Welcome Back
Welcome back to the beginning of another exciting year at Merewether High School. A big welcome to our new families and a special welcome to our Year 7 students. We also welcome new staff. John Poulios – Humanities, Irene Francis – English, Sophie Green – Social Science, Dean Morrissey – PDHPE, Jacob Carroll – Science, Cathy Rae – Science, Helen March - Science and Naomi Morrissey – TAS.

HSC Results 2015
Zac Groth was announced Dux at our Annual Presentation Assembly achieving an ATAR of 99.85. Four other students, Ella Cannon, Jenna Lindbeck, Jonathan Hickson and Josephine Goldman received ATARs above 99. Our overall results saw our 2015 cohort achieve 286 Band 6s and 525 Band 5s with value added data demonstrating positive movement for the majority of students. A full analysis of our 2015 HSC results will be available in the Annual School Report which will be available on the school website on the 1st April 2016.

First in State Legal Studies and Ninth in State Biology – HSC 2015
Imogen Lewis of Year 11 was placed first in the state in Legal Studies in the Higher School Certificate 2015. Imogen completed Legal Studies as her accelerated course. Toby Morgan was placed seventh in the state in Biology. Toby is currently in Year 12 and our school captain, Toby completed Biology as his accelerated course in Year 11.

Years 10, 11 and 12 Dux
At our Annual Presentation Assembly the Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 Dux were named. Elizabeth Mee, Imogen Lewis and Zachary Groth were afforded this honour as a result of their hard work.
Swimming Carnival
What a great way to start the school year, with a demonstration by our students of what makes Merewether High such a great school. The enthusiasm and participation was outstanding, with students taking the time out to demonstrate the pride they have in their school. A number of records were broken with many outstanding swims on the day. Congratulations to all students who attended the carnival.

Year Advisers 2016
Please contact the school when you have a concern and need a question answered. Year Advisers should be your first point of contact.

Year Advisers 2016
- Mrs Greenland and Mrs Scollay – Year 7
- Mrs Allen and Miss Collins – Year 8
- Mr Berry and Mrs Ridgeway – Year 9
- Ms Taylor and Mr Hindmarsh – Year 10
- Mrs Cocking and Mrs Horan – Year 11
- Mrs Johnson and Mr Byrnes – Year 12

Head Teachers 2016
- English – Ms Corney
- Mathematics – Mr Singh
- Science – Mr Smith
- Humanities – Mr Gibb
- Social Science – Mrs Burnett
- CAPA – Ms Sutherland
- PDHPE – Mr Harrison
- TAS – Mrs McCudden
- Technology/Languages – Mr Glover
- Admin – Mr Kelty
- Teaching and Learning – Mrs Ravula

If you would like to discuss course specific information, please contact the relevant Head Teacher in regard to your enquiry.

Deputy Principals 2016
- Mr Southward – Years 7, 9 and 11
- Mrs Harvey – Years 8, 10 and 12

The Deputies can also be contacted if you have a question in relation to your child.

If you would like to email your child’s Year Adviser, the relevant Head Teacher or Deputy Principal, please do so via the school email address: merewether-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

A full staff list has been placed later in the bulletin.
Presentation Day 2015

Our Presentation Assembly held on the last day of the school saw us celebrate the many achievements of our students. Some of those achievements are outlined in the excerpt from my speech below.

As an academically selective school, our core purpose is academic excellence, to maximise each student’s intellectual potential while also developing their social and emotional intelligence. One measure of the school’s success in this regard are our external examination results, which continue to be outstanding.

Yesterday we were very excited to find that Imogen Lewis of Year 11 and Emily Baita of Year 12 were ranked first in the state in Legal Studies and Food Technology. Emily achieved a perfect score of 100 in Food Technology and Imogen 99 in Legal Studies. Josephine Goldman received a mark of 50 out of 50 in Extension Music. Eleven students are on the high achievers list, receiving Band 6 results in at least ten units of study. This year was the first year when all Year 11 students completed their first HSC course through our accelerated program, with 160 students presenting for the HSC exam. 61 of these students achieved a mark higher than 90, an outstanding result. Overall our students achieved 286 Band 6 and 525 Band 5 results.

Mia Stamenovski and Nicola De Jong’s HSC major works in visual arts have been selected for Art Express and these will be included in the Art Gallery of NSW exhibition and Claire Campbell, Jenna Lindbeck, Amelia Wilcox and Isobel Maclean’s HSC drama performance The Thin Blue Line has been selected for inclusion in On Stage which will be held early next year at the Seymour Centre showcasing the best of the HSC drama performances and a number of our 2015 Year 12 students have already been offered prestigious cadetships, scholarships and early university entry.

In NAPLAN this year our Year 9 and Year 7 students exceeded expected growth in all areas of testing, with 100% of students in Year 9 and Year 7 in the top 3 bands in reading and numeracy.

At Merewether, we continue to educate and empower our students through our holistic approach to teaching and learning. Our students are given a wide range of opportunities through our curriculum and extra curriculum activities to develop their individual and varied talents. As you can see on today’s program, along with the distribution of academic prizes, there are also awards in many other fields, particularly citizenship, leadership, school and community service, and the creative and performing arts. Our annual sports presentation assembly was held at the end of Term 3 where over 200 students were recognised for their outstanding feats throughout the year. All of our awards demonstrate that at Merewether our focus is not only on intellectual development but also on developing our students’ social and emotional intelligence, their creativity and their sporting prowess.

Academic results are only a part of the many opportunities available to students at Merewether High. 2015 has seen many achievements across all aspects of school life. I would like to outline just a few of those achievements:

Sharvil Kesarwani continued to excel in the fields of Mathematics and Science, continuing his research in the Mathematics field and was awarded through selection to again attend the Australian Mathematical Olympiad School of Excellence, receiving the Prudence Award in the Australian Mathematics Competition, receiving a Bronze Medal in the International Geometry Olympiad competition and also receiving a UNSW ICAS medal in Science.

Kate Edwards was one of only five students in the state to be a dual medal winner in the UNSW ICAS competitions, receiving medals in Science and Digital Technologies.

Tom Grimes and Jonathan Clifford received the 2015 Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement, for demonstrated leadership skills; sporting achievements; academic excellence; commitment to the school community; and demonstrated values of integrity, respect, responsibility, care and fairness.
Claire Sandhoff was selected to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy at Sydney University and Lucy Witherdin was placed 6th in the state in debating after being selected to be a member of the Hunter/Central Coast Debating team for the second year in a row.

Rizina Yadav received the John Lincoln Youth award, Nirmanee Rathnayaka the Minister’s Award for Excellence in Community Languages and Maya St Jean has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January.

Kain O’Dea, Christy Mullen, Rizina Yadav and Sammy Seth were elected to the NSW Youth Parliament

Sasha Edwards and Dakota Tait received state awards in the National History Challenge.

Adrienne Hanslow and Isobel Whitehead were selected to perform as members of the orchestra at Schools Spectacular held in Sydney.

The Honourable Minister Piccoli, Minister for Education visited the school and announced the school will receive $1.5 million for front of school improvement. The planning for the expenditure of this money will commence mid-2016.

Harry Johnson-Holmes was selected in the Australian Schoolboys’ Rugby Union team, the only public school student in the squad of 23 players and was subsequently named the Australian player of the series competing against New Zealand and Samoa. As a result Harry was awarded a NSWCHS Sporting Blue and was named the Hunter Sportsman of the Year at the Hunter Sporting Blues awards and also received the major award, the Merv Cotterill Memorial trophy.

Tom Grimes also received a NSWCHS Sporting Blue in the sport of sailing. Tom is the current All Schools Australian Sailing Champion.

As well as Tom and Harry, Kiahni Abell in Floorball, Matt Humby in Water Polo and Declan Crook in Futsal are our 2015 Australian representatives.

Nic Sonntag, swimming; Josh Chapman, diving official; Bailey Proud, swimming; Chloe Bell, swimming; Sam O’Sullivan, cricket; Harry Johnson-Holmes, rugby union; Rebecca Ward, hockey; Tom Grimes, sailing; Matt Humby, Water Polo; Liam Bowman, athletics; Patrick Moore, Cross Country and Davis Harara, rugby union; received sporting awards at the Hunter Blues Sport Presentations held last Friday.

Ben Homer received the Pierre de Coubertin award for service to sport.

Patrick Moore in Cross Country, Liam Bowman in Long Jump and Nic Sonntag in the 100m Butterfly won state champion status in their respective events.

Josh Chapman, Marley Flint, Nic Sonntag and Bailey Proud represented the school and state at the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide.

In 2015, 102 students from Merewether High represented the Hunter Region and 19 of these students went on to represent New South Wales and last week our under 15 years Boys’ Water Polo team were crowned state champions.
The school saxophone quartet, Luke Clemenson, Tom Damjanovic, Oscar Girgis-Cook and Hamish McCarthy, were selected to play at the Opera House and our School Concert Band at Sydney Town Hall. Last week our school performing arts groups, the Concert Band, the Jazz Band, the Vocal, String, Saxophone and Percussion Ensembles performed here in the Bensley Hall as a culmination of the year’s success in the performing arts. Our Music Ensembles were once again highly successful at Muswellbrook Eisteddfod and Lake Macquarie Bandfest taking out the majority of the awards.

Merewether HS was represented at Star Struck, with soloists, backing vocalists, featured artists and choristers.

Merewether High School is now the hub for the regional performing arts groups, Hunter Singers, Hunter Wind Ensemble and Newcastle Strings with all groups accessing our facilities for their weekly rehearsals.

These are but a few of the many achievements within the school during 2015.

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival will be held this year on Monday 29th February at the Glendale Athletics Complex. The venue is used extensively by schools over the next two and a half terms and we are allocated a date by the venue. I would like all students to ensure they attend this carnival and share in a day that allows us to work as a whole school and build the sense of spirit necessary for a school to be successful. More information will come out in regards to this carnival closer to the date.

Attendance
Family holidays are not an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Family holidays should be planned during the school vacation periods where possible. These holidays are recorded as leave against the student’s name and will show on their semester reports as explained days absent. The majority of our students have outstanding attendance which supports them in achieving their potential. If at anytime you are concerned as to your child’s attendance please contact their Year Adviser, the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Mrs Ravula or the relevant Deputy Principal.

Welcome Year 7 BBQ
This event provides opportunity for parents of our Year 7 cohort to meet other parents and staff in an informal environment. Light refreshments and a BBQ are provided. Details of this event are as follows:
23 February 2015 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm – meet at MHS Hall. A welcome to Year 7 dance will be held immediately following the BBQ from 6:30 – 9:30.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 16 February in the Independent Learning Centre, commencing at 7:30pm. It would be great to see new parents at this meeting.

Congratulations
Rizina Yadav who received the Maitland Young Citizen of the Year Award and Evina Yadav who was awarded the Maitland Junior Citizen of the Year Award at the 2016 Australia Day celebrations.
What a wonderful start to our New School Year
Welcome to our Year 7 students and families who have all settled into Merewether with plenty on their calendars. Students have already been involved in the school swimming carnival, music ensembles, junior sport trials, the lunch time futsal competition and an array of new classroom learning experiences.

Travel training was a great success with students managing to make their way home safely to all parts of the hunter via trains, buses, bikes whilst only needing the assistance of their senior school mates for 4 days.

School Diaries:
With the support of students, last year our diary underwent a design evaluation to ensure that it better meets the needs of our Gifted and Talented learners. The new improved diary has been a customised design which encompasses a specific week to an opening layout, inclusive of period by period checklist and a weekly homework and study planner. The diary also has a section for study/homework tips and strategies and a wellbeing focus to support a growth mindset and positive health. The Term planners have all major school events listed (dates correct at time of publication) and support students to be well informed of what’s occurring in and around the school. All students are actively encouraged to have their diary out on their desk in every class to assist them in their learning organisation and planning for homework and study. Parents are encouraged to have a look at the new diary and discuss ways students may find it a useful tool in learning to manage their commitments and balance their school and extra curricula activates with family time for ongoing success. The school Pa and C association contributes some funds to assist in the schools purchase of these diaries for all students.

Parent and Community communication:
Our school has many methods of communicating with parents and community. We currently have a school bulletin that is published monthly, and a link to this online newsletter is emailed home to parents. We use our school email system regularly to notify of events as appropriate and parents are encouraged to ensure that they keep their email contact updated at the school to ensure you are able to receive this form of communication. We also have a school website which has access to information about school programs and events for particular year groups and this year we have released a school app.
MHS Skoolbag

The App can be downloaded onto fixed and mobile devices and is compatible with both android and apple devices. Once you have downloaded the App you can access the section “more ….” in the bottom right hand corner and select the particular year groups you wish to receive notifications for. This will help you to manage the volume of communication and allow you to select whether or not you wish to receive push notifications and alerts to receive notifications relevant to your children. This is proving to be a great tool and our families have responded positively so far to its introduction.

Parent Learning Groups:
Our Parent Learning Groups are another fantastic way for families to be informed of current learning strategies and events in the school and to stay connected with relevant educational issues for their children. The PLG programs are designed to provide opportunity for Curriculum Head Teachers as well as our Wellbeing team and other program coordinators to share information about specific aspects of the school programs for specific year groups. These sessions run every Tuesday from 9am to 10:30 in the school learning centre. The opportunity also exists for parents to arrive from 8:30 am and grab a cup of tea or coffee and have a chat with other parents of their children's year group. These are a valuable part of our community connection and we look forward to seeing you there.

The PLG schedule for this Term is as follows:
Week 3 – Year 7
Week 4 – Year 8
Week 5 – Year 9
Week 6 – Year 10
Week 7 – Year 11
Week 8 – Year 12
Week 9 – Year 7

Senior Student Learning Centre:
A reminder to our Year 12 students that to assist them in their learning, our senior study has opened this week for extended hours. The centre is open from 7.30am each morning and remains open until 5pm, 3 afternoons a week. The afternoon sessions are staffed with a teacher and tutor and this is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.
Staff News
After a well-deserved break the Social Sciences staff returned to work in late January to start a new school year. I would like to welcome Mrs Sophie Green to the faculty as a permanent member of staff and welcome back Mr Harry Kolatchew who will be with us part time for 2016.

Student News
We welcome our new Year 7 students who have been issued with their assessment schedule for Geography and we look forward to developing their skills as budding geographers over the course of the year.

Students in Years 8 to 10 Commerce and Geography classes have been notified of their assessment schedules which have been posted on the school’s Moodle site for access at home or at school. The schedules include:
- course outcomes, report outcomes and assessment items.

All Year 11 and 12 students studying Social Sciences subjects have been issued with appropriate documentation in line with Board of Studies guidelines.

Further Matters
- The National Geographic Channel (Australian Geography Competition 2016) will be held during Week 4 of Term 2. The competition is compulsory for Years 9 and 10. Students in Years 7 and 8 who would like to take up the challenge of doing the Competition will be able to do so.
- Year 7 will attend the mandatory fieldwork at Blackbutt on the 22nd March.
- Year 10 will be attending a mandatory fieldtrip into Newcastle on the 29th of March to study both Urban Dynamics and Coastal Management.
- The Mock Trial Competition is underway for 2016 under the guidance of Mrs. Tonks.
- The Mock United Nations Assembly (MUNA) Competition will take place in Muswellbrook on the 20th and 21st of May. Mrs. Burnett will be organising this extra curricula activity.
- The Share market Game will get underway in early March 2016. Students in Year 9 Commerce will test their financial skills in this competition.

Presentation Day 2015 Social Science Sponsors
The Social Science faculty would like to acknowledge our sponsors for their continued support in 2015. A number of sponsors were able to attend the end of year Presentation Day to present students with their awards. I would like to especially thank the Wild Legal representative and Professor Mark Bray for their attendance on the day.

Business Studies Update
The new group of Preliminary HSC students have started the course with a great deal of enthusiasm. Throughout the Preliminary and HSC courses, business studies students regularly receive small research tasks and are challenged to make recommendations to solve business issues based on their new knowledge. This arrangement of delivering work and gaining confidence in actively using the knowledge of business concepts is designed to give students an authentic experience of the type of post tertiary graduate position work they will be required to undertake in large corporate settings.

Legal Studies Update
Our new group of Preliminary Legal Studies students have begun immersing themselves in a wide array of concepts to familiarise themselves with the basics of The Australian Legal System. From the rule of law to equality and fairness, the students are engaged in examining contemporary legal issues and have begun to consider what constitutes justice. Lively debate and discussion is central to the delivery of the course and later this semester students will also have an opportunity to visit the Supreme Court in Sydney to observe the operation of our court system.

The Year 10 accelerated students will be offered the opportunity to participate in the MUNA competition. This is a youth initiative that provides students with an opportunity to represent a country in a Mock United Nations, debating issues and creating international law. The Year 11 Preliminary students have the opportunity to participate in the Law Society’s Mock Trial Competition.

Mrs Lisa Burnett - Head Teacher Social Science
English

Welcome back to all our students and parents.

At the end of 2015 our new HSC students were fortunate enough to attend a lecture with Ms Karen Yager on the Area of Study, Discovery. Ms Yager is the Dean of Studies at Knox Grammar, President of the English Teachers’ Association and a leading English curriculum specialist. Ms Yager provided many valuable insights into how students can consolidate their knowledge of the Area of Study and prepare for the HSC examinations. Any HSC student who was absent and missed the tutorial should see their classroom teacher so that they can be issued the booklet that was distributed on the day.

All HSC students are responsible for purchasing their HSC English texts. It is a concern that at this late stage of the course that some students have not purchased their texts.

While we encourage students to have an electronic device to use in class, all students also require an English workbook each lesson. In addition to this, all students in years 7 – 9 should ensure that they have a novel to read at the beginning of each English lesson. Students may choose to borrow a library book, bring a novel from home or have a novel downloaded onto their digital device. When reading texts on digital devices, it is important to ensure that the device meets the recommended screen size outlined in the schools BYOD policy. iPhones and iPods do not meet the recommended screen size and are not suitable for reading novels in class. Any student who is a member of the Newcastle or Lake Macquarie City library may be interested in electronically borrowing eBooks on their devices. This service is offered free and allows the borrowing of books from home or school. Information on the how to do this is available on the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie library websites.

Years 7 – 12 Assessment schedules have been distributed to students and uploaded to the school Moodle. These schedules outline the task requirements, weightings and timing of each assessment task for the year.

2016 Public Speaking, debating and writing competitions will be promoted to students through email and daily notices. Students interested in being involved in any of these co-curricular activities should ensure that they check their email regularly.

As yet, a number of students have not returned texts studied in English last year. All students should ensure that these are returned through the library ASAP.

As a faculty we look forward to another successful year.

Esme Corney (HT English)
Supporting Diabetes Awareness in 2016

In 2016 the PDHPE Department will be active supporters of Diabetes NSW. This organisation is charged with increasing awareness and educating people about Diabetes. During the year the PDHPE Faculty will be building a Diabetes awareness focus into all of our teaching programs as well as raising some much needed funds to help the organisation do their valuable work. Already our very popular Indoor Soccer competition held in First Term will donate all proceeds gained from entry fees to the organisation.

**INDOOR SOCCER ‘16**

In keeping with the PDHPE Faculty goal of ‘keeping students moving’ we will be conducting our third annual Indoor Soccer competition this term, with matches held during lunchtimes. In 2014 we had 16 teams compete and just three years later we have over 40 teams involved, equating to over 200 students, across all years and both Boys and Girls. Competition will be fierce as handicaps are awarded to even out matches between students from different year groups. In next month’s Bulletin we will have a full report on the competition with some great photos of all the action.

**ATLAS/NEAT**

Building on the tremendous success of the Year 9 based ATLAS and NEAT programs that the faculty conducted in 2015, we have decided to build components of the program into all of our junior PE courses. This is aimed at building basic levels of fitness required for students to maintain their general overall health.

The components will be included at the start of each practical lesson and will build on the current craze of ‘7 minute fitness’. Merewether High became a showcase for this program in 2015. To see the fantastic work our students completed go to YouTube on the following link:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MANvrS6DUQk

**WELCOME**

We are happy to welcome Mr Morrissey to the PE team in 2016. He comes to us from Belmont High but has had a range of previous experience including time teaching internationally in London. He has fitted in well and is making a great contribution to the rebuilding of our Health and PE programs as well as taking on a number of coaching roles including Basketball and Rugby. He is sure to be a great asset.

**REMINDERS**

As we start the 2016 year it is important that parents, and students are reminded of a few basic PDHPE requirements. First of all we encourage students to ensure they are organised for practical classes, PE uniform is mandatory for a number of reasons not least of which is for comfort, hygiene and to ensure that normal school uniforms are not damaged or soiled by completing practical activities in it. This is one of our focus areas in 2016. Secondly if your child is sick or injured then a note needs to be supplied stating the reason for no participation as well as a time frame around the illness or injury. This will allow class teachers to maintain accurate records as well as giving us an insight as to circumstances that can be supported while they complete their practical commitments. Thirdly all students should be excited about a host of new directions that the faculty will be taking over the next 12 months.
LANGUAGES

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FRENCH STUDENTS

Following the success of the visit of our 3 French exchange students in 2015, we will be accepting 4 students in 2016. We are currently seeking families who might be interested in hosting the students. The students will arrive on Sunday, 3rd July and depart on Sunday, 31st July. The exchange students attend school each day with their hosts. Students in the past have really enjoyed the hosting experience, making firm friendships and in many cases paying return visits to France. If you would be interested in hosting a student please contact me at kristine.horan@det.nsw.edu.au or students may collect a brochure from the languages staffroom.

Elly Dimandis-Nikoletatos with Emilie who she visited in January 2016

Annalise Verbeek with Clément

Loic who stayed with Jessica Arnold. Jessica made a return visit to France in December 2015
CARSON McGOVERN’S EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE IN INDONESIA

Carson McGovern from Year 12 Indonesian spent three weeks of the summer holidays living with a family in Indonesia through the IndoAustay Northbound Exchange Program. She stayed in the city of Bandung and experienced family life, school life, culture and developed her language skills, especially when shopping and bargaining! Carson has made new friends with our Indonesian neighbours and deepened the bonds between our two countries. Congratulations Carson.

INDONESIAN CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Year 8 Indonesian classes have started for the year and an opportunity exists for parents to learn Indonesian as well. The Indonesian School of Newcastle is holding parent classes at Hamilton Public School on Thursdays after school. They are for beginners and it may be a fun way for you to share a new skill with your children and learn some useful shopping, bargaining and dining skills to use on that next trip to Bali. If you are interested please contact Mrs Allen of the language department at Merewether High School for more information. coreena.allen@det.nsw.edu.au

GREAT WEBSITE FOR ALL LANGUAGE LEARNERS – QUIZLET

We have many students learning foreign languages for the first time. This is an exciting and rewarding experience. Regular revision is a key tool in remembering new vocab and structures…. The website Quizlet has proven a popular site with our students to do this. It offers games and electronic flashcards which makes revision fun.
MUSIC ENSEMBLES
The Music Ensembles at MHS have commenced and we are delighted to see so many new members.

The following ensembles are offered this year:
- **Concert Band** – Monday 8.00am in the Learning Centre AND Monday lunchtime in the Learning Centre
- **String Ensemble** – Monday lunchtime in KM1
- **Vocal Ensemble** – Tuesday lunchtime in KM1
- **Saxophone Quartet** - Tuesday lunchtime in KM2
- **Percussion Ensemble** – Wednesday lunchtime in the Learning Centre
- **Clarinet Quartet** - Wednesday lunchtime in KM1
- **Flute Choir** - Friday 8.00am in KM1
- **Jazz Band** - Friday lunchtime in KM1

FEES FOR ENSEMBLES
- **Concert Band** $60 per semester
  This covers tutoring costs and the purchase of music and equipment. The Director of the Concert Band in 2016 is Louise Gleeson.

- **All other Ensembles** $30 per semester
  This covers the purchase of music and equipment

If students are in more than TWO ensembles, a **maximum fee of $90 per semester** is to be paid

INSTRUMENT HIRE: The school has a number of instruments available.
See Music Staff (or phone 4969 3855) for details. The **Hiring Fee is $100 per annum**.

Thank you for your assistance in paying fees. Invoices will be sent for those who have not already paid their Ensemble fees.

MUSIC LOCKERS are still available for hire through the front office. See Mrs Tenorio for availability of tall and regular lockers BEFORE paying the hire fee.

MEET THE MUSIC CONCERTS
Elective Music students have the opportunity to attend Meet the Music concerts in the Sydney Opera House. There are four concerts and all concerts are supported by classroom support materials so the students gain the best advantage of attending the concerts. The 2016 dates are 2 March, 28 April, 17 August and 16 November. The concerts cost $54 each. Please see music staff for more information and permission notes.

ENCORE
Senior Music students will be attending Encore in the Sydney Opera House on Monday 22 February. Encore features exemplary performances from the 2015 HSC Music courses, providing wonderful motivation and incentive for students preparing for the HSC this year or next year.

MATILDA
61 Elective Music students and MHS Ensemble members will be seeing the hit musical Matilda on Wednesday 17 February.

YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION TO LUNA PARK
Students in Year 8 study Visual Arts for a semester and will be visiting Luna Park so they can take photographs and make sketches for one of their artwork assessment tasks. The excursion will be on Monday 15 February.
for ALL Year 8 students, even those who will not be doing Visual Arts until Semester 2. Notes will be distributed during Music and Visual Arts lessons.

REGIONAL ENSEMBLES
Merewether HS is now the home of the three prestigious regional ensembles: Newcastle Strings, Hunter Singers and Hunter Wind Ensemble. Rehearsals for all groups are held in the Learning Centre.

NEWCASTLE STRINGS
Newcastle Strings rehearses in the Learning Centre on Monday afternoons, with the Junior group from 4-5pm and the Senior group from 5-6.15pm. Both groups are conducted by David Banney. Enquiries to julie.bevan@det.nsw.edu.au.

HUNTER SINGERS
The Regional Choir Hunter Singers is a prestigious ensemble for secondary students, founded by Kim Sutherland in 1989. The group rehearses on Tuesday afternoons, 4.30-6.30pm in the Learning Centre. Hunter Trebles is for primary students and unchanged voices, rehearsing on Tuesday afternoons 5-6.30pm in KM1. Information on both groups is available on the Hunter Singers website: www.huntersingers.com. Hunter Singers will be travelling to the UK and France in July 2016, where they will compete in the Llangollen Eisteddfod, perform in London and Paris and participate in the Centenary commemorations for the Battle of Fromelles.

HUNTER WIND ENSEMBLE
The Hunter Wind Ensemble is open by audition to students who play a wind or brass instrument. Information is available by sending an email to hunterwindensemble@gmail.com. The group will be performing in ‘Music of the Guns’ at Fort Scratchley in March and will possibly be touring to Canberra in May.

STAR STRUCK
Merewether HS will have Dance, Drama and Vocal ensembles involved in Star Struck this year. Students should listen carefully to Period 1 announcements for information regarding auditions and rehearsals. Mrs Scollay will be supervising the Dance group and Mrs Tenorio will supervise the Vocal Ensemble. In addition, application forms for Star Struck instrumental soloists and orchestral players are available outside the CAPA staffroom or on the Star Struck website.

Kim Sutherland OAM
Head Teacher, Creative & Performing Arts
P&C/Canteen News

2015 Thank you to Volunteers: Departing volunteers Bronwyn, Gail, Kathy, Lizz, Jenny and Lisa pictured receiving acknowledgement for their years of dedicated service to the school and canteen at the end-of-year Thank you to Volunteers. We appreciate the time and energy our volunteers put in, often over many years, to provide a healthy, affordable food service to our school community and profits which are donated to improve student facilities and services.

Canteen Volunteers: Thank you to all new and returning parents, carers and others who have volunteered to help in the canteen! If your availability has changed, please advise your Canteen Manager at merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com, so that they can accommodate your preferences. Please be aware that we may also ask volunteers if they have the flexibility to change their canteen day, to ensure that we have sufficient volunteers on each day.

Order Ahead – Save Time: Does your son or daughter know that they can order their recess and lunch each morning from 8.30am at the canteen “order window”? This allows them to order exactly what they want and avoid the canteen queues and disappointment of missing out on their favourite item!

Birthday Treats: Students can present their student card in the week around their birthday and receive a free treat from the canteen. Items on offer include a sausage roll, small milk, muffin, chips or frozen juice cup. In order to get what they want, students are asked to order their item at the order window before school or at recess. Their item will be ready for collection at recess or lunch, without having to join the canteen queue. Birthday items will no longer be processed at each checkout.

Canteen kitchen revamp: The next major project for the P&C will be a refurbishment of the canteen kitchen in the December/January holidays. A book has been placed in the canteen for volunteers to tell us what improvements they would like to see in the new kitchen – if you have anything to add, please do so in the next 2 weeks, as ideas need to be finalized and design started. Perhaps your child’s primary school canteen has been renovated in the last few years? Can you share with us what worked and what didn’t? We would be keen to learn from your experience, with either design or funding! We may call out for further parent assistance in specific areas, so please keep an eye out in future Bulletins. If you can help in any way, please contact the Canteen Convenor on merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com.
The Student Representative Council of Merewether High is a team of enthusiastic members from each year group who support MHS events, fundraise, organise dances and BBQ’s, run charity events and step up to help out in any way they can.

Coming up over the next month we have the following events:

**Friday 12th February- Valentine’s Day** is coming to MHS - annual fundraiser. Students can order chocolate roses or lollipops to have delivered to their friends and every student will have a nice little surprise from our MHS Cupid on the day.

**Tuesday 23rd February – Year 7 Welcome BBQ and Whole School Welcome Dance**
Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm in the Bensley Hall
Theme: Thrift Shop – so pop down to your local Thrift Shop and see what bargain outfits you can find!
Ticket prices $6 – all tickets will be available for purchase from Friday 19th February from the CASHIER WINDOW at the office. Permission notes will go out next week and must be presented to be able to purchase a ticket.
Hope to see you all there to join in the fun and welcome Year 7 to MHS.

**Tuesday 23rd February- Year 7 Welcome BBQ** for students and their families. This will be held just prior to the dance in the school quadrangle. Further information will be provided to Year 7 students and their parents.

**Monday 21st March – Harmony Day**
WHOLE SCHOOL free Sausage Sizzle for students to celebrate the acceptance of all the fabulous and unique students and staff at Merewether High.
** A limited supply of vegetarian options will also be available on the day.

Our SRC is committed to the continued positive environment and atmosphere at MHS. If you have any ideas you would like to share with the SRC please find your SRC representative or place your suggestion in the suggestion box in the library.

SRC Elections will take place towards the end of Term 1 for Years 7 – 11.
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                        Nadene Harvey - Years 8, 10, 12 Deputy  |
| CAPA       | Head Teacher – Kim Sutherland  
                        Karen Gilbertson  
                        Louise Greenland – Year 7 Adviser  
                        Rebekah McClure  
                        Gillian Pettengell  |
| ENGLISH    | Head Teacher – Esme Corney  
                        Leanne Corney  
                        Barbara Davis  
                        David Evans  
                        Irene Francis  
                        Janet Martinez  
                        Donna McNaughton  
                        Kate Wilson  |
| HUMANITIES | Head Teacher – Steven Gibb  
                        Alisha Collins – Year 8 Adviser  
                        Michael Hindmarsh – Year 10 Adviser  
                        Clare Howlett  
                        John Poulous  
                        Lea Taber  |
| LANGUAGES  | Head Teacher – Noel Glover (IT Head Teacher)  
                        Coreena Allen – SRC Coordinator and Year 8 Adviser  
                        Kristine Horan – Year 11 Adviser  
                        Carole Raby  |
| MATHEMATICS| Head Teacher – Dharmendra Singh  
                        Colin Bailey  
                        Cathy Chalmers  
                        Melinda Cocking – Year 11 Adviser  
                        Grant Gavin  
                        Bruce Hill  
                        Danielle Jenkins  
                        Tracy Scollay – Year 7 Adviser  
                        Cass Wenham  |
| PDHPE      | Head Teacher - Bob Harrison  
                        Karyn Brooks – Sports Organiser  
                        Dean Morrissey  
                        Megan Ridgeway – Sports Organiser and Year 9 Adviser  
                        Deb Ravula – Head Teacher Teaching and Learning  |
| SCIENCE    | Head Teacher – Stephen Smith  
                        Phillip Bell  
                        Jacob Carroll  
                        Karen Dickinson  
                        Ed Kelty – Head Teacher Administration  
                        John McDonald  
                        Ami Morrow  
                        Helen March  
                        Ros Penson  
                        Catherine Rae  
                        Rosemary Soto  |
| SOCIAL SCIENCE | Head Teacher – Lisa Burnett  
                        Rob Berry – Year 9 Adviser  
                        Nicki Clarke  
                        Sophie Green  
                        Harry Kolatchew  
                        Nathan Rice  
                        Rachael Tonks  |
| TECHNOLOGY | Head Teacher – Vicki McCudden  
                        Julie D’Amico  
                        Andrew Donaldson  
                        Sherida Johnson – Year 12 Adviser  
                        Naomi Morrissey  
                        Michael Platt  
                        Wendy Rosser – Girls’ Adviser  
                        Lu Taylor – Year 10 Adviser  |
| LIBRARY    | Grahame Byrnes – Year 12 Adviser  |
| CAREERS ADVISER | Levina Abbo  |
| SUPPORT UNIT | Denise Hughes – SRC Coordinator  
                            Kerry Onslow  |
| SENIOR STUDY | Margaret Lewis  |
Colin Doyle Memorial Mathematics Competition.

Each year in November the school of Mathematical and Physical Sciences at the University of Newcastle runs the Colin Doyle Memorial Mathematics Competition for Year 11 students in the Hunter Valley and Central Coast Regions.

The competition generally has around 13 very complex questions and is run over a 2 hour time slot.

The competition itself is named in memory of a prominent mathematics educator in the Hunter and Central Coast Regions and has a history of more than 30 years.

Place-getters receive a modest financial award and certificates are presented for outstanding performance.

Towards the end of last year, Merewether High School had 18 Year 11 students sit this prestigious competition out of the 133 entries within the Region.

This year we congratulate Aymon Wuolanne who received First Place, with a certificate and prize of $100.

The competition will be run again this year in mid-November for current Year 11 students.

Mrs Catherine Chalmers
Colin Doyle Memorial Competition Coordinator

LIBRARY

A reminder for students to return borrowed library materials and faculty textbooks from last year.

Also if students want to make the most of access to online resources they should join the Newcastle Regional Library and get a membership number.
MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code.

Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day.

Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

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P&C Meeting - Independent Learning Centre - 7:30pm |
| Wed 17/2 | Matilda Excursion - Lyric Theatre Sydney                              |
| Mon 22/2 | ENCORE Excursion - Sydney Opera House                                |
| Tues 23/2 | Year 7 Welcome BBQ - School Dance - MPU - 6:30pm  
Year 9 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |

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Year 7 Vaccinations - LC  
Year 11 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am   |
| Thur 10/3 | Selective High School Placement Test - 8:00am - 2:30pm              |
| Tues 15/3 | Year 12 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am  
P&C Meeting - ILC - 7:30pm  
School Photos catch up day |
| Thur 17/3 | Year 11 Blue Mountains Fieldwork Excursion - day 1/2                 |
| Fri 18/3  | Year 11 Blue Mountains Fieldwork Excursion - day 2/2                 |
| Tues 22/3 | Year 7 Blackbutt Reserve Fieldwork  
Year 7 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |
| Fri 25/3  | Good Friday - No School                                              |
| Mon 28/3  | Easter Monday - No School                                            |
| Tues 29/3 | Year 12 Mid-Course Exams Commence  
Year 10 Fieldwork Excursion                                        |
| Wed 30/3  | Year 12 Mid-Course Exams                                             |
| Thur 31/3 | Year 12 Mid-Course Exams                                             |

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| Thur 28/4 | ANZAC Ceremony assembly - MPU  
UN Evatt Competition - Learning Centre - all day |
| **MAY** | |
| Mon 2/5 | School Development Day - no students |
| Wed 4/5 | School Development Day - no students |
| Tues 10/5 | Year 7 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am  
NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9 |
| Wed 11/5 | NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9 |
| Thurs 12/5 | NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9 |
| Fri 13/5 | NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9 - catch up |
| Tues 17/5 | ICAS Digital Technologies  
Year 8 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am  
P&C Meeting - ILC - 7:30pm |
| Tues 24/5 | Year 9 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |
| Tues 31/5 | ICAS Science - Years 7-10  
Year 10 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |
| **JUNE** | |
| Tues 7/6 | Year 7 Vaccinations - LC  
Year 11 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |
| Mon 13/6 | ICAS Writing - this week |
| Tues 14/6 | Year 12 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am |
| Wed 15/6 | ICAS Spelling |
| Tues 21/6 | Year 7 PLG - LC - 8:45am - 10:30am  
P&C Meeting - ILC - 7:30pm |
| Thurs 30/6 | NAIDOC ASSEMBLY  
ROSA Assembly - Years 7, 9 & 11 - 11:00am  
ROSA Assembly - Years 8,10 & 12 - 1:30pm |
| **JULY** | |
| Fri 1/7 | End Term 2 |
| Mon 18/7 | Students Return |
| Tues 19/7 | Year 11 Jindabyne Camp - day 1/4 |
| Wed 20/7 | Year 11 Jindabyne Camp - day 2/4 |
| Thur 21/7 | Year 7 - 2017 Tour and Information Session - 4:00pm  
Year 11 Jindabyne Camp - day 3/4 |
<p>| Fri 22/7 | Year 11 Jindabyne Camp - day 4/4 |
| Monday 25/7 | Years 7 &amp; 9 Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wed 27/7 | Opportunity Class Placement test 8:00am - 1:00pm |
| Thur 28/7 | Australian Maths Comp |</p>
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| Tues 2/8 | ICAS English   
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| Thur 4/8 | Years 8 & 10 Parent Teacher Interviews                                  |
| Mon 8/8 | Year 10 (2017) Information Evening - 4:30pm  
Year 11 (2017) Information Evening - 6:00pm                         |
| Tues 9/8 | Year 8 (2017) Information Evening - 4:30pm  
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| Mon 15/8 | Year 12 Trial HSC commence                                            |
| Tues 16/8 | ICAS Maths  
P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - ILC  
Year 12 Trial HSC                                                   |
| Wed 17/8 | Year 12 Trial HSC                                                     |
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| Wed 24/8 | Year 12 Trial HSC                                                    |
| Thur 25/8 | Year 12 Trial HSC                                                   |
| Fri 26/8 | Year 12 Trial HSC concludes                                            |
| Mon 29/8 | Year 11 Blackout period commences                                     |
|         | **SEPTEMBER**                                                          |
| Mon 5/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams commence                              |
| Tues 6/9 | Year 12 PLG - 8:45am - 10:30am - LC  
Year 12 Elevate Session  
Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                   |
| Wed 7/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Thur 8/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Fri 9/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Mon 12/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Tues 13/9 | Year 7 PLG - 8:45am - 10:30am - LC  
Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                   |
| Wed 14/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Thur 15/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams                                      |
| Fri 16/9 | Year 11 Final Preliminary exams conclude                             |
| Tues 20/9 | Year 12 (2017) Extension Course Info Session 4.30 pm  
P&C Meeting - ILC - 7:30pm                                    |
| Wed 21/9 | Year 12 Reports issued  
Sports Presentation Assembly 9.00am  
Year 12 Formal                                                   |
| Fri 23/9 | Year 12 Presentation Assembly 9.30am  
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Monday 8.00am – 12.00pm         Thursday 1.00pm – 3.30pm

The uniform shop can be contacted during these hours by phone or email:
Ph: 0401 725 885               merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au

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