# The View

Mount View High School's Newsletter

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# **EVENT CALENDER**

	Man 40 <sup>th</sup>	
Wk 6	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> –	<ul> <li>Yr8 Science ESSA On Line exam</li> </ul>
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul> <li>Yr7 Cybersafety workshop</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Yr9 English Assessment in class</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>MC class excursion to Loxford</li> </ul>
	11-	Chicken Hatchery Kurri
	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul> <li>Yr6 Jump Start Program session 1</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Yr9 Career Quest in school hall</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Sistaspeak excursion to Broke for</li> </ul>
		indigenous Yr7 & Yr8 girls
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<ul> <li>Tuning into Teens parent workshop</li> </ul>
		MVHS common room 1pm-3pm
		<ul> <li>P &amp; C meeting in common room at</li> </ul>
		6.30pm
	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	· Effie O'Neill debate
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	· Yr8 & Yr9 Excursion to Luna Park
		· Newcastle Uni Aim High mentoring
		program at for selected Yr8 girls
Wk 7	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri	· Yr7 Lifesaving Program at Cessnock
	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Pool & Newcastle Beach/Baths
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	· Netball Gala Day at Cessnock
		Netball courts
		· Cricket Gala Day at Maitland
		· Tuning into Teens parent workshop
		MVHS common room 1pm-3pm
		· Yr12 Formal at Crowne Plaza
	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri	· Senior Leaders Conference in Sydney
	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	
	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	· Yr8 M&T Project 8 interviews
		· Newcastle Uni Aim High mentoring
		program at for selected Yr8 girls
	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	· Jnr AECG fundraising BBQ at
	54122 1107	Bunnings Cessnock
Wk 8	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri	Yr8 Lifesaving Program at Cessnock
VVNO	$28^{\text{th}}$ Nov	Pool and Lambton Pool
	Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yr6 Jump Start Program session 2
		• Tuning into Teens parent workshop
	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MVHS common room 1pm-3pm
	FIIZO NOV	Yr7 M&T Project 7 interviews
		Yr12 Geography field trip to Redhead
	- ond	Beach
Wk 9	Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed	ANSTO/Powerhouse excursion
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Chemistry & Physics
	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Yr6 Orientation Day at MVHS for</li> </ul>
		students accepted in Yr7 2015
		<ul> <li>Tuning into Teens parent workshop</li> </ul>
		MVHS common room 1pm-3pm
	Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Sydney Food Lovers Guide excursion</li> </ul>
		for Yr11 hospitality
	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Yr7H excursion to Maitland Cinema</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>Yr10 Safe partying workshop at MVHS</li> </ul>
Wk 10	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Yr9/10/11 Music Soiree in music &amp; art faculties</li> </ul>
	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul> <li>Yr7 &amp; Yr8 Presentation Day</li> </ul>
	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	· Yr9, Yr10, Yr11 Presentation Day
Wk 11	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	MVHS Student Community     Volunteering
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	· Last day of term

# FACULTY LEADERS

English Melissa Wyper	PD/H/PE Sue Ford
Maths Andrew Gill	TAS RIg Mark Bassett
Science Rlg Natalie Death	Welfare Rlg Tanya Howells
Social Science Rlg Lily Amos	Admin Di Innes
History Lynne Davies	Teach/LearnRlg Rowena Agostino
CAPA Larayne Jeffery	

# **YEAR ADVISERS**

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

# **RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**



# **Mrs Julie Smith**

Congratulations to students and staff who are featured in this month's newsletter, we continue to be extremely proud of students who are representing our school or entering additional competitions.

We now have some breaking news about the F1 in Schools STEM Program (see page 6 of The View). Mr Bassett returned from the competition with the wonderful news that the team has received a wild card entry to compete in the national completion next year! The competition is to be held in Melbourne in conjunction with the Formula One and I'm sure that we will have further news and photographs featured in the December newsletter. Well done boys!



Well done to students who have been sitting for assessments and examinations recently. Staff have been pleased with the effort and diligence displayed by most students during this time. I would like to remind any students who have outstanding work, especially those in Year 10 or Year 11, to complete this and hand it in for marking. The focus should always be upon completing work on time and to the best of your ability.

Mr Conroy and I had the pleasure of accompanying our new captains to the Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The principals and school leaders of other schools in Cessnock and Kurri Kurri were also present to hear about how Mount View High School recognised White Ribbon Day last year. Our last year's boy's Captain, Jordan O'Brien spoke about the Assembly last November where all our senior male students and male staff took the pledge led by Mayor Pynsent to not commit or condone violence against women. This lead is now going to be followed by the other schools, which each of them committing to recognising White Ribbon Day in 2015. White Ribbon Day takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Good luck to students who are competing in the Effie O'Neill debate to be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November and to our senior students who are competing in upcoming the Lions Youth of the Year. I look forward to hearing of your commitment and success!

### **DEPUTIES' REPORTS**

## Mrs Julie Myers – Relieving Deputy Yrs 7/9/11

#### Year 7 Lifesaving Program

Year 7 students will be participating in a lifesaving program at Cessnock Pool next week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Compulsory attendance is required. This program allows students to participate in outdoor activities allowing them the opportunity to build positive relationships with peers and staff.

Some students may have medical issues that do not allow them to swim. Dry activities will be conducted so that all students can participate. It is so important that we foster a positive environment even outside the school setting.

#### Year 11 Subject Changes

Year 11 students have now received their Preliminary reports. Many students have made subject changes eg Advanced English to Standard or have dropped a subject altogether. The Board of Studies requires Year 12 students to study a minimum of 10 units. However, research suggests students who maintain a pattern of 12 units of study perform better in the HSC.

The current Year 12 students who maintained 12 units throughout 2014 took advantage of the Homework Centre and accessed assistance from staff on Tuesday afternoons have performed consistently well throughout the year.

The use of Monday and Tuesday in this way also had the benefit of reducing stress and anxiety and increased time management and organisation skills.

We encourage parents to have conversations with their child around study habits and utilising free time effectively. Staff are more than willing to offer support and guidance in all academic subjects.

#### Mr Peter Conroy – Yrs 8/10/12

#### **Book Return**

As we approach the end of the year it is very important that all students return books and materials. The school does receive a budget for updating resources however this does not extend to an extensive replacement program. Our budget is currently used to assist with the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum. Do not be embarrassed to return resources from previous years, these will be welcome. Most resources, including books, are accessed through the library however, if you are unsure, go to the faculty that owns the resource and they will give you directions on the best place to return any items.

#### Fundraiser

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the Junior AECG group at school will be holding a fundraiser at the local Bunnings store. We will be manning the BBQ all day and would welcome any helpers. We would also hope that lots of people will come along and support the students. All funds raised will be used to support the students as they try to offset the cost of involvement in programs in 2015. We would also like to thank Bunnings for their support; they have been very generous in this instance and also made a number of

other donations to the school throughout the year. Please support this store as they are strong supporters of the school.

#### AECG

The final AECG meeting of the year will be held at Cessnock High School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm. All associated with the Aboriginal community are most welcome to attend.

#### Attendance

All students from Years 7 to 11 are required at school until the final day of the year, this is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The assemblies for all students are in the previous week and then service learning activities will be undertaken in the last week. It should be noted that Year 10 no longer have an earlier leave, their final day is the same as all other years.

Some students will have legitimate reasons for being absent on certain days. A note or other contact is still required up until the end of the year. Students who are absent from the school on any day should only come onto the school grounds via the front office. If work needs to be handed to staff members this should be done at the Front Office, staff will pick it up from there.

#### 2015 Classes and Teachers

While I can understand the desire of students and parents to find out classes and teachers for next year, this information is not available at this point in time. The school is quite happy to release all relevant information when it is finalised but history shows that changes will continue occur until very late in the year and giving incorrect information can often be much more distressing than withholding tentative plans. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

**Disability Provision Applications for** 2015 HSC are NOW OPEN CONTACT MS ALDER FOR MORE INFORMATION Practical Support for Higher School Certificate Examinations Information for Students and Parents ARD OF STEDIES NER SOUTH The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time The use of any provision is not written on the student's results. Students may need provisions for a range of conditions including: · a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods. It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do. To apply for provisions, the school submits an online application to the Board of Studies. This application tells us which provisions the student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments. Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents' role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports. Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations. Once the Board of Studies has made a decision about which provisions are approved or declined, a decision letter is provided to the school. The school will provide the student with a copy of the letter. If you or the school are not satisfied with the Board's decision, it is possible for the school to lodge an appeal. Appeals must state why the Board's decision is unsuitable and must include new evidence to support the appeal.

## P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 starting at 6.30pm all are welcome to attend.

## **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

#### **Uniform Pool**

We are seeking donations of second hand Mount View High School uniforms for our uniform pool, especially girls skirts and boys shorts. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the Administration Office.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

#### Ms Di Innes – Head Teacher Administration



Attendance Questions? Phone 49902566 ext 1 Or call into the Attendance Office

#### **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 type of appointments but please remember that all students must attend a minimum of 80 to 120 minutes 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/curric\_p lan/policystandards161006.pdf

School sport is an important part of the Mount View High School routine and participation in it is considered crucial in 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 attention 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 a 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 to be truanting and are placed on Attendance monitoring provisions regardless of who they are with.

#### YEAR ADVISERS' REPORTS

#### Year 7 Year Adviser Report - Ms Conn

Hello to all parents, guardians and Year 7 students!

Week 5 has been extremely busy for Year 7 students. They have undertaken a variety of assessment tasks and formal exams.



I was extremely impressed with the behaviour and effort of our Year 7 students as they completed these tasks. This will contribute to their Yearly Report.

Over the next few weeks, Year 7 will continue to learn essential knowledge and skills to complete their Year 7 schooling. It is crucial that all students are present in class and working hard until the end of the year so they can move forward with confidence into Year 8.

#### **Upcoming events!**

#### **Cybersafety Seminar**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 7 students will have a Cybersafety seminar with the Police Liaison Officer for Mount View High School. Cybersafety

is extremely important in our increasingly connected world and I urge all students to listen and think hard about the information that will be delivered.

#### **Lifesaving Program**

The 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of November (wk 7) is Year 7 Lifesaving Program. This is compulsory for all Year 7 students to attend. A range of abilities in swimming is



catered for. If your student is unable to swim for medical reasons, dry land activities will be conducted at the pool.

School buses will drop off and pick up students from the pool each day. If your student walk, rides or gets a lift to school they will need to make their own way there and back each day. The week consists of four days at Cessnock Pool and on Friday, the students will go on an excursion to Newcastle Beach to learn about lifesaving. Any inquiries or questions about the arrangements should be directed to Mr Willis in the PE staffroom.

On a personal note I was so proud to seen over half of all Year 7 students receiving Principals awards at our formal assembly in week 4. I also know that there are many there students who have commendations who will be receiving awards at our next ceremony.

Congratulations to those students, it demonstrates your consistent hard work and effort.

Subject	Task No	Task Description	Due
Maths	7	Yearly Exam	Wk5
English	3	Test – Film Techniques	Wk5
Science	5	Yearly Exam	Wk5
Visual Art	2	Critical & Historial Art Exam	Wk5
English	4	Creating a Film Trailer	Wk10

Class teachers will advise students what date the assessment is due.

#### Year 8 Year Adviser Report – Ms Bartlett

#### ESSA Online is coming!

In Week 6 the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on <u>Monday</u> <u>10 November and Tuesday 11 November 2014</u>. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. Students who are away on Monday or Tuesday will have the opportunity to catch up on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The timetable for students is as follow:	s:
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8M	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	81	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Periods 1 & 2		Periods 3 & 4
8T	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	8E	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Periods 1 & 2		Periods 3 & 4
8V	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	8W	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
	Periods 3 & 4		Periods 3 & 4
		8H	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
			Periods 1 & 2

The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline.

While students will not need to bring a pen or pencil they are required <u>headphones or earbuds</u> that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an ipod or portable player are suitable.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2015. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test. You will be invited to complete a parent survey about the test and science learning.

The Science Department is able to provide you with more details about the ESSA program if you require additional information

Subject	Task No	Task Description	Due
Science	5	Yearly Exam	Wk4/ 5
Maths	5	Yearly Exam	Wk5
PDHPE	4	Games Skills Appraisal	Wk5
PDHPE	5	Yearly Exam	Wk5
Music	4	Performing	Wk5
Ag	4	Yearly Exam	Wk5
Maths	6	Class Test	Wk9

Year 8 Assessment Tasks Due Term 4

Class teachers will advise students what date the assessment is due.

#### Year 9 Year Advisers Report – Ms Roughan

Students in Year 9 have had another successful year. We have had a large majority of the year group who have received Principal's awards throughout the year. Year 9 students have represented the school in a number of ways and have consistently demonstrated PBL values.

A massive thank you to all students who nominated to be peer support leaders for the 2016 Year 7 group. It was excellent to see the number of students who were willing to step up for a leadership role. A big congratulations to all of the students who were chosen in this role. All of these students demonstrated excellent leadership and communication skills.

Year 9 participated in a Careers Quest Day on November 11. This was a very rewarding day for all students. All students were excellent participants in the day and were all wonderful representatives of Mount View High School. As students head into Year 10 they should be thinking of different career opportunities for when they leave school. Parents are encouraged to have discussions with students about pathways that they can take. If students have any queries about what they are required to do to ensure they are able to follow their chosen career path they are advised to speak to the Mrs Godber who is the Careers Adviser.

The Year 10 Careers Camp will be taking place during week 4 of Term 2. Students have already received information notes for this camp of so that the excursion can start to be paid off this year.

#### **HISTORY FACULTY**

#### Ms Lynne Davies - Head Teacher

History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity. Cicero

This will be my last report as the Head Teacher of History. As I reported in October, from the beginning of 2015 History and Social Science will be combined into HSIE. Planning for the new staff room is well underway and we are all busy packing up in the hope that out 'new home' will be available before the end of this term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the people who have worked tirelessly to achieve this goal and the History staff who are approaching the changes with enthusiasm and confidence.

The planning for the Italy and France trip on 2016 is well under way and I would like to remind parents and students that the deposit will need to be paid to the front office by the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month to ensure a student's place. The correct paper work will need to be given to me by this date. Unfortunately we are unable to give any student an extension.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November the school will commemorate Remembrance Day with a short assembly and one minute silence. This is a solemn occasion and our students have always shown the deepest respect on these assemblies. This year, 5 Year 9 students have been involved – Ruby Adamson, Fanongo Maher, Magdelane Plater, Aleesha Pyne and Gabrielle Roasch. These students helped to do research on individuals and battles and spent lunch times rehearsing their presentation. They are to be commended for their commitment and the respect that they have shown towards those who have been part of our armed forces. I'm sure that their efforts and words will be well received.

#### We Will Remember Them

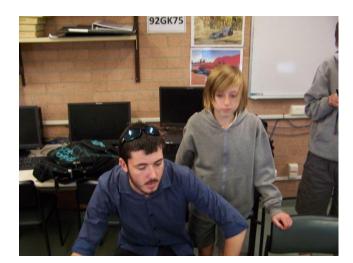
## **TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED SCIENCE (TAS)**

#### Mr Mark Bassett – Rlg Head Teacher

Mount View High School has been involved in the F1 in Schools STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) program since 2005. Each year our school has produced a team worthy enough to represent the Valley at Hunter the NSW Championships in Sydney. This year the Revolution Racing Team will have the honour to represent our school as well the Hunter Valley at the University of Western Sydney (Penrith) from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. This program allows students to design, analyse, collaborate, make, test and race a miniature Formula 1 racing car down a 20m track in one second. The cars are designed using world class 3D CAD technology and machined using CNC milling machines. Students are involved in the whole design process including marketing and promotion of their racing team and their car. Our school's F1 in Schools racing

team completed the huge task of designing and making their miniature F1 racing car according to the national rule book, creating a folio and pit display, writing an 8 minute speech plus a PowerPoint presentation and seeking sponsorship from companies in our local community in order to help fund them in this exciting global program.

Jake Taylor (ex-student who is now a Road Designer in Training, Engineering Technology Project, Roads and Maritime Services) visited the school and discussed the Revolution Racing designs. Jake was one of most successful students involved in the F1 in Schools program at Mount View High and offered lots of advice on aerodynamics and team organisation for the upcoming NSW Championships. Thank you Jake for help and support with our car design.





The team recently had a special visit from Aaron Lewis (Australian F1 driver) who advised the team on how F1 cars have changed over time and how to apply this technology to our teams' car. He specifically mentioned how the car has flexible wings which were an innovation technique that Red Bull Racing used previously to gain an advantage in the F1 Grand Prix Racing. It was a great afternoon listening to professional advice from an expert in motor racing.





The Revolution Racing Team would like to thank the local community for their support financially as well as emotionally. Special thanks goes to the following sponsors for their generous support Cessnock Day Night Pharmacy, Palazzirail, Jennings Print, Rover Coaches, Peter Mann Automotive, Peps Auto Spares and Coal Services.

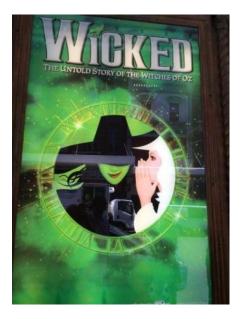
For further information about the schools racing team go to www.revolutionracing.weebly.com

# **CAPA SUCCESS**

#### **Mrs Larayne Jeffery - Head Teacher**

#### 'Wicked'

Year 9 elective music students and student choreographers from our own 'Mirror Image' production attended a matinee performance of the musical 'Wicked' at the Capitol Theatre on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



A magnificent performance was exceeded only by the fabulous musical score and the superb delivery of some very difficult songs by the green witch Elphibah. The sets and costumes were extremely sophisticated and students were amazed at the quantity and large variety or instruments in the orchestra pit.

For some students it was their first chance to see a professional live production and they are keen to repeat the experience next year!





#### **CAPA Soirée**

As a final event of the year, Stage 4, 5 and Preliminary students will present a Soiree on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Students will present two Art exhibitions - one situated in the Art block foyer and the other in the Music block foyer. These areas will be supported by musical performances from a range of students in all facets of the Performing Arts. Please support our students as they present their graduating work for family and friends.

#### FACE in an Urban Landscape

Year 7 Visual Art students have being studying portraiture as a part of this semester's unit of work. As a major artmaking task all Year 7 students created an artwork for consideration in this year's *FACE in an Urban Landscape* Exhibition. Six students were lucky enough to have their artwork selected and exhibited at C Studio's in Newcastle. The six students were Jenna Swan, Jack Hicks, Charlotte Nelson, Riley Burns, Cassandra Eminson, Logan Small.

Cassandra Eminson had the pleasure of her artwork being used as a part of the media release for the exhibition. All students are commended for their dedication in creating works of a high quality.

# Year 11 Music Students Perform at Principals Assembly

The Principal's Assembly for Years 7, 9 and 11 was a memorable occasion for many but special mention must be given to Year 11 students Cassie Oakley who sang a poignant rendition of the National Anthem and Luke Olsen who performed a solo guitar piece in a John Butler style. Both performances were inspiring. You will be able to see these students perform again at the

CAPA Soiree on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

#### **True Colours Festival**

Four of our talented Music students assisted at the True Colours Music Festival as ushers and backstage crew members at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Year 8 student Jordan Herring is a team leader of the Mount View Sound and Lighting Crew and Year 11 students Luke Olsen, Meighan Winchester and Michael Phillips all have experience as performers in our school musical. Students were charged with supervision and direction of primary school students from our local area both in the theatre and during the concert. Backstage crew tasks involved stage direction and management – an easy task for our experienced students.

#### Year 9 Music Assessment Task Extension

The final assessment task submitted by Year 9 will be a Prezi (an interactive digital poster containing text, graphics, audio and video files) based on a topic chosen by each individual student. Due to some unexpected disruptions to our learning and preparation, both elective classes will be given a 2 week extension to the original date of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The new date will now be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Students have been informed of this change officially through a signed notification update. This means that no late work can be submitted and still be included in the final assessment mark. Any problems or issues arising from this extension should be addressed through Mrs Jeffery Head Teacher CAPA.

#### Year 11 students excel in Preliminary CAPA Results

Two CAPA students are to be commended for their efforts in the Preliminary final results for multiple CAPA subjects – Music and Visual Art. Madeline Lantry and Meighan Winchester have both achieved outstanding results in their yearly exams and we look forward to continuing this development of skills in their HSC year.



Madeline Lantry



Meighan Winchester

#### LEAP centre update

Planning for our new Learning, Exhibition and Performance centre has finally proceeded to the next stage with building preparations destined to begin over the Christmas holidays to minimise disruption to learning. Complete estimated time for the entire building project is 12 weeks so we look forward to using our new learning space by Term 2 next year.

#### 2014 Mayoral Photography Competition



The 2014 Mayoral Photography Competition has been judged and Jordyn Jeffery of Year 8 has been awarded second place for entry 'open gate' in the Year 7-8 category.

The theme for the competition was 'Spring'. Jordyn was invited to

attend a brief presentation with the Mayor on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at Cessnock Library. Out of a \$5,000 prize money pool Jordyn will receive a cash prize for her school. Congratulations Jordyn!



# **STUDENT WELLBEING**

#### Mrs Julie Myers – Head Teacher Welfare

School-based Vaccination Program for 2015 Vaccines offered next year will be: Year 7 Boys & Girls

Varicella (chickenpox, single dose) dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, single dose) HPV (Gardasil, 3 dose)

Year 11 & 12 Boys & Girls MMR (measles, mumps, rubella, single dose) Students in these year groups will be given a consent pack at the start of next year. These consent forms are to be returned back to the school administration office prior to the start of the first clinic day. Clinic dates will be advised at the beginning of next year.



An Plan - The

RACISM CONCERNS? LET SOMEONE KNOW!

ANTI-RACISM CONTACT OFFICER MS E ALDER (02)49902566

## CAREERS

#### Mrs Mavis Godber – Careers Adviser





## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **Horse Sports**

Unfortunately the last two competitions have been cancelled or postponed. Both Aberdeen and Rutherford Horse Sports were cancelled due to poor weather with Rutherford being rescheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The Stroud competition was due to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October but due to new regulations from the Department of Education and Communities in equine activities in schools, they have been postponed until early 2015. We look forward to a new round of competition venues next year.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 5 of our equestrian team members competed at the Maitland Horse Sports. In the morning 3 events were held Riding, Hacking and Pleasure and in the afternoon Sporting

events included flags, barrel racing, bending and figure 8's.



Jordyn Jeffery and Abby Baker

Abby Baker of Year 9 placed in 6 of these 7 events almost winning her the championship.

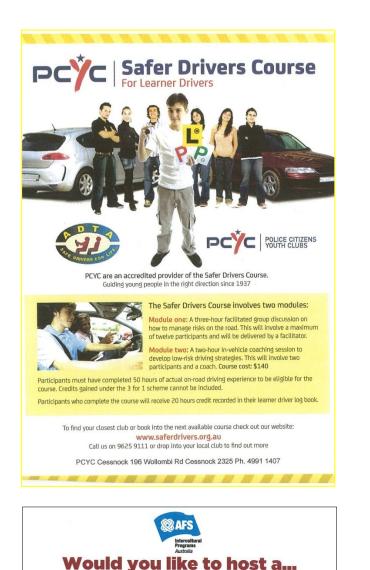
Grace Philip of Year 9 also placed in the 14yrs bending and barrel racing on her horse Bingo.

Other competitors included Olivia Lambert Year 10, Jordyn Jeffery, Breanna Lindsay of Year 8.

Well done to the whole team!

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**





# JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENT ARRIVING FEB 2015?

AFS Intercultural Programs is looking for volunteer host families to welcome our exchange students from Japan (aged 15-18 years) arriving February 6th 2015 for 11 months.

Hosting an exchange student provides many benefits to your family and local community. This unique intercultural experience will expose you to a different language, culture and way of life. It is not only rewarding, but a fun and exciting way to provide a young person with the opportunity of a lifetime.

