School Development Days – Term 2
The two School Development Days at the beginning of term allowed staff to work on the implementation of the new NSW Syllabuses in English, Mathematics, Science and History. All other staff worked on ensuring our teaching and learning programs are differentiated in order to meet the needs of all students in our classrooms.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History Years 7 – 10. Each of these learning areas includes statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

In NSW, the Board of Studies has worked closely with teachers and key education stakeholders to develop syllabuses that include Australian curriculum content and further detail that clarifies learning. As a result of this work Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

The New Syllabuses incorporating Australian Curriculum will be taught in NSW in 2014 with Years 7 and 9, where all schools will teach the new English, Mathematics, Science and History syllabuses. For this to happen a great deal of planning, mapping and program development needs to occur prior to the beginning of 2014. Our major focus in professional learning for the remainder of the year is the new syllabus implementation and curriculum differentiation.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

NAPLAN
Year 7 and 9 sat their NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy this week, 14th, 15th and 16th May. Individual student results will be available early September and will be sent home to parents with our students.

NAPLAN is a snapshot at a point in time test which gives us data to tell us what our students are doing well and areas for development. We ensure all students are familiar with the format and process of the tests but continue our normal teaching and learning programs with the skills to be tested in NAPLAN embedded into our everyday teaching and learning programs. We have many points in time that gives us vital data to see where our students are at and NAPLAN is just one of these.
Year 12 Seminars
Throughout this term and Term 3 we are running tutorial/revision seminars in Mathematics and English for all students in Year 12. The seminars are to support students in revision of the units of work they have covered throughout their HSC program. The tutorials will be held in the Independent Learning Centre from 9:00 – 10:30, Wednesday mornings. A timetable of tutorials has been provided to all Year 12 students and their parents. Most students have study periods during this time. I would ask that you encourage your child to take the opportunity to participate in these seminars.

Year 12 Academic Review Interviews
All Year 12 students will be interviewed during Term 2 with interviews held by the Principal and Deputy Principals throughout weeks 4, 5, 6 and 7. The purpose of these interviews is to review each student’s academic progress to date and to help plan for academic success as we move towards the end of the year.

Congratulations Letters
Congratulations to all students who received a letter at the end of Term 1 commending them for outstanding work throughout Term 1. This recognition is an addition to our school reward scheme and will be completed in Terms 1 and 3 each year.

Uniform
As we move into the colder months of the year I ask that all parents support us in ensuring their child has correct school uniform as outlined on the website under school uniform. The tracksuit top is made of water repellent material and can be used as an extra layer of warmth over the school jumper and school shirt. If students want to wear an undershirt please ensure this is the same colour as their school shirt or white. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to get students into all black school shoes as requested. A copy of acceptable school uniform items is attached to this bulletin.

Congratulations
Cameron Allan and Claudia King – ANZAC Ceremony – Civic Theatre and ANZAC address 
Merewether ANZAC service
Ashlee Peck – 3 Gold Medals, 1 Silver – Archery Nationals held recently in Alice Springs
Georgia Bendall, Nicholas Sonntag, Brodie Smith – NSW All Schools Swimming Championships
Samuel Cooke and Bradley Martin – Baseball
Julia Barton – NSW All Schools Water Polo Team to contest Australian Championships in Perth
School Sailing Team – Australian School Champion Team – named at the sailing championships held at Belmont during the school holidays.
Joshua Chapman – NSW All Schools Diving Championship
Odin MacKintosh - NSW Champion - Rowing
13 year old boys relay team, who came third in the finals at the State swimming carnival in Sydney.

Bailey Proud, Sebastian Leacey, Kurt Hawkins and Brodie Smith
From the DP

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 7 camp at the end of Term 1 and was delighted with the active participation of all of our students (and staff). Our Year 7 students certainly were challenged, and time and time again they dug deep and exceeded expectations. With activities such as mud world, giant swing, high ropes and the tower of terror, many were forced to re-establish their personal limits and demonstrate resilience whilst overcoming some personal boundaries. The weather was miserable to say the least but the positive spirit and enthusiasm of our students and staff ensured the camp was an overwhelming success. Our students have come home from camp (with a big bag of soggy wet clothes) having established a wider friendship network and bursting with the confidence to achieve their best throughout Year 7 and beyond.

Cybersafety:
This week we are hosting Angie Bainbridge of the Australian Federal Police. Angie is visiting our school to support our focus on responsible and safe use of technology. In our ever evolving technological age and with the very advanced skills of our students and the community we recognise that understanding the power of the tools we are using is critical. All students in Year 7 to 10 will take part in a cybercrime presentation to raise their awareness of how they can better protect themselves in an online environment and further ensure their personal responsibilities as they continue to manipulate their own digital footprint.

To support this focus further, Parent Learning Groups for Years 7-9 this term will have a focus on cyber safety. The following weblinks may interest both parents and students.

http://www.dbcde.gov.au/easyguide This website provides a comprehensive guide to social media, search engines and various online games. It has a step by step guide to understanding how the respective media work and how to set appropriate privacy settings to ensure your personal safety when accessing these online tools.

http://www.ted.com/talks/juan_enriquez_how_to_think_about_digital_tattoos.html This weblink will take you to a talk given by Juan Enriquez, (a presenter on social change) on the concept of the legacy we create through our digital tattoo.
Learning and Assessment: Throughout this term students in Years 7,8,9,10 and 11 will complete their Mid Course Exams. These exams are an important part of our teaching, learning and assessment cycle where students can demonstrate their learning and achievement at this time and receive further feedback to assist them in continuing to strive towards their personal best. In working towards their exams we have supported students through a range of study skills sessions and explicit study strategies being taught in classrooms. Year 10 and 11 students had a study skills session focusing on their time management and specific study techniques. They were also provided with a password to access an online learning resource to support their study preparation. These study sessions were followed up with a well attended parent forum in the evening where parents were provided with some tools to assist them in further supporting their students at home.

Whilst nothing beats a quality regular home study program, the following tips are useful for all students as a specific lead into an exam phase.

- Start your exam preparation with a minimum of 3 weeks lead in time.
- Week 1 - ensure your notes are up to date and organised for all subjects and courses.
- Week 2 – revise notes and learn content through a variety of specific study strategies such as graphic organisers, study cards, summary techniques and quizzes (many strategies can be found in your student diary).
- Week 3 – complete practice tests and review questions.

It is important to create a task "to do" list when studying to ensure you use your time wisely. This helps to avoid procrastination and supports you to stay focused during your study session.

Some further tips and advice can be obtained from www.studyvibe.com.au

For more specific study advice and strategies to assist in the preparation for exams, students are encouraged to discuss ideas with their class teacher.

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
- Roisin Ronan–Yates (Year 8), Alexandra Williamson (Year 8) and Ross Fletcher (Year 7) – who all shaved their heads and raised awareness and funds for the leukaemia foundation
- Annabelle Cleary (Year 7) - Starstruck Vocalist
- Rebecca Ward (Year 10) – NSW All Schools Hockey
- Year 7 and Year 9 for their outstanding efforts and commitment to NAPLAN this week.

N Harvey
Deputy Principal

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

This event will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2013 (3.15 to 5.30pm) in the MPU. An online booking system is being used and parents of Year 12 have been advised by email of the arrangements that allow them to lodge online requests for interviews. This will require using the booking code emailed to parents. Parents are reminded to go online at www.edval.com.au/book (using their same code) on Monday 20 May or Tuesday 21 May to check the schedule of interview times that has been generated.

Should there be any problems or concerns in relation to this process (or email notification was not received), please contact the school on 49693855.
ENGLISH

Announcements
Students and parents can now view and download assessment tasks and resources from the MHS Moodle. Go to web1.merewether-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/ for access.

Acknowledgements
Last term we took a large number of Year 8 students on an excursion to view a production of Animal Farm at the Civic Theatre. Students are studying the text this term as part of their unit on Satire. I would like to thank our students for their exemplary behaviour; they are a true credit to our school. I would also like to thank Samuel McIntyre for taking the time out to write an article for this month’s bulletin, which is on the following page.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the following students who have entered competitions so far this year:-
Joshua Kershaw (Year 7), Miriam Temperley (Year 7), Rizina Yadav (Year 8), Kaanchan Bavle (Year 10), Freya Dastoor (Year 10), Josephine Goldman (Year 10) and Olivia Gallimore (Year 12). These students entered the What Matters? Writing Competition. This competition is now closed.

Lukas Stevens (Year 10) entered a piece titled “The Jacaranda” in the Write4Fun competition.

Good luck with your entries students!

Current competitions

♦ Written Portraits short story competition closes on Friday 17th May. The theme for this year is “Portraits at Home”. Go to www.formingcircles.com.au for details.

♦ Premier's Reading Challenge for students in Years 7-9. Go to the website to enter your reading logs. www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au. This challenge closes in August.

♦ ICAS Spelling, Writing and English competitions. The Spelling and Writing competitions will be held on Tuesday 18th June. The English competition will be held on Tuesday 30th July. A permission note is attached for students in Years 11 and 12 who wish to participate in either the Writing or English competitions. Students were emailed the permission note last month. Notes need to be returned by 17th May.


♦ Write a Book in a Day Competition. This comp is a group competition to fundraise for The Kids' Cancer Project. If your group is interested go to www.writeabookinaday.com then see Ms Martinez in the English staffroom.

♦ My Story My Content Short Film Competition. For film-making enthusiasts, visit http://mystorymycontent.com for details on this 60 second film comp.

Happy writing or filming!

Ms Martinez
Animal Farm Excursion

It’s not often a book is equaled by its theatric reproduction, but when it is there would be no place I would rather be. This is more than true for the excursion to ‘Animal Farm’ at the Civic Theatre. Not only was the performance entertaining, it shone a light on the timeless novel that you cannot capture from a book. It gave my peers and me the opportunity to anticipate the novel with excitement rather than dread by allowing us to see the characters as living beings and build a connection with them from Act 1. Boxer and his maxims, Old Major with his vision of the future and even grumpy Benjamin all struck a chord in our hearts that was plucked further when we were enlightened to the deeper meaning within the story. It was a wonderful experience to start the topic of satire and one that will not be forgotten through its progression.

Walking into the theatre I am sure that few, if any, of the students had any previous experience with George Orwell’s story, but walking out was different. The chatter on the bus was no longer about the latest app or weekend activities but rather, the bus was filled with noise about the play, the book and satire.

Children who picked up on the inner meaning took great pleasure in spreading their literary epiphany with others until the whole year understood the meaning, use, and effect of satire in a way that a classroom setting can only hope to convey.

I congratulate the English Department on making an often-undervalued subject among students vibrant and entertaining, a topic often dreaded by Year 8 enlightening, and a book feared by the teenage demographic relatable. I would like to especially thank Ms. Martinez for giving us the pleasure of seeing the performance and am disappointed that future years will not have the chance to see the novel with the same enthusiasm as us, although I am sure that the English staff will never run out of creative and innovative ideas to educate us in an unforgettable way. It’s often said, “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” Thank you Ms. Martinez for inspiring both my Year and me.

Sam McIntyre 8M
2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parent

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of English, Spelling and Writing. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your children’s strengths and areas for development. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in their portfolio.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE

MUNA
Four Year 11 students from Merewether High are busily preparing their designated countries’ responses to a series of United Nations resolutions to be debated at the annual Model United Nations Assembly held by Rotary District 9670 at the Muswellbrook Council Chambers on the 24th and 25th May.
Betrice Walker and Sarah James will represent Russia, together with Claudia King and Campbell Melrose who will represent the Unites States.
Students will debate contemporary international issues such as the Palestine/Israeli conflict, solutions to the Syrian turmoil, access to fresh water and the balancing of the UN budget.
The Social Science Faculty has a proud tradition of providing opportunities to students to pursue extra curricular activities outside of their day-to-day schooling in the world of Social Sciences.
Best of luck to the two teams representing Merewether High School at MUNA.
Rob Berry
MUNA Organiser

Year 8 Westfield Kotara Excursion
Late last term Year 8 Commerce ventured out on an excursion with the aim of observing the practices and strategies of local business to effectively market and sell products. The excursion took the commerce students and Mrs Tonks to Westfield Kotara where they visited a number and variety of different businesses to collect data. This data on return to school was analysed by students to give them a better understanding of how businesses are working more successfully to survive in the consumer world. Year 8 Commerce had a fun trip out and thoroughly enjoyed their fieldwork excursion and the chance to experience the practical side of the subject.
Mrs Tonks
Year 8 Commerce Coordinator

Guest Speaker at Fieldwork Excursion
Dr Rob Brander is a coastal geomorphologist and Senior Lecturer in the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, NSW, Australia. He has been studying beaches and surf science since 1986.

Dr Brander is known worldwide as Dr Rip. He specialises in the study of rip currents - giving talks on "The Science of the Surf" to the community. He has been doing this since 2001. Dr Rip’s talk to the students at MHS was extremely informative.
YEAR 10 Geography 2013- FIELDWORK EXCURSION

On the 2nd April 2013 Year 10 students embarked on a geography excursion which focused on coastal management and urban growth and decline. The excursion took place across a number of locations including Merewether Beach, Cooks Hill and the CBD. At Merewether Beach we were given a talk on Landcare, in which we learnt about what Landcare is, what it has already done to help the environment and how we could help as active citizens. We also were given a chance to do a longshore drift experiment with Mr Berry and Mr Ryan who covered issues on coastal management.

In Cooks Hill an indexing task was undertaken on the quality of the built environment to explore the various uses of land along Hunter Street and investigate issues surrounding urban growth and decline. It was an interesting and enlightening day, and fun was had by all.

Abbey Gallimore
Year 10 Geography Student

Blue Mountains Fieldtrip 2013

On the 8th April, 2013, the Year 11 Geography class jumped on the bus to head to the Blue Mountains. Everyone was excited for the following four and half hours of Rocky Movies, but by the time we reached Jemby Rinjah Eco Lodge, Blackheath, everyone was pleased to finally get off the bus. We got settled into our rooms, and then met to do the daily weather recording and setting off for a walk to Evans Lookout. The view from the lookout was spectacular so we took the time to do a field sketch and take lots of photos. After the short walk back to the lodge, we hopped on the bus and headed to Govett’s Leap lookout. The view was amazing, with a cascading waterfall and mountains. We also visited the nearby information centre where we watched a short film on the history of the area and read about the geological impacts on the mountains. We stopped in the centre of Blackheath on the way home to stock up on junk food for the night and have a wander around. Back at the lodge we were taken on a tour of the Eco-Lodge and its environmental sustainable projects. These included composting toilets, native gardens and 100% sustainable solar cabins. We headed back inside for a delicious home cooked dinner. We spent the evening in the common room in front of the fire doing geography skill worksheets and looking at the Blue Mountains Area on maps and graphs. The boys and girls then retreated to our cabins for a late night full of lollies and storytelling. The next morning we were greeted with a scrumptious breakfast, then back on the bus for the short drive to Scenic world. We boarded the cableway, the steepest cable car in the southern hemisphere, down to the forest floor where we had a guided tour around the Jamison Valley. We walked through the beautiful rainforest, learning about various vegetation, animals and the natural history of the area. We then rode the steepest passenger railway back to the top of the cliffs. Next was a ride on the Scenic Skyway, a glass bottom cable car that glides between two cliff tops. The 360° views provided a spectacular view of Katoomba Falls, the Three Sisters, and Jamison Valley. After a short break for lunch we jumped back on the bus for the ride home. The whole trip was very enjoyable for everyone and a great learning experience, a special thanks to Mrs. Donnelly and Mr. Berry for being awesome.

Ellen McBriarty, Year11 Geography Student
**Languages**

**Exchange Students**

Once again this year, Merewether High School will be hosting four students from France from 7th July to 3rd August. These students proved an asset to our school last year in terms of assisting our French students to improve their French but also to all students through exchanging stories and providing them with an international perspective. We look forward to welcoming the students and telling you more about them in the future.

**French Film Festival**

The Tower Cinemas are hosting the French film festival this month. French students have the opportunity to attend a special school screening of *Asterix and Obelix: God Save Britannia* on Friday 17th May but details of other movies and screening times are available at: http://frenchfilmfestivalnewcastle.floktu.com/

**German Film Festival**

The Tower Cinemas in Newcastle hosted the Audi German Film Festival on the weekend of the 4-5th May. This was the first time the German Film Festival has come to us in Newcastle and it was well received. A number of our students and parents attended one or more of the films and reported that it was most enjoyable. We are looking forward to seeing the Festival back here in Newcastle again next year, and may hopefully be able to encourage a matinee screening on a Friday in order to enable our students to attend a school screening. The festival will continue to run in Sydney until 14th May (a great Mothers Day excursion perhaps?) For more information go to : http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/prj/fia/ffg/dat/enindex.htm

**Japanese Cultural and Language Exchange Opportunity 2013**

The Newcastle sister city program, through the generous sponsorship of the Ube-Newcastle Sister City Friendship Society will again be sponsoring four students from Newcastle high schools to visit Ube Japan during the 2013 September-October school vacation.

In addition to being a magnificent opportunity to visit Japan, this program also has the potential to assist the students selected, in developing greater Japanese speaking skills and finding out more about the Japanese language and culture through direct experience. The selected students will have a unique opportunity to showcase Newcastle, being student ambassadors for our city and helping the students in Ube to come to a greater understanding of our culture and lifestyle, as well as extending the great friendship between the two cities that has existed for over thirty years.

がんばって to Callum Roope, Kael Thew-Kerrison, Liam Kelly and Kepler Manu-Long who are studying the Japanese Beginners Course in Year 11 and will this week, enter the competition by presenting a "pitch" about themselves and their ability to represent Newcastle in Japan. The boys have demonstrated a passion for Japan, its language and culture in the short time that they have been studying and will be excellent ambassadors for our school in the competition and hopefully in Japan.

**Indonesian Kompetisi Siswa**

The Australia Indonesia Association of NSW in conjunction with the Modern Languages Teachers Association of NSW are holding the annual *Kompetisi Siswa* for students studying Indonesian in Year K-10. Each stage has a different topic; this year our students will compete in the Years 9-10 category presenting a Power Point or Illustrated Booklet on *Hobi Favorit Saya (My favourite hobbies).*

Students from MHS have competed in the past and with one student winning first place in the state and many highly commended by the judges. Entries close during the last week of term.
Improving Your Language Online

There are many websites produced in the UK which are useful for brushing up on or learning European languages. French sites and their German equivalents are listed below.

French
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/
A site with resources to prepare students for the GCSE exam in the UK.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/gauge/
Improve or brush up your basic French with the help of Stéphane Cornicard and 24 interactive video units. The films were shot around Lyons, the Alps and in Provence.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/gauge/
This tool will help you assess your French proficiency level and point you to learning resources on BBC Languages and elsewhere on the web. The activities will help test your abilities in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/talk/
A lively introduction to French in ten short parts with printable activities and improved video clips (full screen option)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/

German
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/german/
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For those on Facebook this page is great for reading practice and information enhancing the relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Australian Embassy - Jakarta, Indonesia ·
CAPA

It has been a busy time for the Merewether High School Music Ensembles and the fun looks set to continue this term. The Vocal Ensemble has Choralfest, the Sydney Town Hall concert and the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod. The Concert Band will be participating in the Sydney Eisteddfod on 21 May and we wish them all the best for this prestigious event. All ensembles will participate in the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod on 27 May.

Good luck to all those who will be participating in Star Struck. It looks like another great show this year.

Year 12 Music students are busily preparing for their HSC and will get to show what they can do at Lizotte’s on 20 June.

**Year 12 Music Evening at Lizotte’s**

*When:* Thursday 20 June 2013 - 7pm  
*Where:* Lizotte’s – 31 Morehead Street, Lambton

Experience the talent and skill of Merewether High’s Year 12 HSC musicians. Sit and enjoy a delectable evening of music and food.

**TICKETS:** for the evening are available directly from the Lizotte’s website at $16 per person  

*An a-la-carte menu is available on the evening. The prices of the a-la-carte on average are entree $15-$20, main $25-$30, dessert $10-$17 and the snack bar menu ranges from $6-$17.50 and includes tapas style food.*

**Limited seats available**

**Upcoming Music Events**

- **Tuesday 21st May** – Sydney Eisteddfod (Concert Band)
- **Friday 24th May** – Starstruck Choir Rehearsal at Newcastle Entertainment Centre (NEC)
- **Monday 27th May** – Muswellbrook Eisteddfod (All Music Ensembles)
- **Friday 31st May** – Starstruck Major Movement Rehearsal (Starstruck Choir)
- **Friday 7th June** - Starstruck Choir Rehearsal at NEC
- **Thursday 13th June** – Starstruck Technical Rehearsal at NEC
- **Friday 14th June** – Starstruck Matinee and Evening Performances
- **Saturday 15th June** – Starstruck Matinee and Evening Performances
- **Thursday 20th June** – Year 12 Performance Evening at Lizottes

**MEREWETHER PIANO TRIFECTA!**

During the school holidays, four Merewether students participated in the Piano section of Taree Eisteddfod.

These students of local piano teacher Andrew Chubb won over $1500 in prizes taking out a trifecta of championships and a number of prizes.

Justin Liu and Lucas Dunne of Year 7 competed in the under 12s divisions collectively dominating their sections. Maurice Bechelli (Year 9) took out the Intermediate Championship with his performance of Chopin's raindrop prelude and also won the Denva Bird Memorial Award and the Intermediate Encouragement Award. Lucas Dunne (Year 7) won the Junior Championship, while Yang-Ming Goh (Year 12) won the Senior Championship for the second time.

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievement!
Choralfest

Merewether High School Vocal Ensemble won the High School section of the Regional Choralfest on 8th May.

There was some competition from Belmont, Maitland Grossmann and Warners Bay High Schools. The group performed three pieces:

- “You, Me and the Wide Open Sky” by Dan Walker
- “Summertime” by George Gershwin
- “Like An Eagle”, arranged by Year 11 MHS student, Emma Elsley.

The students are to be congratulated for their dedication and commitment.
SRC

The SRC has a very busy term ahead with many activities for the students of MHS in which to become involved.

Stewart House Day - Out of Uniform Day Friday 10/5/13. Stewart House supports children in need for a variety of reasons and they are only funded through schools across NSW. Students may enter a competition to win a $4000 holiday of your choice.

M-Factor Concert and Auditions - During lunch times in weeks 4 and 5 students can audition for our bi-annual concert which will be held on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm, with all members of the community welcome to attend. In the past, acts have included comedy, juggling, dancing, singing, bands, drama, so all students from Years 7 – 12 can audition in their favourite area of performance. This concert has been highly entertaining and well attended in the past. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Proud Schools Day – Wear it Purple Out of Uniform Day - Thursday 30/5/13. FREE whole school BBQ to celebrate the diversity of our school community.

SRC Nominations and Elections: During the last few weeks of term 2 elections will take place for 2013-2014 SRC for Year 7-11.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported the SRC in fundraising activities, Blood Bank donations, school dances and the Year 7 Welcome BBQ during Term 1. Your continued support allows the SRC to continue to support the student body and provide activities for all students to enjoy.

A special thank you to Mrs Hughes who led the SRC during Term 1 and to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Gilbertson and Mrs Ridgeway for your ongoing support also.

Coreena Allen
SRC Adviser
“Around the World” with the SRC
13.3.13 was a big day for the SRC setting up the hall for the dance, cooking and serving the “Welcome” barbecue for Year 7 then on duty at the school dance with ticket collection, cloak room duty, canteen sales and at the end of the night setting up the hall for the next day. Over 350 tickets were sold which made it a huge night with one lucky person going home $50 richer winning the lucky door prize - Congratulations to Joe Anderson in Year 8. The theme was popular and we will let you be the judge as you check out the photos.

Denise Hughes
SRC Co-ordinator
Support Unit News

IOTAS Swimming Carnival. Although the numbers were down on previous years there were a number of strong competitors at Lambton Pool on the 18th March competing. Georgina Whitton was the Senior Girl swimming Champion while Malcom Phillips was competing against a strong field of junior boys in his division.

CHS Secondary School Sailing Competition was held at Belmont 16ft Sailing Club from April 16th to 20th where Georgina Whitton competed in the Access 303 Dinghy class. Before the event she was sailing each fortnight with her class at Sailability Belmont on alternate Thursdays and on Saturdays with Sailability at Grahamstown Dam.

Ronald McDonald House. The support class will be visiting RMH at John Hunter Hospital this month and will be taking donations of toiletries to be used by the families who stay there. If others students or families would like to donate please drop your toiletry donations in at the front office or the support unit before the 24th May.

Denise Hughes
Class teacher
What is the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)?
The NYSF is a unique 12-day program that offers students entering their final year of secondary school the opportunity to test drive careers in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

Sessions are run in Canberra and Perth, where you will live on campus as a university student for twelve days.

What will I do there?
You'll form friendships with 150 like-minded individuals selected from around Australia, and you will also play host to a number of your international peers.

You'll gain an insider's perspective on campus life, and experience real science at a range of laboratories and workshops.

You'll see how study links into careers by engaging with scientists from universities, industry and research organisations, whose operations are built around innovative science and engineering.

You'll discuss and debate hot topics and key challenges in science, and pick up the knowledge, skills and perspectives that will take you successfully through Year 12 and into a future of your choosing.

“I now have clearer direction for my future studies”

I really like science but I'm not the number one student in my class……
You certainly do not need to be the number one science student in your class, but you do need to have an obvious passion for and commitment to science, along with a broader range of interests, both extra curricular and academic.

Should I apply?
If you are in Year 11, a permanent resident of Australia, and are planning to study science, engineering or technology at university, then you should apply!

Is that it?
Not by a long shot!
The January session is a beginning: a gateway to many unique events and opportunities such as the NYSF Next Step Program and the NYSF International Program.

More information on these will be made available when you join us on campus in January!

“I have returned from NYSF with an intense desire to learn and achieve.....”

Three easy steps
www.nysf.edu.au/applying

Step 1– Before you can complete the online Application, you must find a supporting Rotary Club to endorse your application. Details of Rotary Clubs can be found on the NYSF website.

Step 2– Complete and submit an application online. The Application Form and instructions are located at nysf.edu.au/applying

Step 3– Once your online Application Form is completed, you will be prompted to print a hardcopy of your Application. You must then speak with and provide the hardcopy Application Form, plus the specified supporting documentation to your supporting Rotary Club before the deadline of 31 MAY 2013.
World’s Greatest Shave

Alex Williamson and Roisin Ronan-Yates wanted to make a difference so on Friday 15th March an audience of their peers watched as they had their heads shaved. Roisin is donating her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths for wig making. Thank you to students and staff who attended as the girls collected over $350 on the day. They are both hoping to collect over $2000 each for the Leukaemia Foundation so anyone wanting to make a donation please go online or send the money into school and it will be given to the girls. THANK YOU to the barbers from Allan’s Mens Hairdressing at Westfield Kotara for giving up their time and doing such a professional job.

Thanks again Amy, Carly and Kim.
DONORMOBILE
The first visit for the Red Cross Donormobile was Thursday 21st March with donation able to save three people. There were many keen new donors on the day with the booking sheets completed many weeks ago. It was great to see such community spirit across the senior years at Merewether HS. Our second day for 2013 will be not until Term 3 – Thursday 12th September with another opportunity for everyone to donate.

Denise Hughes
Below you will find information on a wide range 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 is not endorsed by Merewether High School.

For more information about any of the topics below students from Years 9-12 should refer to the weekly careers newsletter which students can access via their DEC portal email account or by contacting Mrs Abbo.

Levina.abbo@det.nsw.edu.au

**Event Calendar**

**May**
- 24th Newcastle Careers Expo (All Year 10)
- 30th- 31st Sydney Morning Herald Careers Expo
- 31st HSC Seminar Day at Singleton (Year 12)

**June**
- 7th UMAT Registration DEADLINE
- 20-21st June Western Sydney careers Expo 2013

**July**
- 17th Yr12 Visit Day - University of Newcastle (all of Year 1
- Mid July – UAC 2014 Course Guides are sent to Mrs Abbo
- 31st July UMAT exams take place

**August**
- University of Newcastle Open Day

**September**
- 7th UNSW Open Day
- 27th UAC Applications - Closing Date for 2014 Applications
- 30th UNSW Scholarship Deadline

**December**
- 18th ATARs released

**Student Congratulations**

It is inspiring to see so many Merewether High School students applying for and gaining positions in a wide range of external programs. These programs are advertised to all students in a weekly newsletter emailed to years 9-12. I am noticing a wider range of students are identifying the opportunities that are of interest to their personal aspirations and taking advantage of the programs on offer. On returning from these programs students have more clarity with relation to a career pathway and are often more highly motivated to do well academically.

**International Science Forum**

Patrick Hartsuiker, Yang-Ming Goh and Rosie Iervasi have all been accepted into the International Science Forum that will be held in Sydney during the June/July school holidays at Sydney University. The program will involve the students conducting experiments and observation around the theme of nano science.

Verity Farragher in Year 12 has been successful in gaining a placement at ADFA to study engineering (ATAR dependent) commencing in 2014. The process of application has been a very long and challenging for Verity. Congratulations on this outstanding effort Verity and good luck in your future endeavours.

**Ex-MHS Student Success**

Pictured below is Ali Bisson (left) who was in 2012 the only female in Australia to be accepted into the ADFA piloting program. Ali has informed me she very happy with her course and the challenges it brings. Congratulations Ali we are very proud of you.
General Information
Parents of students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12
Please make sure that your child is checking and reading through the weekly careers newsletter I am emailing them to their DEC email. This newsletter contains all of the information below and more. Sometimes opportunities are on a first in best dressed basis so students who are not checking their email will miss out. I also encourage you to ask your child while in the car or eating a meal about what was in the newsletter I sent for that week. Generally I like to get the email out by Monday morning but sometimes this is not possible. At this stage of the year many students have already taken the opportunity to apply for or participate in some form of work experience. I encourage all students to do this. All of the documents required by law for the student to participate in a work experience placement have been sent directly to the students via email (the blog is not functioning at the moment). This paperwork is essential and must be completed and handed to me two weeks prior to the commencement of the placement to allow for further processing. Please encourage your child to be proactive in organising themselves for placements as this is character building.

Big Picture Program 2013 (BPP)
The University of NSW offers a program that targets future leaders in their field. Last year Merewether High School sent 10 students, 5 from Year 10 and 5 from Year 11, who returned from the program with a whole new level of motivation and direction. The BPP exposes high achieving students to mentors that are leaders at the highest level of many different career pathways including medicine, law, business and sport. It provides some wonderful lessons in work morals and allows students to experience campus life for a few days. If your son is in Year 10 or 11 and in the top 20% of the cohort and would like to go I still have a few places left on this program. For more information see Mrs Abbo today.

Parent Resources “Careers Talk”
Looking for a good resource to help you start talking future pathways with your child? This booklet is a good starting point.

In addition the myfuture website is an excellent resource for both students and parents.

Position Vacant (Year 11 and 12)
Piggott’s Pharmacy in Hamilton South is looking for casual staff members for Saturday mornings from 8.30am until 12.00. The positions involve customer service and general store keeping duties such as shelf packing and tidying. For more details please contact Sandra Piggott Ph:02 49691978 or drop your resume into the Piggott’s Pharmacy, Hassall St, Hamilton South.

Australian National Leadership Camp 2013 – July 4th - 7th (Students in Years 9,10,11&12)
If you are interested in applying for the 2013 camp please check the email I sent to student on Friday 5th April. As a school we can nominate up to eight students and to ensure leadership opportunities are open to many Merewether High School students you CANNOT apply if you are a member of the SRC or if you have already attended a leadership program. More information about the camp and how to apply has been emailed to all relevant students with the weekly Merewether High School Careers Newsletter in week 11 of Term 1. I still have approximately 3 places left for this program and it will be on a first in best dressed basis now that formal applications have closed.
2013 Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Expo @ the Jockey Club 24th May 2013
I have booked for all of Year 10 to attend the 2013 Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers and Training Expo during period 5 on Friday 24th May 2013. I have also purchased an extra 70 tickets for Year 11 and 12 students to allow them to attend for free between the hours 2.30pm – 4.00pm. I would strongly encourage students to attend as most of the universities will be represented along with many other large employers groups and education providers. The expo is held at the Newcastle Jockey Club each year and continues to expand. A full range of providers can also be found on the website http://www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au/expo-overview.html

Please let Mrs Abbo know if you are in Year 11 or 12 and would like a ticket. I can purchase more tickets should we need them. Parents can attend also in the 2.30-4pm session with their child but will need to purchase a ticket at the door.

ADFA Work Experience

Some students have pointed out to me a website with Defence Force Work Experience opportunities; http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/default.htm

To apply:
1. Talk to your parents first.
2. Register with the site and forward me the link if I need to complete anything for you.
3. Read the work experience email I sent you (make sure that you have moved this to the Careers email folder for easy access as this is an important email).
4. If you are successful in being offered a placement we will then complete all of the regular work experience paperwork as necessary. Please make sure you consult the dates etc.
Women in the Army Presentation Night
(Information supplied from Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle)

Come along and hear first-hand from women currently serving in the Army in various roles. You might be surprised to find the kinds of jobs on offer in the Army. From healthcare and trades, to hospitality and administration, there are actually over 80 different roles for women in the ADF.

When: Saturday 25th May 2013 at 11am
Where: Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St, Newcastle  RSVP: Friday 24th May.

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING
528 Hunter St
Newcastle NSW, 2300
Phone (02) 4974 5427
Fax: (02) 4974 5498
Email: rsutcliffe@dfc.com.au

Volunteering Opportunities
Wanting some extra volunteering hours?? This may be the answer for you.

♦ Local Clubs.
  Have you thought about approaching a club in your local area and offering some time? For example your local soccer or football club to work in the canteen, coach help with setup create a website and maintain it for them etc.

♦ BLACKBUTT Reserve
  I contacted Blackbutt reserve and they do have some volunteer work that students may be interested in. If you are over 15 years old, available one holiday or in an ongoing basis on the weekend (e.g. every second Saturday) this may suit you.
  You can contact Blackbutt via email blackbutadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au or by calling the office on 49043344 to request an application form.

♦ 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

Lattitude Volunteering is currently taking applications for 2014 placements. They are offering volunteering opportunities for 17 -25 year olds. For more information visit their website: http://www.lattitude.org.au/how-to-apply/ready-to-apply

The Sydney Morning Herald Careers Expo 2013 – 30th and 31st May
While Merewether High School do not attend this expo as a school group I do have a number of free tickets for parents who wish to take their own child to this event. Simply write your child a note to give to me that indicates you are definitely attending and I can send the tickets home with your child. I only have a limited number of tickets so it will be first in best dressed.

Western Sydney Careers Expo 20th – 21st June
As with the above expo I have free tickets and the rest of the details are the same.

Law Essay Competition – Closes Friday 17th May 2013
UNSW are holding an essay competition for students in Years 11 and 12. The competition is open to all students in these year groups not just Legal Studies students. I have attached all the relevant details to the newsletter I emailed to students in week 11 of Term 1. Your English teacher and Legal Studies teacher will also have information. Why not have a go?
www.unswedu.au/essaycomp
JMC Academy Campus Open Day

**What:** Come and experience JMC Academy student life! Gain advice on our Diploma and Degree courses in film production, music performance, audio engineering, game design, 3D animation and entertainment management. Includes a tour of the campus, interactive workshops and a chance to view student work, live music, studio recordings and much more.

**When:** Saturday 4th May 2013, 10.30am

**Where:** 561 Harris Street, Ultimo, 2007 (our brand new campus!)

**To register:** Register on-line at [www.jmcacademy.edu.au/Open-Day-Booking.cfm](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/Open-Day-Booking.cfm) or phone 1300 410 311.

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.

Students Online Website

HSC Students can now access the [Students Online website](http://www.studentsonline.nsw.edu.au). All HSC students been sent an email from the Board of Studies with instructions on how activate their account. This website contains very important information including a personalised HSC exam timetable so I encourage students to access it sooner rather than later. While visiting the site students should check that their contact details are correct. Should you have any problems accessing this information please see Mrs Abbo.

The Excel HSC Survival Guides have arrived and are outside the Careers office ready to be picked up. It contains a great deal of useful advice and suggestions for approaching your HSC. I ordered a copy for every year 12 student so make sure that you collect your copy.

Scholarship Success Talk at MHS

I have organized for a talk to take place at MHS in BC3 Thursday 23rd May during recess regarding UNSW scholarships. I imagine this talk would be valuable to any student in Year 12 not simply those targeting UNSW, as they will be outlining what makes a successful scholarship and how to develop your application. Please consider attending.

Medicine/ Health – UMAT

♦ First I have attached very important letters to this email you should read carefully if sitting UMAT this year.
♦ Please be aware that you must read the UMAT 2013 booklet prior to applying. It is found on the same website as listed below.
♦ Official Information Session Newcastle University 24th May 2013.
♦ Registrations for UMAT open in April and closes 7th June 2013.


UTS IT and Engineering Scholarships for 2014

Year 12 students who are interested in IT, excellent communicators and have the capacity to progress to a senior level of management are encouraged to apply for our BIT Co-op scholarship. Round 1 applications close 21 June. The 2013 cohort of 35 students are currently benefiting from an increased scholarship of $48,000.


Graduate Careers

Year 12 student may find this some interesting reading for making future plans including graduate salaries and employment. [www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/wheregradsgo)
Engineering Technology Cadetships
Applications Open 29th 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

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 appointment.
www.businesscadetships.com.au

Year 12 to University Transition Information
There is a lot of support information to help students make the transition from school to university. By visiting the website of the university you are considering attending and finding the undergraduate sections you will find plenty of helpful advice. I have pasted some of the pages below to help you get started.

University of Newcastle
http://www.newcastle.edu.au/future-students/#undergraduate
UNSW
Sydney University
http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/
UNE

UNSW – Parent Information
Thinking about attending UNSW to study in 2014 and have some questions?

Year 11
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, it will give you an idea of what you need to do.
Two Year 12 students from last year attended - Sarah Frazer and Phil Johnson so ask them about their experiences and what they did in their application to make it successful. Students have been emailed a copy of the program for the 2014 forum so check your week 11, Term 1 newsletter email for the attachment. http://www.nysf.edu.au/

Year 10 and Year 9
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

UNSW Visit March 2013
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Work Experience Report

It was an early 5am start on the morning of the 16th March. I headed into 1233ABC Newcastle for some work experience. I was required in at 1233 by 6am, so I could watch Craig Hamilton’s morning show. I first met Sophie Brown, who is the producer of the show, and after meeting her, Sophie took me to meet Craig. I spoke to Craig about my future career thoughts, and he gave me some helpful advice. After meeting Craig, I watched the show from the producer’s box, with Sophie who showed me a few of the different gadgets in the room, and explained and showed me what she does during the show. When the show finished at 10am, I headed off in 1233’s treasure hunter car. Treasure Hunter is a show on 1233 on Saturday morning where studio guests, and listeners of the station must figure out 5 clues, in 2 hours, and are direct the car where to find the next clue. I was in the car with Dan Cox and Carly Cook, who are both 1233 newsreaders. I had a great time in the car and WE WON! The day at 1233 was fantastic, I learnt a lot, and would love to go back another time. Below is the story posted on 1233’s website about our win.

Ben Homer 10G
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school's needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From **Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013**, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including Mathematics and English resources, Science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

So please hand your Earn & Learn points to Merewether High School Front Office.

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**DER Notice 1: Mandatory S5 Re-image**

For Year 10, 11 and 12 MANDATORY S5 Re-image has begun

Your prompt comply on **Mandatory** Upgrade would be very much appreciated.

**Follow the 3 Steps:**

1. **Back-up** data on external storage (e.g. USB), and update Windows Update on the control panel.
2. **Clean** keyboard and screen with soft lint-free cloth and hint of water or hand-sanitizer.
3. **Return** DER laptop for S5 upgrade to Ms Sire in the morning.

Re-image process will take at least 24hrs per laptop.

Students will receive the laptop back within 3 school days, unless it has an issue.

**Comply ASAP** in order to avoid exam periods.

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**DER Notice 2: 2013 Electronic Stocktake**

**eStocktake** Period: 29th April - 28th June 2013

All students with DER laptop, must bring their DER laptop to school and use it at least 30 minutes.

Make sure **wireless** is turned on.

Encouraging you to do the **Windows Update** manually during this time.

The **eStocktake** will remain open until 28th June - the end of Term 2.
Australia's First
Coloured Commemorative Coin!

LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation
the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.

The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans' and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

Available from the RSL National Office at Level 8, 65 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT

Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5 per coin.

www.rsl.org.au
Come along in green clothes (gold coin donation).

Year 9 Commerce students will be running “green” themed businesses.

Year 9 Elective Geography will be hosting local environmental groups and businesses in the Learning Centre for a Sustainability Expo.
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               Y11 Awabakal Environmental Education Centre |
| Fri 17/5   | Y7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests catch-up day  
               Federal Police Cyber Crimes Workshop |
| Mon 20/5   | Y12 Academic Review commences |
| Tues 21/5  | ICAS Computer Skills  
               Y8 PLG-LC-9am  
               Y12 Parent Teacher Interviews-MPC  
               Y8/9 girl's Shine Program-Library  
               P&C Meeting-Library-7:30pm |
| Fri 24/5   | MUNA-Muswellbrook  
               Y10 Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Careers Expo  
               Y11 Blackout period begins |
| Mo 28/5    | Muswellbrook Eisteddfod |
| Tues 28/5  | Muswellbrook Eisteddfod  
               Y9 PLG-LC-9am |
| Fri 31/5   | Y11 Mid-course exams commence  
               HSC Seminar Day-Singleton High School |
| June       |              |
| Mon 3/6    | Y7-9 Blackout period this week  
               Y11 Mid-course exams day 2/6 |
| Tues 4/6   | Y11 Mid-course exams day 3/6  
               Y10 PLG-LC-9am |
| Wed 5/6    | ICAS Science  
               Y12 Environmental Earth Science Assessment Task  
               Y11 Mid-course exams day 4/6 |
| Thur 6/6   | Y11 Mid-course exams day 5/6 |
| Fri 7/6    | Y11 Mid-course exams conclude  
               Y12 Legal Studies Assessment Task  
               Star Struck Choir rehearsal  
               Y12 Academic Reviews conclude  
               Vaccinations-Y7&9 Boys-LC |
| Mon 10/6   | Queens’ Birthday Holiday-No Students |
| Tues 11/6  | Y10 Blackout period  
               Star Struck performances this week  
               Y7-9 Half Yearly exams commence-MPC |
| Wed 12/6   | Y7-9 Half Yearly exams day 2/4-MPC  
               Star Struck performances |
| Thur 13/6  | Y7-9 Half Yearly exams day 3/4-MPC  
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