Principal’s Report

Year 12 2013
As Year 12 move towards their last week of classes and their final exams, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for the contribution they have made to Merewether High School as well as wish them good luck for their upcoming exams. Year 12 have continued to prepare diligently and to access the many supports in place to help them in their final weeks. Congratulations on your achievements. We look forward to sharing in your celebrations in December.

Campbell Melrose/Cameron Allan
Campbell and Cameron are to be congratulated for being one of fifteen teams, from all public, private and independent schools, to make the state finals of the UN Youth Evatt Model Security Council Competition. The finals will be held on the 13th September at Parliament House in Sydney.

Year 12 (2014) Learning Conference
Tuesday 8th October will be the first day of the Higher School Certificate for our current Year 11 students. To commence this very important year, all students will participate in a Learning Conference for the day. Students will be involved in sessions on Board of Studies requirements, scaling, moderation, past students will talk about their preparation and a session on time management and study skills will complete the day. The day is funded by the P & C and the school and is designed to set up all students for a successful start to their final year.

POSH Concert
What an outstanding night showcasing not only the talents of our Year 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Extension students, but the work completed within the five ensembles students are able to participate in at Merewether. The development in our concert band along with the vocal, string, percussion and jazz ensembles was evident on the night. Congratulations to all students and the wonderful CAPA staff.

Year 11 Assembly
The end of year assembly for Year 11 will be held on Monday 21 October where we will celebrate with all students their Preliminary HSC year successes. Reports will also be issued on this day. Invitations for parents will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4.

Sports Presentation Assembly
We are currently pulling together all our data for this assembly which will be held in Term 4. If you think we have missed anyone’s achievements in the sporting arena this year please contact Mr Harrison as soon as possible.
Year 12 Major Projects
Congratulations to all Year 12 students who completed major projects during Term 3. Anyone who had the opportunity to view the Art, Design and Technology, Music Compositions, Extension 2 English projects and the Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects could only be impressed at the level of work presented.

Tell Them From Me
Thank you to all students who completed the Tell Them From Me survey. Results of the Survey will help to inform our planning for 2014 and beyond and will be reported on in the 2013 Annual School Report.

Congratulations
Brodie Smith – who this week is competing at the Australian Schools’ Swimming Championships in Adelaide. Brodie is competing in 50m, 100m freestyle and is also a member of two relay teams for his age group, after winning the 100m freestyle and coming 2nd in the 50m freestyle at the NSW All Schools’ Championships.

Julia Barton – who has just returned from Europe where she toured with the Australian Born 96 Water Polo team for the month of August.

Emily Richardson – Year 12, 2012, who was recently named the 2012 Australian Vocational Student. Emily received a $2000 scholarship as part of her prize.

To the F1 Supersonic Speed team who are going to the State Finals as a wildcard entry.

Jessica Avard who is travelling to Brisbane in September to compete in the National Robotics Competition.

Zoe Drew, Casey Baldock, Chelsea Bennett, Madeleine Clemenson, Ben Ilgen and Mikaela Sinclair who have been nominated for the Careerlinks Community and Work Placement Awards.

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents
ACARA Suggested Text for Parent Communication
“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.”
From the DP…

Year 9 Camp
This week we have sent Year 9 off to Sydney to experience the Urban Challenge. This rather different style of school camp challenges our students in a range of skills. They are taken well out of their comfort zone as they navigate their way around the city following a series of cryptic clues, kind of like the Amazing Race. They work in teams learning to utilise each other’s strengths and support each other through challenges, all whilst taking in the amazing sites and landmarks that the city of Sydney has to offer. Our Year 9 parents have the opportunity to help their children’s team scores by becoming involved in the challenges on the camp website. I have no doubt that our young people will come home excited, exhausted and certainly grown as independent young adults through this challenge. We look forward to hearing all about their experience at the assembly on their return when the winning team will be announced. I would particularly like to thank the many staff who have rearranged their family lives this week to accompany and support Year 9 on this wonderful excursion.

Awards and Student Recognition
This week a number of students have received Principal Recognition Letters to congratulate them for their effort and application across the Term. This recognition is part of our whole school awards and recognition program that aims to acknowledge the great work of our students in many aspects of their school and community life. In this bulletin I have included a copy of the awards and recognition outline which is included in all student diaries. The program is a comprehensive one and in addition to the overview provided at the August P and C meeting, I will be presenting further information to parents via the Parent Learning Groups in Term 4. I would like to encourage students to continue their great work and strive towards completion of the leadership passport and other awards schemes so they may receive one or more of these awards at our presentation assemblies at the end of Term 4.

Classroom Visit
Congratulations to the Year 8 Drama class who invited me to visit their class last week as they performed their works in play acting. There were some very creative and enjoyable performances on display and a great deal of effort and preparation had gone into the performance including the use of props and costuming. The outstanding creativity and energy the students brought to their performances made for a very enjoyable morning. I look forward to my next visit as they are now working on script writing and if their recent creativity is anything to go by I’m sure they will be able to produce some extraordinary works. Thank you Year 8.

Volunteering
Congratulations to Josh Kershaw in Year 7 who has been involved in the Oz Harvest volunteering charity. Josh was recently invited to attend the Oz Harvest Official Opening in Newcastle with the National Founder of this organisation Ronnie Kahn. Josh has been fortunate enough to have Ronnie sign his leadership passport as confirmation of his work with this charity. Josh collects food from retailers in the Charlestown area which is then distributed by Oz Harvest to needy families as part of the vital work this charity does in supporting our community.

DP Fanfare - Congratulations to the following students
Max Spencer Karinen Year 7 and Oscar Girgis-Cook Year 9 – Hunter Wind Ensemble,
Rizina Yadav Year 8 – Public Speaking community event

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**STAGE 4 & 5**

**MHS Academic Awards Scheme**

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**Principal’s Letter of Recognition**

Criteria: Any area of Recognition
Determined by: Class teacher
When awarded: End of Terms 1 and 3

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**Recognition of Student Achievement**

Criteria: Any area of achievement
Determined by: Class teacher
When awarded: End of Semester 1

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**Award for Excellence**

Criteria: Excellence in a Course
Determined by: HT based on faculty results for each year - admin office to collate info.
When awarded: MHS Presentation Day (Recognised at Year Assembly)

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**Course Distinction Awards**

Criteria: Top 10% of students in each course based on academic half yearly and yearly reports.
Determined by: HT based on faculty results for each semester - admin office to collate info.
When awarded: Year Assembly

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**MHS Academic Excellence Award**

Criteria: Top 10% of students in a Scholastic Year
Top 20% of students in each course to be used as the basis for calculation – Total points determines Top 10% in the Year (2 pts if in top 10% in a course, 1 pt if in next 10% in a course)
Determined by: Year Adviser - admin office to collate info supplied by faculty each semester
When awarded: MHS Presentation Day (Recognised at Year Assembly)

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**MHS Academic Performance Award**

Criteria: Next 20% of students in a Scholastic Year - using the same calculation method as the Academic Excellence Awards.
Determined by: Year Adviser - admin office to collate info supplied by faculty each semester
When awarded: Year Assembly

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Course Specific Awards
Across Curriculum Awards

Revised March 2013
English

Student Acknowledgements
Premier’s Reading Challenge:
Congratulations to the following students who completed The Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. Certificates for our awardees will be sent to the school next term and presented to students at their respective year assembly at the end of Semester 2.

Year 7 – Andrew Allen, Jessica Avard, Amy Boyd, Sasha Cook, Callum Donnolley, Katherine Edwards, Liam Farrell, Rosanna Gately, Noah Grady, Ned Keyte, Emily Mitchell, Tess Neely, Bailey Proud, Harry Su, Alex Yan, Isabella Zulumovski.

Year 8 – Miedhushan Sathialingham, Cameron Shaw-Carmody, Timothy Whelan, Rizina Yadav.

Year 9 – Ursula Horton.

ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions: These competitions were held on Tuesday 18th June. Students should have received their certificate and individual student report in their English class. Students who wish to take home a copy of the assessment can see Ms Martinez in the English staffroom. Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results.

ICAS Spelling
Distinction: Matthew Blyth, Callum Donnolley, Noah Grady, Adrienne Hanslow, Erin Hartley, Ethan Healey, Jack Novak, Malaka Perera, William Sim, Kieran Simons, Callum Smith, Qiahna Smoother, Max Spencer Karinen, Annika St-Jean, Harry Su, Miriam Temperley, Sebastian Thwaites, Jackson Turton, Jazmyn Wood
High Distinction: Kate Edwards, Bailey Handford, Yuri Porter.

ICAS Writing
**Year 9 Distinction:** Felix Briggs, Liam Browne, Harrison Callen, Kellyn Crump, Rachel Ditton, Maddelene Gifford, Nicola Gray, Callum Hirst, Ursula Horton, Emily Keogh, Nanuji Lamichhane, Alicia Law, Imogen Lewis, Isabella Malaspina, Isabella Mattsson, Carson McGovern, Bailey Miles, Ryan Mitchison, Adam Montefiore, Toby Morgan, Hannah Passlow, Samuel Reif, James Shaunessy, Rebekah Smart, Casey Smith, Tom Su, Elizabeth Tembo, Joseph Temperley, Jessika Tisdell, Zachary Welsh. **High Distinction:** Clare Hobden, Charlotte Walters.

**Year 10 Distinction** - Liam Bowman, Daniel Clark, Freya Dastoor, Benjamin Davies, Joshua Docker, Zachary Donnelly, Tom Grimes, Jack Harden, Aidan Heusz, David Hyde, Jeremy Jackson, Blaine McCallum, Melanie Mitrevski, Brooke Nguyen, Ryan Nott, Kain O’Dea, Sabine Osmotherly, Lachlan Patey.

**Competitions Open**

- **Write4Fun.** We have had two successful entries this year, with poems written by students Alex Yan and Lukas Stevens published in an Anthology. Write4Fun is running a second competition this year. There are two categories – poetry and short story, and the competition is open to all students in Years 7-12. Details can be found at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net). The competition closes on 13th September.

- **Heywire.** This competition is open to students in Years 10-12. The competition requires students to tell a story using either video, audio, photos or text and upload it to [www.abc.net.au/heywire](http://www.abc.net.au/heywire). Competition closes on 16th September.

- **Somerset Celebration of Literature.** This competition is for creative writing enthusiasts in Years 7-12. Students must write a novella of between 6,000-10,000 words. The competition closes on 6th December so there’s plenty of time to get writing. For further information go to [www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration](http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration).

- **Lions Youth of the Year Quest.** The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is a project of the combined Lions Clubs of Multiple District 201, supported by the National Australia Bank, to select an outstanding youth to be an ambassador and travel overseas under the auspices of the Lions Clubs. Students over the age of 15 and under the age of 19 are eligible to enter. Details can be found on [www.lionsclub.org.au/yoty](http://www.lionsclub.org.au/yoty). Preliminary judging will take place on Friday 4th October.
Mr Gibb and the Humanities faculty would like to take the opportunity to thank four of our Year 10 students for their efforts at the Battle for Australia commemorative ceremony this month. Samuel Parker, Lachlan Patey, Rose Cox and Taylor Constantine represented both the civic spirit and academic calibre of Merewether High School presenting speeches at Fort Scratchley this 4th September.

The speeches focused on the involvement of Australia and America in various aspects of WWII with the keynote address presented by Sam Parker on the role of the Salvation Army in the last 100 years. Their public speaking skills were topped only by the quality of their research and the organisers were pleased to see such quality understanding from generations far removed from the original events.

I would like to offer my appreciation to each of these outstanding Year 10 students who gave their time and energy both in preparation and on the day to support a valuable commemorative initiative above and beyond their rigorous academic schedules. I hope to continue this tradition in the future with similarly capable and dedicated members of our school.

Steven Gibb
Head Teacher Humanities
CAPA

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POSH CONCERT
The POSH concert at Newcastle Conservatorium on 29 August was an outstanding success, with superb performances from all MHS ensembles and Year 12 Music students. It was great to see so many parents and supporters there!
VISUAL ARTS
HSC ART EXHIBITION
An exhibition of HSC Visual Arts works was held in the Learning Centre on 4 September. On display were the HSC Body of Work submissions with artworks ranging from drawings and paintings to sculpture and photography. The quality of these artworks was very high and many positive comments were made on the night as to the extraordinary talent of our students at MHS. The Visual Arts students are Aidan Bailey-Coles, Maia Bobrowski, Claire Burgess, Jessica Charlton, Sienna Doody, Brynner Fell, Lily Iervasi, Erika Sorby, Indigo Turvey and Rebecca Zhuang. Congratulations to all our budding artists for a fantastic exhibition.
WEEK 10 ART EXHIBITION
An Art Exhibition will be held on Tuesday Week 10, 17 September, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of students in Visual Arts and Photographic and Digital Media this term. Parents are invited to come along and see the vast array of works produced by students. Included in the exhibition will be a series of portraits of MHS teachers, as seen through the eyes of Year 9 PDM students.
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SAGSE GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS go to two of our Year 11 German students who have each been awarded a scholarship to Germany.

The 2 students are Tani Mitchison and Teya Duncan.

Tani and Teya will leave Australia at the end of November and will spend just over 2 months living with a German family and attending a German school. During their stay in Germany they will also attend a camp run by GASS (German Organisation for Student Scholarships), take part in a group visit to Berlin and attend a ceremony at the Australian Embassy. This is a fantastic opportunity for these students and we are very proud of them. Well done, and ‘gute Reise’!!
Super Sonic Speed

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Regional Competition

On the 3rd September, Super Sonic Speed attended the regional finals and I’m happy to say our team has made it through to the State Championships.

Our day started well with many positive compliments for our Pit area and professional appearance. Judging and car racing progressed throughout the day to a program. At the end of the day after tight competition we were placed second overall, placing 2nd in Fastest Car category, and 1st in Beast Engineered Design where we were awarded a medal. Official results for the other judged categories are yet to be released. We were told that our 2nd placing score was only single digits from 1st and we were awarded a wild card entry to the State competition.

Improvements for State

Our focus leading to state is on fine tuning small parts of our Pit Area, Portfolio and our Varsai presentation from comments made by the judges and many visitors to our display through the day. The car also needs attention with a focus on strengthening the front end where a breakage occurred during racing.

We also have an opportunity to now conduct more tests on the car using a wind and smoke tunnel to achieve real life test results. We are also looking at different ways, other than using towels, to brake the car to a stop at the end of the race as this was a major cause of the car breakage.
Raymond Terrace Marketplace Exhibition and Fundraiser

On 7th September, Super Sonic Speed visited Raymond Terrace Marketplace. We set up our pit display in the shopping centre and displayed our team, car and portfolio to the public.

Additionally, we ran a raffle where we sold tickets to those who were interested in our display. The prize was a $100 gift voucher donated by Raymond Terrace Marketplace.

This display was an excellent way to market Super Sonic Speed and to generate public interest in the F1 in Schools competition. Our team would like to thank Raymond Terrace Market Place who donated the gift certificate and centre manager Colleen Mullholland-Ruiz who was available to draw the winner from the raffle. Along with the ACS Foundation BIG Day In, our exhibit at Raymond Terrace Market Place will be the key focus for our team marketing at the state competition.

State Competition – 8th-10th October 2013

State is only a month away! The state finals will be held on 8th-10th October at the University of Western Sydney – Kingswood Campus.

Super Sonic Speed would like to thank all of our sponsors for supporting us throughout the regional competition.
SUPPORT UNIT

Sailors with Disabilities
On Tuesday, 27th August 2013, I went sailing with a group of vision impaired students from Newcastle on the yacht “Kayle”.
We left from Newcastle Yacht Club at Wickham at 9:30am. We sailed out past Nobby’s Lighthouse. On the way we passed a kayak and we watched the tugboats go out to bring in a tanker.
Everyone was surprised and delighted when a group of dolphins played very near to us at Horseshoe Beach!
Once we passed Nobby’s and were in the open sea, I had my turn at sailing. I sailed the yacht around in a circle, which made Fraser, the Captain, laugh!
Everyone had a turn at sailing, it was fun! I really liked it when we went over the wake left by other boats, it was bumpy and made me laugh.
We were out for two hours and we all had fun. It was a great day!

Sophie Ferguson, Year 9 Support class and Karen Tunks, Support Teacher Vision

IOTAS (Hunter) Athletics Carnival
On Monday 2nd September the athletics carnival was held at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Thirteen schools from the Hunter competed in track and field events after the opening March Past, captain ball and tunnel ball competition. Singleton HS won the March Past while Maitland HS won both ball competitions with a combined Merewether HS, Cardiff and Hunter Sports HS coming third in the tunnel ball event.

All Merewether HS students competed in track events with Malcom Phillips gaining a fourth in the junior boys 100 metres. Field events were popular with Georgina Whitton gaining first in senior girls discus and second in shot putt. Parents came to watch and cheer the students on to victory.

The day was very successful with the wonderful assistance from the Merewether HS volunteers from the Year 10 PASS classes. Thank you and well done! Mr Blanch and Miss Ray, PDHPE interns, and Mrs Robinson helped in the smooth running of the day. Thank you!
Combined Camp to Myuna Bay
Everyone met at Myuna Bay on Wednesday 14th August for three days of fun activities with friends from Frances Greenway, Cessnock and Maitland High Schools and Hunter River Community School. We stayed in The Vines Lodge. Activities included canoeing (no one fell overboard), giant swing (lots of screams), archery (with many arrows hitting the targets), bushwalk, cooked damper (yummy with golden syrup), fishing (1 caught and thrown back), turtle spotting (1), games night, County Fair and movie nights. Meals were fast, noisy and VERY tasty.

Denise Hughes
Teacher Support Unit
Boys' KO Softball
Congratulations to the Boys Open Softball Team on obtaining 12th place in the State Knockout Series played on the 13th and 14th August at Stevenson Park, Mayfield. Not bad for a team of boys who all but three haven’t played Softball before.
Unfortunately we played Nepean High School in our first game, the team who eventually went on to win the series. We had a good win against Westfield Sport High School, which saw Patrick Huolohan, Tim Nisbet and Sam Parker hit three home runs and Brendan Frost one home run. While KJ Nithiyananthan showed his cricket skills taking numerous catches in the outfield for a convincing win.
It was great to see the outstanding sportsmanship and encouragement the boys showed over the competition. A special thank you must go to the boys who filled in at the last minute, we couldn’t have played without you.

Girls’ Open Netball
This year the girls were Hunter Region Runners Up and placed 10th at the State Knockout Final Series held 3rd and 4th September at Menai Indoor Complex.
The girls had some very close games in their pool over the final series but unfortunately were relegated to 6th on a count back which meant we were in the bottom half of the draw. This year sees the end for half of our team as they are in Year 12. It will be sad to see these girls go as they have formed an integral part of the team over the last few years. Jordan Ladwig gets special mention as she has been a member of this team since she was in Year 7; this is a huge feat as it is an Open Girls Team. Well done to all girls who gave it their all over this knockout series; we will be back in 2014 with a new team.

In 2012, the Australian Government announced that human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine would be provided free to male students in high schools from 2013.

- From 2013, males in Year 7 in all NSW high schools will be offered HPV vaccine annually.
- In addition, males in Year 9 will be offered the vaccine as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014.
- Males who are 14-15 years of age in 2013 and who are in Year 10 can receive free HPV vaccine at their GP during 2013 only:
  - it is important when making the GP appointment that the receptionist is informed of the reason for the visit and that sufficient time is allowed for the vaccine to be ordered and delivered to the GP.
- HPV vaccination will continue to be offered annually to female students in Year 7 only.
- The Australian Government has developed information for parents, students and health professionals about HPV vaccination.

**Careers**

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**

- **September**
  - 16th: Guest speaker – Bio Technology – Dr Roman BC3 Lunchtime
  - 27th: UAC Applications - Closing Date for 2014 Applications
  - 30th: UNSW Scholarship Deadline
  - 30th: Life @Sydney Uni (Year 11)

- **October**
  - 25th: ABC Careers Day in Sydney

- **December**
  - 18th: ATAR’s released

**Positions Vacant**

Dymocks bookshop requires a 14-15 year old to work in customer service. Must love books. Work 4-6 hours per week. 1-3 shifts per week. Contact Anita to ask for more details about the position

Phone: 49205028

**Year 12**

Macquarie University has a new 4 year Bachelor of Laws degree. Alternatively, combine law studies with finance, media, IT, commerce or psychology. Find out about entry pathways, industry connections and internships, exchange opportunities and extra-curricular activities. [https://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events/macquarie_law_school_information_evening](https://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events/macquarie_law_school_information_evening)

**Early Entry Schemes**

Follow the links provided to get more details on Early Entry schemes. Also check the university you are looking at attending to see if they have a similar scheme. If you have any questions about the early entry schemes please see Mrs Abbo. I am here to help you with your application.

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Wollongong University Early Entry (close of business Friday 12 October, 2013 - including payment of the application fee)
This is for a wide range of courses so check the link below for more information.

UNE – Armidale Early Entry (applications close Monday 30th September)
Check the courses on offer for this scheme and find out more information by clicking on the link below;

Southern Cross University STAR Entry Scheme enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to SCU on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. Many outstanding students have gained entry to Southern Cross University via the STAR Entry Scheme, motivated by the desire to receive an early offer. SCU recognises that ATAR/OP scores are not the only indicator of a student's academic potential.

The STAR Entry Scheme aims to match an individual student to a particular course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline.

HOW TO APPLY
You must do two things:
- Complete the application form and return it to your Careers Adviser or Principal
- Apply online for your nominated course through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC)

STEP BY STEP PROCESS:
1. Select a course from the list attached to your form (you can only select one)
2. Set up your account with UAC: www.uac.edu.au
3. Put the above course as your number one preference in UAC
4. Fill out your form making sure you:
   - Provide your UAC number in the top right corner
   - Nominate the same course you listed as a preference in UAC
   - Have it signed by your parent or guardian (if you are under 18)
5. Hand your form back to your Careers Adviser or Principal to be signed and submitted to the University of Canberra

All forms must be submitted by a representative from your school no later than the 27th September 2013.

Please note, handing in your application form will not guarantee you an offer to the University of Canberra. Successful applicants will be notified during the UAC Early Offer Round, in early December.  
Still not sure how to complete your form? Turn over for further information.
*Please note only first preferences will be considered for an Early Round Offer.*
Access Melbourne for 2014 Entry

Why should I apply?
How Access Melbourne can help you.

Am I eligible?
Eligibility criteria and information.

Guaranteed entry
Find out if you're eligible for a guaranteed place at Melbourne.

Apply now
Step by step instructions about how to apply.

Not a school leaver?
Find out about our non-school leaver entry pathway.

Year 11 and 12 special consideration
Have you experienced difficult circumstances during your final two years of secondary school?

Principal’s Recommendation Scheme

UTS recognises that in some circumstances a student’s performance in their Year 12 studies may not be a true indicator of their ability to succeed at university. The UTS Principals’ Recommendation Scheme (PRS) allows Principals within NSW to nominate financially disadvantaged students whose capability and personal attributes will see them succeed within UTS, but whose ATAR presents a barrier for entry.

Key dates
• Principal submits nominations by Friday 15 November 2013
• Offers made to successful applicants from 16 January 2014

Application Form
For more info, visit the UTS website or call the Equity and Diversity Unit on 9514 1084.
Get more information about the UAC Educational Access Scheme.

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/pathways/access-melbourne
Applications for the 2014 Hawker Scholarship open on Monday 9 December 2013 and close Friday 3 January 2014.

Who can apply?
The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is available to any Australian student undertaking a three or four year course of study approved by the Trustees. Undergraduate students who have commenced their studies are also eligible to apply for the scholarship. Successful applicants can chose to study at one of the nominated Australian universities or colleges. In some instances the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is also offered to postgraduate students who can undertake a one year course of study at the University of Cambridge in the UK.

What is the value of the scholarship?
The value and number of scholarships each year are determined by the Trustees after having regard to all relevant factors including the applicants’ personal circumstances.

A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees.

Subject to availability and the location of the chosen course of study, the scholarship requires successful applicants to take up residence at St Mark’s College in Adelaide, Robb College in Armidale, Burgmann College in Canberra, Roseworthy Residential College in Adelaide, Marcus Oldham College in Geelong and Trinity College in Cambridge. Payment of monies associated with the scholarship will be made in a manner determined by the Trustees.

Before any monies are paid, scholarship holders must provide to the Trustees evidence that he or she has been accepted for admission to the approved course and where applicable to the associated college.

**ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Industry experience and leadership development while you study*

Are you interested in taking your engineering career further, faster?

The Engineering Leadership Scholarship is one of the most valuable engineering undergraduate scholarships offered in Australia in terms of financial support and leadership development.

This scholarship provides many opportunities including:

- An annual structured professional experience placement program with some of Australia’s leading firms - so you can graduate with business and leadership skills without having to extend the length of your degree
- Leadership insights, including working with Design Researcher Professor Andy Dong, the Warren Centre’s Chair in Engineering innovation, and with the John Gill Centre for Project Leadership
- Direct access to an industry mentor
- Access to a valuable industry network with regular functions where you can meet with alumni, government and industry leaders - including from your sponsor organisation
- Additional support through online networking forums
- An annual stipend of $16,000 (tax free) to support you financially through your 4 year degree.


Local Sporting Championships Program Closes 31 October. Financial assistance for ages 12-18. Grants of $500 are available for individuals, or $3000 for teams. [http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions) I am aware of students at MHS who have already received these awards so have a go!!

Equity Scholarships 2014.
The equity scholarship link had not opened at the time I checked but you need to keep an eye on this link.
What are Equity Scholarships?
Equity Scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education [http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/](http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/) See Mrs Harvey for more information.

Educational Access Scheme 2014.
Most [institutions](http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/) that participate through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) have an Educational Access Scheme for applicants who've experienced long-term educational disadvantage due to circumstances beyond their control or choosing, which has seriously affected their educational performance. A long-term educational disadvantage should normally be experienced for a period of at least six months. [http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/](http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/) See Mrs Harvey for more information.
Grants for Girls

Who is eligible to apply?

- Females, 12 years of age and above (core target is girls and women 12 – 26 years); and
- Females who aim to achieve their goals in their field of choice.

Grants will be awarded, at the discretion of the Foundation, to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their educational and/or personal development.

**WHAT THE GRANT INVOLVES**

The Foundation will award a minimum of $60,000 worth of grants each year. Successful applicants will receive a financial grant in accordance with the following amounts and conditions:

- **$1,500** – “Kickstart” Grant, 12 to 15 years
- **$2,000** – “Environmental” Grant, 12 years and above
- **$2,000** – “Academic” Grants, 12 years and above
- **$3,000** – “Individual” Grant, 16 years and above
- **$3,000** – “Business” Grant, 16 years and above
- **$1,500** – “Junior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 12 to 15 years
- **$3,000** – “Senior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 16 years and above
- **$6,000** – “Group” Grant, 2 or more people 12 years and above

“Individual”, “Business”, “Athletes with a Disability” and “Group” Grants will be paid in two installments. The first installment will be paid once the successful applicants have been announced. The second installment will be made upon the Foundation receiving a midyear update of the applicants progress.

Grant recipients may be asked to contribute to the Aim for the Stars website by way of photos, interviews and stories about their quest to reach their goals.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants are expected to submit a application form and information detailing why they deserve to receive sponsorship from the Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation.

Your application should cover:

- Your goals and how you plan to achieve them
- Evidence of your commitment and dedication to your goal
- How the grant will assist in achieving your goals and how you propose to use the funding
- Records of your academic, career and competitive history
- Two references to support your application eg. school principle, coach or member of relevant association

Applications close on 15th November 2013

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Science Scholarships

Schools Recommendation 2014 – To Mrs Abbo by end of Term 3 (but earlier is definitely better).

If you are looking at science at UTS please advise Mrs Abbo so we can recommend you for this scholarship. We can recommend 3 students for this scholarship so email me today with the strand of science you are interested in. Levina.abbo@det.nsw.edu.

Teaching Scholarships for 2014 - close in October 2013

teach.NSW scholarships - Year 12 can apply for a scholarship worth up to $28,000 for their university study! Teach.NSW offers valuable teaching scholarships. Applications open on 20 May 2013 and close in October 2013. For the latest information on what the 2013 subjects areas are, from 20 May onwards go to http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching.
Requirements the following UAC newsletter is ESSENTIAL reading. 

UNSW Rural Student Entry Scheme Closes 30 September. Entry into the Medical program at UNSW. Must have an ATAR of 91 or above and sat the UMAT exam in 2013. Contact: (02) 9385 3677 or Emily.robinson@unsw.edu.au 

University of Western Sydney: School of Medicine Indigenous Program Contact: Cris Carriage on c.carriage@uws.edu.au or 1300 897 669. http://www.uws.edu.au/indigenous_edu/education/access/meds

NAHSSS: Allied Health Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship & Support Scheme – 2014 applications will be opening on 3 September 2013. SARRAH’s Allied Health Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship is available to students enrolled, or intending to enrol, in an approved/accredited undergraduate or graduate entry allied health course. Scholarship holders will receive up to $10,000 per year during their studies. Recipients will receive funding for the duration of a standard length undergraduate or graduate entry degree. For more scholarship information visit www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm.

HSC September Workshops at UTS, Macquarie University and UOW. During the upcoming September/October holidays, a series of HSC Workshops will again be run across Sydney and Wollongong. Workshops are held across 15 of the most popular HSC subjects. Students have the chance to spend a day with experienced HSC teachers/markers to review all course content, practice a range of questions and received detailed feedback and assistance. For further details and to register, go to www.hscintheholidays.com.au or call 1300 677 336.

HSC Exam Revision Lectures. Since 1994, ACCESS EDUCATION have helped tens of thousands of Victorian students gain confidence and achieve their personal best with their final exams. They are now bringing their Exam Revision Lecture program to Sydney, covering 12 of the most popular subjects in one central location. Visit www.accesseducation.com.au or call 1300 338 222.

Awards
Bright Spark Awards (13-26yrs) Is This You??
For more details follow this link. If you think you meet the criteria apply today!
UNLEASHED AWARDS CATEGORY

Applications for the Unleashed Awards category will be taken via fya.org.au/unleashed. A selection committee will review each application. A recipient will be selected for each category that matches the criteria below, and is the most appropriate as deemed by the judging panel.

Category recipients from the Bright Spark Award, Game Changer Award and Amplifier Award are in the running for the FYA Changemaker of the Year Award.

Category recipients will be announced at the awards event on Sunday 10 November.

**Bright Spark Award:** Most innovative example of changemaking by a 13 to 18 year-old

Your application must demonstrate ability in each of the following criteria;

1. Your idea. That you are in charge of designing, leading and implementing the project.

2. Measurable change. Your project has achieved success.

3. Community focus. Your project focuses on improving the community; be it local, national or global.

4. Innovation. Your project demonstrates a dynamic idea for solving a social issue.

5. Inclusiveness. Your project is easily accessible to those who need it.

6. Project History. Your project has been in action for 2 months or longer.

**Game Changer Award:** Most innovative example of changemaking by a 19 to 26 year-old

Your application must demonstrate ability in each of the following criteria;

1. Youth led and driven. You are in charge of designing, leading and implementing the project.

2. Measurable change. You have achieved success. The applicant has clear goals for the development of the project, and a focused plan of action for reaching them.

3. Community focus. Your project focuses on improving the community; be it local, national or global.

4. Innovation. Your project is innovative, and demonstrates a dynamic idea for solving issues.

5. Inclusiveness. Your project is easily accessible to those that need it.

6. Project History. Your project has been in action for 12 months or longer.

**The Amplifier Award:** Best example of a young person who has used their volunteering effort to create change

Applicants must demonstrate ability in each of the following criteria;

1. **Significant contribution.** You are contributing to an existing social change project or organisation.

2. **Age.** You are between 13-26 years of age.

3. **Volunteer history.** You have been actively volunteering for 12 months or longer.

4. **Community focus.** Your volunteering effort focuses on improving community outcomes; be it local, national or global.

5. **Innovation.** Your approach to volunteering demonstrates innovation.

6. **Leadership.** You demonstrate leadership qualities when volunteering.
Information Sessions, Courses And Opportunities
Media, Journalism, Film


Sound Design and Editing with Metro Screen  (15th Sep 2013)
Time : 9.30am to 4.30pm
Venue : Metro Screen
Cost : $505
Contact : Robert Gadsbey : metro@metroscreen.org.au

Event Description :
Sound Design and Editing Short Course with Metro Screen

This course is a brilliant way to ensure you can record, design and edit the perfect sound track to your next masterpiece. Lots of great productions are let down by poor quality sound, be the hero by recording clean dialogue, creating atmosphere and adding audio effects. During this part time short course, you will design a complete soundscape for an existing film excerpt and complete practical exercises recording sound in a variety of locations, whilst troubleshooting common problems.

We’ll teach you:
Location sound recording     Recording sound effects     Recording atmosphere     Recording dialogue
Sound design     Sound editing     Troubleshooting

Australian film and Television Radio School Holiday Programs

Courses
AFTRS school holiday workshops are designed to give kids and teens from 9 - 17 years fun and creative experiences in a professional environment. Work in our state-of-the-art film studios in Moore Park, Sydney with industry tutors to write, shoot and edit for screen.

All courses are taught by industry professionals at AFTRS state-of-the-art film studios at the Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park, Sydney.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2013
STOP FRAME ANIMATION: 5-12s
23 – 24 SEPTEMBER
INTRODUCTION TO GAMES DESIGN: 14-17s
23 – 25 SEPTEMBER
HSC VIDEO INTENSIVES: 15-17s
25 – 27 SEPTEMBER
AFTRS TROP.JNR FILMMAKING WEEK: 10-15s
30 SEPTEMBER to 4 OCTOBER
WRITE A SHORT FILM: 15-17s
2 - 4 OCTOBER

Book 28 days in advance and receive a 10% Early Bird discount! For more information please call us on 1300 065 281.
Sydney Film School is opening its doors to potential students on Saturday, 14 September from 2pm. Come along to meet with teachers, staff, students and graduates. It’s your opportunity to ask questions, find out more about the course structure, application process, Vet Fee-Help, timetables, school philosophy and student life. Sydney Film School is one of the top film schools globally, renowned for its focus on story telling. Our production house model delivers comprehensive hands on training. When students join SFS they become part of a global community for life. For more information call 02 9698 224 or contact Clem at Coldfield@sydneyfilmschool.com

ABC Careers Day
Students from year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend a trial careers afternoon at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Ultimo offices on Friday October 25th 2013, from 10.30am- 3.00pm. Held in the Eugene Goosens Hall, students will hear from ABC staff from a number of different fields, from radio and TV, to online. Staff will highlight the variety of roles available, as well as the varying pathways in a media organisation. Places are limited. To register your interest you must contact Mrs Abbo today as places are limited. I will give you a permission notes and you will travel with me to and from the event on the train. 7 students have already registered.


Medical and Health
Medical Research School Holiday Program

Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) Open Day and on Thursday the 26th of September, the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) will be hosting their very first Open Day for the community to discover what lies behind the doors of HMRI.

We have designed a special school holiday program as part of the Open Day and a number of the activities have been created for children, teenagers and young adults who would like to learn about the world of science and research in the Hunter.

As part of the Open Day HMRI will be hosting a science corner where kids and teenagers can make edible DNA models, touch and feel interactive research displays, learn about a day in the life of a researcher, tour a working laboratory * and take part in a healthy kids training session. (*please note that only children over 12 will be permitted in the labs)

There will also be opportunities to tour a state of the art laboratory and the clinical trials center, hear about the latest therapies and discoveries across many areas including cancer, stroke, asthma, nutrition, and personalised medicine. Take part in the live Expo displays then join us for a Q+A debate with seven of the Hunter’s leading researchers and a meet-the-researcher cocktail party.

Pleased find attached the Open Day flyer in both a pdf and a plain text version, if it is possible to get this included in your newsletter or distributed within your school it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to register for the Open day please visit www.hmri.com.au.

Gap Medics
Combine hospital work experience with a once in a lifetime opportunity with our Australian Summer Special!

Do you know of any students keen to break into the medical field? We all know that the road to becoming a doctor, nurse, midwife or dentist can be a tough one, but with the Gap Medics Australian Summer Special, students will have the chance to gain work experience that will truly make them stand out from the crowd and break into their dream career.

Gaining a place at university or medical school is becoming increasingly more difficult, with more and more students wanting to study towards these rewarding careers. The best thing for aspiring medics to do is to seek out work experience that is not only going to benefit them and their studies, but also grab the attention of the universities they are applying to.
A Gap Medics Work Experience placement will do just this! Aspiring medics between the ages of 16 -25 can join us this summer on our Australian Summer Special in Thailand or Tanzania from 5th January 2014! Here they will shadow healthcare professionals in a variety of departments, getting a real-life insight into the work of medical professionals in a new and exciting country. No amount of work experience available back home in Australia will measure up! Alongside gaining beneficial work experience, students will be able to get together with fellow Australians and experience everything the amazing destination has to offer. From days spent running around the busy hospital wards, to evenings watching wildlife down by the waterhole or cooking over an open fire with all of the fellow housemates. There are even wildlife safaris and hill-tribe treks to uncover at the weekends for those who are looking for a bit more exploration! Places are limited and are likely to fill up quickly, so students should book early to avoid missing out on this once in a lifetime experience! The cost of a one-week placement is $1,990 (USD), but students can opt to join us for longer if they wish.


Artistic and Creative Industries
Games Design, Film and Animation Workshop

Defence Forces
Airforce Cadets
Both 321(City of Newcastle) and 316 (City of Lake Macquarie) Squadrons Australian Air Force Cadets, both located at Bullecourt Barracks Military Road, Adamstown are both about to undertaking its 2014 intakes. The Australian Air Force Cadets is a federally funded youth development organisation for 13-19 year olds. http://www.aafc.org.au/ 321 Squadron parades on Wednesday evenings during the school term from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. 316 Squadron parades on Friday evenings during the school term from 6:00pm - 10:0pm.

The following is a YouTube link to a short, 30sec advertisement
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RDcol1Leig


ADFA Information Sessions for year 10, 11 and 12 students

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RSVP: rsutcliffe@dfr.com.au or (02) 4974 5427 When you RSVP, please be specific about what session you wish to attend.
Legal

Leadership
UN Youth Australia is looking for the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations for 2014. This isn’t your everyday opportunity. Applications close October 1st As the Youth Representative, you will work with thousands of young people across the country listening to their views on key issues. You will be their voice – speaking to decision makers, the media and the United Nations in New York as a member of the Australian Delegation. From day one you are backed by UN Youth Australia’s incredible network and will have the opportunity to learn from Australia’s best young educators and organisers. The project is your own and your impact could be phenomenal. Can you see yourself doing this in 2014? Check out the position description and apply online. http://youthrep.org.au/

Foundation for Young Australians Youth Summit in Sydney aged 16 to 26.
The Foundation for Young Australians (http://www.fya.org.au/) are hosting a youth summit in Sydney in November (Sat 9, Sun 10).
Unleashed is an electrifying two-day summit set to trigger a social change explosion and build a strong community of young, vibrant social change makers aged 16 to 26.
Do you have a passion for change? Unleashed is for volunteers, campaigners, innovators and social entrepreneurs. Find your tribe at Unleashed and connect with a national cohort of young social change makers from around Australia.
The two-day summit will include a series of inspiring talks, collaborative workshops, and a “PitchUp” session full of fresh ideas! The summit will end with the Unleashed Awards, featuring Australia’s top change makers and performers on stage at the Sydney Opera House.
More information is available at http://www.fya.org.au/unleashed/; there may be students that are keen to attend or interested in nominating for one of the awards, in particular (see above for more details)
NSW Junior Parliament

What is JP? What is this program anyway? Junior Parliament is a program run by the YMCA NSW. It fosters to views of young people, helping to make a change within your community.

Why?
As a young person, you don’t really get a say in the things going on around you. It’s always the adults that make decisions on things, rarely taking into consideration what the youth of NSW think. But not for any longer. The YMCA NSW Junior Parliament program gives you a voice. It provides you with a platform that lets you talk about issues going on around NSW and for you and you peers to come up with tangible actions to improve our state. You will learn how our government works to help you make informed decisions. You will work with young people from all around the state to form real solutions to real problems. You will gain confidence and skills in fighting for your opinion when we debate. You will become a leader for not only your community, but for young people everywhere. But the biggest thing you will get out of the program, is knowing that you have made a difference. Our Youth and Government programs provide an unforgettable and indescribable experience.

When?
September 23rd – 28th 2013! These dates are within the NSW end of term 3 school holidays.
To apply go to: http://www.jotformpro.com/YMCANSWYthParl/applyforJP
There are a lot of other programs on offer so check out the website for more details and apply today...

Competitions
Australian Children's Music Foundation National Song Writing Competition

CSU Creative Writing Competition
Year 10, 11 and 12 students can show they’ve got the write stuff with the inaugural CSU Creative Writing Competition. Entries are now being taken for the competition, which is open to all school students aged 16 to 18 (from the 1st of January in the year they turn 16 to the 31st December of the year they turn 18), and four cash prizes of $250 are up for grabs. Students are asked to submit a creating writing piece, (story, poem, script, blog, etc) of no more than 1,000 words exploring one or more of the competition themes; family values, cultural experiences or social challenges. The competition closes September 20, and winners will be announced on November 5. Entries can be emailed to csuhum@csu.edu.au. Visit www.csu.edu.au/cwc for more details.

Year 11
Year 11 Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Studies Students:
Two of the most commonly asked questions we as teachers get asked are “why am I learning this?” or “where can I use this in my life?”. The Engineering Link Project has been providing answers to those and many other questions for nearly 20 years.

Thanks to Lloyd’s Register Foundation, Thiess, the University of Technology Sydney and Transgrid, we are very pleased to offer the students of New South Wales the second Sydney Engineering Link Project. A brochure explaining the event can be found attached to this email, along with an A4 poster you can print and put up around the school. You can also download all of these documents, along with a brief PowerPoint presentation you can show your students (if you wish) at our website: http://www.telg.com.au/Events.html
The Project will be held in the school holidays, to minimise the disruption to class time. It will be September 24 and 25, 2013 at UTS in Sydney. For those students who have to travel, we will have supervised accommodation available for the Tuesday night at a small additional cost. Full details are on the registration website: http://sydelp2013.eventzilla.net.

This course is designed to give students who are very interested in Maths, Physics and/or Chemistry an insight into engineering as a possible career.

Please note: Year 12 students are welcome to attend, but we realise that this is very close to their HSC and thus may not be able to.

2014 UNSW Minerals Summer School. – Close 20th September

When: Monday 13th - Thursday 16th January 2014

Eligibility: Students currently in Year 10 or 11, interested in Science or Engineering and studying/planning to study subjects such as physics, mathematics (advanced), engineering, earth & environmental studies

Cost: $200

Closing date for applications: 20th September, 2013

Further details can also be found at: http://www.mining.unsw.edu.au/2014_UMSS_Applicationsopen20

Year 10

Finance and Energy Exchange (FEX) Group Scholarship - Applications must be received or postmarked by Friday 20 September 2013.

The Public Education Foundation’s Finance and Energy Exchange (FEX) Group Scholarship is a prestigious and highly competitive scholarship which aims to encourage and support public school students interested in economics and finance.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for the award of the FEX Group Scholarship you must be:
- a student interested in a future career in economics or finance
- currently enrolled in Year 10 at a NSW public school
- a Permanent Resident of Australia or Australian Citizen.

What does the FEX Group Scholarship provide?

The Scholarship will include:
- a cash payment of $1,500 in Year 11
- a second cash payment of $1500 in Year 12 provided normal academic progression is made
- a laptop from LENOVO
- internship for a week at the FEX Group offices in Sydney
- Travel to Sydney for a tour of the FEX Market site with a group of the recipient’s classmates

What are the criteria for selection?

The selection panel will consider the following criteria:
- the contribution the Scholarship can make to help the student reach his/her potential
- evidence of interest in economics or related areas of study
- personal qualities and circumstances which would enhance the candidate’s suitability for the FEX Group Scholarship
Year 9
Malala Yousafzai Scholarship - Applications must be received or postmarked by Friday 20 September 2013.
The Public Education Foundation’s Malala Yousafzai Scholarship supports hard working students in the middle years of secondary school who have a strong belief in the power of education. In particular, the scholarship targets students whose circumstances are such that the scholarship can make a significant contribution to helping them to successfully complete their schooling. Ways to build up your Resume.

Volunteering Opportunities

♦ 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 Blackbut 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 Blackbut via email blackbutadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au or by calling the office on 49043344 to request an application form.

♦ The Special Olympics are looking for volunteers and this would be a wonderful opportunity for students to register some volunteering hours. The Special Olympics will be held in Newcastle from 30 Nov to 7 Dec. http://www.specialolympicsasiapacgames2013.com/en/become-volunteer

♦ Volunteer at the 2014 Sydney Chinese New Year Festival 24 January and 9 February Volunteers aged 18 or older needed as interpreters, performers or dancers. Contact: chinesenewyear@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9246 7682. http://www.sydneychinesenewyear.com/volunteer/

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.
WILLOW PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

PLAYING

MISS HAVISHAM

Complete with wedding dress and cobwebs!

WITH HELEN MOULDER AS CLAUDIA

DIRECTION BY SUE RIDER ∆ PIANO MUSIC RECORDED BY RICHARD MAPP

Newcastle Region Library
Laman St., Newcastle
Wednesday 25 September at 2pm
Cost: $10 (includes afternoon tea)
Bookings: 4974 5300
Applications are closing at the end of next week for scholarships to travel and study overseas on a variety of programs with AFS Intercultural Programs - Australia’s most experienced and trusted student exchange provider.

“Scholarships are available to travel overseas with AFS Intercultural Programs on short and long-term programs across 56 countries worldwide. Full and partial scholarships are available for all students looking for a life changing experience abroad. The deadline for applicants is 27th September. Apply now at www.afs.org.au/scholarships or call 1300 131 736”

About AFS:

Every year, AFS sends over 12,000 young people around the world on exchange programs. AFS participants build confidence and competence in intercultural communication and understanding by learning about the world first-hand. We offer travel opportunities to 56 destinations from 6 weeks to a whole year.

AFS is a non-profit, volunteer organisation with charitable status in Australia. We are a registered and approved Student Exchange Organisation in every State and Territory and a member of the Council for Australia Student Exchange Organisations (CASEO).

If you’d like to receive posters or have someone come and speak at your school, please contact us on 1300 131 736.
TEENS PLACE
SOCIAL CLUB
Asperger’s Youth Group

A group for High School Age children with High Functioning Autism and Asperger’s
Contact us on our Facebook page at:
Asperger’s Youth Group
Or Email: Aspy.youth@hotmail.com
Or PH: 0408 473 136 Gayle
To let us know if you want to join our group

THE PLACE
CHARLESTOWN SQUARE
CHARLESTOWN

Every Friday night, except school holidays
5:30pm-7:30pm
$10 per week which includes Pizza for the kids.
Parkour ‘Come and try’ clinic
September 2013

The Hunter office of Sport and Recreation in conjunction with Newcastle Parkour is hosting a 90 minute Parkour session in Newcastle’s Civic Park. The aim of this clinic is to give participants and snapshot about the fundamentals of Parkour but it will also cater for current participants. Developed by David Belle, Parkour is (according to the Parkour NSW) a non-competitive discipline which originated in France. The activity encompasses a set of principles combined with a way of moving within your environment and overcoming obstacles of any kind, be they physical or mental. In addition to this the physical aspect of Parkour involves practical movement techniques guided by the notions of escape and reach. Parkour methods involve running, crawling, jumping, climbing, and other methods of catching yourself, grabbing and hanging, rolling and balancing, applied to all environments both urban and natural.

Details:
Focused on 14-17 year olds, the 90 minute clinic will cover the key basics of the sport featuring experience Parkour instructors.

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How to enrol
By phone  Call 13 13 02 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, Mastercard) and bring completed enrolment form on the day
By fax    Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 4329 4397
By mail   Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to:
          Sport and Recreation
          State Government Offices
          117 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302

For more information
Phone  4926 1633 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au
‘Cricket Fun’ holiday clinics
September 2013

Hunter-wide cricket fun holiday clinics in September

- Six ‘Cricket fun’ holiday clinics for 5-8 year-olds which will mirror the Cricket Australia junior entry point program – MILO in2CRICKET.
- ‘Cricket fun’ will focus on introductory games/activities for younger participants and will utilise plastic equipment.
- For boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years who are interested in cricket. These clinics will cater for current and prospective players.

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- Byfax: Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 4929 4397.
- Bymail: Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to:
  Sport and Recreation
  State Government Office
  177 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302

For more information
- Phone: 4926 1633 or visit www.sdr.nsw.gov.au
Tennis development clinic
Mount Hutton October 2013

The Hunter office of Sport and Recreation will host a two-day tennis development clinic in October aimed at introducing participants and letting them ‘play the game’ straight away. The six hours over two days will include introductory tennis instruction and also a Tennis Hot Shots tournament.

MLC Tennis Hot Shots is Tennis Australia’s introductory program which allows participants to use low compression tennis ball and play on smaller courts.

Coaching will be lead by a Tennis Australia accredited Club Professional coach.

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Details:
Focused on 5-12 year olds, participants will undertake tennis skills sessions and then in a red, orange or green ball competition based on their standard and capability. This clinic is suitable for new participants but also current players in the target age group.

Dates       Tuesday October 1 – Wednesday October 2 2013
Time        9:00am - 12midday
Venue       Mount Hutton Tennis Club, Dunkley Parade, Mount Hutton
Program     0064498
Cost        $45

How to enrol
By phone    Call 13 13 62 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, Mastercard) and bring completed enrolment form on the day
By fax      Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 4329 4397
By mail     Complete the enrolment form, include either your credit card details, a cheque or a money order, and mail to:
            Sport and Recreation
            State Government Offices
            117 Bull Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302

For more Information
Phone       4926 1633 or visit www.sdr.nsw.gov.au
MHS International Sports Tour 2014-15
RACE DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT
VICTORIA DERBY DAY
Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} NOVEMBER 2013

Venue: THE COURTYARD – from 12.00 noon
Broadmeadow Race Track
Darling Street, Broadmeadow

ALL WELCOME!
$75.00 Per Person includes:
ENTRY TO RACES; FINGER FOOD; RACE BOOK
Hosted by Allen Hardes
Come and join us for a day of fun and frivolity with:
Games, Raffles, Sport Memorabilia Auction

and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

ENQUIRIES, PAYMENTS & TICKET COLLECTION:
Karyn Brooks  49693855  0423156824
Payment to be received ONE week prior to Race Day (for catering purposes)
Dear Parents and Tour members,

After a successful Trivia Night, the next Sports Tour fundraising event is an Adult Only Race Day at Broadmeadow Racres. This has the potential to be a successful fundraising opportunity, if it is supported by ALL the parents and their friends, relatives and work colleagues of 2014-15 Tour Members.

Allen Hardes has generously offered his services to host the event with betting games, raffles and Sports Memorabilia Auction and finger food will be served throughout the afternoon. So come along and help us to make the day a huge success.

Tickets are on-site at the school NOW and are available by:

- Tour Members pay the money to Ms Brooks to receive the ticket/s (preferred method)
- Contacting Ms Brooks, pay over the phone and the ticket/s will be left at the front counter in an envelope with your name on it (please ensure that phone or counter payments made by EFTPOS are deposited into the Sports Tour FUNDRAISING account.

As with all fundraising events, ‘the-more-the-merrier’ equates with greater financial success. If any parents are in a position to display a Race Day Poster in a workplace environment etc. to promote and encourage attendance at the event, please email Ms Brooks and she will forward one to you:

karyn.brooks@det.nsw.edu.au

Please be prompt buying tickets. They will be on sale up until 25th October.

General reminders:

- 10 students failed to make their Term 2 payment of $1000 – once again, this is not good enough. Tour staff DO NOT have the time to be chasing individuals who are not meeting their obligations
- The Term 3 instalment of $1000 is due before 2.00pm on Friday 20th September
- There is a glitch with the Tour Blog site at the moment and staff are unable to post new messages on it, however this will be rectified in the near future, and is our preferred method of communication
- Movie Night Fundraiser – Term 4 – more info later
- Email Karyn – address above – for all enquiries or for additional information re the Race Day Event

Thank you for your continued support.
Sports Tour Management
Merewether High School Bulletin

Merewether High School International Sports Tour 2014-15

... is proud to announce our continued association with Robert Crawford Real Estate. Robert has come on board for his second successive tour as the major sponsor of the rugby and boys soccer teams. We are honoured to accept Robert’s sponsorship of the Sports Tour program.

... in recognition of Robert’s financial support, we encourage all members of the Merewether High School community to consider Crawford’s for ALL your Real Estate needs.

Ph. 02 4957 6166 – New Lambton
Ph. 02 4955 7888 – Elermore Vale

www.robertcrawfordrealestate.com.au

- we would also like to acknowledge the following local business groups for their generous support

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106.9 NXFM
Anchorage. Port Stephens
Aphrodite’s On The Lake
Aqua Lilly Hair Design
The Athlete’s Foot
Babyshop
Bakers Delight
Belmont Golf Club
Belmont Hairdoo
Bi-LO. Cardiff
Board Crazy
Bunnings Warehouse
Cellarbrations - Adamstown
Christiane’s Hair Design
Colour de Rose
Cupcake Espresso
Dan Murphy’s
Darby Street Pharmacy
Deneng Pty Ltd
Donut King
Elite Mobile Locksmiths
Extraless Prices Variety Store
Gateshead Tavern Bottle Shop
Gemelli Estate
Global Packaging
Good Guys Kotara
GR Brassiere
Graze at Valentine
Greencross Vets
Grill’d – The Junction
Healing Wave Chiropractic
House
Howards Storage World
Hoyts. Charlestown
Hunter Business Golf Group
Hunter Gourmet Pizza
ITW Group - Cyclone
Jarret’s Quality Meats
JB Hi-Fi
Jenda Collection
Joslin St Butcher
Junction Fair Pharmacy
The Bottle-O Kahibah
Kathmandu
KFC
Koko Hairdressing
Kylie’s Hair Specialists
Lambton Fridge
Lambton Fruit Market
Lombard- The Paper People
Lucky 7 Supermarket
Macs Home Timber & Hardware
Megamania
Merewether Golf Club
Merewether Hair Studio
Moo Culture
Nesbitt Hair and Body
Newcastle Family Dental
Office Works - Newcastle West
Open Dorz
Pacific Dunes
Paul’s Asian Affair
Pegs - Cafe
Perfection Point - Skin & Body
Pharmacy for Less. Kotara
Poppies Garden Centre
Priceline Pharmacy
Pulse Climbing
Restaurant Mason
Robert Crawford Real Estate
Rosie’s School of Rock
Salamander Village Florist
Scott-Dibben Amcal Kotara
Scrap Needs
Seaview Malaysian Restaurant
Sesames - On the Lake
Strachans Day Night Pharmacy
Suki Hairdressing
Super Strike. Salamander
Tackle Power
The Forum University
The Letter Q
The Wests Group
Tri-Benedict Solutions
Warners at The Bay
Wax in the City
The Bottle-O Whitebridge
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The Uniform Shop  
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Uniform Shop opening hours during school terms are:

- **Monday** 8.00am – 12.00pm  
- **Thursday** 1.00pm – 3.30pm

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