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PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

Compliments and Complaints
At Mount View High School we are keen to hear from you if you have a compliment, complaint or suggestion about any aspect of our school service. In this edition of “The View” there is a Compliments and Complaints form which we encourage you to complete. A copy of the form has also been uploaded onto our school’s website: www.mountview-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Our daily interaction with others reflects on the reputation of the Department of Education and Communities and on our school. We highly value the good reputation that Mount View High School has in our community and will respond to all complaints, compliments or suggestions received.

Pedestrian Crossing
Discussions have occurred with Cessnock City Council regarding the placement of the pedestrian crossing to the school site. At this stage the council have advised us that their investigations do not warrant the construction of a pedestrian crossing from The Basin to the school pedestrian gate (nearest the school office and at the western end of the school premises). The council intend to install a safety island near The Basin and to remove the pedestrian crossing at the eastern end of the school, leaving it also as a safety island. The P&C and school community are not in favour of this proposal and Mr Clayton Barr, MP, shares our concerns. Further correspondence will be sent to the council to voice our concerns.

Annual School Report
The 2012 Annual School report is available on our school’s website: mountview-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

School Holidays
We wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday and look forward to welcoming students to Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May 2013.

Desley Pfeffer
Principal

P & C MEETING
The P & C meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th April has been postponed. The next P &C Meeting will now be held on Wednesday 8th May commencing at 6:30pm.

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call Student Exchange Australia/New Zealand on 1300135331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
New Timetable
Last week the students received a new timetable. The most significant changes were in Year 9, with some minor changes in other years. We are very aware that such changes after eight weeks may be questioned however they are the result of unpredictable variations in student numbers. There are safety and working condition requirements placed on the school relative to class sizes. Each year we allow ourselves flexibility and the normal ebb and flow of students enrolling and leaving allows these buffers to absorb the changes. This year the school has received a large influx of unexpected enrolments and has had few leavers; the most pronounced variation is in Year 9. Unfortunately this may cause some distress as students will have settled into a pattern of study and may have formed a relationship with a particular teacher. I can only apologise for any upset but assure parents and students that I will be working with Head Teachers to ensure that transitions are as smooth as possible.

Flags
The school takes great pride in flying the Australian and the Aboriginal flag every day. We do fly the Torres Strait Islander flag on occasions and recently also flew the NSW flag to commemorate the celebration of Commonwealth Day. My thanks are extended to Jake Barrett who is a very reliable helper, raising and lowering the flags every day. I hope all students, at least occasionally, reflect on why the school flies flags and the importance of each of the flags that are raised. Being a public sector site we fly the flags at half mast when we are given a directive from the government.

Aboriginal Education
The Junior AECG met on Tuesday 26th March. This was a very productive meeting with a pleasingly large student attendance. The students agreed to develop a roster for maintenance of the Aboriginal garden. Hopefully this can start quite soon to continue the great work of previous groups. There was support for ongoing involvement in the school productions with many students very keen to be involved after the success of last year. Preparations for NAIDOC week events were also initiated. The students will look for the most inclusive ways that all students can become involved. It was also agreed that the students could run a newsletter that would be put up around the school at some strategic locations. I was very impressed by the interest and enthusiasm displayed by many of the students. The successful Close The Gap day events are mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter.

The next AECG meeting will be held at 4.00pm at Bellbird PS on Monday 13th May.
I strongly encourage parents to be involved in all off these meetings and activities.

WELFARE REPORT

Calendar events:
Friday 5th April - Motivational Media, all students involved
Cost = $2 per student; payment due by Thursday 28th March
Monday 8th April – Youth Week Breakfast provided to all our students by our local youth services and agencies; FREE
Tuesday 9th April – My Skooll Rules competition; stay tuned for more details
Thursday 11th April – Anti–bullying/playground littering action plan team planning day

Respectful Communication Year 7 2013
The ‘Respectful Communication’ Program will run for Year 7 classes V I E and W in Term 2. The aim is to successfully implement a behaviour/social skills program that focuses on bullying and respectful communication in Year 7 2013. Students will receive 1 intensive lesson per week for the duration of Term 2. Classes were selected on the basis of behavioural observations completed by Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) in Term 1, 2013 and from school data. Identified behaviours included bullying, harassment, aggressive behaviour, failure to follow instructions and disrespect
Lessons will have a practical emphasis and use ‘real world’ content to explicitly teach respectful communication skills through multi modal forms incorporating technology. Students will be given strategies to self-manage and regulate their behaviour and an opportunity to discuss their views in a supportive and engaging environment. The lessons will reinforce school Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Students will learn about MVHS’s anti bullying policy and be equipped with strategies to assist them in dealing with the bullying cycle. Students will undertake an evaluation and a pre/post test to measure the effectiveness of the program. This data will be compiled and shared with staff, students and parents.
‘Inspirit’ and ‘Brave’ Resilience Programs

‘Inspirit’ and ‘Brave’ resilience programs will run for selected students in Years 8 and 9 in Term 2. The aim is to successfully implement a resilience/social skills program that focuses on communication, relationships and anger management in Years 8 and 9, 2013. Participants are given the opportunity to develop self-awareness and a supportive network. Students will learn important life skills and have the opportunity to discuss relevant issues. ‘Inspirit’ is designed to equip, support and empower young women in a safe environment. It includes sessions on topics such as stress and anger management, cooking, healthy living and bullying. ‘Brave’ is designed to equip, support and empower young men in a safe, supportive environment. It includes sessions on topics such as stress and anger management, law and order, goal setting and communication. ‘Inspirit’ and ‘Brave’ are funded and facilitated by staff from Kurri Youth Centre.

Rowena Agostino
Teacher (Learning and Support)

CAPA REPORT

Encore 2013

In early March, we left downtown Cessnock on an adventure to see the 'best of the best' in music performances and compositions from students in the 2012 HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension courses. The MVHS coach took 20 Mount View High school students from Years 11 and 12 to the Sydney Opera House for the matinee performance. Arriving in Sydney we were greeted by street performances that both had us emptying our lungs with laughter and our pockets with spare change. A quick meet and greet with our favourite fast food outlets followed and we were on foot to the steps of the Opera House. Our seats within the Opera House were situated quite close to the performance platform giving us a great feel and outlook to the show. The musicianship of all the performers and compositions were of an excellent quality and each and every performance truly deserved the credit that was given. From flute to oboe, piano to banjo, drums to cello our ears and eyes were engaged with every sound and sight that hit the stage. From one genre to another we moved from the Baroque to the Romantic and into the 21st century. "Each student showed a technical ability of a matured performer and we were blown away by the calibre of these students who were only sitting their HSC a few months ago," added Kasey Williams. "These students were above and beyond anything I’ve seen within a school setting, Matt Cussen added, “They gave us all the inspiration we needed to kick start the year off.” A brisk walk up to the bus, a ten minute traffic jam and we were on our way home. Ears, eyes and hearts were filled to the brim with the sweet sounds of our beloved friend, Music.

Mr Daniels - Music Teacher

CLOSE THE GAP DAY

On Friday 22nd March students from Mount View High School joined students from Cessnock High School and their partner schools to celebrate "Close The Gap" day. The ceremony highlighted the gap that exists in our society between Indigenous and non Indigenous families. The “gap” refers to life expectancy, health, educational outcomes, employment prospects and other measures of social well being. There were speeches and musical items presented by Indigenous people as well as an informative address by the Principal of Cessnock HS, Mr Ian Scanlon. The diverse talents of many students were displayed and enjoyed by a large audience. After the ceremony there was a BBQ hosted by the Indigenous community of Cessnock HS. This was then followed by a Touch Football game. This game is rapidly becoming a tradition and the students take great pride in battling for the trophy. However it must be noted that the game was played in great spirit and the students from both schools mingled happily on the sidelines. The game is played with both boys and girls and has students from
Years 7 to 12. This school spirit highlights the whole aim of the day,- trying to get everyone to join in. On this occasion the students from Mount View HS had a decisive victory by 8 tries to 2. They will hold the trophy for another twelve months, but all were looking forward to the next event.

HISTORY NEWS

A meeting was held on Wednesday 20th March of parents and students who were interested in being selected to represent the school at Gallipoli in 2015. Both the parents and students were very enthusiastic about the opportunity. At this stage I have received 16 expressions of interest from students in Years 8, 9 and 10. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the students the best of luck with their research and look forward to seeing the final results.

This week saw Year 9 classes being reorganised to accommodate an extra class. Most students have settled into their new classes and have commenced work with their new teachers. I would like to commend 9 History 3 for their diligence and the excellent work that they completed on ‘Australia at the Turn of the 20th Century’. Year 8 classes are also to be commended for the work that some have completed on the Aztecs and castles. They have been ‘creating’ models and have shown a great deal of enthusiasm and creativity.

10 History 5 were highly engaged with an activity called ‘fling the teacher’. This activity revolved around their knowledge of the impact of the Vietnam War on the veterans. In order to ‘fling the teacher’ they had to correctly answer 15 questions but if they got any wrong they had to start again. Ms Schafer became a green, bearded bucked teeth man, as students were also allowed to decide how the teacher would look. She was not impressed but was even more concerned when they continually replayed her being flung from a trebuchet.

As we move to the close of first term all classes in years 7 to 10 History have completed their first assessment task and most of these have been returned to the students. The second assessment task notification will be given to students in the last week of this term or in the first 2 weeks of Term 2. This will depend on when the task is to be completed by a year group. Senior classes have also completed their first task for this year and have received feedback from their teachers.

During the April school holidays 3 Year 12 students, Alicia Thomson, Kristy Whiting and David Cook will be joining me on a trip to Italy which is being run by Francis Greenway High School. We will be spending time in Rome and then move on to Vico which is on the Bay of Naples. During the time we are away we will visit the Vatican, Colosseum, Emperor Hadrian’s Villa, the catacombs, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Capri and the Amalfi coast. We will also have evenings where Australian historians and an archaeologist who are experts on Pompeii and Herculaneum will be speaking with the students.

Staff changes – Mr Featherstone is replacing Mr Kruzins who is currently on sick leave.

Lynne Davies
Head Teacher History.

THE WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM IS BACK!

This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. Last year, the program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and Mount View High School will be able to redeem these for educational resources. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category.
possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.

WRAPPING UP TERM 1 IN AGRICULTURE
It has been a busy start to the year for the “AG” department at Mount View High School with two shows, new classes and new faces joining the team. Firstly, we would like to welcome on board Phil Dearin, our new Farm Assistant. Phil has been with us for around a year now, but was officially appointed the permanent position earlier this term. He is an invaluable part of the team having already built a new chicken coop, steer pens and wash bays, laying boxes and a glass house on top of his regular duties. Phil has also been an asset to the running of the Show Steer Team with Craig Jarrett, helping students feed and weigh the steer and even driving the team to shows at TOCAL and Gosford.

Welcome to the AG team Phil, we look forward to many happy years together.

Mount View Participates in Cessnock Show 2013
For the first time this year Cessnock Show Society put together a schools’ division for both primary and secondary schools in the local area to compete in the vegetable growing and layer chickens. With some much needed sponsorship from Thomas Livestock (Branxton) an inaugural trophy has been made for both Junior and Senior Competitions and goes to the overall winning school each year. Mount View HS went head to head with Cessnock HS for the first ever local schools’ senior competition and we have come away with the trophy and bragging rights.

MVHS Overall Results:
1st Place Awards: Giant Atlantic Pumpkin, Sweet Corn, Hubbard Squash, Scarecrow, Plate of 6 eggs and best laying hen team.

2nd Place Awards: Butternut Pumpkin.

There are a few people we would like to acknowledge in relation to the Cessnock Show entries:
- The MVHS Multicultural Class, Ms Earl, Mr Williams and Ms Wiseman for making a champion scarecrow on such short notice and for coming down and supporting us on judging day.
- Phil Dearin and Mark Jennings for keeping our plants alive over a long hot and wet summer so we would have vegetables with which to compete. Pat Ptolmay, manager of Cessnock Showground for inviting us to participate and allowing us to help out with the show this year. (It’s a great community event and needs all the local support it can get).
- Alan Bailey and Mr Goldman for judging the chicken and vegetable exhibits fairly and explaining to the students the judging process.
- Finally, but most importantly, Thomas Livestock for putting up the sponsorship for the seeds for all the schools involved and the ribbons and trophies. It is local support that keeps schools and their students involved in community events.

Mount View Agriculture branches out to the Sydney Royal Easter Show
In another first for Mount View High School, we have put together two teams of Year 10 students who have an interest in chickens to grow and look after a team of laying hens and broilers to compete at Sydney’s Royal Easter Show. We competed against schools both public and private across the state and although we did not anticipate a win, we have learnt a great deal about raising chickens. The two teams of students spent a great deal of their own time over the past year, handling
and weighing, feeding and cleaning chickens in order for the school to be able to compete. As a reward for all their hard work, they were taken to the Easter Show this week to see their exhibits and have a well-earned break.

Broiler Team - Nathan Quinn, Reece Harris, Taylor Ball and Saadia Arain.

Layer Team - Jessica Wadwell, Georgia Eddy and Sophie O'Brien.

A big thank you is extended to Mrs Quinn, who helped out with getting the students to the show - just another of the dedicated parent helpers we have had the chance to meet here at Mount View HS.

In other news from the Sydney Royal Easter Show, we have had the chance to showcase our local talent again this year with Cameron Marsh competing in the annual woodchop events, taking away a second place in his division. Well done Cameron, it's a pleasure to call you one of ours.

Mount View also has two new stars on the Agricultural scene in the Paraders Ring for cattle at the Royal Easter Show. Dylan and Jake Craft competed for the first time this year with their Santa Gertrudis heifers and have taken out a few awards. Jake comes home with Champion heifer in show and Dylan takes out second place. The boys are coached by their grandfather and grandmother who have also been part of setting up our show steer team here at Mount View over the past few years. These awards are just the latest in a string of winnings for the boys at local shows over the past couple of months.

Back on the Farm:

Apart from all the work being done outside of the school this term, there is a lot happening within the farm gates too. “AG” welcomed two new Year 9 classes this year again, 60 promising students, and a large Primary Industries class for Year 11 who are proving to be reliable and hardworking farmers. There has been a steady increase in numbers over the past few years and as a result we have had a chance to upgrade some of our facilities and programs we offer.

This year the “Cows Create Careers” program will run again, with Max and Robin Wake of Singleton donating two dairy calves on which students will practise. This will begin in Term 2 for Year 9 students and all are encouraged to get involved in their own time with feeding rosters. The Mount View Show Steer Team will be functional again this year too, beginning in Term 2. Old faces will be back, but new faces are encouraged to try out. Students need to remember however that this team involves your time before school, recesses and lunches and some weekends. It is rewarding and the highlight of the year for our department as it shows off some unique talents of students. We will be looking to participate in the Tocal show steer events and also the Singleton show this year. Students need to keep an ear out for any other programs being run that we may become involved with throughout the year. Sometimes a special talent shown in class will result in you being asked to join a team like the chicken teams to compete in local shows.

STARS in AG

This term there has been quite a few stand out students across the AG classes and it's hard to name them all, but here is a small selection to be acknowledged:

Nathan Blackburn and Mackenzie Pringle - Helping out with Trouble out goat, in your own time when he was sick. You have shown great compassion and maturity at a difficult time.

Jack Mayo-Jaffray and most of Year 11 Primary Industries - helping with the junior classes, weeding and setting up their gardens for planting in your own time, as well as general maintenance on the farm.

If there are any parent helpers with special talents or interest in helping out or joining in on classes please feel free to contact the school. Extra hands are always welcome on a farm.

Sam Jarrett.
Agriculture Teacher.
**SCIENCE COMPETITION**

In 2013, the Science Department will provide an opportunity for science students to challenge themselves in the Big Science Competition. This one-hour international competition is open to students of all abilities at three difference levels: Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12). Questions are aligned with the Australian Curriculum and test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their science knowledge. Each student who takes part will receive a certificate as well as detailed feedback on their performance in the competition. They also go into a draw to win hundreds of iTunes and movie vouchers.

Our school will receive a comprehensive report for each paper level showing how each student performed on each question, the percentage of students in the cohort who answered correctly, and a comparison with the national results.

The Big Science Competition will be held in school between 22 and 29 May 2013. The Big Science Competition is organised by Australian Science Innovations, a non-profit organisation committed to providing high quality science extension programs that inspire, challenge and raise the aspirations of students in science.

For more information visit [www.asi.edu.au](http://www.asi.edu.au) or ask your Science teacher.

Registration closes: 12th April, 2013.

**SCIENCE/ AG SPOT**

As we settle into our classes and our routines, I am pleased to report on the progress of our wonderful students.

Year 7 classes are in the midst of learning all about conducting scientific investigations and the equipment they will be using over their time with us in Science.

Year 8 classes have been investigating how plants and animals work, paying particular attention to our body’s systems eg. the circulatory, digestive and respiratory systems.

Year 9 classes have been discovering the dos and don’ts of electrical circuits, how we use waves to communicate across the globe and how market gardens are important to our community.

Year 10 classes are looking at how we investigate speed, acceleration and examining the scientific theory of the evolution of life on Earth.

Special mention needs to be made of some spectacular efforts in the classroom:

7I – some excellent reports are making their way to me about their fantastic attitudes towards learning.

8V – are settling in with Mr O’Connor perfectly after our new timetable was issued.

8W Ag – are wonderful!!

9B1 – I had the pleasure of calling into this class as they were performing, with surgical precision, a dissection of a cow’s eye.

10B3 – PBL encouragement awards for this class who are gaining more confidence everyday.

Our senior students are well underway in their selected courses and by all reports are determined in their pursuit of excellence, in particular, Paige I from 11 Physics, Meredith H from 11 Biology, Phoebe M from 11 Chemistry, Kitana F from 11 Senior Science, Graeme C from 12 Physics, Alyse I from 12 Chemistry, Claudia T from 12 Biology and Stephanie B from 12 Senior Science.

Well done to these students and I look forward to congratulating more students in the months ahead, Natalie Death

(Relieving Head Teacher, Science)
CROSS COUNTRY 2013
The cross country carnival was held in warm conditions on Thursday 28th March 2013. The course comprised of 2¼ laps around The Basin playing field. Congewai were awarded house champions for 2013, well done. Congratulations must be given to all students involved in the cross country for their level of participation and behaviour throughout the carnival. Good luck to all the students representing Mount View High School on Friday 5th April 2013 at the zone cross country. Further congratulations must be extended to the following students who were awarded age champions.

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It was great to see as many as seven staff complete the cross country course this year. Well done to Mr Levick, Mr Butters, Ms Roughan, Mrs Doherty, Mr Featherstone, Mr Janovsky and Mrs Devine.

Mr Grove
Relieving HT PDHPE

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR: KASEY WILLIAMS
On Thursday 21st February 2013, our School captain – Kasey Williams participated in the Zone level of the Lions Youth of the Year after winning the local level. She competed against Kurri Kurri High, Francis Greenway, Maitland Grossman and St Mary’s high schools and won at this level with Amber Hardy from Kurri Kurri High School. She had an intensive interview on the weekend prior to the competition plus she had to deliver two impromptu speeches and a 5 minute prepared speech in which she spoke about being proud of living in Cessnock. She then competed at Regional level in Newcastle on Sunday 10th March 2013 and also won at this level.

On Saturday 23rd March the school bus contained many teachers, friends and Cessnock Lions members and they travelled to Terrigal to support Kasey as she competed at the District Level for a position on the State Competition. She competed against four of the best students from around the state and was awarded with Best Public Speaker on the night at District level. It has nearly been over ten years since a student from the Cessnock area has made it to this level.

We thank her for being a great ambassador for Mount View High and thank her family for their continued support. Mount View High is so proud of her achievements.

Special appreciation goes to our local Lions Club – Cessnock Lions and Wine Country Lions for their continued support of our students.
2013 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM
FOR YR 7 & YR 9 STUDENTS

Term 2 – Tuesday 7th May 2013

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council for adolescents as part of the free school based vaccination program.

During 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all Year 7 students
- Hep B vaccine for all Year 7 students
- dTPa (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis – whooping cough vaccine) for all Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for all Year 7 students & Year 9 male students (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch up doses at school in Year 8)

From 2013, boys in Year 7 in all NSW high schools will be offered the HPV vaccine annually. In addition, boys in Year 9 will be offered the vaccine as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014. The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

If you haven’t returned consent forms and wish for your child to receive immunisations at school, please return completed consent forms to the Administration Office prior to clinic day.

The NSW Health team will be in the school on Tuesday 7th May 2013.

It is really important that parents ensure that their child has eaten breakfast the morning of immunisations. We had a number of instances where students fainted as a result of not eating or drinking the morning of immunisations. Also if your child is absent and/or misses being vaccinated, a catch-up will be offered at the next school vaccination day.

Proposed further vaccination clinic days:
Tuesday 18th June 2013
Tuesday 27th August 2013

If you have any queries regarding the school based immunisation program please contact the school office on 02 49902566 or email tania.spruce2@det.nsw.edu.au.
HOME ECONOMICS

A few weekends ago Jodie Scheffler, Leanne Triggs, Zoe Blake and Heidi Fullick went to the Craft Affair in Sydney. We saw some fabulous Year 12 major works from the previous textiles class of 2013. We experienced fine food cooked by a former Master Chef and gained some great skills through felting, fabric dying and the application of lace, ribbon, glitter and fabric flowers to enhance knowledge on textile art. Fun was had by all.

Murals: we have been very busy this term. With the help of Miss Scheffler, Miss Freeman, Miss Fullick and hundreds of students have created some amazing designs that have helped celebrate and remember Positive for Learning, ex student Josh Main and Harmony day.

PARENT TEACHER EVENING FOR YRS 7, 11 & 12

PRELIMINARY PROGRESS UPDATE
TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013
TIME 3PM-6PM, IN SCHOOL HALL

Bookings for interviews with your child’s teachers can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the school code Y4SGM and complete booking, ensuring to enter your email address to receive your booking confirmation.
Bookings open 9am on 8th April and will remain open until 3pm on 6th May.
Please get in early to avoid missing out on your preferred timeslot.
Alternatively, Community Liaison Officer Tania Spruce is available to make bookings on your behalf, therefore please feel free to contact Tania on 02 49902566.
Progress reports for Years 7, 11 & 12 only will be issued.
A Half Yearly Parent Teacher Evening for all years will take place at the beginning of Term 3.

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

WEP Student Exchange - Memories and Skills for Life!
Become a WEP exchange student to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or even a year! Imagine yourself enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving in the USA, exploring local treasures in picturesque Europe, participating in a tea ceremony class in Japan or drinking traditional mate in Argentina. With over 20 countries to choose from and many other experiences to be lived, don’t let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by!

Scholarships & Early Bird Specials
This year WEP is awarding 22 scholarships to motivated students, wishing to live and study in Argentina or China in 2014. Early Bird discounts for programs starting in Jan-Mar ’14 are also available for the following destinations: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand and Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand and the USA.
Find Out More! Request a Free Info Pack!
Find out everything you need to know about your opportunity to experience life as an overseas teenager. Choose from over 20 countries and make new friends from around the world. Speak to WEP staff and get in touch with returned WEP students to help you make this important decision.
Visit:  www.wep.org.au
Call:  1300884733
Email:  info@wep.org.au

YEAR 8 YEAR ADVISER REPORT

Unfortunately there have been several reported incidents of bullying involving Year 8 students this year. Bullying includes calling other students names, deliberately excluding students and touching other students’ property. One of the main issues at the moment is students ‘nuggeting’ other students bags. This is when the contents of a student’s bag are removed and the bag is turned inside out.

Students are reminded that bullying is NOT tolerated at Mount View High School. Students who bully others will face consequences including detentions, parent contact, suspensions warnings and suspension.

Parents are asked to talk to their children about bullying. Students’ who are being bullied need to report the incident to Ms Roughan immediately.

On a more positive note we will be starting a new program to help focus on students’ positive behaviour. This program will allow students to nominate their peers for doing something nice. A student will be drawn from the nominated students at the year meeting each fortnight to win a prize. At the end of the year the student with the highest number of nominations will be awarded a special prize.

For students to be invited on the end of year reward excursion they need to have above 85% attendance and have had no negative referrals throughout the year.

Ms Roughan
Year 8 Year Adviser
APRIL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT CESSNOCK & KURRI KURRI CITY LIBRARIES

No phone bookings, no refunds, tickets on sale late March. Numbers strictly limited.

**Baby Rhymetime** - ages 0-2
Monday April 15 Cessnock 10.00 – 10.30 free
Monday April 22 Cessnock 10.00 – 10.30 free
Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and a story – come and join the fun!

**Outer Space Storytime** – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 16 Cessnock 10.00 – 11.00 free
Stories, songs and craft about Outer Space!

**Dinosaur Storytime** – ages 2-8
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock 10.00 – 11.00 free
Stories, songs and craft about dinosaurs!

**Outer Space Rhymetime/Storytime** – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri 10.00 – 11.00 free
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Outer Space!

**Dinosaur Rhymetime/Storytime** – ages 0-8
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri 10.00 – 11.00 free
Songs, rhymes, instruments and dancing – followed by a story and craft about Dinosaurs!

**Movie & Craft Afternoon** – Wall-E – ages 5-12
Monday April 15 Cessnock 2.00 – 4.00 free
Wednesday April 17 Kurri Kurri 2.00 – 4.00 free
Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then create a robot from space junk!

**Mad Scientist Afternoon** – ages 8+
Tuesday April 16 Cessnock 2.00 – 3.00 free
Wednesday April 24 Kurri Kurri 2.00 – 3.00 free
Warning – science experiments can be very messy! Wear old clothes to this hands-on kitchen science workshop, and take home your own bag of goo!

**Gift Making Workshop** – ages 5+
Monday April 22 Kurri Kurri 2.00 – 3.00 free
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock 2.00 - 3.00 free
Make some beautiful handmade gifts - decorate a magnetic picture frame for the fridge, make a tealight candle holder & decoupage soap in a box.

**Pizza, Wii and Games** – ages 9+
Tuesday April 16 Kurri Kurri 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Tuesday April 23 Cessnock 5.00 – 6.30 $5.00
Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Childrens Services Officer 49 934384
Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au
LEAVING SCHOOL BETWEEN 8.40AM AND 3PM

Students are required to be in attendance for the whole school day, every school day. Teaching and learning mostly occur at school between the hours of 9am and 3pm. This is the most crucial time of day to be at school and it is Mount View High’s expectation that all students are in attendance for the whole day. This includes Thursday as sport is a compulsory part of the New South Wales Curriculum.

In some cases a student may need to attend specialist appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school time, because of tight bookings or to incorporate travel time to Sydney or Newcastle, and a parent or carer may apply for “Early Leave”.

Application for Early Leave must:
- be in advance
- be in writing
- indicate the time and date of the requested leave
- include lawful reason for leave,
- include valid contact information of the parent or carer requesting the leave
- name the student and their roll class.

If “Early Leave” is granted the student will be issued with an approval card and ‘swipe out’ printout. These must be produced if the student is asked about their attendance when off campus.

Any Police Officer, Welfare Agent, or staff member can request to see proof of valid leave from school during school hours.

When making appointments for your child, please consider the impact of missing learning opportunities, whether they be direct or social, and try to schedule around the school day.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

Exemption from school may be granted by school principals based on evidence of extraordinary personal or medical circumstances or cases of high level representation in academic or sporting pursuits where a student may be unable to attend Mount View High for a period of time.

When making application for ‘Exemption from School’ please collect the appropriate form from the Attendance Office and ensure that all supporting evidence is supplied.

Mount View High understands that many situations may be outside the control of the family requesting exemption, but we ask that before applying, you consider the Assessment and Examination schedules of the students that the exemption will affect. Try to plan around important dates in the school year.

If assessment tasks are due during an Exemption period, the student should arrange to have the work completed prior or must negotiate a plan with the relevant faculty for submission on the due date.

Please consult your assessment document for further advice regarding missed assessment tasks.

HT Administration (Rel.)
Ms E Alder
MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL - WAREHOUSE TOUR

Saturday, 11th May 2013

0700hrs Leave MOUNT VIEW HIGH

0915hrs New Balance footwear, sports apparel & accessories

1000hrs Seafolly – Swimwear
Just Sports – Sporting Goods
TS14+ Clearance Store – ladies clothing 14+ sizes
Sandler Factory Shop – Shoes
Adore Shoes – across the road from the above

1115hrs Harry’s Toys

1215hrs Victoria’s basement – Auburn
Nike

1315hrs Fashion Outlet – surf brands

1400hrs DFO, Homebush

1700hrs DEPART SYDNEY

1930hrs ARRIVE MOUNT VIEW HIGH

We are having a School Fundraiser – A Warehouse Tour.

Cost: $45 per person: includes travel on Rover Motors coach to Sydney and return, morning tea, with the opportunity to get some great bargains at the outlets mentioned.

Please pay at the front office Oasis number – 090-486 by 1/5/13

There will be raffles and lucky seat prizes on the bus including a special ticket for each mother/daughter on the bus.

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Please note that at this time of the year all students should have a scientific calculator. They can be purchased from the front office for $20.

The Australian Mathematics Competition is to be held on Thursday 1st August 2013.

Close to half a million of students participate from Australian and South Pacific schools. The competition aims to create, encourage and sustain interest in the study of mathematics amongst secondary students. The competition consists of:

- Junior Division - Year 7 & 8
- Intermediate Division - Year 9 & 10
- Senior Division - Year 11 & 12

Cost is $5 which is to be paid to the front office by Friday 29th March 2013.

All students in 7M, 7T, 8M, 8T and Advanced classes will be invited to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

SENIOR LEADERS

Our Senior Leaders are busy this term with more fundraisers and attending special meetings.

On Friday 24th May we have two teams entered into the Model United Nations Assembly MUNA 2013 Rotary District 9670. We have a Year 11 team comprising of Maddie Burgess and Chantelle Jones with Maxine Chapman- Reserve and our exchange student Fanny Ori.

Our Year 12 team is Kasey Williams and Madelyn Parsons. They will attend a special dinner and meeting on the Friday and then debate for their chosen country on the Saturday. We thank Ms Curran for giving up her weekend to help supervise these teams with Mrs Blandon.

Special thanks are extended to Cessnock Rotary and Mrs Janet Jackson for their continued support of our Senior Leaders at Mount View High.

ORANGE DAY

On Friday 15th March 2013, Mount View High School had an out-of-uniform day in memory of one of our past students Joshua Main. He was a keen KTM fan so students were asked to dress in KTM orange. A gold coin was collected at the gate and all proceeds will be going to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal.

The Senior Leaders and SRC sold pizza, drinks and cakes to help fundraise for the day and a special
assembly occurred at lunch where teachers, family and friends spoke about the special times spent with Joshua Main and how his special smile and mature approach inspired others. It was also a good reflection as the day was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Joshua was an advocate for being nice to others and treating others with respect. We thank his beautiful family and their friends for the support they gave on the day and we are proud to announce that $2775.75 was raised in Joshua’s memory. A cheque will be presented to the Westpac Helicopter Rescue on a special assembly.

Also on the day, an orange hibiscus was planted in the Remembrance Garden in memory of Joshua Main along with other plants remembering past students.

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS: ELLA-ROSE HUGO**

Ella–Rose Hugo, one of our Senior Leaders in Year 12 has made school and national history by being one of the youngest compound competitors in her sport to represent Australia. She has competed in the NSW Senior Match Play Championships in Archery and she came first in the Open Women’s Division. She is now training and currently focused towards representing Australia at both the World Youth and Senior World Championships in 2013. Her ultimate goal is to represent her country at the Commonwealth Games and at the Olympic Games. We are proud that a student of Mount View High has gained such recognition and has the ambition to succeed. We wish her all the best in endeavours.
THE SAMARITANS NEIGHBOUR CENTRE

The Samaritans Neighbour Centre Cessnock are holding Grandparents as Parents Support Groups every Monday from 10:00am – 12:00pm (in school terms only)

Everybody is welcome to come and enjoy a cuppa.

The Samaritans
Neighbour Centre
198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Contact:
Karen: 0429914553
Pat: 0413802201

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student.

REMINDER - STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES FORMS

We have recently sent home with students who have a diagnosed allergy condition, new forms which are to be updated. Quite a few forms have not been returned. The forms are required so that we can update our student risk management plans.

REMINDER - UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Recently the school sent home student enrolment information forms to assist the school in updating our student records. If you have not returned these forms please do so as soon as possible. Forms are to be returned even if there are no changes to be made marked clearly “No changes”. 
MARCH IN THE ARTSCHOOL
Mount View’s Artist of the Month -
ATHENA MATHEWS

Via the use of digital photography my work is designed to force the viewer to question whether the artist only creates the work or if they become a part of the work itself. By featuring myself in the series, I am the work.

My work is designed to change the perception that people have about identity and recognition.

Athena receives a commendation for her exemplary efforts in the Visual Arts. Congratulations.
**YEAR 7 CAMP**
Wow! What a wonderful three days we had at the Year 7 camp. Yet again, students from Mount View High School represented the school with excellence and the Peer Support leaders who accompanied, guided and supported Year 7, were also noted by camp staff for their assistance and fantastic encouragement of their campers.

Over the three days, groups participated in a range of activities that were challenging and forced them to face their fears. From the Survivor Challenge and Mud World, which required team work, to the Leap of Faith and High Ropes, which pushed students and staff alike to the edge of their comfort zones, the activities on offer catered to all.

It appears, from the photos below, that Mud World was the biggest hit among the groups, which were made up of Year 7 students and their peer support leaders. A combination of stinky, sticky muddy obstacles and team challenges, this activity created havoc with everyone’s shoes, clothing and even hair (except for Mrs Blandon who used cling wrap to prevent her blonde locks from being muddied). However it was an exhilarating experience that, after a long, hot shower, would be long remembered.

Over the three days there were many memorable moments, many of which will be spoken of for many years to come, but some include the sight of Mrs Alder after Mud World, Year 7 students conquering their fears and ‘leaping’ (not to mention some staff who had previously dodged the challenge), along with the great team work shown by all students in the various activities.
YEAR 7 CLASSIC CAMP SNAPS
CAN YOUR FIND YOU CHILD?
PEER SUPPORT YEAR 7 CAMP
IMETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

The school has recently had a few cases of impetigo reported. It is important to keep children away from school until 24 hours after treatment from the doctor has begun. Impetigo is a bacterial infection and the sore can be infectious as long as it is weeping.

Fact Sheet
Impetigo

What is impetigo?
Impetigo, sometimes called "school sores" is a bacterial infection of the skin. The principal cause are strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* (golden staph). The usual golden staph strains which cause impetigo are not dangerous.

What does it look like?
In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin and grow quickly in size and number. The blisters quickly rupture and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand quickly even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They are sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. Beneath this crust is a moist red area. Crusted impetigo spots grow slowly and are always smaller than the fully developed spots of blistering impetigo. The condition is not usually painful but can be itchy.

Impetigo can occur on top of other skin conditions, particularly itchy ones. When the other skin condition is "scratched" the infection can enter through the broken skin. Some of these conditions are atopic dermatitis (eczema), scabies, insect bites and head lice.

How is it treated?
Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. If possible the child should be isolated until the blisters have dried out. Bathing the blisters with salty water will help to dry them out. Your doctor should take a swab from the spots to check which antibiotic to use.

The result of this takes several days. The doctor will probably start an antibiotic which is likely to be the correct one while he/she is waiting for the pathology results. For just a few small spots, an antibiotic cream may be enough, but more often a medicine needs to be taken by mouth. It is important to finish the whole course of treatment (usually 5 days) and not stop when the condition starts to clear. If there are any other underlying skin diseases these should be treated properly as well. They can be treated at the same time as the impetigo. If other family members have skin lesions they should also be treated. Check with your doctor for a treatment plan.

Remember
- Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people.
- If prescribed antibiotics it is important to finish the whole course to make sure the impetigo will not reoccur.
Complaints and compliments form

If you have a complaint, compliment or suggestion about any aspect of our school services we’re keen to hear from you.

Please print and complete this form, and send it to either the school principal or the school education director in your area.

To find out the name of the person, and their mail, fax or email details:

- ask the administrative officer at the school, or
- call the Department’s switchboard on 02 9561 8000, or
- email the Department’s schools and community senior information officer at DECinfo@det.nsw.edu.au

General information

Please select from the following. This is a:

- complaint
- compliment
- suggestion

Please select from the following. I am a:

- parent
- student
- employee
- supplier
- contractor
- member of the public

Your details (*you must provide these details)

*First name
*Family name
*Street Address
*Suburb
*Postcode
*Phone number

Email address

Compliment or suggestion:
Complaint details:

- Please set out your information as clearly and as briefly as possible.
- Focus on facts.
- Mention the steps you have taken to resolve the problem.
- Have you raised this complaint with anyone before? If so, who did you speak to and what was the result?
- What is the result you are seeking?

Note: You can provide details of your complaint on a separate piece of paper if you need more space. Please attach it to this form when you send it to us.

Do you require an interpreter?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If so, which language?

Please provide details of any disability or special need that we should consider when communicating with you.

Date:

Confidentiality
Your personal information and details of your complaint will remain confidential. However, the information you provide may be provided to the NSW Ombudsman, the Independent Commission against Corruption or the NSW Police if required.

For more information visit:

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES