Electoral Commission, Western Australia Electoral Commission, ACT Electoral Commission

LOST PROPERTY

The administration office has numerous lost property items including keys, jewelry, wallet and lots of unclaimed clothing. If your child has lost any items they can see the ladies in the administration office either before school, at recess or lunch.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOU'RE INVITED

FATHER'S DAY



ALL STUDENTS & THEIR DADS, STEPDADS, POPS, UNCLES AND MALE CARERS

As part of our Father's Day celebrations Mount View High School would like to invite you to a BBQ breakfast

**Friday 30th August 2013
8am - 9am
Outside MVHS school hall**

RSVP 28th August
by calling the school on 49902566 or
email tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au


We hope you can join us!



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From the 31st of July - 4th of September
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EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2- 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

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