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EVENT CALENDAR

TERM 4		2016 TERM 1	
Wk 11	Mon 14 th – Wed 16 th Dec	Wk 1	Thurs 28 th Jan
	· Student service learning end of year activities		· Yr7 students start
	· Newcastle Conservatorium excursion		· Yr10 peer support students return
	· Last day of term for students		· Yr11 & Yr12 students return
			· 7Gates parent afternoon tea in library 2pm
			Fri 29 th Jan
			· Yr8, Yr9 & Yr10 students return
		Wk 2	Thur 4 th Feb
			· School swimming carnival at Cessnock Pool
		Wk 3	Wed 10 th Feb
			· Yr7 Parent Welcome BBQ & Disco
			· P&C meeting in common room
		Wk 4	Wed 17 th Feb
			· Zone swimming carnival at Maitland Pool

FACULTY LEADERS

English Melissa Wyper
Maths Andrew Gill
Science Natalie Death
HSIE Lynne Davies
CAPA Larayne Jeffery

PD/H/PE Sue Ford
TAS Rlg Andrew Newman
Admin Rlg Jessica Schafer
Teach/Learning Leanne Triggs
Wellbeing Julie Myers & Steve Quigley

YEAR ADVISERS

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Ms Desley Pfeffer

It was wonderful to recognise outstanding achievement by students, and to celebrate their success, at our Presentation Assemblies last week. To see students achieve, sometimes well beyond what they believed they could do, is the most special feeling for teaching staff and I dare say, for their parents. Similarly, the attendance of so many parents, families and community members was a wonderful visible sign of support for our students – thank you all so much.

Year 7 & 8 Lifesaving – Congratulations!

I recently had the pleasure of receiving the following email from Robert Beveridge, Cessnock Pool Superintendent:

Mount View had two weeks of lifesaving at Cessnock pool. I would like to say thank you on behalf of myself and all my staff for the excellent behaviour of the students over the course of the program. Each day the teachers and students ensured that the pool was clean and tidy before leaving. As you know, the good



things students do don't always get reported. On this occasion I thought it was important to let you know. It's a credit to the teachers, students and to your school.

Congratulations – Sam Craft

Last term, Year 9 student Sam Craft, entered the 2015 Braille Writing Competition organised by the Sydney Braille Forum. He was lucky enough to be selected as the recipient of the HumanWare Special Award, the New Generation Victor Stream. Sam was excited to win this prize as the accessibility features of this audio player, designed for people who are blind or visually impaired, will allow him easy access to his favourite music, books and magazines. He is pictured here, being presented with the award by Ms Pfeffer. Well done, Sam!



2015 – The Year That Was, And What's To Come

The following is an excerpt from my address at the Presentation Assemblies which I thought I'd share with you:

Of course this year has also brought some collective successes to Mount View HS. Each edition of our parent newsletter, The View, is filled with stories of students' successes. We are fortunate too that our local newspaper, The Advertiser, regularly highlights the academic, sporting, cultural and humanitarian achievements of our school. We are indeed, a school which benefits from enormous community support – as demonstrated by the large number of parents and guardians who join us at our assemblies; to the community and businesses of the Cessnock LGA who support our programs and hence our students; to the MVHS P&C association which is an active and committed parent group; and to the other 14 schools of the CCGPS – the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools – who work together as a unified body to support the values of public education and hence, our students and staff.

Here's just a snapshot of some of our improvements this year:

- *The construction of our LEAP (Learning, Exhibition and Performance Centre) – a purpose built addition to our school built through the generosity of donations from the sale of the Cessnock Music Academy and our P&C, and Department of Education and school funds. This will be officially opened on 17 March next year.*
- *The total refurbishment of our school library – an investment of only \$150 per student but one which the students have welcomed & appreciated so much*
- *The refurbishment of an art space which will act as a gallery for student work and a senior tutorial space*
- *Additional outdoor seating*
- *The appointment of an additional HT Wellbeing*
- *The implementation of a whole-school literacy program entitled "Reading for Meaning" through which all staff have undergone further training and development to ensure that ALL students are provided with the best literacy support possible. This has also included additional targeted literacy support to those students in Stage 4 who are most in need*
- *Refined our use of software to ensure that students' records, data and timetables are fully integrated*
- *In an effort to keep our parents and community more fully involved, we have provided access to parents to their students' records via a parent portal and set up our school's official FaceBook page*
- *Our students wrote, what I hope you will agree, is an inspiring new school song which encompasses those things that they hold dear about our school*

I could say so much more but suffice to say that it's certainly been a BUSY YEAR!!

As I mentioned on Wednesday, the challenges ahead in 2016 are significant. The face of public education is changing considerably under the "Local Schools, Local Decisions" reform initiative and this will require our school to adopt new ways of working. Many of the successes and improvements of which I just spoke are as a result of the greater autonomy and funding that we are fortunate to now have available to us. So ... what's ahead?

- *new national curriculums have been, and are continuing to be implemented;*
- *we will be refurbishing our school gym*
- *Plans are also underway to build a staff room for our TAS faculty*
- *We are also re-designing an area of the school to run as a Futures Centre so as to more effectively provide information to students about their future options and career and transition planning. This will represent a major overhaul of our current careers program and will strengthen our partnership agreements with the University of Newcastle, the Beacon Foundation and our local business community*

- *We now have a formal partnership with the Upper Hunter Conservatory of Music*
- *We need to maintain and strengthen our commitment to our 3 strategic directions – these centre around themes of positive student wellbeing, student engagement, learning which is personalised and responsive to student needs and local contexts, and organisational effectiveness and professional practice*
- *We need to carefully plan for a changing workforce – we are currently in the midst of 19 staff retirements over a 2 year period as well as other changes as staff move to promotional and other positions*

Staffing Changes

Farewells:

The end of a school year often brings about a few changes and this year is no exception. We will be farewelling the following staff but thank each and every one of them for their commitment and dedication to Mount View HS.

Mrs Maxine Knudsen (Business Manager) has retired from the Department of Education. Mrs Knudsen has been our financial guru for several years and is now looking forward to time with her husband and grandchildren.

Mr Andrew Gill (HT Mathematics) has resigned from the Department of Education to take up a classroom teaching role at St Joseph's, Lochinvar.

Miss Angela Roughan (Mathematics Teacher and Year Adviser) has also resigned from the Department to take up a classroom teaching role at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Miss Roughan's Year Adviser role will be taken over by Mrs Rachael Collier (formerly, Ms Curran).

Mr Tim Teys (TAS teacher) has, after about 8 years on temporary contract at MVHS, been offered a permanent teaching position at Francis Greenway HS.

Mr Andy Zakrzewski (MC Class teacher) has also been offered a permanent teaching position at Irrawang HS where he will be teaching in the support class.

Mrs Vicki Neech is looking forward to returning to a teaching position at Singleton HS.

Mrs Ann de Graaf from our English faculty is taking leave before heading into much deserved retirement.

Mr Bryce Jacobs has been working on a temporary contract with our Multi-categorical class and will be moving on to other opportunities at this stage next year.

Mr Sam Houston who has been working in our Learning and Support Team also on a temporary contract will be moving to Lakeside School at Gateshead for 2016.

Welcome to the following staff:

Mrs Jayne Hamilton will be commencing with our Mathematics faculty after teaching at Narrabri HS for many years. Mrs Hamilton is an experienced teacher of Mathematics and will be welcomed on the first day of Term 1, 2016.

Mr Brian Means has been appointed as HT TAS, through the merit selection process, following Mr Graeme Chamberlain's retirement earlier this year. Mr Means lives locally and has been a TAS teacher, and Relieving HT at Singleton HS where he mainly taught Hospitality. Mr Means' son also attended MVHS a few years ago. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr Andrew Newman who has been relieving as HT TAS during 2015.

Mrs Elizabeth Alder has been appointed as HT Administration following a long stint relieving in this position following Mrs Innes' retirement. She has been relieving as Home School Liaison Officer across a large group of schools in Term 4 and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from that opportunity back to our school.

Mrs Bernadette Jasper has commenced as our School Administrative position, also through the merit selection process and essentially replaces Mrs Knudsen. Mrs Jasper has been working most recently at Gorokan HS and is no stranger to the complexities of managing the financial and administrative duties of a large public high school.

Mr Scott Bragato has, after many years at MVHS on temporary appointment, been permanently appointed to our Science faculty!

Mrs Kylie Ambrum has been on temporary contract in our administration office for some time and, through an Expression of Interest, will be moving into an administrative role supporting our soon-to-be-established, Futures Centre. She will also take over some of the work that has been so capably done by Mrs Tania Spruce in her Community Liaison Role following her permanent appointment to the SASS (School and Administrative Support Staff).

At this stage, the position of HT Mathematics is vacant and will be filled, we expect, early in 2016.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

In closing, I would like to wish all of our students and their families, and our local community, a truly Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year.

School recommences:

- for staff on Wednesday 27 January
- for students in Years 7, 11 & 12 on Thursday 28 January, and
- for students in Years 8, 9 & 10 on Friday 29 January

2015 Presentation Assemblies

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at this year's presentation assemblies.

Year 7 Award Recipients

Matayah Adams	Madalyn Andrew	Kimberley Arnott	Tobias Astill-King	Henna Baker
Elijah Baker-Stucklings	Kirsten Boesen	Liam Boyd	Georgia Bradley	Eloise Brown
Grace Brown	Laura Bullen	Erin Burns	Jackson Burston	Riley Butler
James Collins	Ayden Crosdale	Jeb Crossley	Mia Culley	Darcie Davies
Hannah Day	Callum Delaney-Dunn	Ethan Ellis	Mackenzie Foster	Joshua Gallegos
Imogen Gibbons	Jayden Gibson	Joel Gilmour	Brayden Goldstraw	Cameron Gray
Kiara Hales	Taylah Hall	Chelsea Hamid	Lila Harmer	Breanna Harmey
Levi Hicks	Jace Hughes	Kate Ingram	Judd Jackson	Seth Jackson
Kateila Jackson-Campbell	Katie Jeffrey	Jay Johnson	Joshua Jurd	Lane Jurd
Tenisha Kiem	Savannah Laverick-Chitty	Ashley Lee	Fei Fei Liu-Webster	Rose Lucas
Bryce MacDonald	Caitlin Martin	Bridget Melnik	Nedebah Moore	Grace Morley
Ebony Naden	Nicholas Newstead	Liam O'Brien	Claire O'Connor	Kirrilly Oliver
Grace Panella	Joshua Pateman	Harley Patterson	Jessica Pearce	Bree Perkins
Ella Rayward	Ashley Reilly	Mikayla Robinson	Ethan Sams	William Saunders
Lara Stace	Logan Templeton	Alexia Vowles	Kayla Walkling	

Year 8 Award Recipients

Rachel Amos	Chloe Bain	Ethan Benson	Eliza Beveridge	Sophie Bridge
Dylan Brydon	Riley Burns	Joshua Cagney	Kristine Carr	Lena Cartwright
Brielle Clarke	Alison Coombley	Dillon Copeland	Jed Craig	Courtnee Craig-Ewing
Emily Crewes	Nala Crossie	Zanthia Crump	Bailey Cussen	Cameran Day
Reece Dingwall	Ryan Dixon	Lucy Donn	Grace Edson	Jessica Edwards
Makenzee Ellicott	Cassandra Eminson	Hayley Evans	Dakota Fenton	Edison Foulstone
Camron Frazer	Keely Freeman	Charlotte Gibbons	Charmayne Gould	Ethan Gunther
Mikayla Harcourt	Brock Harkness	Clay Hollingshed	Royden Hughes	Crystal-Rose Imbornone
Thomas Ingram	Caitlin Johnson	Ian Johnson	Sofia Jonker	Lyle Kemp
Tahmia Kisina	Riley Kuosman	Sofia Kurki	Shayne Lombardi	Aria Luxon
Lara Morris	Nikki Murnane	Ella Myers	Cody Neville	Phoebe Oakford
Ebony Pearson	Vincent Plater	Georgina Redman	Taneisha Rosser	Daniel Russell
Kate Schrieber	Abbey M Scott	Abbey P Scott	Ashley Scott	Jessica Scott
Georgia Shalhoub	Ryan Stace	Joe Stephenson	Jenna Swan	Callen Sweetman
Caitlin Tiedeman	Amber Tomlinson	Cody Townsend	Heidi Turner	Jesse Whiley
Vanessa Whitaker	Jack Whiting	Byron Wiseman		

Year 9 Award Recipients

Georgia Bailey	Piper Bolsover	Matilda Brown	Marnie Bullen	Kye Burgess
Lachlan Burns	Dean Clarkson	Sam Cox	Daniel Dalton	Ethan Dodds
Ryan Forrest	Darryl Foster	Mariah George	Hunter Grunsell	Katelyn Hafey
Jordan Herring	Tahlia Hughes	Kyron Hynes	Ty Jackson	Jordyn Jeffery
Dakota King	Daniel Lambkin	Cody Lawson	Breanna Lindsay	Angus Mackenzie
Brooke Magri	Naomi Martin	Isaac Mcdougall	Aisha McLawrence	Jake McMahon
Jonty Mikisch	Lochlan Miller	Olivia Moore	Ava Moshage	Levi Murray
Olivia Myers	Sophie Nella	Kurt Nightingale	Elizabeth Parish	Kyle Piper
Elise Polley	Briggs Reilly	Chloe Rolls	Garry-Jai Russell	Cohen Saunders
Katie Sexton-Bate	Emily Sharpe	Taylee Short	Kyle Simpson	Brock Sinclair
Taneeka Smith	Ethan Snedden	Luke Sweeney	Riley Triggs	Paige Trowbridge
Brock Wallace	Sam Wallace	Michael Walters	Storm Walton-Clare	James Winchester

Year 10 Award Recipients

Cameron Abbott	Thomas Alexander	Bethany Arnott	Abby Baker	Riley Beveridge
Rhys Biggs	Wade Brush	Brydie Burke	Ashlinn Bush-Ward	Ky Crossley
Claudia Dalton	Erin Daniel	Tahlia Dicker	Jacob Dodds	Merryn Earl
Callen Ewing	Owen Fisher	Ainsley Flett	Callum Foulstone	Conner Garred
Connor Garrington	Nathan Green-Hill	Matthew Griffin	Melissa Harris	Jade Hawthorne
Sarah Haywood	Allyssa Hickey	Kelsey Hodgins	Michaela Holden	Nicholas Hurn
Cameron Iliffe	Psy Imhoff	Alex Kemp	Abbey Laybutt	Michael Lombardi
Toby Longworth	Fanogo Maher	Madalane Morris	Wylie Neville	Christopher Nixon
Sarah Passfield	Magdalen Plater	Jade Preston	Aleesha Pyne	Gabrielle Rafferty
Gabrielle Roach	Joseph Smith	Jack Stephenson	Brianna Stothard	Jacob Sylvester
Jessica Thompson	Teagan Vernon	Bethany Webb	Liam Whiteley	Abbi Williamson
Montana Wilmott	Hayden Winter	Meg Wrightson	Grace Younger	

Year 11 Award Recipients

Chelsea Anderson	Alexandria Annand	Josephine Baker	Breehanna Banks	Kaniesha Blandon
Chloe Brown	Emma Brown	Joshua Brown	Jack Carney	Rochelle Carr
Teleah Cavanagh	Malachy Colbran	Ally Crossley	Blake Day	Dylan Dingwall-Grant
Ashlee Dodgson	Cassandra Douglas	Jayden Edwards	Jayde Ellis	Charles Fisher
Samantha Gallegos	Sidnee Harris	Jordan Hayward	Shakira Herring	Jasmine Hewitt
Emily Jackson	Patrick Kermod	Chloe Krafczyk	Bailey Lennard	Ebony Main
Brooke Marshall	Cory McDonald	Jessica McDonald	Zoe McDougall	Angel Mitchell
Meg Mitchell	Kate Moore	Phoebe Morris	Kate Norris	Sebastian Oakford
Matthew Parish	Zachary Parish	Jahli Pateman	Maddison Perkins	Jessica Ritchie
Courtney Rolls	Elyssia Sams	Tennielle Scanlon	Joel Schreiber	Josie Small
Blaze Smith	Tony Vernon	Emma-Lee Wadley		

2015 Presentation Day Sponsors

Mount View High School would like to thank all of the sponsors for their continued support and generous donations to our 2015 Presentation Day Assemblies.

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Permission To Publish

The school/Department of Education may publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department including the school website, the Department's intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Departmental publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department websites
- Official departmental and school social media accounts on networks such as the school's YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to by third parties and may be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

If parents/caregivers **do not give their permission to publish information** as described above, please notify the school in writing. If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Administration Office.

Uniform Reminders

During winter it became a 'trend' for many of the girls to wear **black gym** pants every day to school and this has continued into this term. Black gym pants **ARE NOT** part of the school uniform and must not be worn school. We would like to thank

parents and students who have endeavoured to support the school with this issue and with the wearing of the correct school uniform.

The school's colours are **RED and GREY** and this is reflected in our uniform. **BLACK is NOT** a school colour. However, students are permitted to wear black shorts or sports pants **ONLY** on Thursday for sport. These should **NOT** be worn at any other time.

Junior and senior girls have a school skirt which is worn with a white shirt. They may also wear grey shorts or trousers.

Junior and senior boys wear grey shorts and the junior shirt is white while the seniors have a red shirt with the school's logo. For work health and safety reasons and regulations, students are required to wear black leather shoes.

ATTENDANCE



Jessica Schafer – Rlg Head Teacher Administration
Attendance Questions? Phone 49902566 ext 1 or call into the Attendance Office

Student Contact Details

With nearly 1000 students at Mount View High School it is important that the school has up to date student details to ensure we are able to contact parents at any time should the need arise.

If you wish to check what contact and emergency details we currently have on file for your child please don't hesitate to contact the Administration Office on 49902566 anytime.

Daily SMS's and regular phone contact is often used by Mount View staff to communicate with our families. Changes to contact details need to be made in writing via note, email or forms available at the main office. Please ensure that if you have moved house, changed home phone, work or mobile number, or if there has been a change in care arrangements for your child you complete the change of details form. Please ask if you are unsure what to do.

It is also a requirement that if there are any court orders in place relating to your child a copy is provided to the Administration Office. This should be discussed with the relevant Deputy, or with the Principal.

Term Four Attendance

Please note that the Attendance rules do not change during term four. Mount View High will be providing meaningful curriculum based work up to the 16th December, as directed.

Families that have special events and holidays planned outside of the normal school holiday may collect 'Application for Extended Leave- Travel' forms 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.

Students who require an early leave need to present a note from a parent/caregiver to the Attendance Office before roll call and then return here to pick up the slip at recess in order to then be permitted to leave class and the school grounds.

Following on with this, we ask that all students continue to carry their swipe card for late arrival and early leave.

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 (Leave 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.

ENGLISH/DRAMA FACULTY



Melissa Wyper – Head Teacher

What a wonderful year of words, ideas, creativity and critical thinking in English and Drama! We can safely say that we are exhausted and want to thank all our students for their hard work throughout the year!

This Year In English

Year 7 explored their own personal voices in their writing and the ways imagery is used and created through picture books and poetry. They also explored some dramatic forms and finished the year with understanding interconnections that can be made between texts.

Year 8 dived into characterisation and developed representation of environmental issues in texts that capture the concerns of their world. They immersed themselves in Shakespeare and learned the power of persuasive language in advertising. This term they also developed their awareness of representations of truth in news and current affairs and our budding journalists are working on their own news programs until the end of the term.

Year 9 developed their skills in the construction of narrative voice and expressing themselves on issues of conviction. They then explored the concept of appropriation and how traditional tales can be transformed into modern contexts and finished the year with a close study of genre: crime fiction and Sherlock Holmes fans rejoice!



Above: Actors at Work

Year 10 critically examined representations of Australian culture and developed a deep understanding of the ways texts reflect context and are shaped by context. Then their studies intensified with a study of conflict in Shakespeare and concluded with a conceptual study of representations of Belonging in a variety of texts.

The students across the junior years were also treated to live theatre from Bell Shakespeare's Actors at Work company and Bard on the Beach. The students enjoyed the live theatre experience and the stories of Shakespeare which they will engage with later in their learning.

Our senior English students engaged with the HSC course and explored more challenging texts and ideas. The HSC English students attended a performance of Michael Gow's "Away" at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle and were buzzing after the experience of live theatre which solidified their learning. We advise that our seniors use their time over the holidays to enjoy and rest, but undertake regular revision of texts and the ideas they have grappled with.

Right: A still from the production of "Away"



Most Recently

Year 9 students were treated to an hour session with the Australian Poetry Slam Champion for 2014/2013 Zohab Zee Kahn. Slam poetry is spoken word poetry largely influenced by free verse, and is becoming hugely popular across the world! Zohab dazzled and entertained with his lyrical and thought-provoking performances, and also educated the students about the power of words, the benefits of their own narrative voices and a few truths about determination and working hard for success.

Right: Zohab Zee Kahn



Debating Recap

The Mount View High School's debating team, coached by Miss Baum, won the Annual Effie O'Neill Debate against Cessnock High. The topic of "the death penalty should be abolished worldwide" proved for vigorous debate and we are very proud of Ally Crossley, Cameron Abbott, Myah Graves and Mikayla Abel for securing a win against very worthy opponents.

Left: Ally Crossley with the winning Shield

In Drama News, The Oscars Go To...

Year 8 completed a successful introductory year to the basics of drama and performance-making filled with improvisation, mime, melodrama and puppetry! The students thoroughly enjoyed their experiential learning and Miss Johnson, Mr Russell and Miss Baum are extremely pleased with the students' participation in a subject that requires collaboration, risk taking and creativity – not as easy as it sounds, but definitely a lot of fun!

Year 10 performed monologues in the theatrical style of realism and then devised a performance of site specific Protest theatre. They explored Wesley Enoch's prolific Australian play "The Seven Stages of Grieving" (right) and explored design elements and ended the year with a close study of Melodrama.



Year 11 and now Year 12 completed their preliminary course in playbuilding, elements of production in performances and explored theatrical styles. It is now crucial that HSC Drama students spend the holidays revising their Australian drama texts, practising essays and continuing to develop their monologues. It will be full steam ahead next year!

And last but not least the English Faculty welcomed a new member of staff, Ms Ainsley Martin – Ainsley is a very experienced English teacher and we are so excited to have her join our team!

On behalf of the English and Drama faculty, we thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing you all safe and happy next year.

"Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world." – Voltaire.

Happy holidays! From Ms Wyper, Miss Johnson, Ms Bartlett, Miss Baum, Mrs deGraaf, Mrs Devine, Mr C. Daniels, Mr Janovsky, Mrs Martin and Mr Russell.

MATH FACULTY



Andrew Gill – Head Teacher

2015 has been a very busy year in the Mathematics Faculty.

- Year 7 experienced the 'Zoo Project' in term 3 culminating in a trip to our local Hunter Valley Zoo.
- This year the accelerated program was reintroduced and saw seven talented mathematics students from year 8 join a year 9 class to study the stage 5.3 course. This was very successful and will continue, in a different form, into the future.
- Each Wednesday afternoon Miss Roughan ran a very well attended homework centre that assisted

students to complete their mathematics homework and prepare for exams. Mr Boticki also ran a tutoring session for senior General Mathematics students at this time.

- Year 10 students wanting to study the higher courses next year attended a preparation course, also run by Miss Roughan, each Thursday afternoon in term 4.
- The 2015 Advanced Mathematics class in year 12 was the largest class for many years which is opposite to the trend of students in the state that is generally experiencing decreasing numbers of students choosing the higher levels of mathematics.
- The Maths Fun Day, run to assist students from year 6 to smoothly transition to high school, was again very successful due to a great deal of preparation by Miss Roughan and Mrs Curran.
- The NSW Mathematics Association trip to Luna Park was an excellent opportunity for students to experience mathematics in a multitude of applications.

This year there was a great deal of change, Mr Gajewski retired early in the year and his enthusiasm and experience was greatly missed during the year. Ms Springbett had some time off to welcome her third child into the world and we would like to thank Ms Conserdyne and Mrs Yule for stepping up to take over so competently.

The end of this year we will say goodbye to Ms Roughan and Mr Gill who have both accepted new opportunities in teaching in the Maitland area. Mr Gill has been at Mount View for 19 years and ironically Ms Roughan was in the very first class that he taught at Mount View.

I have truly enjoyed my time here at this beautiful school and wish all of my students mountains of success in the future.

SCIENCE/AG FACULTY



Natalie Death– Head Teacher

We are glad to announce that Mr Bragato has been permanently appointed to our Science Staff here at MVHS. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Bragato and we look forward to 2016.

In Science and Agriculture we will be spending the last few weeks of term participating in Science and Engineering Challenges, activities involving Forensic Science and naturally ensuring our farm and its animals are ready for the hot summer ahead.

All teachers will be encouraging students to work extremely hard to win some challenges (with maybe a reward or two at the end!)

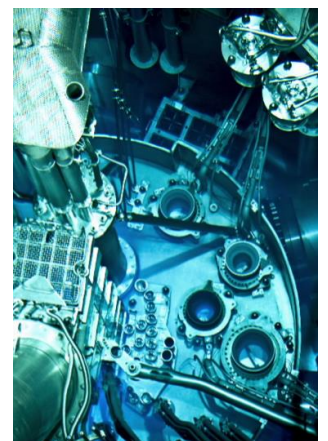
The Science/Ag Faculty would like to extend our congratulations to our Year 10 student, Joseph Smith, and Year 12 student, Ashlee Dodgson, who have been selected to attend summer schools in conjunction with our partner Universities during January of the Christmas Holidays - the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) and the Women in Engineering Summer School. We're so proud of you and we hope you have a great time!



Our new cohort of Year 12 students are working hard as they reach one quarter of the way through their HSC courses. We are excitedly awaiting our incoming HSC results and wish all of our outgoing Year 12 students the best of luck for their pending results.

ANSTO and Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Year 12 Physics and Chemistry students have embarked on an overnight excursion with Ms Bell and Mr Allen to tour the nuclear facility at Lucas Heights and the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney; exploring Darling Harbour for dinner. This excursion is a highlight of our Year 12 course and is a fascinating look into the world of nuclear physics and chemistry; deepening our students' understanding of their course work.



Inside the OPAL pool.

2015 comes to an end on the Ag Farm – Mrs Samantha Jarrett

This term has been so full on, I haven't had time to stop and think about all the great things we have done until now. I'll begin with possibly the most exciting thing for the kids, and that's the birth of their triplet lambs early in the term. Mount View Ag has welcomed the arrival of Audrey, Moet and Lizzy the three triplet dorper lambs. After an exciting birth early in the term, Year 11 Primary Industries have been keeping a close eye on the girls making sure "Mumma" is feeding them enough and they are putting on weight. So far they have more than tripled in weight and are out in the paddock full time. For the first few weeks they lived in the calf pens with the radio on to deter foxes. We are hoping that these girls grow into our breeder flock over the next few years.

On the topic of sheep, another big announcement is ready to be made. We have successfully bought three stud quality Suffolk ewes from Wattle Farm in Temora. With this purchase, we have been able to apply for stud status. As of this week, Mount View Ag farm is officially a Suffolk Stud! We are very excited for this to happen, it's been a goal of ours for the past few years. With the continual support of Phil Dearin running our farm, Desley Pfeffer supporting our upgrades in facilities and programs and funding from the P&C we have been able to reach this goal and next year we will be moving into the sheep showing arena and breeding stud Suffolk lambs. Our three new ewes have settled in well, putting on weight and providing our Primary Industries students with extra animal handling skills. The girls have been named Milly, Tilly and Grace and you will see many more photos next year as they begin training.



Term Four is our main tractor term where students in Year 8 learn to drive for the first time and Year 9 build on their skills from driving and reversing, skills courses and backing a trailer. This term has been a little disrupted for some classes due to other activities going on in the school, but when we are able to get out and drive, there has been a lot of excitement. We always have stand out drivers who are naturally confident in manoeuvring the machine, but I am always impressed by the few students who are terrified of crashing or in most cases getting their skirt stuck on the gear lever, that still get up and have a go. I enjoy this term because it is more relaxed and we get a chance to get to know the students a little bit more than in a classroom. Thank you to all those students who continue to amaze us each lesson.



Apart from classes and new purchases, Craig Jarrett and I have been out and about this term a little bit, building our partnerships with other schools and in particular the Ag schools of NSW. Earlier this term we went to Hurlston Agricultural High School in Sydney for a few days to meet with the other Lighthouse schools, Hurlston Ag, Yanco Ag, Farrer and James Ruse to talk Ag education and where it is heading. We are very lucky to be a part of this team who promotes our subject across the state and to see the new innovations and resources coming out. From this visit we have been lucky enough to gain an invite next year by Hurlston for our Primary Industries students to work on their farm for work experience. The principal of their school was impressed by the attitude of our students to hands on practical work and would love to see their working dairy and piggery get more use in the future by a range of schools.

Also from this conference, we have started thinking about Mount View's involvement with our local primary schools. We are running the Local Schools' vegetable competition in the Cessnock Show next year and inviting our primary schools to submit fruit and veg entries on behalf of their school (flyers will be sent to primary schools next week). There will also be other events coming the primary schools way next year so for all the younger siblings', hopefully I will see you soon.

We look forward to the new class structures for Ag next year, all new classes and a few new programs. We are always happy for parental visits and helping hands on the farm, just give us a call.

Don't forget to check out the Mount View High School Agriculture Facebook page for updates on Ag events happening. It may be a bit quiet over the holidays, but I'll be back up and running early next year. Merry Christmas Ag families, stay safe, support a farmer this Christmas and buy local produce where you can.





HSIE FACULTY



Lynne Davies – Head Teacher

Remembrance Day 2016

On the 11th of November our school stopped to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War I. The cease fire that ended this four year conflict began at 11 o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month 1918.

Every year our school holds an assembly in the amphitheatre and a presentation is made to the school.

This year 4 of our Year 10 students, Fanogo Maher, Magda Plater, Aleesha Pyne and Gabrielle Roach, and Ms Davies were involved. Fanogo spoke about the meaning of Remembrance Day and she was followed with speeches made by the other 3 students and Ms Davies. The soldiers chosen by the girls were all born in the local community and they spoke as that individual. Gabrielle spoke about John Buchanan Young who grew up in Weston and died at Messines in 1917, Aleesha spoke about William Wass from Pelaw Main who survived Gallipoli and died at Fromelles in 1916, Magda spoke about Charles Askie who was raised in Cessnock and died at Passchendaele in October 1917, while Ms Davies spoke about her Great Uncle who was raised in South Wales and died at Ypres on the 2nd May 1915. They all spoke about the particular battle which cost the men their lives and while the speeches were 'creative' they were all based on original documents about the battles and conveyed the horror and the loss that resulted from each. When the speeches were finished Fanogo read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McRae.

At 11 o'clock the school rose to observe one minute of silence. Mount View High School students and staff showed a great deal of respect during the assembly and they should be congratulated for their conduct.



Fanogo Maher



Magda Plater



Aleesha Pyne



Gabrielle Roach

Farewell

As we finish the school year we are again farewelling staff. Ms Redfern has worked with us for the last 3 terms and her contract has now finished. Mrs Neech will leave us to return to Singleton High School after 4 terms. We would like to wish them all the best in the future and to thank them both for the valuable contributions they have made to our school, our faculty and, more importantly, our students.

Christmas 2015!!

Over the last few years both Social Science and History staffrooms have been decorated for the festive season and this year the tradition has continued in the HSIE Staffroom.

The HSIE staff would like to wish all of our students a very happy Christmas.

CAPA – STATE OF THE ARTS



Larayne Jeffery – Head Teacher

This semester, Mount View High School CAPA Faculty was invited by The University of Newcastle to take part in a collaborative project between the School of Creative Arts, UON and high schools in Newcastle, the Hunter and the Central Coast. In this innovative project, students from diverse backgrounds worked together to produce their own creative works.

The aim of the project was to build aspirations in the Creative and Performing Arts area.

Year 9 & 10 students were involved in workshops at our school and at other participating schools where they worked with university mentors and Mrs Tanya Howells to develop a performance based on the theme 'Technology in my Life'.

The group consisted of dancers, actors, singers and a technical team for lighting, projection and digital backdrops. Ashlinn Bush and Tahlia Dicker composed and performed their own song for the performance and have been invited to record it at the Newcastle Conservatorium's Recording Studio in the last week of school.

The students involved were:

Abbey Laybutt
Ashlinn Bush
Chloe Rolls
Cody Lawson
Darryl Foster
Deena Borkowski
Ethan Dodds
Hope Garrington
Hunter Grunsell
Jordan Herring
Kyle Piper
Meg Russell
Paige Trowbridge
Tahlia Dicker
Ty Jackson



Mrs Howells, Mrs Jeffery, Hope Garrington and Ashlinn Bush composing at the piano

LEAP Centre – Official Opening

This has been an exciting year watching the LEAP centre project come together. Students are already utilising the space for a variety of learning activities and whole school events.

To celebrate the successful completion of this wonderful venture, there will be an official opening on the 17th March, 2016. There will be special guest artists including performances from past and present students and a mocktail party will be hosted by the Hospitality students.

A sign and plaque have been donated by Year 12, 2015 and these will be unveiled at the beginning of the evening. Please save the date. You are all invited!





MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Presents


'GRAND OPENING OF THE LEAP CENTRE'



Date: 17th March 2016
Time: 6pm – 9pm

Mocktail Party
Cost: \$25

Please pay money at the Front Office




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2015 Student Handbook

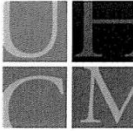
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ENROLMENT FORM

Please complete and return to PO Box 816 Muswellbrook 2333

STUDENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	YEAR AT SCHOOL
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	SCHOOL ATTENDED	SEX
ADDRESS	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
	MOBILE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT – NAME & NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	

Main language spoken at home (other than English) _____

Is this student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (Please Circle) YES/NO

Has this student, or any other family members, ever been enrolled with UHCM? YES/NO (Please give details)

PROGRAM DETAILS

INSTRUMENT/ GROUP/ENSEMBLE	TEACHER (If known)
LOCATION of LESSON	DAY / TIME of LESSON (If known)

Please indicate what type of lessons the student will be having:

30 minute individual lesson

20 minute individual lesson

30 minute shared lesson (subject to availability)

School Band Only

Drama Ensemble

Early Childhood Music

Other _____

Please indicate your instrument arrangements:

Hire from UHCM

UHCM Hire to Buy Program (Woodwind & Brass Instruments Only)

I have my own instrument

Other _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I accept the Conditions of Enrolment of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music outlined on page 5 & 6 of the Student Handbook and accept full responsibility for the payments of all accounts pertaining to this enrolment as detailed on this enrolment form.

Signature of Student *(if over 18 years of age)* _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian *(if under 18 years of age)* _____

DATE _____ DATE _____

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DATE

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Epilepsy, fits or blackouts A disability or chronic illness Asthma *(include asthma plan)*

Attention Deficit Disorder *(ADD/ADHD)* Behavioural problems Other

If yes to one or more, please give details (attach sheet if required)

Does your child have an emergency medical plan?

Yes *(please attach copy)*

No

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The Maitland Mercury Hunter River Super Show
19th, 20th & 21st February 2016



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Year 10, 11 & 12

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B. Paintings
C. Pottery
D. Mixed Mediums

Best entry in each of the above sections \$250 prize money.


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5th February, 2016

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Email: admin@maitlandshowground.com.au

Name: _____

School: _____

Year: _____

Description of Art: _____

(Max 50 words)

Section Entering: A. B. C. D. (Please Circle)

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Address: _____

Phone No: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____



Andrew Newman – Rlg Head Teacher

Welcome everybody from TAS...We have had a very busy last month. We have said farewell to Year 12 Hospitality after 2 years of hard work and good times. We wish them all the best for the future.

Our Hospitality team of teachers have participated in some awesome training days as of late. We have had a day at Hunter Valley Crowne Plaza along with other teachers from all around NSW and with a cooking class to follow. All experiences learnt will be delivered to the classroom for engagement and practicality.



F1 in Schools, Infinity Racing Update – by Mr Mark Bassett

On the 19th of November Infinity Racing team presented an information session on F1 in Schools in the main showroom at Cessnock City Motor Group to show support and to say thank you for being their major sponsor. The staff at CCMG, other team sponsors and the general public was impressed with Matthew, Wylie, Alex, Brianna and Ainsley's verbal presentation and demonstration of the F1 racing car and track, pit display and marketing material.

People had the opportunity to test their skills by reaction racing against each other an Infinity Racing car down the almost complete track. Everyone was impressed to see how the F1 front and rear wings are manufactured using the school's 3D printer. Thank you Nerrida and Erin (and everyone else involved) for arranging this great opportunity to showcase our students' excellent work and Gifted and Talented program.

We would like to thank the team's sponsors for their generous support during the 2015 racing season and welcome their continued support in 2016. Special thanks go to Cessnock City Motor Group, Nathan Clark, Bink Creative, O'Neill's Tyres Cessnock, Revvin's AutoPro Cessnock, Badgeman Cessnock and everyone else who offered financial support, advice and words of encouragement.



F1 in Schools, Revolution Racing Update

On the 2nd of December Revolution Racing visited Varley Engineering at Tomago (www.varleygroup.com) to establish a new industry link and collaboration in preparation for the Australian F1 in Schools Championships early next year. Liam, Jack, Connor, Daniel and Luca were invited by Dean Wiggins (Marketing Manager) to speak with company representatives to improve their performance at the national finals. Dean and Emma greeted us in the foyer and took us into the board room and made a brief presentation showing the history and diversity of the company. Connor and Jack discussed the team folio with Dean and Emma and a few areas of improvement were discussed, so the team will now make a few simple changes to improve our results at the nationals. Nicholas Percy (Engineer) took the team on a guided tour of the engineering site and we observed and discussed a range of manufacturing processes and methods that Varley use to meet contractor's high quality control standards. Revolution Racing now has access to Varley Engineering resources and contacts to help them prepare for the National Competition. We would like to thank Dean, Emma and Nicholas for their help and allowing us to spend the day with such an amazing Australian company.



PD/H/PE FACULTY



Susan Ford – Head Teacher

MVHS Fitclub – by Mr Jamie Grove

We have some exciting news. The plans for the new Gym are under way. We are lucky enough to be given \$60,000 towards a new gym for 2016. An area of the MPC will be used for the new Gym, which will provide 60 square metres of flooring and nice high ceilings. This will make the space extremely functional and an excellent teaching and learning area for our PDHPE, PASS and SLR classes. Congratulations must go to all the students who were recognised at the sports assembly for their efforts

in the fitclub fitness tests. The bench mark for each fitness test has been set and it would be great see as many students as possible training in 2016 to beat their personal record or the school record. Keep training!

Lifesaving Program 2015

We have had another successful year teaching our Stage 4 Lifesaving Program. This provides a great opportunity for students in Years 7 and 8 to gain a valuable life skill and achieve either a Royal Lifesaving Society Swim and Survive award or a Bronze award. The Lifesaving Program also provides Year 10 PASS students the opportunity to build leadership skills and gain their Junior Instructors award. Everyone who has attended the program has worked really well and achieved at least one award. A special mention must go to the following Year 7 students for achieving their Bronze Star; Joshua Jurd, Katie Jeffery, Sam Lewis, Darcy Butters, Chelsea Hamid, Kaila Burgess and Claire O’Connor. Another special mention must go to the following Year 8 students who will achieve their Bronze Medallion; Lena Cartwright, Nikki Murnane, Lachlan O’Brien, Vincent Plater, Callen Sweetman, Courtnee Craig-Ewing and Phoebe Oakford. Numbers have been down slightly in Year 8 this year. All Year 7 parents are encouraged to support the Lifesaving Program at Mount View High School in 2016 as it is a compulsory part of the PDHPE curriculum. Below are some photos of this year Lifesaving Program.





STUDENT WELLBEING



Julie Myers – Head Teacher Wellbeing
Yrs 7/9/11



Steve Quigley – Head Teacher Wellbeing
Yrs 8/10/12

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Mount View Leo Club - Toys and Tins

The Mount View Leo Club once again collected toys and tins for our local Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Students, staff, family and friends were asked to donate to this worthy cause and send in any tins of food, non-perishable food and toys that can be given as Christmas presents. Collection occurred during Week 9 and 10 and the most generous roll call group will be rewarded. The Leo members collected all donations during roll call and the Salvation Army collected a large amount of toys and tins on Friday 11th December.



Mount View Leo Club had their Christmas Dinner and Annual Planning Meeting on Thursday 3rd December 2015. Andrew Robert –Thompson, the District Leo Supervisor attended along with former Mount View High School Principal Ian Anderson, who is our Mount View Leo Supervisor. The Leos will be also be volunteering their time and support at the Hunter Valley Christmas Lights, West Cessnock Public Carols and Bellbird Public Carols till the end of the year.

Lions Youth of the Year Competition

We are fortunate to have Cessnock Lions supporting our school once again for the Cessnock “Lions Youth of the Year Competition”. Four of our Year 11 Senior Leaders participated: Matt Parish, Damon Dawson, Chloe Brown and Kate Moore. Each participant had to complete an extensive application and on Sunday 8th November they had to undergo an interview at Mount View High with the judging panel. On Tuesday 10th November, Cessnock Lions organised a special dinner where our four students along with Lewis Drayton from Hunter Valley Grammar, gave two impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech.

On the night, our own Chloe Brown was awarded “Lions’ Youth of the Year” and she will now progress through to the district titles in February 2016. Kate Moore was awarded the public speaker winner on the night and all participants are to be congratulated on their presentation and commitment.

Special thanks to our judging panel and to Ian Anderson, who give of their personal valuable time for our students of Mount View High.



Elmore Vale - Lions Youth of the Year Competition

Cameron Abbott and Callum Foulstone were selected to compete in The Elmore Vale- Lions Youth of the Year Competition which was organised by Pam Bennett (former English teacher of MVHS). They had their interviews in Newcastle on Sunday 22nd November 2015 and then they gave their speeches at the dinner on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at Wallsend Diggers. They competed against two former district winners from Merewether High who took out both prizes on the night, but our two students spoke well and represented Mount View High with pride. Special thanks is extended to their families for constant support and travel arrangements and to Mrs Bennett for including our students in their competition.





Cameron Abbott & Callum Foulstone

Senior Leaders

The Senior Leaders will be organising a lot of activities till the end of the month. They will be organising a BBQ lunch on Thursday 10th December as the canteen will be closed. They helped with the organisation of our "Opal Day"- an out-of uniform day on Monday 7th December. Fundraising will be for the Starlight Foundation – Make A Wish with pizzas, tropical snow cones etc. to be sold.

Grip Leadership Conference

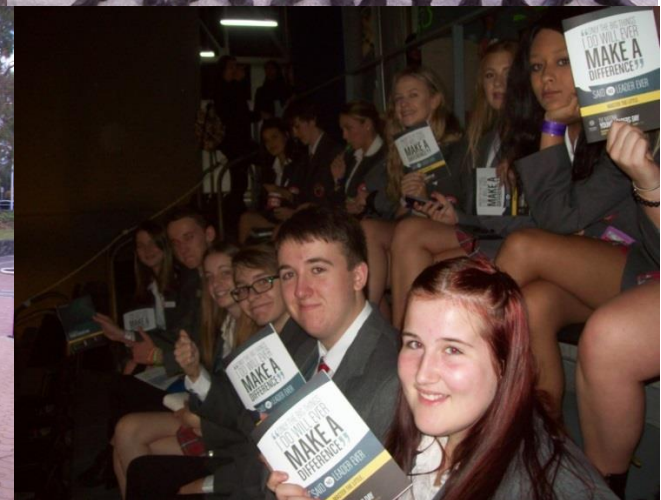
Four of our Year 10 Senior Leaders attended the Grip Leadership Conference at Newcastle Town Hall. They were with 500 other leaders from various schools in the Hunter and were able to secure first place for Mount View High in several activities throughout the day. Congratulations to the following students for their participation, Cameron Abbott, Callum Foulstone, Georgia Hodgins, Kelsey Hodgins.



National Young Leaders Conference

The Year 11 Senior Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Conference on Friday 27th November at Sydney Olympic Park. More than two thousand leaders from all over the state attended to listen to key speakers such as Olympian Jessica Fox and Premier Mike Baird. Our students travelled down to Sydney on Thursday 26th November on the school bus and we thank Mr Allen for driving the school bus and giving up his own personal time to support the senior leaders.

This group of students were great ambassadors for Mount View High and we thank our school P&C for funding the accommodation and tickets for the conference.



Uniform Pool

With the end of the year approaching we are asking for Year 10 and Year 12 students to donate their uniforms once they have officially signed out. We are in need of shirts and school skirts that are in good condition that we can restock our

uniform for 2016. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the Administration Office or to Mrs Blandon in the mathematics staffroom.

If students are borrowing items from our second hand clothing pool, we would appreciate that they be returned back to the front office in a timely manner.

AMAROOKOBA NEWS



By Members of the Junior AECG & Michelle Bedford

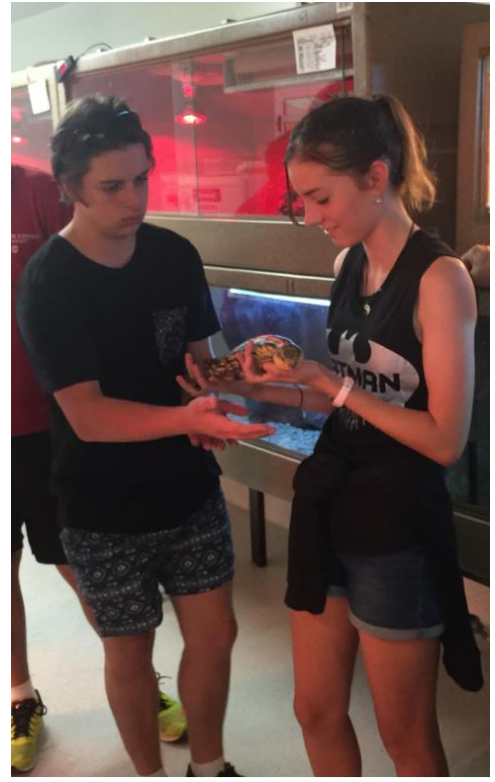
Western Sydney University Indigenous Trip – Mrs Samantha Jarrett

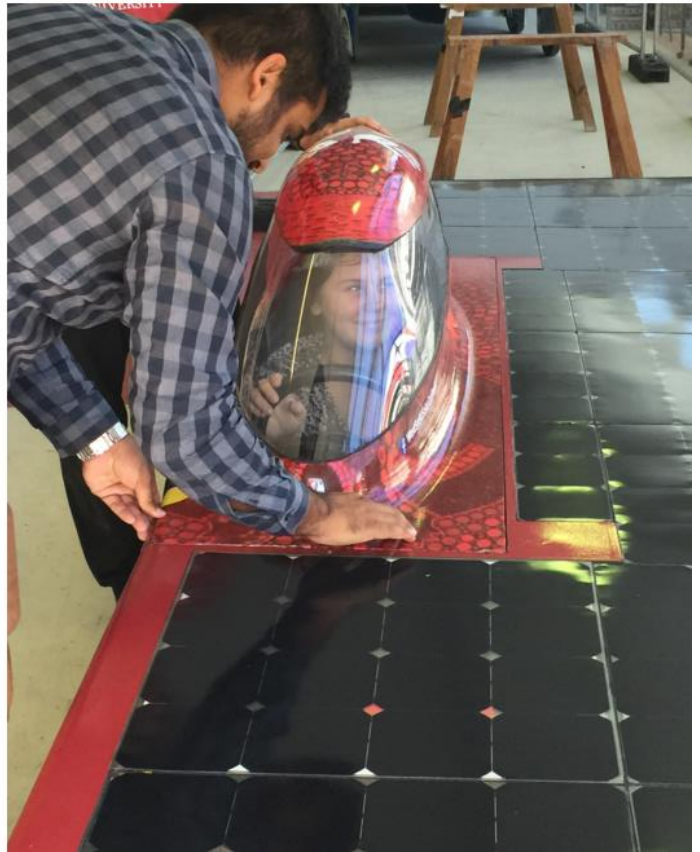
During Week 8 I had the pleasure of taking six of our indigenous students to Western Sydney University for a week of tours, guest speakers and fun. The University offered our students a range of sessions to choose from each day to get up close and personal with lecturers, Uni students and the facilities they have on offer. Our students attended tours of the animal sciences facilities and handled the reptiles while they learnt about what courses were on offer. They made explosions in their hands with the chemistry lecturers, checked heart rate and lungs of mannequins in the “fake hospital ward” and even learnt about what makes a person turn into a criminal at the criminology lecture. Our students were amazed by the facilities at each of the campuses and every tour/session allowed the kids to participate in practical tasks that they would if they were a student at WSU.

During the week, we were lucky enough to share the experience with some amazing students from other schools as well. Hunter River High were our dorm buddies, but Muswellbrook, St Joseph’s Aberdeen, Rutherford and Brewarrina all came along too. Friendships were made over dinner and aqua golf, and new talents were displayed by the never ending singing on the bus trips. Eight Uni students hosted our schools for the whole week, living in dorms with us, sharing dinner times and running activities at night time when the teachers had had enough.

Each of our students has come away from the week with a new outlook on Uni as a possibility in the future and a range of ways to get there, not just the ATAR route. Some of the students have changed their minds on their career paths after learning about new opportunities they have before them. Overall, the trip was exhausting, but worth the effort as I have heard plenty of talk back at school about courses, ATARS and alternative entry already. I look forward to a week of no sleep next year with more students if the Uni will have us again.









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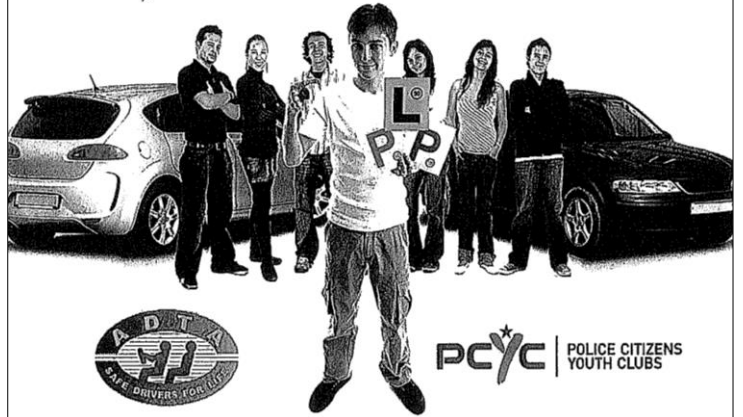
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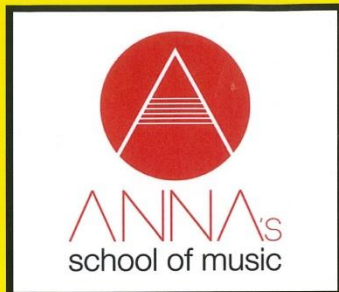
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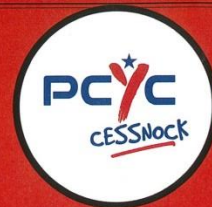
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WEDNESDAY	General Session	General Session	
THURSDAY	General Session	General Session	
FRIDAY	General Session	General Session	
	9.30 - 11am	11 - 1pm	1 - 3pm
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Session costs - Juniors - \$5
Seniors - \$11 (18yrs & over)

PCYC Membership costs - Juniors - \$6
Seniors - \$15

Hire costs - Helmet - \$5
Equipment - \$5
(Scooter Bike Skateboard)

Must have a helmet and closed in shoes.

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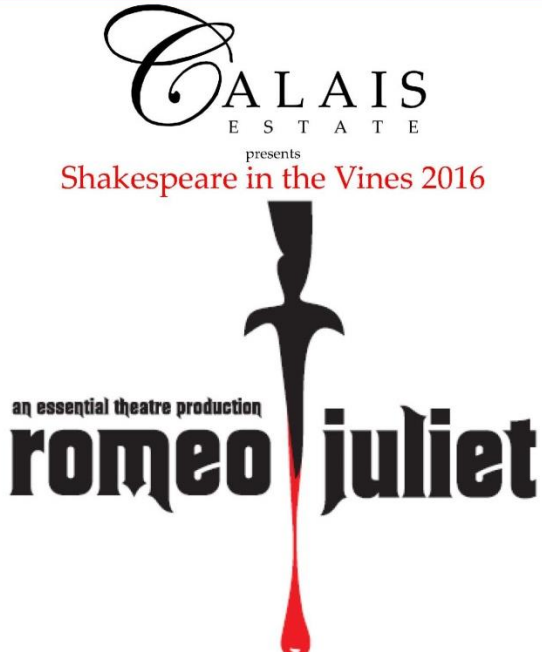
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Monday, 14th December 2015
- Gates open 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start
- Gold Coin Donation Entry
- Food & drinks available throughout the night
- Visit from Santa
- Fireworks begin at 9.00pm

ALL WELCOME!! DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!

CALAIS
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Shakespeare in the Vines 2016



an essential theatre production
romeo juliet

Saturday February 27th

Summer 2016 will see Essential Theatre revisit the heart breaking tale, **Romeo and Juliet** set amongst the picturesque **Calais Estate**. This is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and is by far one of the world's greatest love stories.

We invite you to join us at **Calais Estate** and be taken on this journey as we see the tale unravel amongst a magnificent setting.

*"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and Juliet is the sun"*

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM **TICKETEK**

School Students \$39 | Adult General Admission \$49 | VIP Lunch Package \$185

St. Joseph's Parish Cessnock
2015 Sacramental Programme

ENROLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

Children who are in Year 4 (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 after 6pm Mass on Saturday 6th February 2016 at St. Joseph's Church.

Details required are: *Baptismal Certificate*



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Summer holiday activities @ your library
Pre-booking essential - no phone bookings, tickets on sale mid December.
Numbers strictly limited

Santa Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday December 15	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday December 16	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Christmas themed storytime with a very special visitor!

Christmas Craft – ages 5-12

Monday December 21	Cessnock Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE
Tuesday December 22	Kurri Kurri Library	4.00 – 5.00	FREE

Come along to this free craft session and make some special Christmas decorations

Movies @ the Library – ages 8+

Monday January 11	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 13	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Monday January 18	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 20	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

These holidays, we'll be attending a very well-known school for wizards in the first week, then shooting off to a galaxy far, far away in the second week!

Wizards Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday January 14	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 15	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

All aspiring young wizards and witches welcome – learn to cast a spell or two and take home your own magic wand!

Wii and Board Games – ages 7+

Thursday January 14	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Friday January 15	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Bored? Join us for an afternoon of board games and battling it out on the Wii!

Mad Scientist Workshop – ages 7+

Thursday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 22	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

Explore scientific principles in this hands-on, seriously messy kitchen science workshop. Warning – wear old clothes!

Jedi Beginner's Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday January 21	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Friday January 22	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Begin your Jedi training and make a light sabre – may the force be with you!

Our regular Rhymetime and Storytime sessions will continue as normal throughout the holiday break, except when the library is closed over the Christmas break – last Story time will be on Wednesday 23rd December at Kurri Kurri. Sessions will recommence with Rhymetime on Monday 4th January

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire, or visit our website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library

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