Principal’s Report

Year 7 Welcome BBQ
Thank you to the parents and students who took the time out on Wednesday afternoon to join us at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many people at this function. The partnerships we develop over the next six years will support the learning and achievements of our students. Also, a big thank you to the SRC, who manned the BBQ and cooked the enormous number of sausages needed to feed everyone. We had just over four hundred people attend.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday night 19th March, commencing at 7:30pm. All executive positions will be open for election at the meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Mal Roope for his work during the time he has been President of the Merewether High School P&C. Mal has sat on committees, merit selection panels, attended Presentation Assemblies, Prefect Investitures and represented the P&C whenever needed. His quiet efforts, behind the scenes have ensured the P&C is always represented.

Athletics Carnival
What a great day. The efforts of our students on the day and the level of participation meant we were not able to complete all events as set down on the program. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship demonstrated, and the willingness of everyone to “have a go” meant the day was a great event on the Merewether High School calendar.

Regional Swimming
Twelve of our seventeen relay teams who competed at the Hunter Regional Carnival have moved through to the NSW Combined High Schools Championships to be held early April. I don’t believe any other school could claim a greater number of their relay teams achieving this outcome. Congratulations to our swimmers for this achievement and congratulations to the many other swimmers who have made it to state in individual events.
Congratulations
Cameron Allen – Premier’s ANZAC Scholarship – Cameron will tour Korea in July with the fifteen other recipients of this scholarship from across the state.
Yang-Ming Goh and Luke Brouwer of Year 12 who were successful in obtaining a 2013 NSW Mining Scholarships. Each of the recipients receive a $1000 cheque. The scholarships were open for students in Years 11 and 12 who are currently studying mineral related subjects (maths, science etc) and considering entering a minerals related subject at university; this can include but is not limited to: Engineering, Geology and Environmental Science.
Blake Walsh – NSWCHSSA Rugby Union Team – Blake will tour New Zealand with this team in April.
Julia Barton – NSW All Schools’ Water Polo Team – Julia will compete in the Australian Championships in March.
Patrick Moore – NSWCHS Triathlon Team - Patrick won the intermediate age championship at the recent NSWCHS Championships beating over one hundred competitors. Patrick will now represent NSW at the Australian Championships in Perth in April.

National Youth Science Forum
Sarah Frazer and Phillip Johnson attended the National Youth Science Forum held in Perth during January. Sarah and Phill both indicated the forum was an amazing experience teaching them more about themselves and teamwork, the professional work of scientists and engineers while obtaining some building blocks towards future careers in science and engineering.

Ex-Student Achievement
We always like to hear about the successes of our ex-students and join with them in celebrating their achievements. Olenka Motyka who completed her HSC at Merewether High School in 2000 was recently named NSW Young Lawyer of the Year 2012 for her work at the Central Coast Homeless Outreach Legal Service. Olenka works with homeless youth and champions their cause through empowering the young people she works with. Congratulations to Olenka on this outstanding achievement.

Leadership Program
This year we have introduced a new leadership program to support students from Years 7 to 12. Below is an outline of the program and how it will work. Students have been issued with their leadership passport.

Merewether High School students have always had a history of participation in a vast range of activities both in the school and the community. They are individuals who understand that the world extends beyond their own personal domain. The Merewether High School Leadership Challenge is a program that enables our students to demonstrate and develop positive leadership qualities and to be credited when they achieve their goals.

The aims of the Leadership Challenge are twofold. Firstly, to recognise those students who are already involved in Merewether High School through academic achievement, school representation, community participation and upholding positive personal values. Secondly, to provide a framework for students who wish to engage in leadership activities but need a structure to help guide them. The Leadership Challenge is designed to allow all our students the opportunity to showcase their leadership skills, potential and achievements.
The Merewether High School Leadership Challenge is a series of activities and criteria aimed at allowing students to participate in and contribute towards a wide range of school and community activities. The Challenge is divided into The Junior Leadership Challenge and The Senior Leadership Challenge. Junior years are defined as Years 7, 8 and 9 and senior years as 10, 11 and 12. The program allows students to complete each Challenge over one, two or three years, with a maximum of three Principal's Leadership Awards presented for the junior years and three for the senior years.

There are five Leadership Challenges that students must engage in:

**Challenge 1 – School Carnivals** - to attend and participate in the swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals.

**Challenge 2 – Academic Achievement** - To attain 20 merit certificates.

**Challenge 3 – School Representation and Service**, which may include activities such as debating, choir, band, SRC, sports, competitions etc. Two areas of service need to be completed for the Junior Challenge, three for the Senior Challenge.

**Challenge 4 – Community Service**, where students volunteer their time for the benefit of others. This may include Clean Up Australia Day, Red Shield Appeal, blood donations, coaching teams, Landcare etc. One area of service is to be completed for the Junior Challenge and two for the Senior Challenge.

**Challenge 5 – Attitude and Commitment**, where the Deputy Principal signs off on the student's outstanding work ethic, uniform, attendance and behaviour.

Every student in the school will be issued with a Leadership Challenge Passport. This is a small booklet that requires the students to name their activity and then have that activity signed off by a teacher or supervising adult for the community challenge. When the Passport is complete, it needs to be handed to Ms Gilbertson for verification. She will take the details and return the passport back to the student to keep.

As previously mentioned, the time frame of the Leadership Challenge is dependent on the student and how quickly they meet the criteria. Some students will take one year and achieve three awards in each junior and senior school; others may take three years to achieve one. The passports, however, need to be completed and submitted to Ms Gilbertson by the end of Week 2, Term 4 in order to be presented the Principal's Leadership Award at the end of year Presentation Assemblies. The exception to this is Year 12 who must submit their completed Passports by Week 2, Term 3. They can, however, begin their Year 12 Leadership Passport Term 4 of the year before.

**Is completing the Merewether High School Leadership Challenge a prerequisite for Year 10 students considering nomination for Prefect in Year 11?**

Yes. As a requirement for nomination of Prefect of Merewether High School, Year 10 students are required to complete and submit their Leadership Passports. The time frame for submission of Passports for Prefect nomination is Term 1 Year 10 to end of Term 2 Year 11, essentially six terms.
Deputy Principal's Report

I have had the privilege of getting into a number of classes over the last few weeks and am continuously impressed with the engagement and commitment to learning shown by our students. Our school focus on Personal Best is something that all of us are working hard to achieve. Assessment Calendars have all been live on the school website and this has allowed our students time to manage and plan their learning commitments. In addition to the online calendars, the school has made available a Merewether High School Wall Planner which can be purchased from the school office for $8.00. There are limited stocks of the wall planner and they are selling fast. Students who would like to get one to help with their assessment and home study planning should get in fast to avoid missing out.

Year 12 Study Skills Program: The first of our study skills sessions for 2013 was held on the 4th March for our Year 12 students. The session focused on skills and strategies for memorising, recalling and retrieving large lists, facts and other important information to assist students perform their best in school assessment and exam conditions. The session called Memory Mnemonics was well received by students and I would like to give special mention to Sankare Siritharan who was put on the spot in front of her peers and having learnt a new recall strategy 5 minutes prior was able to retrieve from memory a set list of random pieces of information, testament to the worth of the session. Students were also provided with a resource booklet and access to online learning resources to support their study preparation for their mid-course exams.

Uniform: In maintaining our very positive focus on school uniform, I would like to provide some information around the school's uniform policy. Student uniform contributes to the ethos, the climate and the reputation of our school. The uniform identifies our students as members of the school who have reached or are moving towards a common understanding of the values we endorse. It is our expectation that all students will wear correct school uniform at all times. Through our monitoring processes, students who choose not to wear school uniform, may not be offered the privilege of taking part in extracurricular activities and excursions. We ask our students to continue their role as young leaders by wearing their school uniform with pride. The wearing of school uniform is recognised as a leadership quality in the school’s junior and senior leadership passport.

Recent Notes: A new tab has been added to the school website called recent notes. Here you can download notes that have been distributed to students for whole school or year group activities.

DP Fanfare - Congratulations to the following students
♦ Casey Smith Year 9 – selected to compete at the European Aerobics Championships in Antwerp
♦ Griffin Del Caro Year 9 – Hunter Academy Athletics program
♦ Tim Whelan Year 8 – Attendance at State Parliament as Chairman of the Little Committee
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence:
This week we are hosting a special assembly to highlight the school's commitment to anti-bullying. As a school we have made a commitment to the National Day of Action and will celebrate this with our students on Friday 15th March along with schools right across Australia. The theme for this year's action is Take a Stand Together, an important message for all of us in ensuring we contribute to the positive health and well-being of our community. At Merewether High School we are committed to maintaining a safe school for our students and staff and hence we promote a positive culture of support, inclusion, tolerance, acceptance and celebration. When circumstances of bullying occur our policy is very clear.

Step 1: Notify - it is important that a young person speaks out against bullying and tells someone about the problem. The notification can be made by a victim of bullying or a bystander who witnesses the bullying.

Step 2: Verify – The issue is then investigated to verify and gather information about what has been occurring.

Step 3: Act – When bullying has occurred, actions will be put in place to protect and support victims and to offer consequence, support and behaviour change to the bullies.

Bullying can happen anywhere, at school, at home, at work, in online social spaces, via text messaging or via email.

Bullying can have serious short-term and long-term emotional and social consequences for both students who are bullied and those who bully others.

In support of our stance on the National Day of Action we encourage you to take a stand together and share the message into your daily lives at home, school, on the bus or in the playground. You can even download the Take a Stand Together phone App and “Take a Stand” where ever you go.

The following websites provide a range of useful resources for further information:

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
www.takeastandtogether.gov.au
www.cybersmart.gov.au

Nadene Harvey

Electronic Fund Deposit to Merewether High School Bank Account

Further to the email that was sent to parents on behalf of MHS P & C Association, a number of parents have requested banking details to allow funds to be electronically deposited into the school bank account.

In order to facilitate such transactions, the following details are provided for the information of parents:

Westpac BSB: 032 001
Account number: 140482

Please ensure when making a deposit, the Reference details the student's and/or family details.
A receipt will be forwarded to acknowledge such deposits.

Graeme Muddle
Deputy Principal
ENGLISH

English Competitions

A number of competitions have opened up for students to enter.

**Premier's Reading Challenge** has commenced for 2013 for students in Years 7-9. Students can log on from the 4th March using their DEC username and password. Students in Year 7 and new students to our school in Years 8 and 9 will need to record the name of their previous school so that their details roll over to Merewether High School. Students need to enter their own online record via the prc website [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au) A booklist can be found on the website. Books need to be entered using the PRC ID number found on the website. Records need to be completed by the 23rd August for verification.

**Whitlam Institute's Annual What Matters?** writing competition is now open to all students. Students type a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to them and why. Students can go to [www.whitlam.org/whatmatters](http://www.whitlam.org/whatmatters) to view previous finalists’ entries. Entry forms can be collected from Ms Martinez in the English staffroom. Competition closes 3rd May.

**Dorothea Mackellar Poetry competition.** This competition is open to all students and we have had much success in the past. Students can visit [www.dorothea.com.au](http://www.dorothea.com.au) for categories and details. Competition closes on 30th June. Students can upload their poem on the website or can submit it to Ms Martinez.

**Write4Fun.** This competition is open to all students. Students can either write a 16 line poem in any form, or a 500 word short story on any topic, and submit it online to [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)

Any students entering a competition are encouraged to let Ms Martinez know either via email or in person so that their effort can be recognised and celebrated. Entering a competition can count towards the junior or senior leadership certificate, so when students enter they may get their passport signed.

Janet Martinez
English Teacher
Work Placement

Congratulations to all of our 15 Year 12 Hospitality students on the successful completion of their mandatory industry work placement during week 3 of this term. Students were required to complete 35 hours in a ‘front of house’ position where tasks included taking orders, serving food and beverages to customers and making espresso coffee styles.

Once again the employers were very impressed with the calibre of students from Merewether High School with nearly all of our students receiving resume requests and job offers. A number of students are now working at their work placement venue in a casual capacity.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support of our students and allowing them to complete their work placement in an industry setting.

- Euro Bar, Hamilton
- Brown Sugar, Warners Bay
- Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle
- BWP, Warners Bay
- Café Fresh, Charlestown
- Silo Lounge, Honeysuckle
- Cafe Bon Oz, Kotara
- Cafe Salt, Charlestown
- Zest Restaurant, Nelson Bay
- The Deck Cafe, Soldiers Bay
- Hippo Espresso, Warners Bay
- Banjo’s Bakehouse, Glendale
- Marco’s Ristorante, Bar and Pizza, Shoal Bay
- Peppers Anchorage Resort, Nelson Bay
- Sprocket Roasters, Newcastle

Guest Speaker

Year 12 Hospitality students were very fortunate to have Emily Richardson return to Merewether as a guest speaker in week 5 of this term. Emily achieved first in the state in the HSC Hospitality exam last year and was very keen to share her HSC experience with the class. I have no doubt that Emily’s advice on study techniques, summary writing and advice on how to approach the exam will be very beneficial to our students in the lead up to their HSC.

International Women’s Day

A lunchtime function featuring finger food and mocktails for our female staff members was an excellent way to celebrate International Women’s Day on the 8th March, with both staff and students thoroughly enjoying the experience. The “Island Paradise” seemed to be the favourite mocktail for the ladies, but there have also been a number of recipe requests for the tandoori chicken and mango wonton cups. This event also served as a practical assessment for Year 12 students.

Wendy Rosser
Hospitality Teacher
Social Science Faculty

This term has been a very busy one. Students have been engaged in quality learning tasks in the classroom and a variety of extra-curricular activities have been scheduled to supplement and reinforce student learning.

ASX Game

Last week saw the beginning of trading in the Schools’ Share Market Game and the students welcomed Mr Brad Tuckerman of RBS Morgans Charlestown to the school.

Year 9 students in elective commerce are in the process of spending up to $50000 on shares in Australia’s leading public companies. This is part of the study of Personal Finance and Investment. Students in Year 11 Business Studies are also using the game to gain an insight into some of Australia’s largest businesses and the factors which affect their performance.

Students had the expertise of Mr Tuckerman to assist them in making their company choices. Mr Tuckerman was able to use the ASX website to show students how to interpret performance data and use company charts showing share price fluctuations. The game runs for 10 weeks and although very difficult to win, it provides students with a terrific insight into the issues associated with investing. Already different attitudes to money management have emerged between the students; many treating the $50000 like it were their own savings, others taking the ‘big spender’ approach. Strategies will be reviewed when the game ends in May.

Criminal Law: Year 12 Legal Studies

Peter Harper, long term supporter of MHS and President of the Newcastle Bar Association, provided a wonderful insight into some of the issues associated with criminal law and criminal trials when he spent a lesson with Year 12 Legal Studies. Students were not short of questions when given the opportunity to ‘cross examine’ one of Newcastle’s leading barristers in criminal law. This opportunity provides students with an insight into the way the law plays out in real life and helps in the development of an analytical view on the law which is essential if students are to achieve in the highest bands in their HSC year.
Mock Trial 2013
MHS defeated SFX in round one of the State Mock Trial Competition. The team is once again under the guidance of Michael Evers of Michael Evers and Co and Wayne Gill, Legal Studies teacher. This year the team consists of twelve students, all of whom are doing Legal Studies in Year 11.

Team members are:
- Cameron Allan
- Josh Edwards
- Michael Squires
- Emily Wood
- Lydia Watson-Moore
- Sarah James
- Ethan Muddle
- Emily Chen
- Georgia Griffiths
- Kimberley Williams
- Campbell Melrose
- Maddison Baldwin

In round one, MHS was the respondent in a matter involving the bailment of a motor vehicle. Unfortunately the car had gone missing from the respondent’s workshop car park. The evidence of the SFX claimant was difficult to overcome and MHS lost the case. However the team won the point scoring element of the trial. This is based on legal knowledge and performance of roles as legal personnel.

Round two preparations begin this week.

Mr Gill
Senior Legal Studies Teacher

Visit by Police Youth Liaison Officer
Year 10 elective commerce students recently enjoyed a visit from Newcastle Police Youth Liaison Officer – Senior Constable Darren Fleming. The talk complemented the student’s study of the topic “Law in Action”.

Senior Constable Fleming addressed the students on a wide range of issues such as: trends in youth crime in Newcastle, the process of arrest and charge, juvenile detention and the age of criminal responsibility. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions of interest, which prompted a very interesting discussion on the merits of detention as punishment for a crime, preventing youth from committing crimes and the day to day role of a police officer. Highly academic questions were also fielded such as: What’s that on your belt? Does a Taser gun hurt? Show us your baton? And how fast can you get those handcuffs on someone?

Thanks to Senior Constable Fleming for coming into our classroom and bringing some authenticity to our study of law.

Rob Berry

The Smith Family (student2student Mentor Reading Program)
Merewether High School will once again be participating in the student2student program in 2013. The program is a voluntary mentor reading program which is coordinated by The Smith Family organisation. Reading is such an important part of life, yet there are many students who have difficulty with reading. The student2student program works by matching buddies who have high literacy skills with students who need to improve their reading.

Merewether High has 24 students this year who have volunteered their time to participate in the program. They will be making a commitment to help another student over an 18 week period by listening to them read several times a week.

Thank you to the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who will be involved in the program.

Rachael Tonks
Student2student School Program Supervisor
Event Calendar

March
• Second round games in Boy’s and Girl’s Water Polo
• First Round games in Girl’s Soccer and Girl’s cricket
• Second round games in U/14 and Open Boy’s Cricket
• State Swimming at Homebush Pool
• HSSA Trials in Girl’s and Boy’s Football, Boy’s Rugby League, Girl’s and Boy’s Volleyball and Basketball, Netball, Water Polo and Australian Football
• School Cross Country carnival
• Zone Girl’s Touch Gala Day

April
• State Swimming at Homebush
• HSSA Trials in Hockey, Rugby Union, Touch Football,
• Later round games in all Knockout competitions
• Year 7 and 8 Soccer Zone Gala Day
• Zone Cross Country

SPORTS PROGRAM 2013

• Weekly sport happens each Wednesday for Years 7 to 11. Years 7 & 8 are participating in a set program during Term 1 and this is held during Periods 1 & 2. Years 9—11 choose new sports each term and their sports session is conducted during periods 3 & 4
• The school enters a number of teams in knockout and gala day competitions. These teams are entered in age groups from Year 7 up to Open age. Trials for these teams are advertised in daily notices.
• Students from our school are eligible for selection in Hunter, State and National representative teams. These trials are held at various venues around Newcastle and dates and other information can be accessed from the school or through the DET Sports Website.

SWIMMING Excellence!

HUNTER REPRESENTATIVES
On the back of our tremendous school carnival we had a huge number of students qualify for the Regional Carnival in their efforts to qualify for the NSWCHS Carnival in Sydney. Every one of our 17 relay teams qualified and we were hopeful of at least 3 or 4 progressing. We were pleasantly surprised when we were informed that 12 had actually qualified, a record number of teams from a single school in terms of State Carnival representation. It was certainly a fantastic effort from all swimmers on the day and in Sydney we will be represented by Girls and Boys 12 year old teams, 14 year old teams, 16 year old teams and 17 year old teams. The Boys 13’s and the Boys 15’s also qualified as well as the Boys and Girls 6 x 50m All Age Relay teams. A brilliant effort from all concerned and a special congratulations to those 11 students who also qualified in individual events, some qualifying in up to 6 individual events. A full report on how they went will appear in the next bulletin.

SCHOOL RECORDS SMASHED
At our recent school Carnival a number of records were smashed, including some that had stood for nearly thirty years. Top of the ‘smashees’ was Georgia Bendall who broke six records, next was Brodie Smith who broke three, Nic Sonntag broke two and Pat Moore, Chloe Bell and Joshua Kershaw broke one each. Little wonder we were again dominant at the City Zone Carnival where we were crowned Zone Champions for the 16th consecutive year.
SPORTS TOUR 2014
First Payment Due!

As outlined at the initial planning meeting for this tour held in February, students wishing to be considered for inclusion in this program need to pay $500 initial deposit to the Office by the end of Term 1. From the list of those who pay, the final selection of sports teams will be made. At this stage we are looking at touring with a Boys and Girls Football team(s), a Boys Rugby team and a Girls Netball team(s). When payment is being made students need to indicate what sport they are nominating for, and whether they are prepared to trial for the other sport in their sex should they miss selection in their first preference. From here we intend to hold trials if necessary then move into the organisational and fundraising stage of the tour program. Students who have not paid this fully refundable deposit by the end of term risk missing out on the opportunity to be part of this most exciting program. At this stage the tours are being planned and could include the UK, Asia, South America, the US and Canada. Final destinations will be determined once touring numbers are decided.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

SUN, FUN and GREAT PERFORMANCES

Our annual swimming Carnival was HUGE, in every respect. Age Champions on the day were Phoebe Gray, Gemma Ferguson, Chloe Bell, Casey Smith, Georgia Bendall, Julia Barton, Jess Charlton, Callum McFarlane, Brodie Smith, Will Parsons, Nic Sonntag, Pat Moore, Oliver Di Pietro and Jake Rodway.

For the record Baartz House were the eventual winners and unlike previous victories they were indeed clear winners. Well done everyone in Baartz House for the effort on the day and now the challenge goes out to those other Houses to increase their already great participation to another level that will challenge the supremacy of the Green House.

KO Team Results

Amongst a number of team victories over the last few weeks the U/14 Boys Cricket had a great win against Tomaree. Bowling first, the Merewether boys bowled out our northern visitors for only 46 runs. Anticipating an easy victory, the boys batted with a slight bit of over confidence but ended up getting home in the end by 4 wickets. Well done to all players.

Our Open Boys’ Soccer team started off the season in great style with a 5-0 victory over Francis Greenway and our Boys Water Polo team defeated Lambton 13-1. Both our Volleyball teams went well in their respective competitions but on the downside our Table Tennis team were defeated in the first round by a very strong Lambton High School team.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

Another bright and sunny day and another great Carnival. Baartz were finally beaten, well done Richards House and there was a notable improvement in results by all Houses on the day. The ‘best of the best’ on the day winning Age Championships were Michael Han, Sophie Griffiths, Brodie Smith, Shani Vazey, Lucy Witherin, Thomas Phillips, Gabby Loades, Maurice Bechelli, Sian Pickard, Liam Bowman, Taylor Constantine, Declan Spencer, Kim Williams, Blake Walsh and Sarah Halvorsen. Zone will be held in June with regional Athletics held in late July.

ZONE Netball Winners

Our very successful Open Girls Netball team took their first steps to repeating their great success from last year with an emphatic victory at the recently held Zone Gala Day. The City Zone is easily the strongest in terms of Netball so the fact that our team was able to overcome strong challenges from traditional netball rivals Lambton and Callaghan College and go through the tournament undefeated, was certainly testament to their efforts and skills on the day. The girls will now progress onto the main competition draw and we wish them all the best in future rounds. Many of the girls will seek Hunter selection in upcoming weeks and they are sure to represent our school with great skill.

WEEKLY SPORT

Just a reminder that weekly sport is compulsory for all Years 7 to 11. Students who are sick or injured and cannot participate in sport some weeks must bring a note from their parents explaining the reason for their exclusion and a time frame before they can return to the program. These students will then be supervised in the library for the sport session. At this Non—Sport group reading only is permitted.
SRC News

The beginning of the year is always hectic for the SRC. Valentine’s Day was a fun event to commence the year with SRC members enjoying the opportunity to play cupid delivering red roses, heart shaped lollipops and chocolates around the school. The 2013 Club Red Youth Ambassador program is endorsed by the SRC with participation from senior students, including an SRC member, who is looking to fulfill community focused leadership role. The role of the Youth Ambassador commenced with a training day on 8th March at the Red Cross Centre. The day offered students insight into community leadership, social responsibility, marketing, project management and the important role of blood donors. Betrice Walker, Arjun Raju and Verity Farragher represented Merewether High School at the training day.

The “Around the World” themed school dance on Wednesday 13th was another exciting event. The students put a lot of work and thought into these social occasions to encourage participation. It is always difficult choosing a theme but photos in next month’s bulletin will prove it was a good choice.

A “Welcome to Year 7” barbecue is happening before the school dance for Year 7 students and their families. SRC members will be rolling up their sleeves and preparing, cooking and serving dinner to Year 7 and their guests ensuring everyone is at ease and feeling welcomed at MHS.

The first visit of the Red Cross Donormobile is on Thursday 21st March and the booking sheet is FULL. It is great to see the over 16s in the school so supportive of this great program.

Denise Hughes

ME Program

$500 reward! For the school that can make the most ‘hits’ on the ME Program’s FaceBook page.

In order for the school to benefit from the $500, we need to:

♦ Students need to ‘like’ ME Program FB page AND
♦ Click on the status bar to comment and write their school name

The school with the most status comments with the school name written on the ME Program FB page will receive the $500 reward. Feel free to ‘like’ as many times as you can!!
Support Unit News

Bunnings Fundraising
In February the Support Unit’s first fundraising event was a barbecue at Bunnings Kotara which proved very successful with a number of trips to the butchers and supermarket required throughout the day as our supplies ran out including sausages, bread rolls and coke. It was a busy day. A number of the students from the support class assisted serving customers including a number of past and present teachers from Merewether High School.

TAFE
All Year 12 students in the support class are enrolled in a TVET Access course. Emma Batty and Andrew Martin are attending Hospitality at Hamilton TAFE, Georgina Whitton is attending Furniture Making at Newcastle TAFE Tighes Hill, and Veronica Croucher is attending Animal Care at Glendale TAFE. These TAFE courses allow the students to attend a less formal educational setting, interacting with same aged peers from across Newcastle in a subject they have chosen. Some courses have 35 hours or work placement to be completed later in the year. Another benefit is the opportunity to extend independent travel on public transport with most of the students travelling to TAFE from home and then back to school on public transport, sometimes with two bus changes.

Denise Hughes
Class Teacher

Blood Bank
The “Donormobile” will be here at the school on Thursday 21st March. If you are over 16 and wish to donate, please see Mrs Hughes for an application form.
Year 8 Junior Masterchef Elective
The two Year 8 Junior Masterchef classes began the year studying current food trends including the popular trend of cupcake decorating. Students visited Cupcake Espresso in Adamstown and were fortunate to view professional cupcake decorating techniques which they were then able to apply in class. The photo's demonstrate their excellent skills in piping, fondant decorating and general creativity. Students are now looking forward to studying food habits and cuisines from other cultures.
MUSIC ENSEMBLES

CONCERT BAND
What a great start to the year! The Concert Band had a workshop day in the Learning Centre on Friday 1 March and the sound by the end of the day was great. The group worked on four new pieces then performed at the end of the day for a Year 7 class, along with Mrs Rippon, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Scott and Mrs Bevan. The results were so impressive that we have decided to enter the band in the Sydney Eisteddfod! This will be held in Sydney on 21 May. Notes will be sent about this in the next few weeks. Thanks to our wonderful Band Director Michael Jobson and percussion tutor at the workshop, Charissa Ferguson.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE
The Vocal Ensemble will be participating in the Secondary Choral Concert in the Sydney Town Hall on Monday 13 May. The group is currently working on the repertoire for that concert – Mozart Requiem excerpts, a medley of songs from Porgy and Bess, and two songs by Australian composer Dan Walker. There will be a full day workshop in the Learning Centre on Thursday 21 March. The workshop will be conducted by Liz Scott from The Arts Unit in Sydney. The regional choir, Hunter Singers will also attend the workshop.

ENCORE EXCURSION
Senior Music students had the opportunity to attend the Encore concert at the Sydney Opera House in February. Encore features the exemplary performances from the 2012 HSC. The students were inspired by the quality of the performances and hope this will help them as they prepare for their practical exams later this year. Mrs McClure and Mrs Tenorio were impressed as always with the enthusiasm from the Merewether students.
MEET THE MUSIC
Selected Music students attended the first of four Meet the Music concerts in the Sydney Opera House on 7 March. They witnessed a brilliant concert, featuring the Sydney Symphony performing Brahms’ Academic Festival Overture, a Jazz Trumpet Concerto by Koehne (featuring James Morrison!) and Rachmaninov’s Symphonic Dances. There were two encores! There are still a few seats available for the concert on 2 May. See the Music staff for details. The concerts cost $45 each.

STAR STRUCK
Good luck to our dancers who auditioned for Star Struck and thanks to Mrs Scollay for her help with the audition process. We have a number of students who successfully auditioned for Featured Artist roles in the show. More next bulletin!
Kim Sutherland
Head Teacher, Creative & Performing Arts
PREFECT REPORT

The prefect body has been hard at work since the commencement of term one, holding regular prefect meetings with both the executive staff and Ms Gilbertson. This is great practice for assemblies, and has allowed us to find our feet rather quickly. Additionally, these meetings give us valuable opportunities to continue addressing school spirit, which has been a major focus for the prefect body during our tenure so far. One of the ways we have sought to do this is through the upcoming event ‘Moofest’.

‘Moofest’ is the Merewether High School short film festival and will be held on the evening of Wednesday 15th May. The event asks students to create a short film of any style excluding music and horror that includes a “cow” signature item, similar in idea to Tropfest. It will be a red carpet event with an optional gold coin donation for entry. The prizes for 1st and 2nd place as well as People’s Choice include a $200 JB-HI-FI voucher, a $100 JB-HI-FI voucher and 10 Hoyts Movie Tickets respectively. For any students interested, more details have been placed on noticeboards all around the school. Students can obtain entry forms from the library or CAPA noticeboards, all of which will need to be submitted to Ms Gilbertson in the CAPA staffroom or Art Demountable by Monday 6th May. All are welcome to attend, so mark it on your calendars!

For this event, the prefect body has split up into committees which look after advertising, prize gathering and other aspects of preparation. A lot of time and effort has been spent preparing for this event, and we look forward to sharing our vision with the greater school community in the not-too-distant future.

On top of this preparation the prefect body has also been involved in leadership programs such as the Halogen Leadership Day since our induction in Term 4 as well as playing a major role in assisting the new year 7 students settle into their vastly different transport arrangements.

Beau McEvoy, MHS Captain 2013
Careers
Below you will find information about a variety of careers related topics. Please note that all dates should be checked on the relevant websites and all event/course related information is relayed from external sources and not endorsed by Merewether High School.

Event Calendar
March- 15\textsuperscript{th} March – Online Quiz Brain Bee (26 students)
May- 6\textsuperscript{th} Sydney Uni Campus tour (Yr12)
      15\textsuperscript{th} Business and Engineering Technology Cadetships - Close
      24\textsuperscript{th} Newcastle Careers Expo
      31\textsuperscript{st} HSC Seminar Day at Singleton
June- 7\textsuperscript{th} UMAT DEADLINE
July-17\textsuperscript{th} Yr12 visit day University of Newcastle UMAT exams
August- University of Newcastle Open day
September- 7\textsuperscript{th} UNSW Open Day
      27\textsuperscript{th} UAC Applications - Closing Date for 2014 Applications
      30\textsuperscript{th} UNSW Scholarship Deadline
December-18\textsuperscript{th} ATAR's released

URGENT REMINDERS FOR Week 7 Term 1
John Hunter Work Experience Program details at the end of this bulletin, Y11 and 12 Board of Studies Forms that need re-signing must be done a.s.a.p.

Year 12
Year 12 should be starting to look for scholarships and cadetships as many will start to open over the next two months. Please remember you can apply for as many as you like. It is a good idea to start early and refine your application over time. I am happy to look over your application for you and offer some help.

Course Research
Not sure about what you want to do yet?
Try the following websites as good starting points

Engineering Technology Cadetships
Applications Open 29\textsuperscript{th} April so mark this date in your diary. More information and applications can be found at the same website as the business scholarships outlined below:
www.businesscadetships.com.au

Girls Engineering Hands on Day at UTS
The University of Sydney is holding the 'Women in Engineering and IT Day' on Friday the 5\textsuperscript{th} of April. Girls from years 9 to 12 are invited to come along experience a range of activities. Add your name to a list opposite the G Block staffroom door if you are interested. See Mr Platt for more detail

UMAT – Website
Interested in medicine? You may be interested in this.
umat.acer.edu.au
BUSINESS CADETSHIPS 2014
If you are interested in a business cadetship see Mrs West today as they open soon. I have also put a poster outside my office (under the telly screen).
We are here to help so if you need help with your application or simply someone to read through it just pop in and make an apt.
www.businesscadetships.com.au

Thinking about attending UNSW to study in 2014 and have some questions?
Any questions about attending UNSW can be directed to the following email address: studentrecruitment@unsw.edu.au

Singleton HSC Study Day 2013
HSC Students interested in attending the HSC Seminar Day at Singleton High School. This is a series of mini seminars that provide HSC hints and tips for all subject areas. The seminars are delivered from HSC markers and teachers from other schools.
When 31st May 2013
We run a bus from MHS!
Usually we leave MHS at 7am and return at a similar time.
Cost for the day is about $60 including bus and entry fee.
Email Mrs Abbo if you are interested today.

The Tuckwell Scholarship - ANU for 2014
To apply for a Tuckwell Scholarship for study commencing in 2014, you must:
• be in Year 12 in 2013, or on a gap year having completed Year 12 in 2012, and be aged 17-20 years as of 1 March 2014
• be predicted by your school to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 95 or higher – including any ANU Educational Access Scheme Bonus Points, where relevant
be a resident of Australia and be connected and committed to Australia. This is an indicator of your potential to give back to the program and to Australia in the future demonstrate the attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar
• be available for interview in Canberra on the weekend of 6 and 7 July 2013, and intend to apply to and enrol at ANU as a full-time undergraduate award student commencing in 2014, with ANU listed as your first preference in the August 2013 UAC round. Applicants wishing to apply for more than one ANU program are welcome to do so through their first and subsequent preference.

If you think you are suitable for this scholarship please advise Mrs Abbo ASAP - applications close 2nd April 2013 and we need your completed application a week prior to this. http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/home/
Year 11

Girls Engineering Hands on Day at UTS
The University of Sydney is holding the ‘Women in Engineering and IT Day’ on Friday the 5th of April. Girls from years 9 to 12 are invited to come along experience a range of activities. Add your name to a list opposite the G Block staffroom door if you are interested. See Mr Platt for more detail

2014 National Science Forum
It is nearly time to apply for 2014 places...so take a look at the website - even though it still has last year’s details to get an idea of what you need to do.
Two year 12 students from last year attended - Sarah Frazer and Phill Johnson so ask them about their experiences and what they did in their application to make it successful. http://www.nysf.edu.au/

Year 10

Brain Bee Online Quiz students
The date is fast approaching so make sure you have read the booklet. The quiz starts at 8.50am in LC2 this Thursday. Make sure you arrive on time. Permission notes need to be returned to Mrs Abbo a.s.a.p.

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St George Banking Scholarship (Year 10)
If you are in yr 10 and interested in a career in corporate services such as finance, retail banking, legal, HR, IT, Accounting, marketing, communications and management. Winners receive work experience plus accommodation and a cash prize so follow the link below and apply today. http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/PDFS/St.George%20Banking%20Group%20Scholarship_Information%20Pack.pdf

HOW TO APPLY
Step 1. Complete the application a.s.a.p
Step 2. Pass it onto the head teacher for a reference before the end of February.
Step 3. Mrs Abbo will then pass it onto the principal and submit the application.
The earlier you submit your application the better the quality of the school based reference, because we will have more time, so keep this in mind.
Need some help with your application—call in and make an appointment

Year 9

Girls Engineering Hands on Day at UTS
The University of Sydney is holding the ‘Women in Engineering and IT Day’ on Friday the 5th of April. Girls from years 9 to 12 are invited to come along experience a range of activities. Add your name to a list opposite the G Block staffroom door if you are interested. See Mr Platt for more detail
The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship
The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship is open to all students currently enrolled in Year 9 at a NSW public school. The Scholarship is designed to encourage high levels of participation and achievement in Years 9 and 10 for students who have a strong belief in the power of education to change lives and communities. The Scholarship is named after Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani school girl who won Pakistan's National Peace Award in 2011, and was nominated for the prestigious International Children’s Peace Prize. In October 2012 Malala Yousafzai was the victim of a murder attempt for daring to promote the rights of girls to attend school. This Scholarship, valued at more than $4000 over 2 years, targets students whose circumstances are such that the Scholarship can make a significant contribution to helping them to successfully complete their schooling. See How to apply Instructions in the notices above. Follow this link the the application page http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/malala-yousafzai-scholarship

Year 9 and 10 - Service Learning and Volunteering
Year 10 start thinking now about your volunteering options for placements in term 4. Many students will go to their old schools, preschools, and local charities.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR HOURS:
Visit the following website and log in through the green box with you DET portal login. From there you need to register new activity.

General Information
Wanting some extra volunteering hours?? This may be the answer for you.
The Red Shield Door Knock Appeal is coming up in May and several students have enquired about how to participate. While MHS is not directly involved students can become involved via the following website.
www.salvos.org.au

John Hunter Work Experience Program
Finally it has arrived! Here are the details...
All applications must be returned to Mrs Abbo on or before the 18th March before 9am.
♦ If you are in years 10, 11 or 12 and have not already participated in this program you can apply to do work experience at the JHH.
♦ No guarantee is made for gaining a placement.
♦ This is the only way you can do work experience at the JHH or any Hunter Heath facility in Newcastle.
♦ Priority is given to year 12 students who have not taken part in the program previously.
♦ I will post applications in batches as they arrive.
♦ Please ensure that your form is accompanied with medical immunisation details as is stated on the application or I cannot process your application.
♦ Dates are then sent to me for each student if you are successful I will notify you. I am notifies throughout the year.
♦ Application forms and Work Experience Applications were emailed to all students in Years 10,11 and 12.
♦ Further questions can be directed to Mrs Abbo in person.
Projects Abroad Open Day - Volunteer Overseas
Date: 16th Mar 2013
Time: 1:00-5:00pm
Venue: Dougherty Community Centre - 7 Victor Street, Chatswood, NSW
Cost: FREE
Contact: Projects Abroad: info@projects-abroad.com.au

Projects Abroad offer volunteering opportunities in 29 countries across the developing world and have over 1000 unique projects. The projects are all about connecting with and understanding a different world, making a worthy contribution, and personal development.

The projects are safe, sustainable and worthwhile - providing unparalleled support through full time in country staff and projects where volunteers can stretch themselves, while having a positive impact on their placement.

There are a huge range of projects such as: care, teaching, sports, conservation, human rights, law, journalism and medicine and healthcare placements among others, in places like Tanzania, Peru and Burma to name a few!

Our Open Days give you the chance to find out all there is to know about volunteering with Projects Abroad. There will also be plenty of past volunteers to chat to about their experiences with Projects Abroad.

To find out more information and to register, head to our website: http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/#open-days

UNSW Engineering Student-Parent Night
Date: 20th Mar 2013
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: UNSW Kensington campus
Cost: FREE
Contact: Kate Stead: k.stead@unsw.edu.au/9385 6437
Event Description:
Learn about Engineering degrees, careers and the keys steps to get there at the Engineering Student Parent Information Night on Wednesday 20th March 2013. This fantastic event provides an opportunity for students and parents to hear from key staff discussing:
• Admissions
• Entry requirements
• Scholarships
• Graduate Destinations
There will also be current students plus Academics available from each School of Engineering to discuss the programs and answer your queries.
Registration will open in on the 5th February.
For more information and to register, please visit http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au

UTS Information evening for Engineering and IT
• Information Evenings for Years 11 and 12
• IT Courses and Scholarships Information Evening on Tuesday 11 June
• Engineering Information Evening on Tuesday 25 June
• Engineering Scholarship Information Evening on Tuesday 2 July
Patrick Moore competed in the 2013 NSWCHS Triathlon Championships. Patrick won the intermediate age championship and will now represent NSW at the Australian Championships in Perth. Well Done Patrick!
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Y11 SAC Assessment Task  
Y10 Brain Bee Science Challenge online  
Open Boy’s Touch Football Vs West Wallsend High School  
Rugby League U14 Trails |
| Mon 18/3 | HSSA Girls’ Basketball  
KO Open Boys Tennis-District Park  
Vaccinations-Y7 + Y9 boys-LC |
| Tues 19/3 | Y9 Mathematics Assessment Task  
Y8/9 girls-Shine Program-Library  
HSSA Girls’ Football  
Y12 PLG-LC-9am  
P & C meeting—Library—7.30pm |
| Wed 20/3 | Y8 Mathematics Assessment Task 1  
HSSA Boys’ football |
| Thur 21/3 | Y7 Mathematics Assessment Task 2  
Y 11 Legal Studies Assessment Task  
Regional Workshop Secondary Choral-Vocal Ensemble  
HSSA Water Polo  
Blood Donormobile-8:45am |
| Fri 22/3 | Y11 English Assessment Task  
Y10 Mathematics Assessment Task 1  
HSSA Netball |
| Mon 25/3 | Y11 General Mathematics Assessment Task 1 |
| Tues 26/3 | Y11 Mathematics Assessment Task 1  
Yr 9, 10, 11 Visual Arts-Art Gallery of NSW  
Y7 PLG—9am-LC  
Y8/9 Shine Program-Library |
| Wed 27/3 | Y12 Blackout ends  
MHS Cross Country Carnival-Racecourse  
HSSA Rugby League |
| Thur 28/3 | Y12 Mid-course exams commence  
Y11 Mathematics Extension 1 Assessment Task 1  
Y11 Science Common Skills Test-MPC |
| Fri 29/3 | Good Friday |
| April | Mon 1/4 | Easter Monday |
| Tues 2/4 | Y12 Mid-course exams day 2/10  
HSSA Hockey  
Y8/9 Girls Shine Program-Library |
| Wed 3/4 | Y7 Camp-day 1/3  
Y12 Mid-course exams-day 3/10  
HSSA Rugby Union |
| Thur 4/4 | Y7 Camp-day 2/3  
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Y11 Business Studies Assessment Task  
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| Wed 26/6 | Y12 Physics Assessment Task-LC  
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| Thur 27/6| Y 8, 10, 12-Recognition Assembly  
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| July     | Mon 15/7  | School Development Day-No Students |
| Tues 16/7| All Students Return  
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| Tues 23/7| MHS Hosting BUGS-SUTTON-England day1/3  
Y7 & Y9 Parent Teacher Interviews-MPC |
| Thur 25/7| Y12 Blackout period commences  
HSSA Athletics Carnival day 2/2  
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| Mon 29/7 | Education Week  
Y10 Reports issued |
| Tues 30/7| Y7 PLG-LC-9am  
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| August   | Thur 1/8  | Meet the Music 3-Opera House  
Education Week  
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| Tues 6/8 | Y8 PLG-LC-9am |
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