EVENT CALENDAR

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**Wed 11th June**
- Knights Knockout U13 & U15 at Somerset Park Thornton
- P & C Meeting in common room at 6.30pm

**Wed 11th – Thur 12th June**
- Star Struck Major Rehearsal at Newcastle Entertainment Centre

**Thur 12th June**
- Yr10 Project 10 Session 4

**Fri 13th – Sat 14th June**
- Star Struck Shows at Newcastle Entertainment Centre

**Mon 16th June**
- Yr7/8 Premiers Debating Challenge at school
- Musical rehearsal in hall at 3pm

**Tue 17th – Fri 20th June**
- Yr12 Trial Exams

**Wed 18th June**
- Yr7 MT classes Project 7 Interviews
- Insight Day excursion to Newcastle Uni
- MC Class excursion to Hunter Wetlands at Shortland

**Thur 19th June**
- Mayoral Debate Final at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
- Yr11 Retail/Business studies Bunnings Cessnock site tour
- School captains visit to Parliament Sydney

**Fri 20th June**
- Yr8 MT classes Project 8 Interviews
- Yr12 Science Experiment Fest excursion to Newcastle Unit
- School Horsesports carnival at Cessnock Showground

**Mon 23rd June**
- Musical rehearsal in hall at 3pm

**Tue 24th June**
- Health & Careers Quest excursion to Kurri High School for Indigenous students

**Wed 25th June**
- MC Class excursion to Glendale Movies

**Thur 26th June**
- NAIDOC ceremony

**Fri 27th June**
- Yr7 Aboriginal Immersion Day
- Last day of Term 2

**TERM 3**

**Tue 15th July**
- Students return to school for Term 3

**Wed 16th July**
- Newcastle Uni Schools visit to MVHS for senior students

**Tue 22nd July**
- Yr10 Project 10 Session 5
- Yr9 Career Quest in school hall
- Half Yearly Parent Teacher Evening Yrs7-11 in school hall from 3pm

**Thur 24th July**
- Yr8 & Yr10 Information Evening at MVHS

FACULTY LEADERS

**English** Melissa Wyper
**Maths** Andrew Gill
**Science Rlg** Natalie Death
**Social Science Rlg** Lily Amos
**History** Lynne Davies
**CAPA** Larayne Jeffery
**PD/H/PE Rlg** David Willis
**TAS Rlg** Mark Bassett
**Welfare** Julie Myers
**Admin Rlg** Liz Alder
**Teach/Learn** Leanne Triggs

YEAR ADVISERS

Year 7 Rebecca Conn
Year 8 Rebecca Bartlett
Year 9 Angela Roughan
Year 10 Sharon Curran
Year 11 Christine Bell
Year 12 Nathan Russell

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Ms Desley Pfeffer

Winter has definitely arrived in Cessnock! There have already been some very foggy mornings with quite cold winds. As the weather cools though some students are starting to wear jumpers and jackets which are not part of our school uniform. I would like to encourage all parents to ensure that their children are in correct school uniform at all times. Wearing school uniform improves students’ connection to the school and their pride in their school, is endorsed by our P&C, and also helps us to ensure students’ safety by being easily recognisable as a student of Mount View High School.

Energy Drinks – an alarming trend

There has been an alarming trend recently for students to be consuming energy drinks before and during the school day. They are not sold at our school canteen and the banning of energy drinks from our school premises was endorsed last year by our P&C, for health reasons. Even more concerning is that some students have brought energy drinks to school, and sold them, at profit, to other students. The large amounts of caffeine contained in some of these drinks can, and has, affected students’ mood, behaviour and mental
activity. Some students have already consumed two energy drinks before arriving at school.

If students are found to have energy drinks at school they will be confiscated.

The following information about energy drinks is taken from “Educating young people about medications: a professional learning package for teachers,” published by the Department of Education and Communities.

Caffeine is found in a variety of products, e.g. coffee, tea, chocolate, cola drinks, and some prescription and non-prescription medications. It is recommended that caffeine consumption for an adult be limited to between 200mg and 300mg per day (approximately 2 to 3 cups of coffee).

Energy drinks are beverages that contain stimulants including caffeine, guarana and taurine, as well as various forms of vitamins, minerals and supplements including ginseng, ginkgo biloba, carnitine and creatine. Some may also contain high levels of sugar or glucose. Many such beverages are flavoured and/or coloured to resemble soft drinks.

The popularity of energy drinks is increasing, especially among young people. The primary source of caffeine in these drinks is guarana. Guarana is an extract from a plant found in the South American rainforests. The caffeine content of energy drinks can vary greatly. The effects of drinking too many energy drinks are similar to drinking too much coffee. In addition to these effects, energy drinks also contain high amounts of sugar. The high sugar content and the effects of the caffeine may increase the risk of dehydration.

Caffeine content of some beverages:
Coffee 60 – 120mg/250ml cup
Tea 30mg/250ml cup
Cola soft drinks 20 – 35mg can (375ml)
Energy drinks 60 – 150mg/250 ml can/bottle

Year 10 Formal
The majority of high schools no longer organise a Year 10 formal. This is in part due to the raised leaving age legislation which now means that the majority of students remain at school until the end of Year 12. Mount View High School staff have not organised a formal for Year 10 students for some time. In addition to the raised leaving age it is also reflective of our efforts to keep the cost of school-related activities to a reasonable level for parents – in Year 10 the Careers excursion is a major educational activity which already involves considerable cost.

However, I am aware that in some years, as is the case in 2014, parents have taken on this responsibility and that the Year 10 formal has been an enjoyable end of year celebration. Please be aware that the information being circulated about a Year 10 formal for 2014 is not an official Mount View High School function and will not be supervised or attended by Mount View High School staff. All enquiries related to the formal should be directed to the parents listed on the flyer.

“The Weed Firm” – app for iPhones and iPads
Please be aware of the existence of a free App available for download, without ratings, called “The Weed Firm.” This free game, being accessed and played by many young people, unfortunately including some of our students, promotes the cultivation, use, sale & purchase of cannabis. As a school, and as a Department of Education and Communities we are obviously most concerned about young person’s use of such a game and the effect it might have on their thinking about the use of an illegal substance. I am aware that many complaints have been made to Apple about the game. I would encourage all parents to be aware of the different Apps and games that their children are accessing and to talk openly and honestly with them about the inherent dangers.

Term 2 Holidays & Parent-Teacher Night
As this is the last edition of the “View” for Term 2, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and safe holiday. Term 3 resumes for all students on Tuesday 15 July. This will be closely followed by the Parent Teacher Night for Years 7 – 11 on the following Tuesday – 22 July. We look forward talking with you about your child’s progress on that occasion.

DEPUTIES’ REPORTS

Mrs Julie Smith – Yrs 7/9/11

New Pedestrian Crossing
We have been very pleased the work completed by Cessnock City Council in installing our new pedestrian crossing and removing the ‘old’ pedestrian crossing. The decision has been taken in detailed and extensive discussions with our P&C, Cessnock City Council and the RTA.
The traffic and pedestrian counts have indicated very clearly that the bulk of movement has moved from the ‘old’ school area to the new road area incorporating the ‘Basin’ car park.

Council has moved the fencing so that all cars should now be parking in the car park and not on the verge either outside the school or at the edge of the car park. We have also had the area outside the school mulched in the hope that we can regenerate and improve the appearance of the school’s entrance.

We are in the process of installing a pedestrian gate and school pedestrian path which will link up with the path installed by Council. Once this has been completed we will expect that pedestrian traffic will use this entrance to the school, thus eliminating one of our major safety concerns of pedestrians and cars using the same entrance / exit to the school. We ask that all pedestrians using the car park use the pedestrian crossing for safety and legal reasons.

One of our main concerns about these changes is that the students’ understand that there is no longer a pedestrian crossing at the lower end of the school. It is most important that students wait for a break in the traffic before crossing at the traffic island. We would suggest that students continue on the school side of Mount View Road when leaving the school and only cross at the refuge near Stonebridge Golf course when there is a break in traffic. Could parents please reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour with students so that we can ensure the safety of all.

Mr Peter Conroy – Yrs 8/10/12

Parent teacher and subject selection afternoons
At the start of next term there are two very important dates for Years 8 and 10. The Parent Teacher afternoon will be held on Tuesday 22nd July and the Subject Information evening will be held on Thursday 24th July. It is vitally important that students make informed choices as they enter the next phase of their education. This is best achieved by having open and direct conversations with staff about current levels of achievement and perceived potential for each student. Having had this discussion at the Parent Teacher afternoon, students and parents can then obtain up to date and relevant information about the next stage of schooling at the Subject Information evening. While I acknowledge that there are many impacts on our daily lives, the importance of these events can’t be overstated. Please make every effort to attend on both days.

Year 10 Careers camp
There will be a more detailed review of the Sydney Careers Camp in the next edition of the View, however I am happy to add my congratulations to the students on their behaviour, interest and high level of cooperation. This was certainly an excellent group which augurs well for the success that they will achieve in the next two years. The close liaison between students and teachers would indicate that productive work relationships can be developed in Years 11 and 12. My thanks also go to Mrs Godber for organising another great week.

2014 / 2015 Senior Leaders
I will shortly be asking Year 11 students to nominate for the senior leadership positions in the school. Over the past few years the standard of leadership provided by students can only be described as excellent. The students of Year 11 should not be overawed by this as I am very confident that another fine pair of Captains and Vice Captains will be selected. I would urge parents and students to actively encourage and support students who wish to nominate for these positions. I would be happy to mentor any student who feels that they would like to put their name forward but is unsure of the requirements of the positions. Throughout our community there is many a person who would have done a great job but lacked a word of encouragement and so did not put their name forward for a position of importance.
**Year 12 Trial exams**
A number of subjects require Year 12 students to complete their Trial Exams toward the end of this term. The school is operating a slightly different model this year, Head Teachers have been asked to nominate when is the best time to run the Trial for their faculty. The reasons for the variations include the requirements for Major Works in different areas and also the amount of course work which may be left to be completed and if this is an essential part of the HSC examination. There will be a second Trail Exam period during Term 3. Students are strongly encouraged to use each exam period as a genuine practice time for the real HSC. Students need to have a balanced study schedule that allows them to address both long term and immediate goals. Teachers will be available for consultation about all subjects during both exam periods. However teachers have also been asked not to set assessment tasks or major activities during these exam weeks. If students feel that they have received major tasks, obviously not including the exams, please let me know.

**Disability provisions for the Higher School Certificate examinations**
Disability provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn’t otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in the examination.

The provisions granted are solely determined by how the student’s exam performance is affected. Provisions may include braille papers, large-print papers, use of a reader and/or writer, extra time or rest breaks.

**A note to parents**
If you are concerned about whether disability provisions apply for your child, you should contact the school Year Adviser or Counsellor.

The application form must be submitted by your child’s school as it requires specific information about the difficulties your child may experience in a classroom or examination situation. This does not mean, however, that you should not be involved in the application process.

**Who can apply for disability provisions?**
Any HSC student with a disability recognised in the Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005. The definition of ‘disability’ in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) includes:

- physical
- intellectual
- psychiatric
- sensory
- neurological, and
- learning disabilities, as well as
- physical disfigurement, and
- the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms.

(Australian Human Rights Commission).

Note that the disability provisions apply only where the disability is such that a practical arrangement is required to reduce disadvantage in an exam situation.

Disability provisions also apply to temporary and emergency-related disabilities. A typical example of an ‘emergency’ is where a student breaks their writing arm a week before an examination. Students who become ill during an examination period may be eligible to make an illness/misadventure appeal rather than a disability provisions application.

**Disability provisions for other year groups?**
Disability provisions can also occur for students in other year groups that meet the same needs basis. Please contact Ms Alder (Rlg Head Teacher Administration) or Ms Parish (Learning and Support Teacher) for more information.
P & C NEWS

The P&C are proud to offer monetary support for the Mount View Equestrian team. This will enable them to buy embroidered saddle clothes that they can use at their upcoming events. We wish them luck in the school Horsesports carnival.

The P&C midyear dinner will be held on Friday 18th July. Anyone interested in attending can leave their details at the front office.

Next meeting is Wednesday 11th June at 6:30pm.

Reforms to P&C federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

CCGPS

The Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) has developed an exciting and interactive new website to support our families and the broader community. Learn more about the initiatives in place across our schools, creating strong educational pathways for all our students. The website has great links to parent support sites and local community services, and information about who we are and what we are doing within your community.

Check out the website and get involved in your child's future today! www.ccgps.schools.nsw.edu.au

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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 we require parents to complete the change of details form.

It is also a requirement that if there are any court orders in the case of a parent not receiving any correspondence/reports from the school, a copy needs to be provided to the Administration Office. Any other court orders which relate to your child should be discussed with the relevant Deputy, or with the Principal.

ATTENDANCE

Ms Elizabeth Alder – Rlg Head Teacher Administration

Explaining absences
Please ensure that all absences and late arrivals to school are explained within 2 days of your child’s return to school. This can be done via reply SMS, email or a letter marked Attention Attendance Office.

A correct absence letter might read as follows:
A correct explanation for a student who has arrived late might read as follows:

Dear Attendance Office,
Elzie Wilson from 7 Ruby 7 arrived late on Wednesday the 26th February 2014.
We had an appointment at the Orthodontist at 8.45am.
Yours Sincerely,
Ms M Wilson
ph: 0412345678

We ask for your cooperation in providing justifiable explanations for all absences and partial absences. Unjustified absences do show up on the student’s records.

Early leavers
All requests to leave school early are to be in writing and handed to the Attendance Office before the commencement of the school day.

Requests can also be processed on the days prior to the required leave.

By having your request to leave early in before the start of the school day, the Attendance Staff can ensure that each student has their official DEC pass out of school and can leave the classroom punctually. This will ensure that you make your appointment on time.

CAPA SUCCESS

Mrs Larayne Jeffery - Head Teacher

CAPA performs at Sydney Town Hall
On the 19th May, members of our junior vocal ensemble travelled to Sydney to perform in the Secondary Schools Choral Concert at the Town Hall.

We left at 6.00am driven by the wonderful Mr Butters. After arriving at the venue, we rehearsed with the jazz a capella group ‘The Idea of North’ and completed a vocal workshop that lasted until 3.30pm.

We spent some time shopping and enjoying dinner at Darling Harbour before we reconvened at the Town Hall to begin the concert.
One of our parents travelled with us and sat in the choir section as a participant. Other parents joined us as part of the audience where they said that the 600 voice choir sounded ‘like voices falling onto you’.

The standard of musicianship in the NSW Public Schools String Orchestra, Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble were outstanding and equal to if not better than any ensemble we have heard at the Conservatorium!

After a long trip back, we arrived home after midnight, but were all on deck bright and early for school the next day. (Well, maybe not that bright!)

Year 12 Music students present at Singleton HSC study day
Last week Year 12 Music students participated in a Study Day at Singleton across a wide range of subjects. Jacob Roland-Batty and Jesse Basha presented part of their HSC program for a visiting HSC examiner as an example of a saxophone solo and musicology viva voce on bass guitar techniques. Both boys were highly praised both for the quality of the presentation and their early planning and readiness for the HSC examination in September.

Mackenzie Pringle supports drought affected farmers
Last Saturday evening Mackenzie Pringle of Year 10 organised and performed in a fundraising concert to raise money for farmers affected by drought.

Mackenzie supplied a well known selection of local country performers including Slim Newton (Redback on the Toilet Seat), Kristin Lanesbury and Kirsty Ackers. A total of $10,000 was raised at this event.

The Agriculture and Music faculties have also supported Mackenzie in this fundraising by selling a crop of corn and presenting an open mic concert at lunch. Congratulations to Mackenzie for her community spirit.

School musical
Coming soon! Fairy tale land meets reality in this all singing all dancing musical extravaganza.

Mackenzie Pringle supports drought affected farmers

Delight in the musical, madcap misadventures as charming princes, wicked stepsisters and sleeping beauties collide with high school geeks, jocks and drama queens in this fun, fantasy, fairy tale adventure!

Tickets on sale Term 3, Friday 18th July 2014.

Students can purchase tickets at lunchtimes only from maths room C103. Parents can purchase tickets anytime from the Administration Office.
**Artist of the month**
Phoebe Metcalfe is currently in the process of developing a Body of Work for her HSC in Visual Art. Phoebe has chosen to work in the form of photography and to digitally manipulate the image to achieve a highly detailed photograph.

Phoebe explains;
‘The portrait photographs I have taken for my HSC Body of Work encompass the basic human instinct to judge others on their appearance. To enhance audience response the five subjects have been taken completely out of context. The images will be blown up to A1 size for a more intimate experience. I was inspired by the harsh society in which we live and wanted to reflect that in my Body of Work’.

**TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED SCIENCE (TAS)**

Mr Mark Bassett – Rlg Head Teacher

Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory classes have recently completed practical projects and folios for their first rotation in a technology area. A number of students achieved excellent results and all students succeeded in creating innovative solutions to design briefs.

Some students are still forgetting to wear appropriate shoes in the workshops every lesson and this has impacted upon practical activities being completed on time. It is vital that ALL students have the appropriate footwear EVERY lesson so project completion rates are not hindered.

Year 12 Industrial Technology students are very busy completing their practical projects for final assessment on the 18th July. It is important to motivate and support these students during this time as the project and associated folio is worth 60% of their final HSC mark. With the limited amount of time left I would advise these students to spend every opportunity to work on their projects so they can achieve their best result in the HSC.

The photos shown in this edition of The View are a very small sample of the quality work made by the students at Mount View High School.
**Home Economics**

In our craft group we have been planning and creating the school musical backdrop, various props and some costumes with lots of colour and bright ideas. Some of our classes have helped design and create a banner for our out of uniform day. We had the pleasure of organising mini lessons and welcoming Year 6 to our school. Students participated in mini lessons with heaps of fun had in various subject areas. In Year 9 textiles students are working on a wall hanging with many different elements using textures and technologies. We are also glad to have helped with the community art project. Very exciting times and no doubt this should be hung in Vincent Street any day now. A group of food technology students created a beautiful lunch for a Principals meeting which was held at our school. We believe the food was so good many schools have now asked us to cater for some of their up and coming functions. Some of our Year 11 hospitality students are looking forward to spending half a day at the Crown Plaza at the start of next term. This will consist of a tour allowing students to experience a great opportunity in how the hospitality industry operates.

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**LIBRARY**

*Ms Lisa Godwin – Teacher/Librarian*

It is wonderful to see so many enthusiastic borrowers this year, especially those students reading to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done and keep up the great work! However, we do have a number of students with overdue library books at the moment. Please be reminded that students may borrow library books for a period of two weeks before they are due to be returned. Thank you for your assistance with returning books.

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**SENIOR LEADERS & SRC**

*Mrs Karen Blandon – Senior Leader Co-ordinator*

**Rotary MUNA conference**

Two of our Year 12 Senior Leaders, Maddie Burgess and Caitlin Ivan, along with our exchange student Matt Humer, attended the Rotary MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly on the weekend of 23rd May 2014. They travelled to Muswellbrook with Miss Baum and stayed at the John Hunter Motel with the other participating students. There were 16 private and public high schools competing over the weekend from the Newcastle region throughout to Bulahdelah. Students were sponsored by their local Rotary Club for accommodation and a presentation dinner on the Friday night. The competition started on Saturday at the Muswellbrook Council Chambers and each school had to represent a country at the United Nations Assembly and debate the resolutions given on the day. Our school chose USA and naturally enough they were brought into each resolution. Our students were a credit to Mount View High School as they debated for the USA, they were thoroughly prepared and spoke so well on each occasion. We are proud of their achievements on the day and thank them for volunteering to represent our school at such a prestigious event.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Cessnock Rotary Club for their continued support of our students and for sponsoring our team for MUNA 2014. Special thanks to Steven and Janette Jackson who were the Secretary General and adjudicator on the day and always help us to get involved.
Biggest Morning Tea

The staff of Mount View High School held a ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ to raise money for the Cancer Council on Friday 30th May 2014.

Each faculty was to create a cake representing their faculty and then these cakes were auctioned off. We had a marvellous display of baked goodies ranging from book worms from Library to a piano from CAPA.

The staff raised over $500 to donate to the Cancer Council and we give a special thanks to our MC boys who also fundraised for this worthwhile charity by selling cupcakes. They had a brilliant three storey rainbow cake filled with lollies and marshmallows.
Congratulations to Mrs Julia McNeill who took out the trophy Best Cake for 2014

Out of uniform day for AMDF
The Senior Leaders and SRC Teams were busy this term with the out of uniform day on 6th June 2014.

They were fundraising for AMDF- Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation in honour of Taylah Hollingshed who will be a student at Mount View High School next year. All funds raised on the day is being donated to AMDF.

Captains visit to Parliament in Sydney
Our two Captains Kelsey Harvey and Jordan O’Brien will be travelling to Sydney on Thursday 19th June 2014 to attended Parliament House and the Leadership Program with other school captains from the Hunter. They will meet up with Clayton Barr at Parliament and have morning tea at Government House with our Governor. We look forward to them sharing this experience when they return.

NSW Parkinsons Unity Walk, Sunday 31st August 2014
We are once again going to participate in the NSW Parkinsons Unity Walk on Sunday 31st August 2014 at Sydney Olympic Park. We walk in honour of one of our former principals Phil Papworth and other sufferers in our community.

Ex students, parents and community members are more than welcome to join us for the day. Notes and information will be given to students in the next two weeks if they wish to attend.

We are grateful once again to Rover Coaches for their generous donation of the coach for the day. This allows us to fundraise more for NSW Parkinsons Disease.
STUDENT WELLBEING

Mrs Julie Myers – Head Teacher

Mother’s Day breakfast
Friday 9th May was a glorious morning for our annual Mother’s Day breakfast. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out which made for a thoroughly enjoyable and successful event. Special thanks to all the staff who helped out and to students and their guests for attending. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Mount View High School would like to thank Pizazz Boutique and Christine’s Complexions in Cessnock for their wonderful contribution to our Mother’s Day lucky door prize.

SPORT & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Zone athletics carnival
On Wednesday 28th June 2014, 34 of our students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival at Glendale Sports Centre. All students are to be commended on their participation and behaviour for the day as they represented our school with pride competing against Cessnock High, Kurri Kurri High, Rutherford High, Maitland High and Maitland Grossman. We had excellent results on the day.

Congratulations to:
Age Champions for the Zone
Dayanidhi Torrisi 13 years
Harvey Neville 13 years

Commendations to the following students who excelled in their age groups against all the students from the Zone schools:
Sophie O’Brien, 1st 800m
Sarah Gallen, 2nd 800m, 2nd 1500m
Fanogo Maher, 1st high jump, 1st long jump, 2nd discus
Jayde Ellis, 2nd shot put
Kyean Johnson, 1st 100m, 1st 200m
Dayanidhi Torrisi, 1st long jump, 2nd 800m
Connor Garrington, 1st 1500m
Harvey Neville, 1st high jump, 2nd javelin
Nick Hurn, 1st high jump
Cody Townsend, 2nd long jump
Zach Shanahan Naysmith, 1st discuss

AMAROOKOBA NEWS

By Members of the Junior AECG

Our Indigenous students have been fortunate enough to be invited to be involved in several programs running in our local community and at school.

Dance
Our dancers have had their first of three dance session with Adam Drylie. Reports from Mr Jarrett indicate
that he and all students involved had a great time and learnt a lot from Adam. Any Indigenous students that still want to be a part of our dance group please see Ms Bedford, there is still time to get involved.

Students that have been involved in our dance group were also invited to a workshop being run by ‘The Chooki Dancers’ that recently performed at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. Our students had a great time and we would like to thanks Cessnock High for hosting the workshop and letting our dancers get involved.

Art and Culture
The first day of the art and culture program being run by Catholic Care and Uncle Les Elvin was held last Sunday. It was great to see some of families involved in this program and for any families that still wish to be involved in the last session being held this Sunday you can call Kylie on 0409 921083 to book in.

NAIDOC Day, Thursday 26th June 2014
Our NAIDOC day assembly is fast approaching, our Indigenous students and staff have been busy preparing for the day. We are looking forward to hearing from our guest speakers, our own student dancers, a didgeridoo player as well as representatives from our Indigenous student body presenting during this assembly.

Invitations have been sent to all Indigenous families and we hope to see you on the day. RSVP would be appreciated as this will help with catering for the day.

Excursions
All students from Years 7 to 11 have been invited to the Indigenous Health and Career Expo being held at Kurri Kurri High School by Youth Express on 24th June

Year 10 students – Wollotuka Institute at Newcastle University having an open information day on the 18th June

Special dates this term
15th June Indigenous art and culture program (2nd session)
16th June AECG - Nulkaba Public School
24th June Career and Health Quest
26th June MVHS – NAIDOC assembly
27th June Indigenous cultural Immersion day

COMMUNITY NOTICES
FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW family households to pay their electricity bills. In 2013-2014 the Family Energy Rebate gives eligible households a $125 credit on their electricity bill.

Check if you are eligible. The State government offers it! Don’t miss out!


SAVE THE DATE...

Aberdeen Public School Inaugural Horse Sports Day
Friday 29th August 2014
Commencing at 8.00am
St Andrews Reserve Aberdeen

*Open to both Primary and Secondary Students
* Led riders of primary school age
* Ribbons to 5th place
* Prizes for highest point score and reserve highest point score in each age group

Please send an email to www.aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to register your interest and we can forward all further information directly to you.

All enquiries:
Melissa Davis 0417 437 827
Amy Croft 0428 438 108

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SUMMER SCHOOLS!

The University of Newcastle’s Girls’ Choices Summer School and LIVE IT! (for boys) programs, are five-day residential experiences for Year 9 students from equity targeted groups across NSW. The programs are designed to help students build on their potential to succeed in years 10, 11 and 12 and expose them to the range of study and career options that exist for HSC graduates.

Participants will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. This involves staying on campus, following a timetable and completing activities inside real university lecture theatres, laboratories and classrooms. Participants will also undertake field trips to local organisations to see their possible future careers in action.

Along with meeting the equity criteria, students should be willing to be challenged by new experiences and have the potential (this may be unrealised) to succeed in their senior years.

Dates
Girls’ Choices Summer School: 7 – 11 December 2014
LIVE IT! (for boys): 14 – 18 December 2014

Applications close on 28 JUNE 2014 and require Teacher and Principal support of their application.

For more information or to download the application forms:
Visit: www.newcastle.edu.au/amahsh
Phone: (02) 4921 6547
Email: girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au or liveit@newcastle.edu.au

Students!! And Parents!!

Are you interested in working with wood?
Do you like making stuff?
Do you want to use your hands and your head?

THEN try this!!

FREE tuition and supervision in how to use a lathe and other wood working machinery at the Cessnock Wood Turners Club located on the grounds at Mount View High School.

Want to try it before you decide? No problem and no initial costs. Come along and see what we do and what we can do together. Parents are encouraged to come along too – just to look or have a go too. Safety is our golden rule when using the club’s machines and tools. Everyone receives a safety induction into the club.

The club already has a number of Junior members. Should you wish to continue the fees are very reasonable at $12 per year for full membership.

Contact Peter Chappell (President) 4905 1574
Joe Simpson (Secretary) 4037 245

Formed in 1997 the Club has leased a workshop from the school for the past 10 years and also works with the Mentoring program for year 10 students at Mount View High School during term 3 and/or each year.
PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course, training 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 low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: $110

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road 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 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

We will be holding our next Safer Driver Course at CESSNOCK PCYC 5pm – 8pm on 28th June 2014

Please call the club for more information on making a booking,
196 Wollombi Rd Cessnock (opposite Aldi) phone: 4991 1407 or Email: cessnock@pcycnsw.org.au.

Grants for Graduation

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This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (in Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2015) to experience a true exchange with a family in New Zealand. Local Students are matched with a New Zealand student and the New Zealand student will attend school in Australia during Term 2, 2015. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2015.

The students’ family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life.

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More information and expression of interest forms can be found at www.jepes.org

Expressions of interest close 30 June 2014

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
3 Workshops for Dads

Venue: Cessnock East Public School
When: 3 Wednesday Evenings 11th, 18th & 25 June 2014
Time: 5.45pm for 6pm start – 8pm

Benefits of 1-2-3 Magic
Build great relationships with your children
Use effective and positive ways to discipline your children.
Parenting solutions that are easy-to-learn and that WORK!

Bookings and Information
Please Contact: Lesley on 4921 5758
COST: $5 for work book

Please note the program is not confirmed until a minimum quota of participants have registered.
We will notify you 2 weeks before the program starts.