EVENT CALENDAR

| Wk 3       | Mon 20th – Wed 22nd Oct   |  |  |
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| Wk 4       | Mon 27th Oct              |  |  |

Wk 6

| Wk 6       | Mon 10th – Fri 14th Nov   |  |  |
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FACULTY LEADERS

| English    | Melissa Wyper             |  |  |
| Maths      | Andrew Gill               |  |  |
| Science Rlg| Natalie Death             |  |  |
| Social Science Rlg | Lily Amos |  |  |
| History    | Lynne Davies              |  |  |
| CAPA       | Larayne Jeffery           |  |  |

YEAR ADVISERS

| Year 7     | Rebecca Conn              |  |  |
| Year 9     | Angela Roughan            |  |  |
| Year 11    | Christine Bell            |  |  |

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mrs Julie Smith

Welcome to Term 4! This is always a very busy time of year and I urge all students to work consistently each and every lesson so that they achieve results which reflect their personal best.

Our best wishes go Ms Pfeffer who is recovering from a broken wrist at the moment. We are anticipating her return on 17th November. Up until this time, I am relieving as Principal, Mrs Julie Myers is relieving as Deputy Principal and Mrs Tanya Howells is relieving as Head Teacher Welfare. I thank everyone for their support during the first weeks of the term.

We welcome Mrs Banks back to Mount View High School as our new Presiding Officer for the HSC, and of course wish our Year 12 students the very best as they sit their Higher School Certificate examinations. These began with the English papers on Monday 13th October and are progressing very smoothly. Year 12 students
are reminded to speak directly with Mrs Banks if they have any concerns regarding illness and other issues which may affect their examination performance.

I have been interviewing students who have concerns about the successful completion of subjects, in Year 11 and will start this process with Year 10 students in the next few weeks. It is vital that any ‘N’ warning letter concerns are dealt with and the work is redeemed satisfactorily. Once work has been completed students will be able to progress onto the next stage of schooling.

Year 11 (our new Year 12) students have now received their Higher School certificate Assessment Schedule and the BOSTES Booklet on the 2015 HSC. These need to be used productively so that students remain conscious of any upcoming tasks and plan their homework and study time to include adequate time to complete tasks promptly and successfully. Students are reminded to let us know of any concerns so that we can provide the best advice and support for them.

We started the term with a most successful Sports Presentation Assembly, congratulations to all award recipients! Mr Allen has a few words and some wonderful photographs from this assembly later in the newsletter. We will be enjoying Principal’s Assemblies in week 3 and 4 and I look forward to congratulating students as they receive awards.

A most enjoyable evening was held at the annual Wollombi Cultural Camp last Thursday. Family and friends were treated to a proud and passionate performance of traditional dance and story. I was particularly impressed with our senior students who were demonstrating excellent leadership skills and worked with the younger students most positively. Thank you all involved with the organisation and supervision of the camp, especially Mrs Bedford, our very own ‘Queen Bee’.

I encourage all students to take on the challenges of term 4 – completion of tasks and examinations, participating in activities such as Peer Support Training, swim school. Project 10 or Service Learning. Remember to keep your goals in sight and to work steadily and consistently towards achieving them.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful P and C. You will read later in the newsletter about the funding and initial discussions about the LEAP Centre, and we thank our P and C most sincerely for this support. I also thank members of the P and C for their continued willingness to participate in selection panels for new staff members. This is a time consuming, but always satisfying experience, but we certainly could not complete this without your ongoing and always willing and positive support – Thank you!

Disability Provision Applications for 2015 HSC are NOW OPEN

CONTACT MS ALDER FOR MORE INFORMATION

P & C NEWS

Mount View P&C voted at the October meeting to supply funds for the School’s new LEAP centre. (Learning Exhibition and Performance).

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 starting at 6.30pm all are welcome to attend.
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Lost Property
We currently have a large amount of jewellery as well as a number of unclaimed jumpers in lost property. As these jumpers have been in the lost property for some time now if they are not claimed by the end of term they will be sold, with the proceeds of the sale given to charity. Students can come to the admin office to claim any lost items.

Student contact details
With over 1000 students at Mount View High School it is important that the Administration Office has up to date student details to ensure we are able to contact parents at any time should the need arise.

If you wish to check what contact and emergency details we currently have on file for your child please don’t hesitate to contact the Administration Office on 49902566 anytime.

Changes to contact details need to be made in writing. A change of details form can be collected from the Administration Office. Please ensure that if you have moved house, changed home phone, work or mobile number, or if there has been a change in care arrangements for your child you complete the change of details form.

It is also a requirement that if there are any court orders in place relating to your child a copy is provided to the Administration Office. This should be discussed with the relevant Deputy, or with the Principal.

ATTENDANCE

Ms Elizabeth Alder – Rlg Head Teacher Administration

Attendance Questions?
Phone 49902566 ext 1
Or call into the Attendance Office and see Nat

School Attendance and Appointments
The school operating hours of 8.30am to 3pm are important learning and development times for your child. Please take this into consideration when scheduling medical and dental appointments.

School holidays and after school are ideal times to schedule routine appointments and check-ups. Missing part days may involve missing complete lessons in some areas and impact on the continuity in your child’s learning.

If an appointment cannot be made outside of school hours, please consider returning your child to school (provided they are healthy enough) so as to minimise the impact of being absent.

Thursday sport afternoons appear to be a preferred time for families to make these type of appointments but please remember that all students must attend a minimum of 80 to 120 minutes per week of school sport as a Department of Education and Communities requirement. Further information regarding this can be accessed via the following link.

School sport is an important part of the Mount View High School routine and participation in it is considered crucial in the social and physical development of our students. It appears from our data that students have weekly or fortnightly appointments in this time and they are at risk of not gaining the required hours and benefits.

Leaving School without permission
It has come to our attention that students have left the school grounds with family members and friends without the school’s knowledge or permission. Of particular concern is Thursday afternoon during sport time.

As you can imagine this is highly concerning as knowledge of a student’s whereabouts between the hours of 8.30am and 3pm is a legal requirement of the school.

If you or your representative, need to collect your child without prior notice at any time during the school’s operating hours, they must be signed out via the Sick Bay or Attendance Office. The school will then have an accurate record of the whereabouts of your child and can ensure their safety.
Students who leave the school premises without permission are considered to be truanting and are placed on Attendance monitoring provisions regardless of who they are with.

**Attendance League Winners for end Term 3 2014**
Roll class winner was 9 Lime 1 on 41 Points who enjoyed pizza for lunch at the end of last term.

In second place on 35 Points was 10 Peer Tutor who received a munchies Hamper.

Just missing out in 3rd spot was the MC Class on 34 points.

The most improved attendance individual winner with an improvement of 14.24% from Term 2 to Term 3 was Sean Benson from 11 Opal 1. Sean won a $20.00 Canteen Voucher and a Gold card to be used in Term 4.

Winner of Roll Class with the least outstanding unexplained Absences was 8 Cocoa 7 who received a Munchies pack.

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### YEAR ADVISERS’ REPORTS

#### Year 7 Assessment Tasks Due Term 4

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Class teachers will advise students what date the assessment is due.

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**HISTORY FACULTY**

**Ms Lynne Davies - Head Teacher**

*If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.*  Pearl Buck

The beginning of term 4 is always a busy time for the staff and this term has been no exception. All students in Years 7 to 10 will have now completed their last formal assessment tasks and these will be used as part of the final mark for the yearly reports. The quality and variety of the work completed by students continues to amaze all of us.

Year 10 students should all have completed their Project 10 assignments and be ready to present them in their interviews in week 3. As a staff we were very pleased with the quality of the work but also disappointed by the few students who failed to complete the task. Not only is this assignment used for Project 10 but the mark they receive is used as part of their final results for their yearly report.

During this term, the History Faculty has been working on a web site for students and parents to access. The site will include information on junior assessment schedules, assessment tasks and homework tasks. This has been, and continues to involve, a great deal of additional work for all of the History teachers but we are thrilled with the results at this stage. It is our goal to have the site up and running at the beginning of 2015 and further information will be available when we are ready to publish the web site.

In 2013, 3 students and I were able to visit Italy with Francis Greenway High School staff and students after we were offered the opportunity to join them by Ms Michelle Archer who was then a member of their staff. This was a ‘once in a lifetime trip’ and was very memorable. Ms Archer is now the Head Teacher of...
HSIE at Dungog High School and she has, once again, invited our school to visit Italy and France in 2016 as part of a ‘multi school excursion’. Our students in years 9 and 10 were asked to respond to and ‘expression of interest’ and Year 9 students and 2 staff members have responded some of whom will be attending a meeting at Dungog High School on Wednesday 15th October. For those of us who will definitely be taking up the offer, it will be an experience that none of us will forget. I cannot thank Ms Archer enough for generosity in offering to include our school in her organisation.

Finally, what is probably the most important information for 2015. Next year will see major changes to History and Social Science. Mrs Pfeffer has made the decision to amalgamate both faculties into one - HSIE.

Planning is well underway for the new faculty to be located in one area of the school so that the two faculties are able to make a smooth transition into HSIE. It will be, in some ways, a challenging twelve months ahead for all of us but it is also an exciting adventure and I am very much looking forward to the challenges that will arise and the solutions that we will find, as a team, to solve them.

SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Mrs Lily Amos – Relieving Head Teacher

The Social Science faculty would like to welcome students and parents back to Term 4. We would also like to extend a welcome to prac student Amy Giffney who will be with us for the first four weeks of term. We hope that it will be a very productive and enjoyable term for all. In particular we extend our best wishes to Year 12 students who are about to commence their HSC exams. We hope that our students of Business Studies, Legal Studies, Geography and Retail achieve the results they are hoping for.

At the end of Term 3, Year 11 and 12 spent a lot of time working on study strategies to help them in the lead up to their end of year exams.

Students used a range of comprehension strategies to help them revise their notes and identify areas where they needed help from their class teachers.

Year 11 Legal Studies using the Reading for Meaning ‘insert strategy’ to evaluate student responses. This strategy is designed to help them find areas for improvement in their own work and also help them identify ideas, concepts or examples which they would like to adapt to use themselves.

Study cards created by Lucy Neville of 11 Legal Studies to help her familiarise herself with key terms from the course.

Brendan Gamble of Year 12 Legal Studies using the Reading for Meaning strategy of “exit tickets” to help identify areas of confidence and concern in the HSC course.

This strategy is designed to help students identify what they know, what they are unsure about and what they don’t know in relation to the course. The strategy is
not normally completed on such a large scale, but in this case the class worked together to identify areas for further study.

Courtney Radnidge of Year 12 Legal Studies using the Reading for Meaning strategy of exit tickets to identify areas for further study in the HSC course.

It was very pleasing to see a large number of students attend a Retail revision day during the school holidays. Students spent a full day revising course content as well as the structure of the HSC exam. They also worked through mind maps and a past HSC paper. It is hoped that all of these activities will benefit students as they prepare for their exams.

Year 12 students Maxine Chapman, Melissa King, Jacintha Davies, Claudia Radnidge, Courtney Radnidge, Jennifer Cartwright, Keely Roe and Georga Mattiussi posed for a photo during their final Retail class.

This semester 7M, 7V and 7E are learning about the global environment of Rainforests. This week 7M, Miss Curran and Miss Giffney learnt about where rainforests are located on the earth and created some three dimensional globes using balloons to help model their location.

Most of the world’s rainforests can be found between the Tropic of Cancer in the Northern Hemisphere and the Tropic of Capricorn in the Southern Hemisphere.

Students blew up their balloons and then used markers to draw the major lines of latitude and longitude onto their globes.

Chloe Bain of 7M blowing up her balloon to make a globe in Geography

Rachel Amos and Chloe Bain of 7M with their globes
In the final week of Term 3 Year 9 Commerce students ran their business stalls in the school quad. They sold a wide range of products and overall the day was a success for all. The following photos show a number of the students engaged in their business activities:
Brydie Bourke and Fanogo Maher selling fabulous cupcakes

Tahlia Brydon and Eliza Culley with their very successful pizza business

Callum Foulstone and Stephen Murphy at their sausage sandwich stand

Ben Workman serving hotdogs

Over the next few weeks junior students of Geography and Commerce will be completing their final
assessment tasks for the year. Students should make a committed approach to these tasks so that they can maximise the results they achieve for their yearly report.

CAPA SUCCESS

Mrs Larayne Jeffery - Head Teacher

HSC Music Study Day
On Thursday 9th October, Year 12 attended a study day for HSC Music Aural Skills run by a visiting HSC examiner. Students delved into the six concepts of Music which will form the basis of the HSC written exam.

These students will sit their exam on the 20th October and we wish them well in their studies.

Curriculum Learning Programs
Year 8 are busily preparing for their final performance graduation ensemble. They will present a 4 part performance consisting of a melodic line, a harmonic line, a bass line and a rhythmic line. Students have been rehearsing this concept with the new Madden Brothers song called ‘We are Done’.

Year 9 elective students are choosing their own topic of study from the Stage 5 syllabus and presenting an interactive poster containing text, audio, video and graphic files. They will be presenting their research in week 4 of this term. Year 9 students will also be completing an indepth composition unit to develop their theoretical and music notation skills.

As a culmination of their Term 3 study of Theatre Music, Year 9 students are invited to attend an excursion to the Capitol Theatre in Sydney on the 22nd October to see the musical ‘Wicked’. They are very excited about this wonderful opportunity and will give you a full report on their return.

LEAP Centre (Learning Exhibition and Performance Centre)
On Friday the first site meeting was held for the construction of our new LEAP centre.

This will be in the form of an extension to the current existing Music Room and it is envisaged that this area would be used for all CAPA performances, including Drama, Dance Music and Art Exhibitions including CAPA graduations for Years 10, 11 & 12 as well as HSC Performances.

Construction may begin as early as December and will take at least 12 weeks to complete.

On 28th August a busload of Art enthusiasts braved the wild rainy Cessnock morning to journey to a spring filled Sydney.

Students wandered the Art Gallery of New South Wales soaking up the culture and expressive art works of the Modernist era, Contemporary Aboriginal artworks and modern Photography by Aussie icon, Max Dupain.
The highlight of the trip was entry to view the Archibald Prize. All students donned their Art Critic badges and reviewed and assessed the finalists for the 2014 prize and cast their own votes for the People’s Choice Award.

Favourite styles range from hyper-realistic portraits to wildly expressive and symbolic images. Students also viewed the finalists for the Wynne Prize for Landscape and Sulmann Prize for Genre paintings.

TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED SCIENCE (TAS)

Mr Mark Bassett – Rig Head Teacher

The start of Term 4 is the busiest time of the year in our workshops and kitchens. Students have to complete all of their course projects and take them home by the end of week 10 this term. This is a timely reminder for any student who has not paid all of their course fees to get this matter settled as quickly as possible to avoid the disappointment of not being able to take home their completed projects. 8H Technology (Mandatory) class have just finished their wood work design projects in woodwork 3. Most students have found the course challenging and enjoyable with the help and guidance of their teacher Mr Butters. The following images show a sample of their projects that are among the best students in Year 8 – well done!
Bianca Jurd in Year 10 Child Studies has a generous Nanna who donated threads, fabrics and craft materials to the class. Students can now complete amazing practical projects using a huge range of beautiful materials thanks to this very special lady. Your generosity has inspired the students to create beautiful projects using a wonderful array of supplies. Thank you very much Nanna, you are the best!

**MULTI CATEGORICAL CLASS**

**Mrs Vicki Lindsay - MC class teacher**

**MC Class Excursion**

Towards the end of Term 3 the MC class enjoyed an excursion to the Australian Reptile Park. The boys had been studying Australian native animals in class and this was a wonderful opportunity to see many of the animals first-hand. The highlight of the day was having their photo taken with a huge Burmese python, which everyone handled fearlessly. The python was Jacob’s favourite animal at the park, but Jeson really loved the dingo pups, which he had the opportunity to cuddle. Jake was very impressed with the residents of the spider cave and the huge motorised red-back which made us all feel like insects about to be devoured. Cory, as expected, preferred the various types of lizards and Shannon just couldn’t believe that Elvis the crocodile was real and not just a giant concrete statue as he lay motionless waiting for his next meal to swim by. Mal’s firm favourite was definitely Hugo, the giant Galapagos Tortoise who walked the grassed area in no particular hurry. The boys also saw kangaroos, an echidna, a wombat, a platypus and many different species of snake. Everyone was exhausted by the time we left the park, but the constant chatter continued for the duration of the long, hot drive back to school.

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

**Mrs Julie Myers – Head Teacher Welfare**

**School-based Vaccination Program for 2015**

Vaccines offered next year will be:

- Year 7 Boys & Girls
  - Varicella (chickenpox, single dose)
  - dTpa (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, single dose)
  - HPV (Gardasil, 3 dose)

- Year 11 & 12 Boys & Girls
  - MMR (measles, mumps, rubella, single dose)

Students in these year groups will be given a consent pack at the start of next year. These consent forms are to be returned back to the school administration office.
prior to the start of the first clinic day. Clinic dates will be advised at the beginning of next year.

**SRC & SENIOR LEADERS**

**Mount View Leo Club**
The Mount View Leo Club organised a Trivia Night on Thursday 4th September 2014 for Team Ivy – John Hunter Childrens Hospital for “The Beads for Bravery” program. It was held in the school hall at 6pm and the Leos had a great response from the community and school members with over 150 people participating on the night. There was an overwhelming response from many businesses to support and donate towards this great cause and we send them our sincerest appreciation. We would like to acknowledge:

- Anytime Fitness Cessnock
- Bellbird Butchery
- Big W Cessnock
- Bike Trax
- BJ shoe repairs
- Bombora Surf Shop
- Cessnock Pharmacy (day and night)
- Coles Cessnock
- Hunter Valley Wine Tours (Mr and Mrs Metcalfe)
- Illusions Hair Studio
- Ink café
- Kick for Touch
- Lily and Ginger Candles
- MG23
- Pokolbin Aqua Golf
- Priceline Pharmacy Cessnock
- Rothvale Wines
- The Hairy Scotsman barber
- West End Pharmacy
- Woolworths Cessnock

We would like to thank Caitlin Ivan and Thomas Wiese who collected donations and organised this event with other help from their fellow Leos. Special mention to our Deputy Principal Mr Peter Conroy for all the hard work he did for the occasion in preparing and presenting the whole trivia night.

Mount View Leo Club was able to raise $2244.70 for the John Hunter Children Hospital.

**Senior Leaders**
Our newly inducted Year 10 Senior Leaders have already been put to work by helping Cessnock RSL with selling Legacy badges. Our group were dressed to impressed in their school blazers and ties and were able to fundraise more than $2000 for this worthwhile charity. We would like to thank Mr Max Lewis and the
other RSL members for giving our students this opportunity to help in the community and for transportation on the day.

The Year 10 Senior Leaders will now take over from the Year 11 Senior Leaders in the canteen. We thank our Year 11 Senior Leaders for their help each recess during this year. The Year 11 Senior Leaders will be rewarded for their hard work by attending the National Young Leaders Conference in Sydney on Friday 21st November 2014. They will be receiving notes soon to attend and we are grateful to our P&C for helping to reduce the costs of attending.

SPORT

Mr Rick Allen – Sport Co-ordinator

Year 7 will be for the first time doing integrated sport with the rest of the school, during Term 4. They have selected a sport to participate in and hopefully they will enjoy this new experience. It is important that they wear their correct sport uniform and remember during the hot weather to wear a hat and sunscreen and to have water.

Annual Sports Presentation

On Wednesday 8th October 2014, Mount View High School held their Annual Sports Presentation in the school hall. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 received numerous trophies and awards from school competitions, zone and regional events.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Horse Sports

There are two remaining competitions left this year. One is at Rutherford which was to take place on Wednesday 15th October but was postponed due to the wet weather and has been rescheduled to Wednesday 5th November and the final one is on Friday 31st October at Stroud

We wish our equestrian team success at these upcoming events.
Abbey Baker and Jordyn Jeffery at the last event.

Ms Elizabeth Alder - Peer Support Coordinator

Training for our 2014-2015 Peer Support Leaders will begin on the 23rd & 24th October. It is an intensive two day program of practical and theoretical tasks designed to give all applicants team building and leadership skills. Students will be selected from this group to partake in Peer Support, Peer Mediation and Peer Mentoring programs running at Mount View High in 2015.

Year 9 students have begun the application process and voiced their aspirations to becoming positive role models for our incoming Year Seven students. The applications for this year have been of a high calibre.

Some quotations from applications:

“I would like to be a peer support leader to be someone that Yr 7 could come to for help...and to show them how respectful and nice the students of Mount View are.”

“I think I would make a great peer support leader because I am confident, approachable, enthusiastic, caring, helpful and enjoy a challenge.”

“... to help younger students build as a team”

“... to help the people in Year 7 adapt to high school and form positive relationships with their fellow peers.”

Successful students will commence working with their Peer Support buddies on Year 6 Orientation Day later this term.

Maths and Science Fun Day

Our annual Maths and Science Fun Day was held this year on Tuesday 2nd September. Approximately 170 Year 6 students participated in a variety of activities which put their problem solving skills to the test. As always, the day was a huge success, giving these future students a chance to visit Mount View and interact with the students who will be in their year group next year.
Many thanks to the Year 9 and Year 7 students who assisted on the day and to the staff involved, without their help the day would not be a success.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Attention Local Businesses

Student Community Volunteering

On Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th December 2014, Mount View High School students will be giving back to the local community by participating in volunteering their time to assist local businesses with any small jobs (eg cleaning, tidying up, easy maintenance work) that they may need doing.

For further details please contact Julie Myers on 49902566.
Thornton Redbacks FC – Womens Premier League trials for 2015 Season

Thornton Redbacks FC would like to invite all current and prospective female players to our trials for the 2015 Herald Women’s Premier League (WPL) for the following age divisions:

1st Grade, U18, U16 & U14 on:

- **Sunday 12th October** 10am to 12noon
- **Sunday 19th October** 10am to 12noon

Trials will be at Alan & Don Lawrence Fields, Thornton Junior Grounds. ALL players are requested to be at the ground 15 minutes early to register.

Pre-registration can be conducted by contacting Michael Hurn via telephone or email as listed below.

Michael Hurn – Director on 4966 3462 or michael.hurn@bigpond.com

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PCYC Safer Drivers Course

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course. Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937.

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

- **Module one**: A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.
- **Module two**: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop safe driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: $140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual enrolled driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 10 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.