**Event Calendar**

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| 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 |
| Wed 23rd July | - Regional Athletics at Glendale  
- Science & Engineering Challenge at Newcastle Uni |
| Thur 24th July | - Regional Athletics at Glendale  
- Yr8 to Yr9 Subject Selection Information Evening at MVHS 5.30pm  
- Yr10 to Yr11 Subject Selection Information Evening at MVHS 6.30pm |
| Mon 28th July | - Yr7 Immunisation Day (last clinic day)  
- Yr9 Boys Immunisation Day (last clinic day) |
| Wed 30th July | - School musical “Mirror Image” matinee performance 10.30am  
- School musical “Mirror Image” night performance 6.30pm |
| Thur 31st July | - School musical “Mirror Image” night performance 6.30pm |
| Fri 1st August | - Team Ivy Day at MVHS |
| Tue 5th – Wed 6th August | - Mayoral Challenge Heats at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre |
| Fri 8th August | - Mayoral Challenge Finals at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre |

**Principal’s Message**

Ms Desley Pfeffer

Welcome to Term 3! I hope that all of our students and their families had a restful school holiday and that the students have returned ready for learning.

Teacher farewells and retirements

At the end of last term we farewelled two long-standing and outstanding members of staff.

Mr Geoff Turner from the Social Sciences faculty has retired. Mr Turner has spent many years at Mount View High School in teaching and Year Adviser capacities and we wish him well in his retirement.

Mrs Barbara Doherty from the English faculty is taking extended long service leave, pending her final decision to retire.

Both staff will be sorely missed from their positions at Mount View High School and were highly regarded by staff and students alike.

Education week

In Week 3 of this term all public schools in NSW celebrate Education Week – this year is the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The original slogan in 1954 was “Lighting the way to a better world.” That slogan has been adopted for this anniversary celebration and it remains as relevant as ever. As a NSW public school we are very proud to be playing a significant part in lighting the way to a better world for our students.
A number of awards will be presented at a CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools) Education Week reception to be held this year at Cessnock HS on Wednesday 30 July. The award recipients’ names have not yet been announced so ... stay tuned! Also, as a major part of our Education Week celebrations, will be our school’s musical – tickets to *Mirror Image – a real enchanted musical* are selling fast!

**State school kids do better at University**

A number of Australian research studies conducted since the 1980s have concluded that state/public school graduates do better at university than private school graduates with the same end-of-school tertiary entrance score (ATAR). The research also found that graduates of co-educational schools tend to do better than graduates of single-sex schools. Possible reasons for these most encouraging findings can be found at [http://theconversation.com/state-school-kids-do-better-at-uni-29155](http://theconversation.com/state-school-kids-do-better-at-uni-29155)

**Suspensions and Expulsions**

Recently, an article in the Sydney Morning Herald stated that “students in NSW are being suspended or expelled from public schools at record rates, with the latest figures revealing a 35% rise in the number of times students have been sent home for misbehaving over the past 5 years.” The article also suggested that there is an “increasing trend to use suspension or expulsion as the first response” to misbehaviour.

This is NOT the case at Mount View High School. In fact, the number of suspensions has decreased at our school over that same period and, with the exception of circumstances under which the student must be immediately suspended, suspension is almost never the first response to a student’s misbehaviour. We are fortunate to have staff that genuinely care for students, a thorough welfare support system, and high expectations of students and their behaviour which is supported through our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Program.

Only Principals are authorised to impose suspensions, or, in my absence, the Deputy Principals. All incidents are thoroughly investigated and full consideration is given to each case. If a student is suspended, work is provided to the student. During the time of the suspension the school is usually working to find intervention and support strategies that can be put in place to assist the student to return to school.

We are proud to be a NSW public school and to accept all students on their merits. We do not however accept all behaviours. Where a student’s ongoing disruptive or violent behaviour impacts on the learning or wellbeing of themselves and others, or where the safety of students or staff is at risk, suspension is an appropriate strategy and will be enforced according to the DEC’s policy.

**Improvements you might have noticed**

We are very proud of our school’s amenities and during the holidays a considerable amount of work was completed around the school site.

You may have noticed our new school sign – clean, eye-catching, informative and which now proudly invites you to join in our P&C’s activities and meetings. Students from our school’s Leo Club cleaned up the garden beds in the lower carpark last term and the area now promotes our school in a much better way.

The new pedestrian crossing from the Basin carpark has been completed and has now been complemented by a new pedestrian path and gate into the school, past the Aboriginal garden. All pedestrians are asked to use the pedestrian gate and walkway, rather than the vehicular gate and roadway so as to increase safety for all concerned.

**Reviewing our school’s effectiveness**

Each year we review aspects of the school’s operation. Starting this term we will be completing formal reviews of the school’s sports program and of the extent and effectiveness of relief teaching. Parents (& students) will all get an opportunity to have input and to voice their opinions.

I will also be sending out a survey to get parents’ ideas and comments about Parent Teacher Nights, in the near future. This will be sent out randomly but if you would like to participate in the online survey, please contact the administration office and speak to Mrs Tania Spruce, our Community Liaison Officer.

**Ex-student competes in the Commonwealth Games**

Congratulations to Blake Blackburn who has been selected to participate in the Commonwealth Games in shooting – air pistol. This is an excellent achievement and we will be wishing him every success!
DEPUTIES’ REPORTS

Mr Peter Conroy – Yrs 8/10/12

Subject Selection Information Evening, Yrs 8 and 10
The information evening will be held on Thursday 24th July. It is most important that all students and their parents come to these meetings as they do determine which courses run the following year. As a guide, the school offers approximately 50 courses to the Year 10 students, however only about 30 of these will run. For Year11 2015 the decision to not run courses is based on student selection sheets, so failure to attend the evening and submit a preference sheet will directly impact on the likelihood of a course running. There will also be the opportunity to discuss specific courses with staff members and with the Careers Adviser.

Year 12 Staff and Students
Thank you to the staff and students who came into the school in the holidays. It is impressive and heartening to see the close link that has developed between the staff and students by the time they enter the final few weeks of school. All gave of their time freely and I am sure that the results will reflect the efforts that have been made.

2014 / 2015 Senior Leaders
There was an excellent response to my request for nominations for leadership positions over the next twelve months. Twenty one students put their names forward. These students will be invited to an interview with a member of the executive of the school. These interviews always provide an interesting insight into the hopes and thoughts of the students. Many good ideas have been developed from the interviews. Students who wish to be considered for the Captaincy positions will then be invited to give a speech to the students of Years 10 and 11 on Wednesday 23rd July. Parents are welcome to attend these speeches. They will be held in period 3 at 11.30am. Voting by staff and the Year 10 and 11 students will then determine the Captain and Vice Captain positions. Voting is on an equal distribution basis. The three groups - staff, Year 10 and Year 11 each have their votes weighted so that they all have an equal voice. Hopefully there will be a chance to have the results of the election ready for the next View.

PLPs (Personalised Learning Plans)
Early this term all Aboriginal students will have their PLPs updated. Rather than just use Year Advisers, the school has invited other staff members who may have a specific interest in the Aboriginal students or in the programs that are run to also assist in the development of PLPs. It is hoped that these mentors will contact parents of Aboriginal students by early August. If this has not occurred parents should contact the school as sometimes contact details may not be correct.

New Message Board
During the holidays Mount View High School had a new sign installed. The following photo shows Cory Aytoun-Young at the sign. Cory helps out each week by changing the messages.
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

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 hours 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 Truant and are placed on Attendance monitoring provisions regardless of who they are with.

Attendance League Celebrations
The Attendance League ran for the whole of Term 2 with some amazing results. Most students have put in a great effort towards individual results and giving their class a chance to win.

Attendance League has been designed to give students an incentive to come to school and make it fun, competing against others as individuals and as a group.
Attendance League works as follows: An individual student who has 100% attendance at the end of each month receives a ticket. At the end of the term a ticket is drawn and this student wins. Tickets are given out monthly as to make it fair as some students do get sick within a month so this way they get another chance the following month. The class league runs on a point system with all classes receiving points at the end of each week for 90% to 100% points range from 1 point to 5 points. At the end of the term the class with the most points wins. The most improved individual winner results come from their % at the end of one term to the % at the end of the following term.

Results for Attendance League in Term 2 are as follows: 100% attendance winner was **Chloe-Lee Pulis** of 12Aqua4 winning a $40 Big W voucher and a Gold privileges card.

The most improved attendance individual winner with an improvement of 18.56% from Term 1 to Term 2 was **Tasma Atkins** from 10Mango1 winning a $20 canteen voucher and a Gold privileges card.

The overall winner in the class attendance on 41 points is **10 Peer Tutor**. These students enjoyed a pizza party for lunch for their effort.

In second place on 29 points is **7Ruby5** and they get to enjoy a munchies hamper. Just missing out in 3rd spot was 9Lime 2 & 9Lime3 both on 28 points.

Winner of the class with least outstanding unexplained absences is **7Ruby6** who enjoyed a munchies hamper.

**ENGLISH FACULTY**

**Mrs Melissa Wyper - Head Teacher**

Our debaters had a busy Term 2! Teams from Years 7, 8 and 9 competed in a number of debates against other schools in the region.

Fanogo Maher, Zac Harmey, Myah Graves and Luca Hawkins from Year 9 represented the school in the Cessnock City Council Mayoral Debating Challenge held at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. The team was faced with the task of convincing the audience and adjudicators that ‘the age of retirement should be 70’ against the team from St Phillips Christian College. It was a close debate, but unfortunately we were knocked out in the first heat. An audience made up of students from 8M and 8T were in attendance supporting our debaters and displayed outstanding behaviour while out in the local community.

The Year 8 team, made up of Tahlia Hughes, Annamarie Graves, Jordyn Jeffrey, Daniel Lambkin and Dakota King remain undefeated following debates on a range of topics in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The team have competed against our Year 7 team, Maitland High School and Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. The team are through to the next round of the competition which will occur later this term.

Alyssa Wood, Ryan Dixon, Zanthia Crump and Natalie Rolls represented Year 7 in the Premier’s Debating competition also and gained some excellent experience debating against the same teams as Year 8, winning their debate against Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. They look forward to practising their debating skills more over the coming months. All students involved are to be congratulated for their fantastic efforts!

Fanogo Maher, Zac Harmey, Myah Graves, Miss Baum and Luca Hawkins at the Mayoral Debating Challenge.

Fanogo Maher addressing the audience at the Mayoral Debating Challenge.
Welcome back to Term 3! The Year 8 Intensive Literacy program concluded at the end of last term and is ready to be unleashed for Term 3. Students involved in the program last term will be undertaking further lessons in the near future. The program will further develop students’ literacy skills in preparation for 2015 NAPLAN and enrich student literacy outcomes in regular classes.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is from 25 – 31 August! Students, parents and teachers are encouraged to celebrate literacy and numeracy as core skills for learning and success. The week gives school communities the opportunity to highlight the importance of these skills and engage students in learning through fun activities.

Our school targets the ‘Super 6’ comprehension strategies for improving literacy; Predicting, Monitoring, Making Connections, Visualising, Questioning, and Summarising. These strategies are being used in the classroom to enhance literacy focus and facilitate learning.

Parents are encouraged to explore the world of literacy with their children during Literacy and Numeracy Week and beyond. You will find a range of interesting resources at www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Mrs Lily Amos – Rlg Head Teacher

The Social Science faculty would like to welcome parents and students back to Term 3. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have made the change between studying Geography and History at the start of this term. The new group of students have settled in well and will shortly begin completing their first assessment tasks in Geography.

At the end of Term 2 we farewelled Mr Geoff Turner, a much loved and respected teacher from the Social Science faculty. Mr Turner has been at Mount View High School for over 24 years and has now decided to retire so that he can spend more time with his family and travel to exotic destinations. He will be dearly missed by staff and students alike. Mr Drew Daniels is currently filling in for Mr Turner and we welcome him to our staff.
During Term 2 various groups of students have undertaken fieldwork as part of their studies. Year 11 Retail and Business Studies students took part in a site tour at the newly opened Bunnings store in Cessnock. They were shown the various departments and sections of the store and listened to commentary regarding the store’s operations.

Students were also given information regarding the employment application process.

Erin Mitchell searching through a box of 500 garden worms.

Monique Smith and Abbey Shalhoub watching a demonstration where paint is coloured to match a mobile phone case.
We were also joined by Mrs Belinda James-Cliff and students from Kurri Kurri High School as part of the collaborative learning experience.

Senior Geography students also participated in fieldwork activities so as to fulfil the mandatory fieldwork requirements of their courses. Year 12 Geography students travelled to the Honeysuckle Precinct in Newcastle to study the changes in urban development in that area. They compared the older residential areas of Newcastle with the new developments along Honeysuckle Drive. The students gained a better understanding of urban issues on this excursion.

Year 11 students visited the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre at Shortland where they observed the biophysical interactions that occur in a wetland ecosystem. Throughout the day they measured various aspects of water quality such as turbidity, temperature and salinity and they also counted aquatic organisms. Some comparisons were made to standardised data that is used to monitor the health of the venue. Students continuing into Year 12 have gained a practical understanding of an ecosystem at risk, which is a topic in the HSC course.
Senior students also represented Mount View High School in competitions last semester. The new Huntlee township to the north of Cessnock had called for ideas about the features that citizens would like to see in the Huntlee Park area. Bria Hatch, Ashley Marshall and Shannai Thompson built a model showing the features that they think would make an ideal place for residents to relax, play and meet in.

Year 11 and 12 Geography students took part in the Australian Geography competition and positive results were obtained by Eliza Towndrow and Kaitlin Earl. Both girls are to be congratulated for achieving Credit level in this competition. Well done Eliza and Kaitlin.

The Social Science staff would like to encourage our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC examinations next term and we wish them well in their studies.

**CAPA SUCCESS**

**Mrs Larayne Jeffery - Head Teacher**

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

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 now on sale.** Students can purchase tickets at lunchtimes only from maths room C103. Parents can purchase tickets anytime from the Administration Office.

**Dance Workshop with Lawrence Lambert**
Lawrence Lambert is an ex-student of Mount View who is now studying at the Vaganova Ballet Academy as a Graduate Level Student in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

During his visit back home this month, he will work with HSC dance students to perfect their performance program as well as complete a dance workshop with younger aspiring choreographers from Years 8, 9 & 10.

We are very excited to have one of our own come back to share both their expertise and success in this field!

**Community Art Project**
The Cessnock Chamber of Commerce recently requested the involvement of Mount View High School Visual Art students in a Community Art Project. Mount View students were asked to create an artwork or series of works different to the murals of neighbouring Kurri Kurri and unique to Cessnock. It was hoped that
by displaying the artworks it would help to beautify the alley and lane ways of Cessnock and help to keep the areas clean and graffiti free.

A selected group of Year 10 and Year 8 Visual Art students started working together at school on the Community Art Project. Students began by sketching life size drawings of significant people that make up the broader Cessnock Community. Each drawing was sketched onto weather proof board and then painted using exterior paint. Old doors were hung beside each Community member to represent the many faces that make a community. Students then brainstormed items that would further illustrate the lifestyle and many interests of the community. Students donated or found these items, glued them to old recycled window frames and painted them brightly in exterior paint.

All students were engaged and demonstrated pride in the production of the artworks produced.

**Artist of the Month**
Claire Taylor is currently in the processes of developing a Body of Work for her HSC in Visual Art. Claire has chosen to produce a collection of works, working in the forms of photography and video.

Claire has chosen to base her work around lights and the effects they can create. Claire has photographed and filmed many different types of lights from the light display at Hunter Valley Gardens, to sparklers and glow sticks.

**MVHS Alumni**
Recent graduate Visual Art students are continuing to do well with their studies and artmaking. Destiny Forrest and Athena Mathews both recently had their first exhibition in the Newcastle Art School Gallery.

Both ladies are doing extremely well in their tertiary studies and are generating high quality work. They commute to Newcastle each day and are becoming very involved in the art and culture scene in the Hunter Region.
Destiny has been also working as an assistant to well-known local artist Danny Marti, on some large scale sculptures for international exhibitions.

Athena can often be found at local youth music venues photographing the events and has launched her own photographic label, Avery Photography.

Congratulations to Destiny and Athena on the success of their exhibition and their continued studies and contribution to the artworld.

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**Stage 4**

**Visual Art Exhibition**

*When: Week 3, 28th July to 1st August*  
*Where: Visual Art Block Corridor*

As a part of Education Week the Visual Art Department would like to show off all the great work being done by all Year 7 students this semester. All students will have at least one or more artworks on display. This is a good opportunity to view the work produced by your child and other students and to see the creative learning environment of the Visual Art Department.

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**TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED SCIENCE (TAS)**

Mr Mark Bassett – Rlg Head Teacher

We have had another busy month completing projects due by the end of Term 2 and preparing for Term 3. The school musical is coming along nicely with costume props and backdrops well on the way. The students and teachers in TAS take great pride in helping and designing the props and sets.
In our subject areas many projects are on the way with classes working frantically to meet deadlines and submit folios. Students are working on and handing in fantastic items such as Dream Bedrooms, muffin assignments, baby mobiles, trinket boxes, tool boxes, foot stools and TV cabinets to name a few.

Coffee shop is going well. It is held every Thursday for teachers to taste the beautiful treats made by students. It is an amazing program.

Year 12 Industrial Technology students are under time pressure with practical projects at the moment to have them completed by early August for the HSC markers. 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.

**SENIOR LEADERS & SRC**

**Mrs Karen Blandon – Senior Leader Co-ordinator**

**Global Leaders Conference**

This year, we were lucky enough to be able to attend the Global Leader’s Convention held in Newcastle in May. The aim of the conference is to help students develop an understanding of the poverty and hunger issues that are affecting people globally, so we can become inspired to put lasting change in place in the world.

World Vision has been helping to engage people for over 60 years to help people to work towards eliminating poverty and the situations that lead to it. World Vision depends on support to help the organisation, from emergency relief appeals, cash donations, federal government grants and the 40 Hour Famine appeal.
At the Convention we participated in an activity that reflected the conditions of the third world country the organisation is focusing on this year – Rwanda. In this activity, we were given the role of different community members such as parents, water gatherers, community members and leaders. We had to braid pieces of twine to one metre long and trade them for basic supplies like food and water. In this activity, we all understood the difficulties faced by those in Rwanda and how difficult it was to survive.

We learned that we can make a difference no matter how small – it will all contribute to a lasting change for the greater good of the world.

The SRC and Senior Leaders have a busy Term 3 ahead with a range of fundraising events happening in and around the school.

The Domino’s Doughraiser is happening on July 30th. Domino’s will donate $1 for every pizza sold between 4pm and 8pm to the school. The SRC and Senior Leaders are asking parents, staff and students to buy lots of pizza on this afternoon to support this great initiative.

Mount View High School is also attending the NSW Parkinson’s Unity Walk at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 31st August 2014. It is a great family day out with a 4km walk through the parklands to support Phil Papworth (former MVHS Principal) and Coalfield’s Parkinson’s. After the walk there will be a picnic lunch in the park. Students are welcome to bring their own food or there are plenty of stalls and markets to purchase food and goods, along with amusement rides and entertainment. The bus, generously donated by Rover Coaches will be leaving Mount View High School at 7:30am and will return at approximately 5pm. Students, family, parents, former students and friends are more than welcome to join us for the day. The only cost is for registration – $30 for adults and $20 for children (6-15 years old), which is donated to NSW Parkinson’s. There are limited places on the bus – expressions of interest to be given to Miss Blandon and registration fees paid at the front office by 15th August.

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

Mrs Julie Myers – Head Teacher

**Programs**

A variety of programs have been organised this term to support the well being and health of your child.

**Years 7/8** – focus this term will be around self awareness, resilience and self managing behaviour. This program will delivered to all students in years 7 & 8 and will be facilitated by Mrs Myers and classroom teachers with support from Mr Comans (new school counsellor). Students will participate in the program 1 period per week. The aim is to enhance help seeking skills, build resilience and foster positive and healthy relationships.

Our BRAVE and INSPIRIT programs will continue in Term 3 supporting specific students with positive relationships strategies. A personalised letter will be given to those students who have been invited to participate. Program starts week 3.

Years 7 (girls & boys) & 9 (boys) students will continue with the Hunter Area Health Immunisation program with the third vaccination date set for Monday 28th July 2014. Please notify the school if your child is ill on the day.

- **What If My Child Has Missed A Vaccine**
  If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at school.

- **What if my child has not received all HPV vaccines before the end of 2014**
  Any Year 7 student will be caught up for HPV only in 2015. Any Year 9 boy who has not received all 3 doses of HPV can attend their local doctor to receive any missed doses.
Additionally – any Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at school.

Don’t forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

Measles Catch-up Campaign
You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx

Due to high measles coverage rates in the Hunter New England Local Health District not all schools will be participating in this school catch-up campaign. However if your child’s school is not participating in the measles program and your child needs vaccination, you can take your child to their doctor to receive free MMR vaccine (you may be charged for the consultation).

To check if your child has received two doses of MMR:
- Look in your child’s Blue Book for a record of two doses of ‘MMR vaccine’ or ‘Priorix vaccine’ OR
- Check with your child’s doctor

MVHS mentoring program will start in Term 3 facilitated by a previous principal of Mount View High School, Mr Ian Anderson. Mr Anderson will be meeting with specific students fortnightly focusing on empowerment, future aspirations and career goals.

Youth Connections will continue their partnership with our school to support targeted students in Years 9 & 10. This program is designed to assist students who are struggling with the pressures of school and completing all set work. Targeted students have been invited to participate every fortnight.

Roadwyz
All Year 11 & 12 students participated in this program on Friday 18th July. The focus of the program was to ‘keep our young people safe on the roads’. A most powerful and moving presentation was delivered by Michelle Davis, a noted advocate of ROADwyz, who lost both her teenage sons to a road accident some years ago. The students are to be commended for their attendance, behaviour and participation. Cost: $5 to be paid to front office ASAP.

During Term 3, Year 12 students will focus on preparing for the HSC. One of our school counsellors Lincoln Comans will be working with the students to discuss ‘Life Balance’. Mr Comans will be addressing stress, anxiety and relaxation techniques with the Year 12 students as they approach a challenging time in their lives. It is hoped that this program will continue beyond 2014.

Health Care Plans
Has your child recently been diagnosed with allergies, anaphylaxis, asthma and related illnesses. Please make contact with Julie Myers Head Teacher Welfare if new or updated forms are required.

Support Services
Every Monday at lunch time Youth Interagency Support Services provide a variety of engaging activities to our students. Students are encouraged to participate in these activities and familiarise themselves with services that are available to them within our local community.

Catholic Care’s Youth and Family Support Service is a service available to all young people and their parents in the Cessnock LGA. Parents who would like support with anything regarding their teenager are encouraged to call Kylie, the Caseworker. Kylie works closely with the school and the Welfare team. Please call Kylie on 0409 921 083 or email kpratt@catholiccare.org.au. Kylie is on the school site Monday afternoons between 11.30am – 3.00pm. Kylie will also be working as a welfare teacher every Friday at our school during Term 3.

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning
Throughout Term 3 targeted interventions will be implemented across the school to support our whole school approach to positive learning outcomes for students.
A PBL refresher video was launched on Wednesday 23rd July to remind students of what PBL looks like in our school. Our school’s universal values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & EXCELLENCE were a feature of the video. Weekly targeted interventions include:

- Appropriate classroom mobile phone use ‘Bag or Box’
- Out of Class? – need a Pass
- Safe corridor movement
- Being prepared for school - equipment
- Playground safety
- Litter
- Building positive and respectful relationships

It is most important that students take ownership of their own behaviours and prepare themselves to maximise the best learning opportunities.

We value parent input and ask that you discuss with your child the need to analyse the positives to enhance student learning opportunities. Data analysis will be provided in later additions of the View.

National Self Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)

July/August are the months recommended for parents of girls in Years 7 and Year 9 to self check for scoliosis. We will distribute a self-detection brochure for scoliosis shortly. Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. How do you detect scoliosis? Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds. If after reading the brochure you think your child may have this condition, please consult your family doctor.

SPORT & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Starstruck

Sixteen of Mount View’s most talented dancers took part in the major Starstruck production for 2014. Held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre during June, our dancers from Years 8 – 11 spent many hours rehearsing, travelling and performing. The girls would agree that it was a long, sometimes cold however most enjoyable experience. For many it was their first
opportunity to perform in front of a very large paying audience. All dancers performed beautifully and represented our school extremely well. A special thank you extends to Mr Willis and Mrs Blandon for supervising the group during the performance week at very short notice.

Congratulations to the following dancers:
Year 8: Paige Trowbridge
Year 9: Abbey Laybut, Shanae Freeman
Year 10: Kaniesha Blandon, Emma Brown, Layla Howe, Jasmine Hewitt, Samantha Gallegos, Rochelle Carr, Jayde Ellis, Sarah Westling, Ashleigh Johnson, Breehanna Banks, Jessica Ritchie, Olivia Witherspoon
Year 11: Louise Fawcett

Mackenzie Pringle, a Year 10 elective student of Music and a dedicated member of our school music community, recently performed at Starstruck as a featured vocal soloist.

Mackenzie is not new to the Starstruck stage and has been singing in various roles for the last few years.

Mackenzie Pringle

Mackenzie is an accomplished and passionate performer who has developed her vocal technique to encompass a variety of styles and genres.

You will be able to see Mackenzie perform again in our school musical ‘Mirror Image’ where she will feature as a vocalist as well as playing guitar in the band.

‘Hats off’ to Mackenzie, we continue to wish her well in her future music career.

Dungog Horsesports Carnival
Abby Baker and Codie Broadfoot represented Mount View High School at the Dungog Horsesports Carnival on Friday 13th June 2014.

Cessnock Horsesports Carnival
On Friday 20th June, 9 students competed in the Horse Sports Event held at Cessnock Showground. All riders competed in the riding and hacking events in the morning followed by the sporting events of flagging, barrel racing, bending and ball racing.

Individually, students won a total of 21 ribbons and as a team, we gained enough points to come in 3rd place after Singleton and Cessnock.

Our team coach was Mrs Tanya Winstanley who is a dressage champion and qualified judge. Tanya was an excellent adviser to the students and was able to keep their horses calm and focused.

Codie Broadfoot received Reserve Champion for the under 17 years section.

The students who competed were:
Jordyn Jeffery on Monty
Codie Broadfoot on Missy
Lloyd Broadfoot on Pepper
Breanna Lindsay on Jester
Grace Philip on BJ
Chloe Spruce on Cody
Olivia Lambert on Bob Acre Bingo
Brayden Lambert on Venus
Abby Baker on Bentley
Abby Baker on Bentley
Braden Lambert on Venus
Codie Broadfoot on Missy

Grace Philip on BJ
Jordyn Jeffery on Monty
Lloyd Broadfoot on Pepper
The Mount View High School Equestrian Team will be competing at Aberdeen on Friday 29th August.

Chess Happenings
After years in the wilderness, Mount View High School’s chess club has sprouted wings. There are now a core of 7-8 players who meet on a regular basis, every Thursday afternoon after sport, as well as 4-5 students who drop in from time-to-time or play in the library. These afternoons have become quite competitive and, as a result, the standard of play has improved dramatically. No more easy games and 4-move checkmates - although James Winchester, who is very fond of the fast checkmate, recently won a game in 7 moves.

On Friday, May 23, the team journeyed to Avondale Catholic College to play the Anglican school. After a tumultuous beginning (two students attended Avondale University by mistake and arrived 1 hour late. Fortunately, the local team were gracious enough to play their match and not claim the forfeit they were entitled to). Unfortunately, our fellows lost 1-3 with only James Winchester triumphant. At least the group managed to drown their sorrows at Maccas on the way home!
Next on the Mount View hit list was Scone High School, a pleasant 100 minute journey north (and past 3 Maccas). Fortunately, all the players were punctual, it helped having everyone in the one car, so by 12.00 pm on Wednesday, June 4, the boys were ready to do the school proud. After 50 minutes play the scores were 1-2 against Mount View and everything depended on Conner Garred. Holding his nerve admirably, Conner scored a victory and put Mount View into the next round. Well done Conner! Naturally, a celebration was in order so we stopped off at, you guessed it - Maccas.

The school is due to play another ‘round 3 winner’ early in Term 3 so watch this space.

Until then, feel free to drop by any Thursday afternoon in room C103 (Ms Blandon’s) room, from 3pm onwards.

AMAROOKOBA NEWS

By Members of the Junior AECG

The end of Term 2 finished on a high not only for our Indigenous students but the entire student body!

NAIDOC - School

We celebrated NAIDOC with a full school assembly on Thursday the 26th June. The assembly brought several special guests into the school to help us celebrate. These guests included Sonia Sharpe - President of our local AECG, Adam Drylie who conducted a traditional smoking ceremony, Perry Fuller who delighted the students with his charismatic personality and Didgeridoo as well as the enchanting boys’ dance group from Stanford Merthyr Infants school.

The assembly was run by Kaitlin Earl, president of the Mount View High School Junior AECG who did a fantastic job! We also had students Darryl Foster give the Acknowledgement of Country, Joseph Smith introduce and talk about the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags as well as Samantha Bayliss give an informative and well prepared talk about this year’s NAIDOC theme, Serving Country - Centenary and Beyond.

The highlight of the assembly was our very own Indigenous dance groups performance. The group was lead by Uncle Adam Drylie and our very own Agriculture teacher Mr Jarrett. The members of the dance group were, Patrick Smith, Joseph Smith, Taneisha Rosser, Dakota King, Jaiden, Michael and Shayne Lombardi and they were just brilliant!

It was such a proud moment for all who were involved in the assembly - job well done guys!
NAIDOC - Community
During the school holidays we also had Kaitlin Earl and Darryl Foster participate in the Cessnock area NAIDOC celebration. Both students raised the flags during the ceremony and we thank them for their involvement and for representing our school in such a well regarded manner.

We would also like to acknowledge the achievement of past student Montanna Sharpe, who won not only 'Female Sportsperson of the Year' but the very prestigious award of 'Aboriginal Person of the Year' at the Black Creek Aboriginal Corporations Inaugural NAIDOC week awards during the holidays. Congratulations to Montanna!

Cultural Immersion Day
The final day of Term 2 was an Indigenous Cultural Immersion day for all Year 7 students. The students were broken into 5 smaller groups that rotated through 5 Indigenous activities - Art, dance, cooking, games and a very personal story being told by special guest Mrs Judy West who was a part of the stolen generation. The students gained invaluable cultural knowledge and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

A big thankyou goes out to all who were involved in helping put together such a culturally rich learning experience for our students.

Term 3
We are looking at another busy term and are hoping that after finishing last term on such a positive note that we have greater student involvement in the MVHS JAECG and other cultural activities at the school.

It is also time for our senior students, particularly those in Year 12 to apply themselves to their studies and finalise all of their projects as the HSC in only just around the corner!

All Indigenous students and their families are also reminded that Mrs Bedford our Liaison Officer for Aboriginal Students is available to assist and support each and every Indigenous student’s learning and wellbeing. If you feel you may need her assistance please do not hesitate to contact her between 8am & 3.30pm on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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RAS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS for 2015 ACADEMIC YEAR NOW OPEN CALLING FOR APPLICANTS
Since 2011, the RAS Foundation has provided over 180 students with $921,500 worth of financial support to fulfill their educational goals. The helping hand given to these students assists them to achieve their potential, and provide regional and rural NSW with a more vibrant and sustainable future.

Rural Scholarship are now open for 2015 – we ask that you please pass on this information to suitable students in your networks who require financial support, love to give back to their community and want to make rural and regional NSW more resilient and dynamic!

Rural Scholarships are targeted at a tertiary level – TAFE, VET courses and University.
For more information visit:
Rural Scholarships (NSW only) Up to 45 scholarships - $5000

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Applications close 30 September 2014

Road safety tips for parents

Key points to remember around schools

Driving and parking safely near the school

- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a pedestrian crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
- Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For more information visit:

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