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## CALENDAR 2016—2017

### TERM 4 2016

#### Week 10

Thurs 15th Dec · House System Reward Excursion

· HSC Results released

Fri 16th Dec

· HSC BBQ

· Last day of year for students and staff

### TERM 1 2017

#### Week 1

Fri 27th Jan · School resumes for staff

#### Week 2

Mon 30th Jan · School resumes for years 7, 11 and 12

Tues 31st Jan · School resumes years 8,9 and 10

Thurs 2nd Feb · Swimming Carnival at Cessnock Pool

#### Week 4

Fri 17th Feb · "Reprise" at Conservatorium of Music

## YEAR ADVISORS

**Year 7**—Rebecca Rounsley & Melissa Parish

**Year 8**—Jodie Scheffler

**Year 9**—Rebecca Conn

**Year 10**—Nathan Russell (Relieving)

**Year 11**—Linsey Springbett (Relieving)

**Year 12**—Sharon Curran

## FACULTY LEADERS

**English**—Rebecca Bartlett (Relieving)

**Maths**—Ben McCartney

**Science**—Natalie Death

**HSIE**—Nicola Steiner

**PD/H/PE**—Sue Ford

**TAS**—Brian Means

**CAPA**—Larayne Jeffery

**Admin**—Elizabeth Alder

**Teaching/Learning**—Leanne Triggs

**Wellbeing**—Julie Myers & Steve Quigley

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



**Ms Desley Pfeffer**

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. As always, the end of year presentation assemblies have given us an opportunity to celebrate student achievement, to reflect on the year that was and to finalise our plans for 2017.

We as a school have also celebrated many successes this year and I mentioned the following, just by way of example, at last night's Presentation Assembly:

- Changes have occurred in our school curriculum to allow a little more flexibility, especially for students entering Yr 10 to change electives and diversify their range of study
- We added new electives such as iSTEM to better equip our students for the world of work in science, technology, engineering and Maths; and Physical Activity and Sport Study, with a specialisation in football
- Our F1 in Schools senior team "Revolution Racing" are NSW state champions in what is a very tough and prestigious worldwide competition and will now contest the National Championships early next year
- A new house system has been implemented with 8 houses and a strong sense of house pride as students and staff compete for house points
- Our LEAP (Learning, Exhibition and Performance) Centre was officially opened and has been a great venue for a huge range of community and school events
- Our visual artist students have had their work exhibited in the new gallery space
- Our music students perform to acclaim at every special school assembly and are regularly sourced for community performances
- Our refurbished school library attracts record numbers of students daily (and not just because of the air-conditioning) and gives our staff a space large enough to accommodate us for professional learning activities
- Our partnerships with the University of Newcastle and the Beacon Foundation have provided more opportunities than ever before for our students to experience the world of work and further education and training
- Our sportspersons have excelled in every endeavour; the number of school representative teams has increased; and lunchtime sporting activities have encouraged many students to get active
- Nearly 1700 people follow our school's FaceBook page and in the last week alone our posts have reached more than 8000 people
- Our school song, "Stand Up Step Forward" written by our students is becoming part of what we do at MVHS
- For students studying the HSC we subsidised opportunities for them to attend study sessions and workshops so as to improve their results even further
- We funded students to enter national academic competitions in Maths and to experience the wonder of the Bell Shakespeare Company
- Yr 12 student Chloe Brown has been selected to perform in "Reprise" – a Hunter based showcase of HSC performing arts excellence and was nominated for "Encore" in Sydney – the outcome of which we are eagerly awaiting

- We've begun introducing a wellbeing framework – perhaps you've seen “connect” on the wall of the MPC but what else is to follow remains a mystery!
- Recognised as a lighthouse school for agriculture we've hosted teachers from across the state in a 2 day workshop and Mr & Mrs Jarrett have provided ongoing mentoring and support to newly appointed and inexperienced teachers of agriculture and primary industry
- Our school was highly complimented on its adherence to departmental policy & curriculum implementation during a School registration inspection by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards
- Our HSC results last year showed further improvement in the top bands of achievement with a healthy camaraderie among students to encourage personal bests in the HSC
- Our NAPLAN results show that 40% of our Yr 9 students achieved better than expected growth in reading and that more than 50% of our Yr 9 students achieved greater than or equal to expected growth in numeracy
- Our Aboriginal students' NAPLAN data continue to demonstrate achievement above state average in most areas

and our

- Canine staff members – Brando, Peta and Marble have supported students' wellbeing and learning, delighted us all with their presence, and attracted interest Australia-wide starring, along with students Elle and Kim at our “Pause for Paws” forum in Term 3 when 30 teachers and counsellors from as far afield as Qld came to MVHS to share and explore ideas about animal assisted interventions in schools.

As for 2017 the challenges ahead are significant. The face of public education is changing considerably and this will require our school to adopt new ways of working. Many of the successes and improvements shown above are as a result of the greater autonomy and funding that we are fortunate to now have available to us and of our strong community partnerships, supportive P&C and very dedicated staff. So ... what's ahead?

- After several delays we will be refurbishing our school gym and finally creating our Futures Centre
- An expansion of student leadership opportunities to give them a real voice in the operation of our school
- The mystery of our wellbeing framework will be fully revealed and embedded in our school (& we're excited by the prospect of taking this out across our local government area in conjunction with Cessnock City Council)
- The launch of BYOD at MVHS and the exploration of more new subjects such as 'coding'
- The expansion of our support faculty catering for students with special and additional learning needs
- And .... maintaining and strengthening 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

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period.



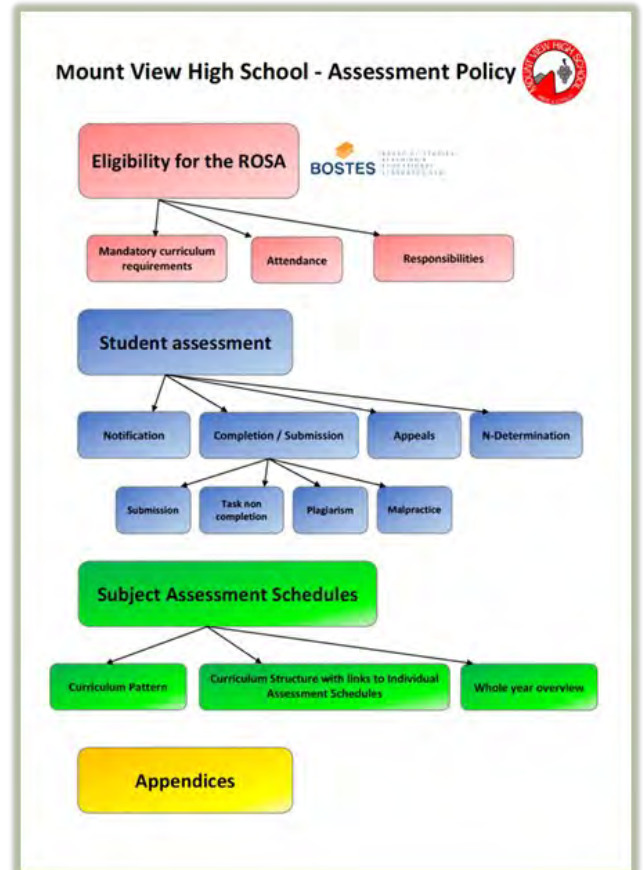
## DEPUTY'S REPORT



### Mr Shane Hookway—Deputy Yrs 8/10/12

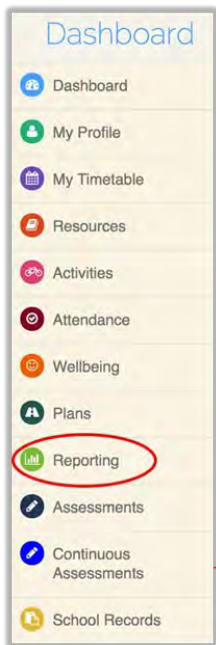
Well it has been a massive year but we are already looking forward to 2017. As such I will be publishing **Assessment schedules** for 2017 to the school website this year. A new policy relating to both Junior (Year 7, 8 and 9) and Senior (Year 10, 11 and 12) has been developed. This year we have also spent considerable time in improving the ease of use of this electronic document. **Every page is now interactive and is linked via clickable menus to make navigation a breeze.**

I highly recommend that students and parents are familiar with this document and the policy requirements therein. Individual subject schedules are also published detailing the date of assessment, the type of assessment, the weight of each assessment task and the topic students are to be assessed on. I would like to encourage parents to help their children keep organised with meeting assessment tasks deadlines by accessing the relevant booklets via the school <http://www.mountview-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/assessment-reporting>. All students will have the electronic version of the assessment booklet delivered to them via their @education e-mail accounts. There will be hard copies available upon request from the school front office. Assessment reminders will continue to be promoted on the schools Facebook page on a week to week basis reminding both students and parents about what is coming up.



Week	Term 1 - 2017
1	
2	Science
3	Secondary History
4	English, Visual Art, Japanese, Visual Arts
5	PDHPE, Japanese, Mathematics, PDHPE, Mathematics, Science
6	English
7	Science, Geography History, Science, Geography History
8	Visual Arts, Mathematics, Japanese
9	English, Japanese, English, Visual Art, English
10	Mathematics

## Semester 2 Reports published



Whilst the majority of students collected their Semester 2 or End of Course report during their respective presentation assembly this week, there are some students due to a variety of reasons that have missed out. All reports have subsequently been published to the Sentral Parent portal <http://web1.mountview-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>. This report, as will all published reports, will be available on the portal for the duration of your child's enrollment at MVHS. Simply access the Reporting Tab that will link through to published reports for your child. Select the report that you would like to view.



## BYOD and school lockers

Don't forget that all students are able to bring devices next year to MVHS in accordance with our BYOD policy. Please refer to the BYOD page on the school website <http://www.mountview-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/bring-your-own-device> for all policy requirement and links to HP (Hewlett Packard) and Harvey Norman device portals. HP have the offer of 10% discount to families of MVHS by using the "mvhs10%" code when purchasing online. To support students further we will be supporting families by providing students access to school lockers. We will be installing a range of lockers of which a laptop style locker will be prominent. Students will be able to hire lockers over the course of a year. At this point installation, should take place early Term 1.

## DEPUTY'S REPORT



**Ms Julie Smith—Deputy Yrs 7/9/11**

Congratulations to students who have worked consistently throughout 2016. Your reports will reflect this effort and you should feel proud of your efforts. Our presentation assemblies are a highlight of the year and as always it was wonderful to see parents, family and friends present to support and applaud the recipients of well-deserved awards.

I look forward to working with students as they progress into Year 8, 10 and 12 in 2017. These are significant years as each group will complete a stage of schooling. Year 7 will consolidate a successful start to high school and experience the new subjects of music and agriculture – always popular with students! I have enjoyed getting to know this year group and their parents.

Year 9 head into year 10 - a big year for discussing transition to the workplace either as part of their senior schooling or after Year 12 and the HSC. Please make sure that you give every task your very best effort so that you are practising achieving at the highest levels.

Year 11 have already begun their year 12 studies and will have completed assessment tasks in each of their subjects and hopefully have begun receiving some positive results. I encourage you to submit draft tasks and act upon the feedback you receive to ensure you achieve the subject outcomes at your very highest levels. Keep focused in class and ask if you are unsure about work or assessment tasks.

I love the thoughts of Orison Marden, 'There is only one thing for us to do and that is to do our best, right where we are every day of our lives.' I encourage all students to keep this in mind, for 2017 and the future.

My best wishes to all students and our families for Christmas and the New Year!

## ADMINISTRATION

### 2016 Presentation Day Sponsors

Mount View High School would like to thank all of the sponsors for their continued support and generous donations to our 2016 Presentation Day Assemblies.

## Sponsors

Australia Defence Forces, Mr Clayton Barr, Bellbird Park Bowling Club, Mr John Burke, BJ's Engraving, Caltex, Cessnock Achievement Centre, Cessnock B.P.W, Cessnock City Garden Club, Cessnock CWA Evening Branch, Cessnock Music and Framing, Cessnock RSL Sub Branch, Cessnock VIEW Club, Cessnock Woodturners Association, Mr Bruce Deer, Drayton's Family Wines, Eckersley's Art and Crafts, Mr Joel Fitzgibbon, Goldman's Produce, The Happy Tooth, Jurds Real Estate, KFC Cessnock, Dr Russell Kift, Korreil Wonnai AECG, Lions Club of Cessnock, Mount View High School P&C, Mount View High School SRC, Raine and Horne Cessnock, Ritchies IGA Cessnock, Rotary Club of Cessnock, Rover Motors, Mr Steve & Di Shaw, Smyth Turner & Wall, Strive, University of Newcastle, Woolworths



**Any students with library and text books could they please be returned the library as soon as possible.**

## P & C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank everyone who has attended meetings this year. We would like to thank Desley Pfeffer, Julie Smith, Shane Hookway and all the executive staff for their valued support throughout the year. Thank you to Tina, Pauline and Carol and all the hard working canteen ladies for their contribution.

We are proud to have donated to the following:

House reward excursions, AECG blazers, Breakfast Club, F1 team sponsorship, National Leaders Conference and the Annual Presentation Day totalling over \$16,000.



The P&C would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm, following on from the Year 7 welcome BBQ.

## YEAR ADVISERS' REPORTS

### Year 9— Rebecca Conn

#### Peer Support Training

In week 7 students who applied to be a Peer Support Leaders in 2017 undertook two days of training which proved to be great fun for our future leaders as well as for their mentor teachers.

I simply cannot express enough how proud I am of the students who undertook the training. They were mature, well behaved and all around great young people.



## Borneo Expedition Launch

This week I invited Sam Wade from the adventure/volunteer/travel organisation Antipodeans to speak with Year 9 about a very exciting opportunity for 2018.

We are launching an expedition to Borneo, Malaysia! With breathtaking rainforests, beautiful beaches and Mt Kinabalu (South-East Asia's tallest mountain) and one of the world's only surviving populations of Orang-utan.

The expeditions organised by the Antipodeans are not simply tourist travel but combine trekking, volunteer projects with local villages and touring on a completely student-lead expedition.

The students plan the itinerary, design the budget, choose accommodation and lead all aspects of the trip.

To facilitate this, the expedition provides training in mindfulness, resilience and leadership. Sam and Anthea will be returning very early in Term 1 to talk to students again and following that we will have a parent information evening to provide more details.

Please keep your eye on Facebook for the details of this amazing opportunity.





## Year 10— Nathan Russell—Relieving

Congratulations to all Year 10 students and their families on another successful year!

Students have had a busy and productive year, participating in the Peer Support program and camp, the Beacon Foundation, Career’s excursion, drama performances, work experience, Project 10, lifesaving and so much more. Year 10 students have represented the school in a variety of arenas, from the sporting field to the public speaking stage, always conducting themselves in an exemplary manner.

Throughout 2016, Year 10 have engaged in their studies and extra-curricular activities with confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating growing leadership skills and maturity that will hold them in good stead as they move into their senior years.

Enjoy the summer break, be safe and take the time to relax and unwind. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in 2017 for the start of your senior studies.

Nathan Russell & Rebecca Bartlett

## Year 11— Linsey Springbett (Relieving)

Happy December everyone and what a busy time of year it is. Student jerseys have been ordered and students should be receiving them late term 1 next year. A reminder to those who have paid a deposit to make sure they make regular payments to ensure the students don’t miss out.

Students have been very busy these past few weeks completing their first HSC tasks and teachers busy marking and providing feedback to students. Congratulations to students for their efforts and hopefully you are positively rewarded. It highlighted to some students the importance of staying on top of classwork and assignments in preparation for these assessments. One way students can keep on top of their work is to keep a diary or calendar and plan ahead. Below is a list of assessment tasks for Term 1 2017 with the link to the assessment schedule.

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Week	Term 1 - 2017							
1								
2	English Extension 2							
3	English Extension 1							
4								
5	Visual Art	Senior Science						
6	Biology	Engineering Studies	English Advanced	English Standard				
7								
8	Agriculture	Drama	Business Studies	PDHPE	French	Music	Mathematics Extension	
9	Sport Lifestyle Recreation (BEC)	Japanese	Legal Studies	Physics	Community and Family Studies	Ancient History	Textiles	
10	Chemistry	Exploring Early Childhood (BEC)	Modern History	General Mathematics (nonATAR)	General Mathematics	Mathematics	English Studies	

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday with family and friends and thank you again for all your support.

## ATTENDANCE



**Elizabeth Alder—Head Teacher Administration**

**Attendance enquiries: Phone 49902566 ext 1 or call into the Attendance Office**

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 and contagion, by providing a Dr's Certificate, you may be eligible to apply for an 'Exemption from School'. Please contact the Attendance Office for further information.



Rebecca Bartlett — Relieving Head Teacher

AN ODE FROM THE ENGLISH AND DRAMA FACULTY

Well what another amazing year 2016 has been

We were all thrilled by what we have seen

Fantastic work from so many students

Not to mention the amazing improvements

Every term standards were met and surpassed

As the lessons and weeks flew by so fast

Year 7 grew more creative with each turn

And everyone had the opportunity to learn

Year 8 showed their talent and ICT skill

And learnt about some old guy called Will

Year 9 read a lot and wrote their own tales

While Year 10 had the wind in their sails

Senior students began to hit their stride

Routinely working with a great deal of pride

We wish the graduating class all the best

And hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest

To one and all we hope your holidays are fun

Full of love, laughter, happiness and sun

And may you be joyous the whole Summer through

As we farewell the old and welcome the new

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

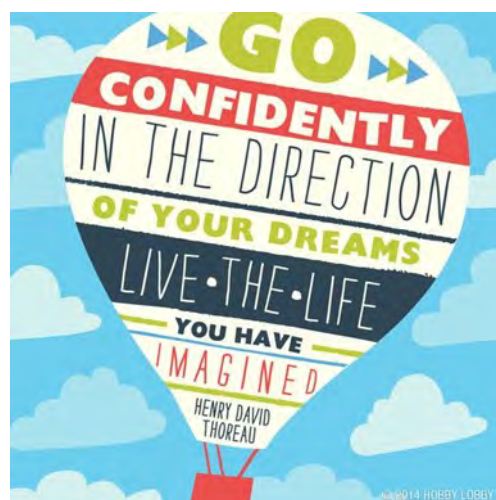
Best wishes, MVHS English/Drama Faculty

## HSIE FACULTY



**Nicola Steiner—Head Teacher**

Term 4 is coming to a close and the results of students' hard work will be evident in their reports and at the end of year assemblies. The faculty has enjoyed guiding the students through their studies and look forward to welcoming all back in 2017.



The end of the term has seen assessment tasks undertaken in all Year 12 courses – French, Japanese, Modern History, Ancient History, Business Studies and Legal Studies. Students in these subjects are urged to continue their assiduous manner towards their coursework and in particular, dedicate time in the summer holidays to creating and refining their summaries and taking care to complete any 'holiday homework' set by their teachers. By ensuring this work is finished before the start of Term 1, 2017, the students will be setting themselves up for success as they commence their final three terms of high school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Jessica Schafer, who after seven years with the HSIE faculty in a temporary capacity, is moving to CAPA to undertake a year's contract, teaching her first love – art. We wish Miss Schafer all the best as she starts a new chapter in her Mount View journey!

And lastly, I would like to thank the amazing HSIE/LOTE/Library staff – Mrs Lily Amos, Mrs Kristin Bailey, Mrs Rachael Collier, Mr Drew Daniels, Mrs Lisa Forrest, Miss Amy Giffney, Mrs Lisa Hunt, Mrs Julia McNeill, Miss Jessica Millward and Ms Gemma Redfern – who have made my start at Mount View so enjoyable. We have so much to look forward to in 2017!

Best wishes to all.



## CAPA—STATE OF THE ARTS



### Larayne Jeffery— Head Teacher

Students have completed their final assessment tasks and are preparing for end of year performance events.

Year 8 have completed their Elective Case Studies where students had the choice of completing a range of activities in order to gain credit points.

The highest point winners in each class were:

8D Judd Jackson

8B Jacinta White (highest overall point scorer in Year 8!)

8Z Kayla Walkling

8P Levi Hicks

8M Josh Pateman

8H Kai Laybutt/Logan Templeton

8A Jay Johnson

Year 9 and 10 have completed their elective topic studies where they used Microsoft 365 and Google Classroom to produce a SWAY presentation on their topic of choice.

Year 12 have completed their first assessment task in Composition and have produced some beautifully written melodies with piano accompaniment using Finale software to notate the musical score.

Our final concert was held in the LEAP centre last month which celebrated the successes of students from Years 8 to 11. Family and friends arrived for a twilight concert where students performed solos and ensembles that they had prepared for end of year assessment tasks.

Mr Drew Daniels had worked with the sound team during sport afternoons to prepare lighting cues and digital backdrops for each performer.



Elliott Peden



Ella Myers



Chloe Grant and Tahnee Redman accompanied by Lachlan Burns, Ty Jackson and Cody Lawson



Sarah Passfield on drums accompanied by Tahliah Dicker, Mr Drew Daniels, Mr Ross Levick and Mr Cam Daniels(not pictured).



Georgia Bradley and Rose Lucas

The MVHS Sound Crew assisted primary partner schools in hosting their Presentation Award Ceremonies in our MPC and provided data projection, music, lighting and sound to enhance their special occasion.

Students are now busy rehearsing the school song, National Anthem and performance items for the Sports Presentation Ceremony, Stage 4 and 5 Award Ceremonies and Presentation Evening.

What a fantastic and musical year 2016 has been. There are more exciting plans in place ready for the new students of 2017! To all the CAPA students, have a wonderful Christmas and restful holiday ready for more learning next year!



Vocal Ensemble

## Artist of the Month – December

### Kyron Hynes –Yr 10

Kyron has demonstrated excellent growth in both his abilities and knowledge in Visual Arts this year. He has produced a quality Body of Work using Aerosol paint.

His work was selected to feature on the Final Exhibition promotion posters as it demonstrated an excellent degree of technical proficiency.

Congratulations Kyron.



### Photography Program receives very generous donation.

Local photographer Les Dainter has gifted Mount View High Photographic and Digital Media program generous quantities of studio and lighting equipment.

Les worked in Advertising and Photojournalism, as well as running his own studio and has accumulated more equipment than he now requires. On a recent visit to Mount View High, Les toured the school, new Art Gallery space and met with Ms Jude Willis, a passionate photography teacher. Realising through their conversation that analogue photography and traditional skills and techniques were an integral part in the early stages of the elective program, Les knew that his equipment would be put to excellent use at Mount View High.

A massive thank you goes out to Les for his very kind and generous donation.



Les Dainter and Mrs Willis discussing the donation.



Mrs Wiseman, Mrs Alder, Mr Les Dainter, Mrs Willis and Mrs Jeffery in the Art Gallery space with a portion of the donation of Lighting equipment.

## Artworks from Stage 5 Art Exhibition



Corrin Staley



Issac McDougall



Jack Barrett





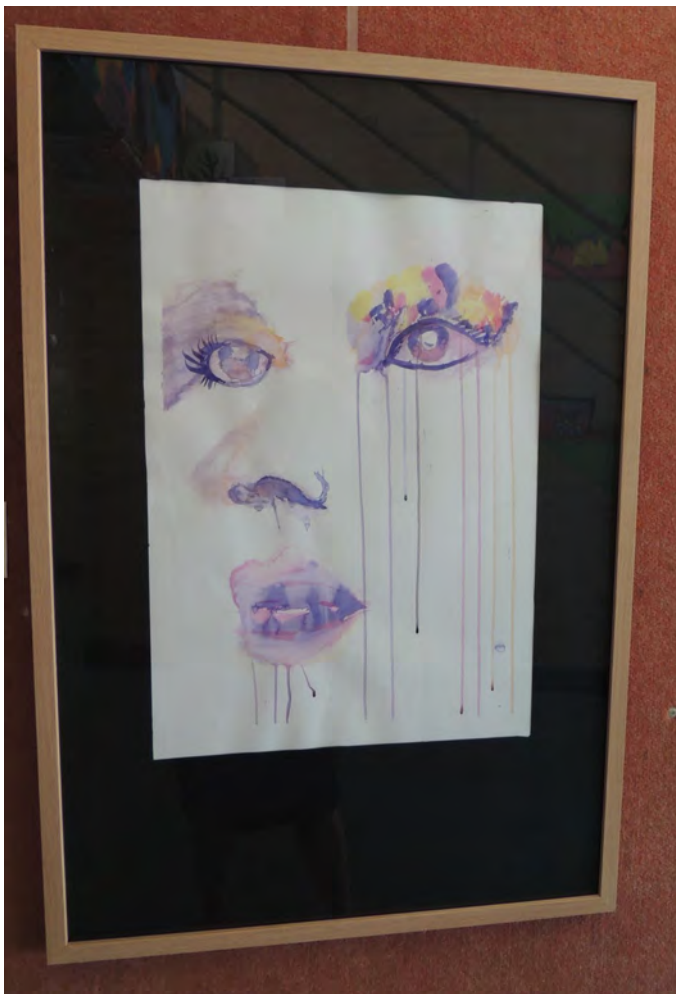
Kirsty Relleke



Elizabeth Parish



Matilda Brown



Sarah Richardson



Will Walking



# Reprise: ||

**SHOWCASE CONCERT 2017**

Celebrating Outstanding HSC 2016  
Music Performances in the Hunter

**Friday February 17, 10.30am**

**Harold Lobb Concert Hall  
The University Of Newcastle  
Conservatorium**

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## TAS FACULTY



### Brian Means—Head Teacher

All students have been reminded to collect their practical projects before the end of the school year. The TAS Faculty has limited storage space and as such we clear out our storage areas at the end of each year ready for our new group of students the following year.

As a Faculty we look forward to working with your child/children to be the best they can be and develop skills and knowledge in subject areas we love. We encourage the youth of our community to challenge themselves, take pride in their work and challenge us as teachers to be the best we can be too.

*“You have brains in your head, You have shoes on your feet, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose”  
Dr Suess*

*Choose wisely .... Merry Christmas*

### What’s been happening in TAS.....

Year 7 were given the task of creating their own designer Cup Cake. Following the design process the students were required to bake the cup cakes at school and then add their unique touch with flavour and edible decoration. The final creations were presented complete with a creative name for their cup cake, and finished in their designer cup cake wrapper. The student outcomes were all impressive, displaying innovative ideas, creative minds and positive attitudes. Featured in the image below is a Cappuccino inspired Cup Cake creation.





Revolution Racing (who are the 2016 NSW State Champions) are busy preparing for the Australian Championship in Adelaide from 25/02/2017 to 03/03/2017. The team, after many hours of testing and analysis, have designed their new race car and ready to start machining several cars to race. Each machined car will be measured and tested for accuracy to make sure that we race with the best and fastest car possible at the Australian championship. Each team member has been assigned their roles and responsibilities so everything is completed according to a time schedule and worked on collaboratively by all members. Liam Whiteley, Connor Minchinton, Jack Stephenson and Daniel Lambkin are a dedicated team of students who are trying to win the Australian F1inSchools title for Mount View High School.

An American company - ABEC357, have sponsored the team by sending 10 ceramic bearings at the reduced price of \$65 each (Australian). Thank you to ME Program, Rover Motors and Palazzirail for their generous sponsorship for the Australian Championship.



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🏁 'F1 in Schools 2016 NSW State Champions' 🏁



Revolution Racing – Jack Stephenson, Daniel Lambkin, Liam Whiteley, Connor Minchinton with the University of Western Sydney representative.

Year 10 iSTEM students have been challenged with a range of practical projects this year to increase their problem solving skills as well as look at the advantages of authentic learning using FAIL method (First Attempt In Learning) involved with Project-based Learning (PBL). The class has just finished a spaghetti bridge challenge where students started with a basic beam bridge design using the least amount of material to make the bridge. A number of students were able to make a bridge using only 3 pieces of spaghetti that could hold the weight of a digital camera (124g). Next students had to add another bridge design (e.g. truss, arch, cable, etc) to the beam and hold as much weight as possible to try and achieve the greatest weight to bridge mass ratio. Congratulations to Naomi Martin, Daniel Lambkin and Ty Jackson who made impressive bridges.



Year 10 excelled with another project called “Rescue Me” where they had to design a vehicle to travel 10m using an electric toothbrush, plastic bottle caps, straws, skewers, cardboard and a hot glue gun. Most of the class designed a vehicle to travel the distance in the shortest amount of time. Congratulations to Naomi Martin and James Winchester who made awesome vehicles.



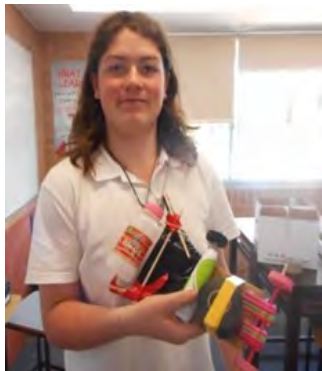
Sam Cox



DJ York



Brock Sinclair



James Winchester

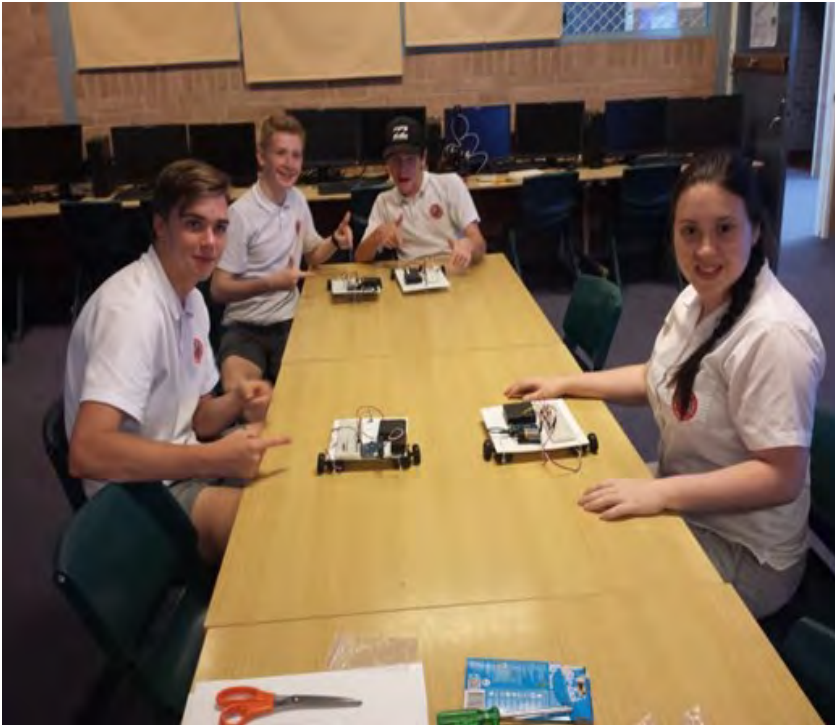


Jack Robinson



Naomi Martin

Year 9 iSTEM students participated in a “STEM in Cessnock” program where they completed training in robotics and Arduino coding under the expertise of Peter Wall (from STEMQUIP) with students from St. Phillips and Cessnock High Schools. Charmayne Gould, Ryan Stace, Zach Shanahan-Naysmith, Joe Stephenson and Eddison Foulstone attended a number of workshops at Cessnock High School and excursions to Newcastle University, Newcastle TAFE and Hedweld Engineering to learn the importance of STEM education in our local industry. Students collaboratively made a humanoid robot as well as Arduino cars using a range of servos, sensors and other electronic components. Next students had to code their vehicle to perform a range of tasks.



Ryan, Joe Zach & Charmayne with their Arduino Cars



3D Printer & 2 Robot kits courteous RDA & ME Program

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) subjects are fundamental to shaping the future of Australia. They provide enabling skills and knowledge that increasingly underpin many professions and trades and the skills of a technologically based workforce. The iSTEM program which is sponsored by the ME Program utilises these knowledge sources in application to Skills, Technology Engineering, Mechanics and Science. Mount View High School is proud to be able to provide this elective subject for our students to boost their learning outcomes and improve HSC results.

## PD/H/PE FACULTY



### Sue Ford—Head Teacher

PDHPE offers students a break away from the academic pressures of the classroom and a choice to develop lifelong recreational skills, health related information to develop informed decision making as well as attitudes and habits which may lead to a happy, healthy lifestyle. To achieve this, the curriculum encompasses practical experiences in the areas of games, dance, athletics, fitness, gymnastics and recreational activities. PDHPE is concerned with the development of the whole individual – physical, social, emotional, cultural and spiritual. Therefore the theoretical components focus on the development of self-esteem, communication skills and healthy decision making especially concerning nutrition, drug use, sexual health and safe living.

Fitness and a general level of good health of the students remains an important long term goal of the PDHPE faculty. In 2016 the PDHPE faculty have had a major focus on fitness related activities where students were involved in a fitness program during terms 2 and 4. Students were pre tested on a battery of fitness tests, participated in the fitness activities and then post tested. Many students made very good improvements to their fitness levels.

The electives offered by the faculty during 2016 increased with the development of the PASS Football course. This has been an outstanding success evidenced through the active participation of both the year 9 and year 10 classes and the obvious enjoyment of the students. The PASS elective has shifted its focus a little in 2016 to not only provide enjoyable sport and recreation activities but to develop student capacity toward the Stage 6 PDHPE course. The Dance elective continues to be popular and caters for particular student interest. This course is designed to enhance students' dancing ability and group work through performance and choreography. The course provides learning opportunities for both the talented dancer and the student who wants to learn about dance. In 2016 the classes were involved with Starstruck and The Hunter Dance Festival and this will continue in 2017.

In 2017 it is anticipated that a new gym will be constructed at the school and this will play an integral role in PDHPE fitness lessons, Stage 5 elective courses, Stage 6 SLR and the lunch time gym club.

The PDHPE faculty is very thankful to the year 9 Boys Maintenance Group and the MC students who have worked to improve the school's facilities. They have constructed new and improved moveable goal post for use in PDHPE lessons and break time activities as well as the extension of the cricket practice pitch.

2016 has been a busy year for the PDHPE faculty as the staff have been involved with many KO sporting teams, sport and carnival organisation, Stage 6 mandatory Crossroads program, Stage 4 lifesaving program and a range of extra curricula activities. The energetic and talented PDHPE team look forward to an exciting 2017.

### PROJECTS 7 and 8

7 Fearnley and 8 Dinnigan have now completed their final interviews for the year. Students in these classes have undertaken sessions regarding study skills, goal setting and futures planning culminating in the week 6 interviews of portfolio presentations.

All students are to be congratulated on the way in which they conducted themselves during the interviews. 85% of year 7 students and 80% of year 8 students gained a distinction or high distinction as a grade for their interview.

### PROJECT 10

All Year 10 students were to be involved in this authentic assessment and interview program during week 7 of this term. Through the Project 10 program students were encouraged to develop better quality assessment tasks, improve their time management and study skills and to develop appropriate interview techniques.





Students worked through a program of 8 sessions throughout the year with a mentor preparing them for the interviews. All students are to be congratulated on the way they presented themselves for their interview as well as the obvious preparation that was evident. The panel members comprising a community member, a staff member and a year 9 student, were very impressed with the confident manner in which the students responded to each question.

Many thanks to the community members involved this year for willingly giving their time to be involved in this worthwhile program. Thanks also to the Mount View High School staff who were mentors and/or panel members for supporting the program. Each year 9 student involved as a panel member gained invaluable experience for their own Project 10 experience in 2017. A huge thank you to the TAS faculty and the VET students for providing lunches each day. It was very much appreciated.

In 2016 55% of year 10 students gained a high distinction or distinction and 73% of students received a credit or above. This is an outstanding effort and students should be proud of their achievements.



Year 10 students during Project 10 with community members and Year 9 students.





**Jamie Grove—Sports Co-ordinator  
Stage 4 Lifesaving**

The Lifesaving program at Mount View High School offers the students an opportunity to develop their skills and awareness around water. Students in year 7 and 8 work through the Royal Lifesaving Society Swim and Survive and Bronze awards. The awards are designed to gradually develop the skills required to be safe around water and rescue someone in danger. The weather has been extremely favourable in 2016 and the students have worked really well throughout the course of the program. The Lifesaving program also offers year 10 PASS students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills in their quest to become Junior Instructors.

We would like to congratulate all students in year 7 and 8 who have completed an award this year. A special mention must go to the following year 7 and 8 students who completed higher awards:

**Bronze Star:** Chloe Beckett, Mason Forrest, Grace Frankland, Jacob Hall, Chloe Hunt, Will Ingram, Olivia Jeffery, Daniel Langley, Eli Mikisch, Carla O'Connor, Lilly Stace, Caleb Trowbridge, Chelsea Webb and Sam Younger.

**Bronze Medallion:** Georgia Bradley, Kaila Burgess, Jeb Crossley, Charli Craft, Mia Culley, Tori Hill, Katie Jeffery, Sam Lewis, Ebony Naden, Alexia Vowles and Kirsten Boesen.

The photos below are of students performing skills and rescues during the program.



## Sport

As the appointed sports coordinator for 2016 my goal was to provide as many consistent opportunities for students to be physically active as possible. The secret to lifelong health and fitness is consistency and the secret to consistency is motivation. I would like to congratulate all students who have participated in school sport, lunchtime sport clubs and representative teams this year as you have taken giant steps towards lifelong health and fitness. I would also like to thank the teachers and coaches who take time out of their normal schedules to provide the students the opportunities to be physically active and represent the school.

Rugby League has taken off at Mount View High School. This is because of the great work of Mr Jayden Cooke and Mr Scott Bragato. PASS football has been offered for the first time, proving to be a huge success as well as a talented sports program on Thursday afternoons that gives some of our teams an opportunity to train together. Not only has Mount View entered more teams throughout regional competitions but we have been extremely competitive along the way. I look forward to hearing about the continual growth of Rugby League and Touch at Mount View.

Our U15 boys Basketball team recently played in the state competition against Endeavour Sports High School. This was always going to be a hard road trip however we proved to be a tough team to face taking the game all the way to the wire. Unfortunately in the end we were narrowly beaten however the boys can all hold their heads high and look forward to another strong year in 2017.

The sports presentation was held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December. This is the time when as a school we celebrate all the individual achievements of our sports men and women. I would personally like to wish everyone all the best in 2017 as I move on from Mount View High School. I would also like to wish Mr Scott Bragato all the best as the newly appointed sports coordinator for 2017. He has already secured some funding to upgrade our team uniforms so not only is Mount View going to continue to perform well, you will look great doing it.

Keep active

Mr Grove

Sports Coordinator



PASS Football Students on the School Oval



**Rebecca Rounsley - Futures Adviser**

**TAFE NSW: Credit Transfer information.**

TAFE NSW has worked with a number of higher education providers in Australia to ensure credit transfer agreements from TAFE to these providers.

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### **Simulated UMAT Day - Head Start Preparation Workshop for Years 10, 11 & 12 students:**

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in medicine or dentistry will need to sit the compulsory UMAT (examination) when applying for one of the above career choices. NIE will be conducting UMAT preparation workshop during summer break. Places are strictly limited. All details are available via <http://www.nie.edu.au>

#### **'Head Start' UMAT Summer Holidays Workshop**

**Dates:** Sydney - 9 January 2017

**Cost:** \$289 (Lunch and refreshments will be provided)

#### **UMAT 2017 timeline:**

- UMAT 2017 registrations are already open.
- Registrations close at 5.00pm AEST on 2 June 2017.
- Late registrations are accepted up to 5.00pm AEST on 16 June 2017 (late fee applies).
- Admission Tickets are available two weeks before the test.
- Test date: 26 July 2017.
- Results available in late September 2017.
- Medical Interview offers 2017 - Mid October 2016 through to February 2017.



Information has been handed to students for the 2017 Year 10 Careers Excursion. If your child has not received the information sheets which include Expression of Interest please collect from the Futures (Careers) Office.

Expression of Interest is due back by the end of term and deposits to secure your attendance are to be paid by Friday 3rd February 2017.



#### **Year 10 2017 Careers Excursion 16th—19th May 2017**

Expression of Interest forms due by end of term

Deposits due Friday February 3rd 2017.

**UNE Open Day** Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May. More details to follow next year.

**Hunter Valley Careers Expo - Friday 19th May 2017** @ Maitland Basketball Stadium 10:45 - 11:45

Aimed at Students in years 11 and 12 wanting to explore and gain information on post school options.

**HSC Seminar Day 2017 Friday 26th May** @ Singleton High School.

A chance to meet and talk to current HSC markers and other presenters, students from other schools also studying for the HSC.

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In 2017 there will be an ADF Careers Information Session at DFR Newcastle on the **second Tuesday of each month**. Dates for the first half of 2017 are below:

**DATES:** Tuesday 10 January  
Tuesday 14 February  
Tuesday 14 March  
Tuesday 11 April  
Tuesday 9 May  
Tuesday 13 June

**TIME:** 5.45pm (for a 6.00pm start)

**ADDRESS:** 528 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

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## STUDENT WELLBEING



**Steve Quigley (Yrs 7/9/11)**

### **Drop the Beat – Silent Disco**

The temperature soared but it was another huge and successful silent disco for our students which aims to promote and change our culture by preventing domestic and family violence. On November 18<sup>th</sup> students were addressed by White Ribbon Ambassador and employee Liam Dooley, Executive Manager, Committees and Community Development. Liam delivered a concise address focusing on positive relationships and the value of having self-respect. Mount View High School would also like to acknowledge Lakin Agnew, Cessnock Community and Development Officer, and her team for organising such a wonderful event. Other sponsors include NSW Government, Cessnock City Council, Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service and the Samaritans, NAPCAN, Youth Off the Streets, Carrie's Place and the Reach Foundation.



### **White Ribbon**

Our sole aim this year was to raise awareness of violence against women which culminated with our annual White Ribbon assembly. Our assembly was held on November 24 with White Ribbon Ambassador and Mayor of Cessnock, Mr Bob Pynsent addressing our whole school. White Ribbon is the only male led initiative to stand up, speak out and prevent men's violence towards women. This year all of our male staff and students took the pledge to stamp out violence against women. A promising sign this year, was the number of female staff and students also standing and committing to the White Ribbon cause. Mount View High School will continue to promote positive relationships between men and women and stand up, speak up and prevent violence towards women.



Mayor Mr Bob Pynsent addressing the school



Students taking the White Ribbon Pledge



**Julie Myers (Yrs 8/10/12)**

**Social Inclusion Day**

On Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November year 7 participated in creating a mural for Social Inclusion Week. Shane and Faith from Up n Up came to the school and created the inclusive mural. Year 7 students were able to place their hand print on the mural as their commitment to making Mount View High an inclusive environment for all people. Cessnock Rotary Club provided a sausage sizzle for the students afterwards. MVHS would like to thank Ability Links, Bunnings, Cessnock Rotary Club and Mayor Bob Pynsent for their involvement and support in making the day a great success. The mural is on display outside the wellbeing office.



Mayor Bob Pynsent speaking to Year 7



Creating the mural



Faith and Shane from Up and Up with the completed mural



## A friendly reminder regarding Health Care Plans in schools.

The Department of Education policy and procedures for students who require Health Care plans in schools must be followed. Parents/Carers who do not comply with the DoE policy are in breach of the 16A Child Protection Act.

### Anaphylaxis

Parents/Carers of students who have this condition are required to:

1. ASCIA plan is updated every year by a GP and includes a review date.
2. Provide a copy of the plan to the school
3. Provide a epipen to be kept in the school clinic
4. Student to carry epipen at all times, clearly labelled and in a section of their school bag that is easily accessible.
5. Parent/student meeting to be held at the school with HT Wellbeing to discuss process and ensure paperwork is accurate.
6. Student information is disseminated to all staff and uploaded on school's electronic record keeping program –Sentral.

### Other health conditions

1. Parent/student meeting to be held at the school with HT Wellbeing to discuss process and ensure paperwork including emergency care is accurate.
2. Student information is disseminated to all staff and uploaded on school's electronic record keeping program –Sentral

### Communication with parents

1. A review of each health care plan will be conducted twice in 2017 – June and November /December.
2. A copy of the current Health Care Plan will be sent home for parents/carers to check and ensure information is accurate.
3. If changes have been made, key personnel within the school will make changes and disseminate updated information to staff.

## Share the Dignity

So many charities need our help and it is difficult to be able to give to all. Our local newspaper reached out to the Cessnock people to support women who are homeless. The charity asked for women's personal care items and hand bags – Mount View High School staff answered the call. Mrs Jodie Scheffler and her year 8 girls group took time out to bundle the goods and pretty the bags up adding a personal tag and message.



Darcie Davies, Charlie Craft and Aliezah Allen bundling up some of the items



Olivia Harris, Georgia Bradley, Charlie Craft, Mia Culley, Xanthe Hawes, Sylvia Carr, Tori Cassidy and Paige Hickey helping bundle up Share the Dignity donations.



Tori Cassidy and Paige Hickey with some of the personal tags for the bag.

## SENIOR LEADERS & SRC



### **Karen Blandon—Co-Cordinator**

#### National Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

The following students attended the National Young Leaders Conference at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We are thankful that our MVHS P&C committee paid for their accommodation and ticket entry and they had a great experience over the two days. Guest speakers included Melissa Doyle from Prime Television. Poppy Starr inspired our students as she talked about how she succeeded in becoming the Under 15 World Champion in skateboarding. We also thank Mr Richard Allen for giving up his personal time to drive the school mini bus.

Captains: Cameron Abbott and Fanogo Maher

Vice Captains: Matt Griffin and Alex Kemp

Senior Leaders: Jack Stephenson, Sarah Passfield, Magdalen Plater, Michaela Holden, Gabrielle Roach, Grace Younger, Conner Garred, Khadija Arain, Aleesha Pyne, Liam Whiteley, Brydie Burke, Ainsley Flett, Callum Foulstone, Tahlia Dicker



2017 Captains

Alex Kemp—Vice Captain, Matt Griffin—Vice Captain, Fanogo Maher—Captain and Cameron Abbott— Captain



2017 School Leaders

Khadija Arain, Alex Kemp, Matt Griffin, Jack Stephenson, Liam Whiteley, Conner Garred Cameron Abbott, Fanogo Maher, Tahlia Dicker, Brydie Burke, Grace Younger, Magdalen Plater, Sarah Passfield, Aleesha Pyne, Michaela Holden. Absent Gabrielle Roach, Ainsley Flett, Callum Foulstone

## Lions Youth of the Year

The Cessnock Lions “ Youth of the Year “ competition was held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the school LEAP Centre.



We had three participants from our Senior Leadership Team and they were all Leos members as well. Matt Griffin, Khadija Arain and Alex Kemp stepped up to compete in this prestigious competition. They had an interview for half an hour on the previous Sunday at school, which was worth 80 marks and then two impromptu speeches for 2 minutes and a 5 minute prepared speech worth 30 marks on the night.

Matt Griffin took out the title of Lions Youth of the Year and also Best Public speaker on the night. He will now proceed to zone level in February 2017.

The Elmore Vale Lions Club accepted two of our Year 10 Senior Leaders to compete at their competition with Merewether High in Newcastle.

Jordyn Jeffery and Tahlia Hughes attended interviews in Newcastle on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and then competed on Tuesday night 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, at Wallsend Diggers Club. Out of the four contestants on the night, there were only 7 points out of a possible 110 between them all. The judges took nearly an hour to make a final decision and even though we were pipped at the post by Merewether High for the title of “Youth of the Year“, Jordyn Jeffery is to be congratulated for winning “Best Public Speaker” on the night. Both girls were great ambassadors for MVHS and we look forward to them competing in the Cessnock District next year.



Jordyn Jeffery and Tahlia Hughes

## Mount View Leos— Toys and Tins

Once again, the Leo members organised to collect toys and tins for our local Salvation Army for their Christmas Appeal. The Leos donated \$200 to contribute with toys and tins and students, staff and parents have been asked to contribute as well. We had a really large number of donations ready for collection by the Salvation Army on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.



## UNIFORM POOL

A desperate plea is being made to all Year 10 and Year 12 girls who will not be handing their skirts or shirts to siblings or friends. We have no junior skirts at all at the moment in our uniform pool. We would greatly appreciate any donations of any uniform articles (in good condition) to be given to the front office or to Mrs Blandon.





Michelle Bedford—Liaison Officer Aboriginal Students

### JAECG LEADER'S INDUCTION

MVHS has recently had the pleasure of celebrating the success of four young women from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student body.

During a recent vote Dakota King, Taneisha Rosser, Dhani Drylie and Chloe Grant were elected by their Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander peers to be the executive leaders of our school's Junior Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group.

Our school's Junior AECG has been successfully running for a number of years, it is well supported throughout our school and the greater community. Our JAECG creates a platform for all of our ATSI students to have their voices and opinions heard regarding educational programs, events and community involvement.

To mark this special occasion, a smoking ceremony was held for the students and their special guests, whilst the full school gathered on the amphitheatre. We then all watched our newly elected leaders take their pledge, receive their badges and blazers.

Our Junior AECG works closely with our community AECG and we look forward to that relationship growing further in 2017.

We congratulate these talented young ladies once again, it is well deserved! We wish you all the very best!



Chloe Grant, Dakota King, Taneisha Rosser and Dhani Drylie—Leaders of the Jnr AECG



## TRANSITION DAY

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we had the pleasure of hosting our annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander student transition day.

We were joined by 17 Indigenous students enrolled into year 7 in 2017.

All students were collected by our school's mini bus and brought back to MVHS, where we were joined by the newly elected JAECG leaders, our MVHS Aboriginal Education team as well as our 3 executive members of the AECG.

We had a fantastic day together touring the school, playing TIGS, having an ice breakers session, preparing pizzas for lunch, eating lunch and having a mini JAECG meeting.

This special day has become an integral part of our transition program for our Year 6 students and all staff and students had a great day together.

Finally we would like to take a moment to wish everyone a very special and safe Christmas holiday.

We look forward to an amazing 2017 together!

# HOUSE LEADERBOARD



**GROUNDED & DYNAMIC**



**GATHER & ASSEMBLE**



**TRUTH & HONOUR**



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**Belong & IGNITE**



**Peace & POWER**



**SHINE BRIGHT**



**STRIVE & UNITE**

Students gain house points for a range of activities including sporting success, participation, attendance and involvement in extra-curricular activities etc.

## Top 5 point scorers !



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Ash Holden  
Rachel Amos  
Kirsten Boesen  
Connor Archer



*BE QUICK, BE ACTIVE*

Sam Baker  
Josie Small  
Will Ingram  
Harrison Spruce  
Cory Hindmarsh

*STRIVE & UNITE*

Charmayne Gould  
Dakota Fenton  
Garry Russell  
Brock Wallace  
Abbey-Peta Scott



*GROUND & DYNAMIC*

Angelina Bodycote  
Kaniesha Blandon  
Sarah Wiese  
Josh Cagney  
Abby-Lee Grant



*GATHER & ASSEMBLE*

Chloe Backett  
Chelsea Webb  
Emily Sharpe  
Marnie Bullen  
Amy-Lee Ingram



*SHINE BRIGHT*

Jack Whiting  
Carla O'Connor  
Chloe Hunt  
Elle Turner  
Taylah Hall

*Peace & POWER*

Ebony Main  
Kristine Carr  
Oliver Beveridge  
Rose Lucas  
Emily Jackson



*TRUTH & HONOUR*

Alexia Vowles  
Ryan Forrest  
Kayla Walking  
Luke Sweeney  
Aleah O'Brien







# Christmas Day Festivities

## at Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort

**Sunday 25th December**

Enjoy a traditional Christmas roast all-you-can-eat buffet, a 2 hour beverage package including local wines, beer and soft drink and visits from Santa for lunch or dinner!

**Available for Lunch or Dinner**

**Adult \$99<sub>pp</sub>**

**Child \$45<sub>pp</sub>**  
(under 12 years)



# Celebrate NYE

## at Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort

**Saturday 31st December**

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**Summer BBQ buffet \$99<sub>pp</sub>**

**Child \$45<sub>pp</sub>**  
(under 12 years)

**Formal 3 Course Menu \$135<sub>pp</sub>**

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**Santa Story time – ages 2-6**

Tuesday December 20	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday December 21	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

**Christmas themed storytime with a very special visitor!**

**Christmas Craft – ages 5-12**

Monday December 19	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE
Tuesday December 20	Cessnock Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE

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

**Kids Code – Introduction to HTML and CSS – ages 9+**

Thursday January 12	Cessnock Library	12.00 – 1.00	FREE
Friday January 27	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

**Learn the basics of computer programming, and how HTML and CSS work together to create web pages- sponsored by Cessnock Leagues club. YOU NEED YOUR OWN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THIS WORKSHOP**

**Xbox and Board Games – ages 7+**

Monday January 9	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 - 4.00	FREE
Tuesday January 10	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

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

**Superheroes Cartooning Workshop – ages 7+**

Thursday January 12	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Thursday January 12	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE

**Learn how to draw your favourite superheroes, and maybe create a few of your own!**

**Alien Mask Making Workshop – ages 5-12**

Wednesday January 11	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Friday January 13	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	

Monday January 16	Cessnock Library	12.00 – 1.00	\$3.00
Wednesday January 18	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	

**Create a papier mache alien mask that's out of this world in this two-part workshop**

**Robotics Coding Workshop- ages 7+**

Monday January 16	Kurri Kurri Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE
Tuesday January 17	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

**Meet Cessnock City Library's new robots! Learn how to make them move in this introductory robotics workshop, sponsored by Cessnock Leagues Club. YOU NEED YOUR OWN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THIS WORKSHOP**

**Superhero Science Experiments – ages 7+**

Thursday January 19	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00
Friday January 20	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	\$3.00

**Explore superhero powers in this action-packed (and possibly messy) workshop for keen young scientists!**

**Movie and Craft – ages 5-12**

Tuesday January 24	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday January 25	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

**Enjoy an afternoon at the movies – bring along a large t-shirt and make your own superhero cape and mask!**

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](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/library).

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# Summer Cartoon Camps

December 2016 - January 2017 [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)



Narelle & Penitha: 3 day camps (Wednesday to Friday) Monday & Tuesday activities will be added to the other days. Newcastle & Wollongong: 4 day camps (Tuesday to Friday) Monday activities will be added to the other days.



## Monday

- Theme:** Pokémon™. Wear anything to do with Pokémon™. Prizes for best dressed.
- Draw:** Beginners cartooning **part 1**.
- Find:** Play real time 'Pokémon Go'™. Find the Pokémon™ hidden in the park.
- Draw:** Angry Birds™.
- Play:** Cool games including 'Charge'.
- Enjoy:** Choc-chip burgers.
- Play:** The conveyer belt game.
- Pokémon part 1:** Draw Chikorita™, Pichu™ & Swirlix™.
- Draw famous cats:** Garfield™ & Pink Panther™.
- Draw famous dogs:** Scooby Doo™ & Brian™.
- Play:** Pokémon™ Kingdom trivia for prizes.
- Drawing competition:** Create your own Pokémon™ character.



## Tuesday

- Theme:** Star Wars Rogue One™. Prizes for best dressed Star Wars™ characters.
- Draw:** Beginners cartooning **part 2**.
- Draw:** The Death Star™ blowing up a ship.
- Draw:** Droids™: R2D2™, BB-8™ & K2S0™.
- Drawing competition:** Create your own alien.
- Draw:** An alien planet in 3D.
- Play:** Kingdom balloon skirmish.
- Enjoy:** Fruit mocktails.
- Play:** Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- Draw:** A Tie Fighter™, an X Wing™ & an At-At Walker™.
- Face painting / tattooing:** Special effects movie makeup.



## Night Camp (6pm - 9pm)

- Play:** Sock wrestling.
- Play:** Junk food baseball.
- Play:** Space jump.
- Draw:** The Simpsons™ ten years older.
- Play:** Murder in the dark.



## Wednesday

- Theme:** Bling & Sparkles. Prizes for best dressed.
- Pokémon part 2:** Clefable™, Furret™ & Frookie™.
- Draw:** Characters from Five Nights at Freddy's Sister Location™.
- Draw:** Characters from Undertale™.
- Eat & decorate:** A cupcake. Prizes for the most creative designs.
- Make:** The worlds best stunt plane.
- Build:** A futuristic Lego™ city.
- Draw:** Minecraft™ characters.
- Play:** The water battle. Bring a watergun, a towel, etc... join in only if you want to.
- Play:** Harry Potter™ & Five Nights at Freddy's™ trivia for prizes.



## Thursday

- Theme:** Gaming. Prizes for best dressed.
- Draw:** Beginners cartooning **part 3**.
- Enjoy:** Hot pancakes with toppings.
- Draw:** Dragons in a dragon's lair.
- Pokémon cards:** Swap & trade.
- Treasure hunt:** Find the hidden treasure.
- Draw:** Japanese Animé.
- Tournament:** Minecraft™, Pokémon™, Slither.io™, Portal™, FNAF™ challenges for prizes. Please bring in your own electronic devices with parental consent.
- Play:** The Golden Snitch™ game. \$1000 Kingdom dollars for each gold coin found.
- Pokémon part 3:** Draw the original greats: Charmander™, Mew™ & Pikachu™.
- Pokémon requests:** Children can choose their favourite characters to draw.



## Night Camp (6pm - 9pm)

- Play:** Sock wrestling.
- Play:** Junk food baseball.
- Design:** A base-ball cap.
- Draw:** Adventure Time™ cartoons.
- Play:** Murder in the dark.



## Friday Market Day.

- Theme:** Wear old messy clothes! Prizes for best / messiest dressed.
- Draw:** Beginners cartooning **part 4**.
- Draw:** Famous Emojis™.
- Draw:** Cute monkeys.
- Justin Bieber:** Singing & dance challenges.
- Pokémon part 4:** Eevee™ evolutions: Espoon™, Glaceon™, Umbreon™ & Vaporeon™.
- Kingdom water fight:** Battle if you want to. Bring in a water gun.
- Markets:** Everyone needs to prepare a shop for Market Day. Make cup cakes, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money. The children get \$1000 Kingdom dollars.



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**Three Wallabies will be attending including Sekope Kepu and Will Skelton.**

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**Date:** 24-25 January, 2017  
**Time:** 9.00am – 3.00pm

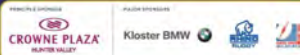
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 (click on Upcoming Camps)

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