EVENT CALENDAR 2016

TERM 2

Wk 3
Mon 9th May
- Yr 7 Catch up Immunisations in Library
- Yr 8 Indigenous Students iBelieve program at MVHS

Tues 10th May
- Yr 11 & 12 Indigenous Students excursion to Wollotuka

Tues 10th to Thurs 12th May
- NAPLAN Yrs 7 & 9

Wed 11th May
- P & C Meeting in common room 6.30pm

Thurs 12th May
- Open Girls Football at Muswellbrook

Fri 13th May
- Zone Cross Country at Cessnock Racecourse

Wk 4
Mon 16th May
- Yr 8 Indigenous Students iBelieve program at MVHS

Mon 16th to Thurs 19th May
- Yr 10 Careers Excursion to Sydney

Mon 16th to Tues 17th May
- In Concert 2016 at Sydney Town Hall

Thurs 19th May
- Sista Speak Year 7 & 8 girls

Fri 20th May
- Maitland Careers Expo Years 10,11 & 12
- MUNA - Muswellbrook

Wk 5
Mon 23rd May
- Yr 7 Indigenous Students iBelieve program at MVHS

Wed 25th May
- Zone Athletic Carnival - Glendale

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th May
- Beacon High Impact Program

Thurs 26th May
- Beacon KOMATSU

Fri 27th May
- Yr 12 Study Day at Singleton High School
- Horsesports at Singleton
- Questacon Science Circus in MPC Yrs 7-10

Wk 6
Mon 30th May
- Yr 8 Indigenous Students iBelieve program at MVHS

Fri 3rd June
- Regional Cross Country - Broadmeadow Racecourse

Wk 7
Mon 6th June
- Yr 7 Indigenous Students iBelieve program at MVHS

Wed 8th June
- P & C Meeting in common room 6.30pm

Thurs 9th June
- Guest Speaker for Year 12 Business Studies

Fri 10th June
- Cessnock Horse Sports at Cessnock Showground

Wk 8
Mon 13th June
- Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Fri 17th June
- Session 4 PROJECT 10

Wk 9
Mon 20th June
- Experiment Fest at Newcastle University - Year 12

Tues 21st June
- Yr 10 Indigenous Students excursion to Wollotuka

Fri 24th June
- Out of Uniform day - Red Cross Day

Wk 10
Tues 28th June
- Yr 10 Indigenous Students excursion to Wollotuka

Fri 1st July
- Last day of Term 2

YEAR ADVISORS

Year 7—Rebecca Rounsley & Melissa Parish
Year 8—Jodie Scheffler
Year 9—Rebecca Conn
Year 10—Rebecca Bartlett
Year 11—Rachael Collier
Year 12—Sharon Curran

FACULTY LEADERS

English—Melissa Wyper
Maths—Ben McCartney
Science—Natalie Death
HSIE—Nicola Steiner
PD/H/PE—Sue Ford
TAS—Brian Means
CAPA—Larayne Jeffery
Admin—Elizabeth Alder
Teach/Learning—Leanne Triggs
Wellbeing—Julie Myers & Steve Quigley
Ms Desley Pfeffer

As usual another school term has started with a flurry of activity. As I write my column this morning Year 7 & 9 students are engrossed in their NAPLAN tests; a team of five staff spoke at the Cessnock Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting about our plans for the Futures Centre; organisations are speaking to Year 12 students with a disability and their families about the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme); and classrooms are buzzing!

Staffing changes

I am very pleased to welcome two new Head Teachers to Mount View HS. Mrs Nicola Steiner has been appointed through interview as Head Teacher HSIE (Human Society and its Environment). Mrs Steiner was previously at Irrawang HS and has a depth of teaching expertise in the humanities subjects and in school administration. Mrs Steiner replaces Mrs Lynne Davies who retired last week. Mr Ben McCartney has also been appointed through the merit selection process and has taken up his position of Head Teacher Mathematics. Mr McCartney is an experienced and passionate Maths teacher and was also a Year Adviser at Tomaree HS (Nelson Bay). Mr McCartney replaces Mr Andrew Gill who resigned from the Department of Education last year. We welcome both Mrs Steiner and Mr McCartney to our school.

As mentioned earlier, Mrs Lynne Davies retired last Friday. Mrs Davies has taught at Mount View HS since the year after it started – 30 years in all! As a passionate history teacher, year adviser and then Head Teacher History, then HSIE, she will be sorely missed. The school’s FaceBook post recognising her retirement has reached over 7,500 people and many ex-students and staff have taken the time to thank her and acknowledge her wonderful contribution to their lives and to their schooling. Thankfully Mrs Davies will be a regular visitor to the school as a volunteer, particularly in our Thursday morning coffee shop program.

P&C meetings

Our school is extremely fortunate to have a wonderfully supportive P&C. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month during school terms, at 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room. All parents are invited to attend. The meetings generally only last an hour and it is a great opportunity to learn about what is happening in the school, to help in making decisions which affect your child, and to ask questions of other parents or the school executive, in a very friendly atmosphere.

School Library

It is now 6 months since the refurbishment of our school library was completed. Our students love it! The library is now a vibrant and busy place with students electing to spend time there studying, talking with friends, researching or just taking some time out. Last week we hosted a visit from staff at Callaghan College, Wallsend who were seeking our advice in carrying out a similar refurbishment of their school library.
Ms Julie Smith—Deputy Yrs 7/9/11

This month the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

I would like to wish all Year 7 and Year 9 students the very best of luck during NAPLAN. I am confident all students will do their best.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10th—12th May 2016.

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Focus On Reading Strategies to Assist in Exams by Mrs Janetzki, Learning and Support Teacher

With NAPLAN and half yearly exams just around the corner, I thought it was a great time to share some Focus on Reading strategies that students can use when reading, studying, or in exams to ensure that they comprehend what they are reading and understand the questions.

When reading, the first question students should ask themselves is ‘Do I Get It?’ (Do I understand what I am reading and/or the question?).

- Did I understand that word?
- Did I understand that sentence?
- Did I understand that paragraph?

If I understand what I am reading I can create a summary of what I have just read in my own words, or if in an exam, I can answer the question.

What can I do if I don’t understand?

⇒ Reread
⇒ Read slowly (adjust rate)
⇒ Read on
⇒ Break down the paragraph, sentence, words into chunks
⇒ Look at visuals (pictures) and text layout
⇒ Make connections (Have I seen this before?)
⇒ Make predictions from prior knowledge of topic
⇒ Ask yourself prompting questions
⇒ Create a picture in your mind

If any student would like more information on these strategies to assist with reading comprehension, come and see me in the Learning Support Staffroom (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays).
Based on the data provided by our community the executive have decided to trial a presentation assembly held in the evening commencing at 6.30pm on Tuesday the 13th of December. The focus of the evening will be on significant student achievements and major academic awards. Stage based ceremonies will continue to be held during the day as in previous years. More information will be released in Term 4.

The survey results are presented below:
Report distribution

Year 7 and 11 students received their Progress Reports and Year 12 students received their Mid-Course HSC Reports during Week 1 of this term to take home and pass onto their parents / caregivers. Our big push at the moment however is to get parents accessing the Sentral parent portal where digital copies are released in advance of printed copies coming home. In addition, the portal account is also used for parent teacher bookings. Parents of students in Years 7,11 or 12 who did not receive their child’s report can contact the school on 49902566.

Every reporting package given to students included the following:
1. Covering letter
2. Year 12 Mid-Course Report
3. Parent Portal account information
4. How to access your child’s report on your parent portal
5. How to make a parent teacher booking on your parent portal

Timetable adjustments

At the end of Term 1 changes in teaching staff and the school’s staffing entitlement necessitated a number of changes to our whole-school timetable. This is a complicated and difficult process as there are over 2000 lessons taught at the school in any given two week cycle.

Whilst changes were necessary the disruption to allocated teaching staff was minimised, however some students will find that they have a new teacher for their subject. Year 10 were affected the most whilst Year 11 and Year 12 Mathematics classes had some impact. As a support for Year 12 Mathematics students Mr Ross Thompson will be available on Thursday afternoons between 1.00 and 3.00pm to assist students with individual questions and offer mathematics based tutoring. This will commence on Thursday 12th May and will continue throughout Terms 2 & 3. Mr Thompson is an experienced teacher of HSC Mathematics and we trust that students will avail themselves of this opportunity.
P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 11th May 2016 in the Common Room starting at 6.30pm. The P & C invite all parents to attend.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Permission To Publish

The school/Department of Education may publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department including the school website, the Department’s intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Departmental publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department websites
- Official departmental and school social media accounts on networks such as the school’s YouTube, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels it can be linked to by third parties and may be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information.

If parents/caregivers do not give their permission to publish information as described above, please notify the school in writing. If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Administration Office.
YEAR ADVISER’S REPORTS

Year 7—Rebecca Rounsley & Melissa Parish

Year 7 enjoyed participating in a live performance at the end of last term. Verbal Combat was a student wellbeing program that focused on cyber bullying. For those parents who have not paid for the performance please pay your $6 as soon as possible.

Parents who are involved in the Financial Assistance Scheme for the Term 1 camp are asked to keep making regular repayments towards their repayment plan.

The next round of Year 7 Immunisation will take place on Monday, 9\textsuperscript{th} May.

NAPLAN for Year 7 will take place on 10\textsuperscript{th}, 11\textsuperscript{th} and 12\textsuperscript{th} May. See further information regarding NAPLAN and reading Strategies that may assist your child.

ENGLISH FACULTY

Melissa Wyper — Head Teacher
Drama—by Miss Johnson

Question: What did one sock puppet say to the other sock puppet?
Answer: Do you need a hand?

Ah Term 2, or as we like to call it here in the drama department, Act Two, Scene One. There was just enough time for a quick change of costume, scenery, and a touch of glitter while the audience got their refreshments during the interval.

Year 8 ended Term One spectacularly with the completion of their Puppetry unit, and a showcase of their short self devised scenes. The performances were of a high standard and the students really enjoyed bringing their characters to life through workshops in class and their final performances. Bravo, Year 8! Take a bow!

Caution: Act Two may involve heroes, villains, overacting and dramatic music.

Term Two has seen the students begin learning about the theatrical form of Melodrama. The students are beginning to explore the history of the form, its features and how it is still a popular form of theatre and entertainment today. The students have really enjoyed expanding their general knowledge and are very eager to start working with scripts and crafting their Melodramatic performances in the coming weeks.

Year 9 have been exploring Mask and Movement in Term One, particularly focussing on how the body alone can be used as a means to express and communicate ideas and themes. Their self devised movement performances explored a variety of themes such as freedom and oppression, dreams and reality, and choices and consequences. The students embraced the challenge to express without speaking and should be commended for their efforts in creativity and critical thinking. Exemplar performances are planned to be showcased at Principal Assemblies later in the year. The students have now moved on to scriptwriting, and exploring how words and sounds can be used to create dramatic works such as radio drama, video drama, and staged drama.
Year 11 and 12 have begun exploring group devised performances for their Preliminary and HSC courses. This is one of the most challenging but rewarding aspects of the Drama course as students must explore theatrical possibilities and collaborate to construct an original piece of theatre from a given stimulus. Break a leg Year 11 and 12!

**MATHS FACULTY**

Richard Allen — Rlg Head Teacher

We will be welcoming our new Head Teacher of Mathematics Mr Ben McCartney this week. Mr McCartney is coming from Tomaree High School and we wish him a warm welcome as he joins our Mathematics faculty and Mount View High School.

**Mathematics Competition**

We are asking our students to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition which will take place on Thursday 28th July. This competition is designed to create, encourage and sustain interest in the study of mathematics amongst our secondary students. Close to half a million students participate from Australian and South Pacific schools.

The competition consists of:

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

Students will be receiving a note from their mathematics teacher with more information and costs. To encourage more students to participate, the school will subsidise the cost of participation, reducing the fee for parents from $6.00 to $3.00. There are many online resources available, at no cost to support your child’s participation. Further information will be available shortly.
ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Alder—Head Teacher Administration
Attendance enquiries: Phone 49902566 ext 1 or call into the Attendance Office

What do you do if you are feeling sick at school?

1) Tell the Teacher.
2) Get a note to go to Sick Bay.
   Sick bay staff will give immediate help to make you comfortable and safe.
3) If you are too unwell, the Sick Bay staff will contact your family to collect you
   from school.

All ill and injured students need to be logged into our system so that we can provide
the best possible care.

Students are not permitted to contact families directly during lesson times for any rea-
son.

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school always has your most recent contact details.

Daily SMS’ s and regular phone contact is often used by Mount View staff to communicate with our families.

Change of Contact Details can be advised in writing via note, email or forms available at the main office. Please ask
if you are unsure what to do.

Notification of Holidays

Applications to take holidays during school term are available through the Attendance Office. Please ensure these
are completed and submitted for approval before your holiday to avoid attracting unexplained or unjustified
absences on your records.
SCIENCE/AG FACULTY

Natalie Death—Head Teacher

Congratulations to our Agricultural students who raised, cared for, preened, groomed our beautiful award winning chickens.

The Royal Easter Show Society judges were suitably impressed with our girls.

We competed against some of the top Agricultural schools in the state and out-performed many. Not too shabby, well done to students, Mr and Mrs Jarrett and of course our irreplaceable Farm Assistant Mr Phil Dearin!!!

The Circus is coming to town!! The Questacon Science Circus that is.....to Mount View High on Friday 27th May. We will be hosting two sessions of some fantastic, awe-inspiring Science spectacles; one session aimed at years 7 and 8 and the other aimed at our stage 5 students in years 9 and 10. The cost will be $5 per student to attend. There are limited seats so get your money in fast!!

TAS and Science are pleased to report that our iSTEM elective classes are full steam ahead and are learning about projectile motion, sports and environmental science and aerodynamics this term. Students are learning to mathematically manipulate complex physical equations, model and perform experiments to analyse the theory they are investigating. Well done team!!

Upcoming Science Assessment Tasks for Years 7 - 10

Week 2 – Year 7 and 9 Problem Solving Task
Week 3 – Year 8 and 10 Problem Solving Task
Lynne Davies—Head Teacher

As this will be my last View article, I thought I might take this opportunity to reflect on my time at Mount View High School and be a little self indulgent.

When I first began teaching at the school there was only Years 7 and 8 and the school was known by the less kind as ‘Tin City’ in recognition of the demountable buildings which formed our school. The staff knew all of the students and there was a strong commitment to the school and what it was trying to achieve. There have been many changes since those early days but the commitment of the staff to the students and the school as a whole has never faulted and continues to be one of the most impressive aspects of our teachers, both the young and the ‘wiser’!!

There are so many people to whom I would like to say thank you and if I have forgotten you then I apologise. I would like to thank Year 10 of 1990 and Year 12 of 1992 as your then Year Adviser. The 6 years were a roller coaster of tears and laughter and I have always, and will always, carry those memories with me. To all of the 1000’s of students I have taught over the years, thank you for the good times, the letters, the cards and the gifts – I have cherished them all. To the wonderful staff, both teaching, SASS, canteen volunteers and our cleaners, you are an amazing, hardworking group of people who have helped to make this school a wonderful place to work.

During 2015, Social Science and History were formed into the HSIE Staff. This also includes Julia McNeill (LOTE) and Lisa Forrest (Teacher/Librarian). Both of these teachers have made substantial contributions to the students and their contribution as part of HSIE cannot be underestimated. Thank you both. The creation of the HSIE faculty has not been the easiest of journeys but together, I believe we have created a hardworking faculty that can be very proud of the achievement we have accomplished in the last 12 months.

Finally I would like to thank the staff who formed the History Faculty over the years when I was solely responsible for that Faculty. Some of these have since retired and many are casuals who have found employment in other schools. Of these teachers I would like to make particular mention of Elise Tonnett, Daniel Matzen, Julia McNeill, Jess Schafer and Kristin Bailey who were there in 2014 when the transition to HSIE began, and in the years before. There have been many journeys, not all of them easy but we always worked together and supported each other through the good and the bad. They kept me sane and on the odd occasion insane!! Thank you is such an inadequate word for the support, the hard work and the friendship. I wish you nothing but the best in your futures.

Europe Study Tour 2016.

During the April school holidays Ms Scheffler, Ms Davies, Luca Hawkins, Rose Lucas, Kelsey and Georgia Hodgins went to Italy and France on a European Study trip. This was made possible after the school had been invited by the Head Teacher of HSIE for Dungog High School, Michelle Archer.

There were so many highlights that we will always remember that it is impossible to write about them all. We landed on the first Sunday and immediately began our exploration of Rome and we even ‘took part’ in the Rome Marathon which was running that day. For the next few days we walked our way around Rome, averaging about 12 kilometres a day!!

We were able to visit such iconic sites as the Colosseum, The Trevi Fountain, the Ancient Roman Forum and the Vatican.
Next stop was the Bay of Naples where we climbed to the rim of the active volcano, Mount Vesuvius, visited the ancient towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum which were buried when the volcano erupted in 79 AD, spent the day on the beautiful island of Carpi and finished with an evening of shopping in Sorrento. A highlight of this trip was spending time with Estelle Lazer who is a world renowned forensic archaeologist. She spent the day guiding us through Pompeii and later had dinner with our group in Sorrento.

Week one was down and we were off to France and the beaches of the D Day landings of World War II. This was followed by a day in the Somme looking at the sites and memorials of the battles of World War I. At Villers-Bretonneux we held a small ceremony to commemorate the sacrifice of Walter Frederick Woodland and James (Alan) O’Neill whose names are on the Mount View Primary School’s memorial board which is in our school’s foyer. This was led by Brad Monaro, formerly of the Australian War Memorial and it was a moving moment for all of us.

Our last days were spent in Paris where we walked the streets, caught the Metro, climbed the Eiffel Tower, travelled along the river Seine, walked through and around Notre Dame Cathedral and climbed to the top of the Arch de Triumph where we watched the Eiffel Tower light up. It was 2 weeks filled with something new and exciting every day and 1000’s of pictures to help us relive this wonderful adventure.
Mount Vesuvius and the Ancient city of Pompeii

Our group with Estelle Laser

The Certificates we left

Remembering Walter Woodland; Ms Scheffler, Rose Lucas, Kelsey Hodgins, Georgia Hodgins, Ms Davies and Luca Hawkins
PARIS!
Larayne Jeffery—Head Teacher

Year 9 and 10 elective classes joined together on the last day of term 1 to perform in a joint concert in the LEAP centre. Ms Pfeffer and Mr Hookway attended and thoroughly enjoyed the talents of our amazing students. These classes will continue to work together this team as they explore blues recording and performing through our 3 new jam hub mixers attached to electronic drum kits.

Term 2 brings with it a new direction in Performance for Year 8 who are going to Rock School! They will begin with a ukulele performance in week 5 as they study a variety of rock music genres with an emphasis on Australian artists. Each week, there will be two lunchtime sessions in the LEAP centre allowing Year 8 students to experiment with electric guitars and drum kits under the guidance of Year 9 and 10 student mentors.

Speaking of amazing students, a small group of vocalists participated in a regional rehearsal at Hunter School of Performing Arts last week in preparation for their big performance at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 17th May. A huge thank you to Mrs Tracey Bullen who helped transport students to the event. The students performed two jazz arrangements of ‘Blackbird’ and ‘Goodbye Yellow Brick Road’ which they will perform with the great jazz vocalist Katie Noonan. Their language skills were also tested as they rehearsed ‘Carmina Burana’ which is in Latin and medieval German! It is most famous for the version used in the Carlton Draught TV commercial.

This week, HSC and Preliminary Music students will attend a HSC workshop at Newcastle Conservatorium where Chloe Brown will perform one of her HSC pieces for a panel of examiners as an example for other students in the Hunter. Feedback will be provided which will help Chloe maximise her results in September.
ARTIST OF THE MONTH—MAY

Mary McCourt - Year 11 Visual Art

Mary is a dedicated art student who has enjoyed working with a variety of media and forms to create art this semester. She can often be found in the art rooms at lunchtime developing and completing artworks. Mary works expressively and enjoys creating layers through textured surfaces. Mary is interested in learning about artists and investigates their artmaking practice and documents her findings in her Visual Art diary.
Victory for Mount View Master Chefs by Ms Sarah Bendall

Late last term, some of the finest hospitality students Mount View has to offer competed in the annual ‘My School Rules’ Master Chef cook off. Hosted in the Mount View technology kitchens, Cessnock City Council organised the day of fun challenges as a part of their youth week celebrations. With the assistance of two chefs from the local area, Mount View students Ethan Dodds, Tahlia Hughes, Jordyn Jeffery and Georgia Bailey stood up to the plate. These students, along with students from Cessnock High, ALESCO Senior College and St Phillips competed for the title of Team Master of master chef.

The day consisted of three test components. The first challenge consisted of 20 ingredients which each team had to taste, feel and/or smell to compile the correct identification. The range consisted of fresh herbs, spices, sauces, vinegars and even some culinary treats such as black salt and figs. The Mount View crew was confident at this stage.

The second challenge consisted of the replication of a chocolate brownie accompanied by a chocolate mouse. A local pastry chef demonstrated how to make both desserts and the students, with a recipe, replicated it. As shown in the image the students achieved a trendy dessert using a great range of culinary skills.

Finally, in the pantry challenge, students were given the opportunity to cook a main meal with chicken thighs, salmon fillets, lamb back strap or squid tubes. This was the opportunity for the Mount View team to shine. There was a scramble to get the best ingredients. Discussion commenced as to what flavour combinations would work best in their allocated time frame. The final dish consisted of a poached chicken thigh with a mushroom, parmesan and sundried tomato stuffing served upon a bed of creamy dijon mushroom penne. It was a sensational flavour combination cooked to perfection.

Crunch time! Judges consisted of a representative from each school. Our very own Mr Hookway sat amongst the panel. Upon presentation it was clear Mount View had the skills required to create inspirational food and was placed 1st. Each member of the winning team received a gift voucher and a cook book along side a trophy for the school. Overall the kids had a blast and it was clear that all contestants have a passion for food. It was a pleasure to see the students replicate industry standard food with the attention to detail and fabulous ability to match flavour combinations. Well done team.

Georgia Bailey, Tahlia Hughes, Ethan Dodds and Jordyn
TAS Student of the Month

What major or minor problems have you solved during this course? How have you done this?

A major problem with this course is finding the time to complete the major project and putting in 100% effort into it when I have many other classes to worry about at the same time. I have overcome this issue by writing up a schedule weekly and gaining better time management.

Describe the job/ major project you are making

I am making a wall hanging that is in the shape of an elephant made from patchwork. My patches consist of many different techniques including weaving, cross stitch and crazy sewing.

What new skills have you developed during the past years?

I have learnt how to weave, crazy sew and I’m learning many new techniques in textiles that will prepare me for my major work.

Do you get an opportunity to practise these skills outside the classroom environment?

Yes, occasionally at home these skills will come into place. An example of this has been when I have ripped a hole in a piece of clothing and had to sew it back together again.

Do you have post schooling options/goals related to this course? If so please discuss.

Not relating to this course no , I plan on becoming a midwife.

iSTEM (Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

by Mark Bassett, iSTEM Coordinator

Year 9 students are currently being challenged with a range of practical projects in aerodynamics with a main focus on the F1 in Schools Challenge. The class has just finished a paper plane challenge to design the most innovative plane, fastest plane, best aeronautical display and best colour rendered. Students have found this simple task to be enjoyable and frustrating with meeting all of the design criteria elements including producing a CAD orthogonal drawing. Students were wearing safety glasses during the testing and analysing stage of this activity and all of the planes were timed when flying to calculate their speeds over the 8.15m distance. Some designs had impressive gliding and aeronautical displays with loop-the-loops and turns during their flight. Bonus marks were awarded to students who had the best colour designs and utilised other objects in the room, such as skimming off the surface of a desk.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) subjects are fundamental to shaping the future of Australia. They provide enabling skills and knowledge that increasingly underpin many professions and trades and the skills of a technologically based workforce. The iSTEM program which is sponsored by the ME Program utilises these knowledge sources in application to Skills, Technology Engineering, Mechanics and Science. Mount View High School is proud to be able to provide this elective subject for our best students to boost their learning outcomes and improve HSC results.
Joe Stephenson, Jayke Winship, Eddison Foulstone & Royden Hughes discussing Aerodynamics with their planes

Royden Hughes & Vincent Plater

A few innovative paper plane designs

Ethyn Enright with his paper plane design

Lucy Donn & Kate Schreiber testing their planes

An impressive 4 wing plane design

Zach Shanahan-Naysmith might have the best plane design

Riley Burns & Boston Moore discussing their designs after drawing them in TurboCAD
Mick McKinley—Rlg Futures (Careers) Adviser

I am sorry to say that this will be my final Careers update for “The View”. As you may or may not have been aware I was here at Mount View High School in a temporary position while Mrs Godber was on Long Service Leave. I was actually, myself on Leave from my permanent position at Bulahdelah Central School hoping to help out as much as possible with the Mount View “Futures Centre” program.

I was fortunate to receive a phone call in the school holidays to inform me that a transfer I applied for some time ago was successful and I have been permanently appointed as Careers Adviser at Kurri Kurri High School. My final date here at Mount View High School will be Friday 27th May.

I want to thank all the staff, students and parents who have made me feel so welcome at Mount View High School during my time here. It has been a breath of fresh air and the short time I have had here will be remembered for a very long time. I wish all the students the best in their future endeavors whether it be further study or employment when they leave school. A popular saying to finish “a little bit of hard work never hurt anybody” so remember to put in the hard yards and you will reap the benefits in the long run. Good luck.

Here are some events in the near future that you may be interested in

**COURSE & INSTITUTION INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS**

**Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia Open House 2016** at the Sydney campus at 2 Short Street, Surry Hills, will be held on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August 2016. For bookings phone 1300551433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

**UAC Presentations - Year 11-12 and Year 10** UAC will be giving presentations for Year 11/12 students on the ATAR and Applying through UAC and for Year 10 students on Subject Selection and the ATAR at both the HSC and Careers Expo at Moore Park 2 – 5 June and Western Sydney Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park 16 – 19 June. Session time on both Thursday and Friday of each Expo are 10.15am and 12.30pm. UAC - Trudy Noller 9752 0714.

See Mr McKinley for FREE Tickets !!!!

**SAE SYDNEY INFO NIGHT - MAY 5TH** SAE, Australia’s leading creative media institute will host an INFO NIGHT at our Sydney campus on May 5th.Staff will be on hand to answer all your questions. There will be demonstrations of current projects, as well as our Oculus Rift 3D Gaming Headsets.View screenings of student work and campus tours.Thursday, May 5th from 6pm-8pm.Lvl 1, 11 York St, Sydney, NSW 2000. Register at https://sae.edu.au

**SEDA COLLEGE enrolments for Years 11 and 12, 2017** SEDA College is an independent Senior Secondary School in Sydney which utilises sport and music to engage young people with learning. Offering non-ATAR HSC courses, we have access to key industry and community organisations to ensure our students are exposed to a range of exciting and challenging learning experiences. Applications open in May 2016. P:1300 11 7332 http://www.sedacollege.nsw.edu.au

**ACU - Mid Year Information Sessions** Come along to our midyear information evenings to talk to experts about your course and career path, find out how to apply, explore our campus, and chat to staff and students. Visit https://acucampaigns.com.au/information-events/ ACU Strathfield Campus - Tuesday 17 May 2016, 4.30 – 7pm ACU North Sydney Campus - Wednesday 18 May 2016, 4.30 – 7pm

**GENERAL COURSE UPDATES, CHANGES**

**Clinical Coding courses and careers** Online training courses in Elementary and Comprehensive Medical Terminology and Clinical Coding available from the Health Information Management Association of Australia Limited. RTO ID 91660. Career opportunities available across NSW and ACT in clinical coding in public and private hospitals and day procedure centres. Contact 02 9887 5898, education@himaa.org.au, http://himaa2.org.au/education/
COURSES & WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Whitehouse Institute of Design Registrations for the 2-day to 10-day 2016 Winter Workshops in Fashion Illustration | Image Styling | Sewing | Interiors Illustration are now open. The workshops will be held from 4 to 15 July 2016 at the Sydney campus at 2 Short Street, Surry Hills. For bookings phone 1300551433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

Whitehouse Institute of Design Registrations for the 2-day to 10-day 2016 Spring Workshop in Portfolio Development is now open. The workshop will be held from 10-11 November 2016 at the Sydney campus at 2 Short Street, Surry Hills. For bookings phone 1300551433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

Whitehouse Institute of Design VET for Senior School Students Certificate III in Design Fundamentals CUV30311 Stage 1 First Block commences Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April 2016 at the Sydney campus at 2 Short Street, Surry Hills. For further information phone 1300551433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

Certificate of Registration- Real Estate If you’re looking to launch your career in real estate, then there’s no better place to start than with the Getting Started Essentials - Certificate of Registration Course with the REINSW. This course will give you the knowledge and skills you need to be confident and capable in listing, selling, renting and managing property. For more information please visit; www.reinsw.com.au

Galuwa Engineering and IT Experience Galuwa Engineering & IT Experience @UTS For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 10 -12 who are interested in the fields of engineering or IT or who have an aptitude for maths, creative thinking and problem solving and are unsure of which career path to follow. This free interactive 5-day program will run from 4-8 July 2016. More info 02 9514 1994 or atsievents@uts.edu.au

Years 5-9 Young Archimedes Mathematics Forum - A Framework for Gifted and Talented Learners Young Archimedes Mathematics Forum - A Framework for Gifted and Talented Yr5 to Yr 9 Learners RSVP Closes on 10 June Trinity Grammar School, 119 Prospect Rd Summer Hill. Contact Dr Fred Osman on 9581 6040 Cost $60. For details, to register and pay for the forum, please use the following link http://trinitycommunity.com.au/ocd.aspx?action=showReunion&reunionName=MathematicsClubForum2016

SCHOOL PROGRAMME ON TEACHING – A NOBLE PROFESSION Teaching--A Noble Profession, provides an opportunity for students in Year 12 considering teaching as a career to meet and chat about careers in teaching with experienced educators, potential employers, final year pre-service teachers and representatives from the University sector. Thursday 5 May 2016, 5.00pm-7.00pm, Trinity Grammar School, Terrace Room, 119 Prospect Road Summer Hill.

OPEN DAYS

Whitehouse Institute of Design Open House 2016 at the Sydney campus at 2 Short Street, Surry Hills, will be held on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August 2016. For bookings phone 1300551433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

TAFE SWSi Open Days TAFE SWSi will be running Open Days in 2016 at Granville on August 26 and Saturday August 27 and Campbelltown Colleges on September 2 and Saturday 3. This year, we will be opening our doors to local schools by running Taste of TAFE sessions on the two Fridays. It’s a great opportunity for students to enjoy an all-access pass to courses offered by TAFE SWSi. For more info, call 9796 5438.

JMC Academy Open Day COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR CAMPUS OPEN DAYS AND LEARN HOW TO BUILD YOUR CREATIVE FUTURE WITH JMC ACADEMY. On the day you will take a campus tour, undertake a focused overview on your course of interest, speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of department. Register online at www.jmcacademy.edu.au
**AIE Open Day | Sat 21st May** Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Saturday 21st May 2016. Sydney, Melbourne Canberra and Adelaide campuses will be opening their doors to visitors eager to find out about full-time and part-time courses starting in 2016 and 2017. [http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay](http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay)

**EXPOS & FORUMS**

**Whitehouse Institute of Design 2016 Graduate Exhibition & Parade** celebrates design thinking, creativity and innovation, showcasing the work of graduating students from across Creative Direction & Styling, Fashion Design and Interior Design disciplines. To be held at the Sydney campus, 2 Short Street, Surry Hills on 23 & 29 November 2016. School concession matinee 11am for 12:30pm runway show on Tuesday 29 November. Bookings open September 2016

**Chartered Accountants ANZ presents Meet The Business Leader 2016** Success is when hard work meets opportunity. Give your students a golden opportunity as a cadet! Meet The Business Leader is the perfect forum for your students to interact with actively recruiting employers face to face, and receive information on how to gain a cadetship. Date: Wednesday May 11, 5:00pm at Luna Park - free to attend. Register yourself TODAY: [http://goo.gl/xaxjKv](http://goo.gl/xaxjKv)


**Meet the Business Leader 2016 - Canberra** Thurs 26 May, 12.30 – 2.30pm, ANU Commons We’re bringing together some of the most successful Chartered Accountants in one room so your students can ask questions and seek advice about what a career in business offers, from the people living it. Register your students for this free event at [http://youunlimitedanz.com/MTBL](http://youunlimitedanz.com/MTBL)

**Register now for the Hotel Career Expo 16 May 2016 - InterContinental Sydney**! The 2016 Hotel Career Expo is the ultimate gateway to the best career opportunities available in the hotel industry! Students can access recruiters and key influencers from 20 amazing Australian and international hotel brands, as well as career-focused interactive booths and inspiring seminar sessions. The Expo is on 16 May 2016 at InterContinental Sydney. Register at [http://hotelcareerexpo.com.au](http://hotelcareerexpo.com.au)

**2016 Skills Conference** Registrations are now open for the 2016 Skills Conference in Sydney. With a focus on the VET Sector in NSW speakers will include NSW Skills Minister John Barilaro, John Black Managing Director TAFE NSW and many more. For more information including Early Bird rates visit [www.gtana.com.au](http://www.gtana.com.au)


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**Business Cadetships application deadline** Applications for the Business Cadetships Program close on Wednesday 11 May. Year 12 applicants are reminded that both their Application Form and School Assessment are due by this date. Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program open on 26 April.
SCHOLARSHIPS

WEP Scholarships Announced! WEP Australia has three scholarships on offer, each worth $2,000 to go towards a semester or year long student exchange in 2017. To apply, create a video introducing yourself to your prospective host family! Think outside the box, we're looking for content, production and especially creativity! Apply online at wep.org.au/student-exchange/scholarships or contact us for more info on 1300 884 733!

Update for Scholarship at William Angliss Institute semester 2 William Angliss Institute Foundation offers generous scholarships to our students each year. For semester 2 this year, we have opened the application of Sir William Angliss Scholarship for July intake, and it will be closed soon at the end of May. For more information, please visit www.angliss.edu.au/scholarships, or feel free to contact Stacey via email staceyn@angliss.edu.au or call 02 9125 5111.

Three $10,000 TAFE scholarships on offer at the Hotel Career Expo Sydney TAFE will offer three scholarships for its Diploma of Hospitality Management (SIT50416) to be taken up in 2017! This exclusive offer is available only at the 2016 Hotel Career Expo, held at InterContinental Sydney. Students who are over 18 (or will turn 18 in 2017) can apply. The full fee for this course is valued at over $10,000! Register to attend the Expo at http://hotelcareerexpo.com.au

EARLY ENTRY

Bedford College - Upcoming April Intake! Bedford College's April intake is approaching fast! Commencing on April 26, it is the perfect opportunity for students not happy with their current study choice. We offer Diplomas in Business, Leadership & Management, Early Childhood and School Age Education, with automatic entry (with credit) into a range of universities. For more information call 1300 174 174 or visit www.bedford.edu.au
The Reach Weekend Away—by Maddie Morris and Hope Garrington Yr 11

A number of students from Mount View High School attended the Reach Foundation camp called “FUSED WEEKEND AWAY”. During this camp, students completed activities that were physically and emotionally challenging, for both health and mental well-being. You’ve probably heard it before: “being a teenager can be a pretty awesome time in our lives—but it’s not without its struggles”.

Reach creates a space for teenagers where everyone, no matter who they are or what their circumstances, can explore their lives and connect with other people they can relate to. Our experience with this camp was amazing! Personally we accomplished goals that helped us build relationships with others, find our true selves, build up confidence and see sides of people we had never seen before. To do this we had the “crew”, who are young people that have been selected through “reach searches”, and trained to assist with camps, workshops etc. The “crew” have been through personal problems before which they have overcome to help us teenagers to overcome our own individual problems. The Reach Foundation is a safe environment for teenagers between the ages of 10 – 18 that are finding that being a teenager is a struggle. We recommend these camps to everyone, and wish everyone could join! To find out more information, visit The Reach Foundation at REACH.org.au

SENIOR LEADERS & SRC

Karen Blandon—Co-ordinator

At the moment students have been given a Stewart House envelope. We are asking that each student at Mount View High places a gold coin in it and returns the envelope to be collected in their roll call. We are hoping we can reach the $1000 goal for this worthwhile charity and there is a chance for someone at the school to win a $4000 holiday for just being generous. The most generous roll call will also be acknowledged and win prizes as well.

Four of our students have been selected to attend MUNA 2016 at Muswellbrook on Friday 20th May 2016 to Saturday 21st May 2016. MUNA stands for Model United Nations Assembly and it is organised through Rotary for our high school students throughout the districts to attend. Cessnock Rotary and Kurri Rotary Clubs have kindly sponsored our school teams again this year. Cameron Abbott and Matt Griffin will be defending the nation of Germany and Ingrid Bullen and Marnie Bullen will be representing the United Kingdom. We wish them well as they prepare for this eventful weekend and they defend their “ Peace Prize Award”.

On Friday 24th June 2016, we will be having the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank at the school throughout the day and we are hoping that many parents, staff members and students will be generous on that day and give blood, so please put this date in your diary.

We will also be collecting second-hand clothing for the Red Cross Shops, so we have time for everyone to clean out their cupboards in the next couple of months.
Students have such a busy schedule: classes, homework, assessment tasks, friendships, after school activities, work, the list goes on, it often feels like students don’t have a moment to themselves to stop, be still, and remember to breathe.

It is so important for students to find some time to calm their minds and bodies, so that they can be their best positive self, be better prepared for learning, and be healthier and happier. Mindfulness is becoming a growing part of our society and it does all of these things, and all it takes is 10 minutes.

Miss Johnson is pleased to announce she has established a chill out zone in her classroom, C6, for students during Wednesday at Lunch time. Students are free to drop in, have a chat, listen to music, have something healthy to eat, try some mindfulness and calm their racing minds. Mindfulness involves bringing the attention back into the present moment either through guided meditation, or other techniques and has been proved to reduce stress, regulate emotions, and create an increased physical and emotional awareness.

Attendance is completely voluntary, but it is recommend to persist with the practice so it becomes part of a daily routine. So please, come along! Try something new, Students AND staff are welcome.

Students and parents can try guided mindfulness with the Smiling Minds or Mind Matters App at home to help relax and unwind, all it takes is ten minutes.

If you would like to read more about mindfulness, see http://au.reachout.com/what-is-mindfulness
A big thank-you to all the staff and students who represented Mount View High School at the Anzac March on Monday 25th April 2016. It was a great turn out and we thank our Senior Leaders and Mount View Leos for joining in on the day as well.

Captains Bailey Lennard, Matthew Parish, Sidnee Harris & Kate Moore with fellow students and staff at the Anzac Day March

Students during the March
Mount View Leo Club had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for $1800 to the John Hunter Children’s Hospital on Wednesday 30th March 2016. Mr Ian Anderson and four of our executive members Conner Garred, Tahlia Hughes, Georgia Bailey and Matt Griffin travelled to Newcastle and had a tour of the hospital as well. It was decided that the money would go towards purchasing comfort dolls for our terminally ill and sick children. These dolls are also designed to show the children the procedures that are going to happen on themselves including dolls that lose their hair etc. and then have caps and scarves to wear. We are happy that these dolls can now be purchased for the following year.

We had three of our Leo members attend the “Lions Youth of the Year/Leos” camp at Wisesmans Ferry from Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May 2016. We thank our local Cessnock Lions Club for their financial support, granting our students this wonderful experience.

We have many activities that the Leos are organising throughout the year:

- NSW Parkinsons Unity Walk in Sydney Sunday 29th August 2016 (We walk in honour of our former principal Phil Papworth)
- Induction dinner – At MVHS Leap Centre August 2016
- Trivia night – MVHS MPC Thursday 4th September 2016
- Relay for life - Cessnock Sports Ground Saturday 15th October 2016
- Toy and Tin week – for Cessnock Salvos November 2016

**Interested in travelling overseas?**

**Interested in spending 20 days in the USA in January 2018?**

Earlier this year Miss Johnson travelled to the USA with five students as part of the Educational World Travel G’Day USA travel tour and we are pleased to announce that she is planning another trip in 2018!

Educational World Travel will shortly be returning to run an information evening for students and parents about their very popular G’Day USA Tours. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore outside their comfort zones and enhance their cultural experiences and many students return home feeling more confident, independent and inspired. Highlights include: Disneyland, Alcatraz, Universal Studios, Knott’s Berry Farm, San Diego, San Francisco, a stay with an American family, and visits to an American high school.

**Contact Ms Johnson in the English faculty or have a look online at www.ewt.com.au for more information.**
Jamie Grove—Sports Co-ordinator

Athletics Carnival

This year’s Athletics Carnival was held at school on Thursday the 31st March. This was the first time the carnival was run under the new House System. All the students and teachers who attended must be congratulated in the way they supported their house through their decorations, outfits and house spirit. There was some excellent competition throughout the day. Most notable was the breaking of two school records. This happened in the same event. Firstly Alex Kemp must be congratulated for beating the 16 year old open girls discus record with a throw of 25.2 metres only to be broken in the event by Jayde Ellis with a throw of 26.4 metres. Congratulations must go out to both girls.

Similar to the Swimming Carnival a House Relay was run for the first time. This required each house to have a runner from year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and a teacher. Congratulations go to the team from Peace and Power for coming through and clinching the final with a dominant run.

The MVHS Gift is another prestigious race that has been running for many years. It is a handicapped race and offers students of all ages the opportunity to win. After five heats and a final, congratulations go to Connor Garred of year 11 for winning the MVHS Gift.
The following students worked extremely hard throughout the day and are rewarded with their respective age championship. Mount View wishes all the students who qualified for the zone athletics the best of luck.

**Athletics Carnival Age Champions**

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**The Cross Country Carnival**

The Cross Country Carnival was run on the last Thursday of term 1. The course is a 3km track around the basin. The 350 starters lined up on a perfect day for running. There were two front runners immediately who took off from the rest of the pack. Coincidently this was the same scenario as last year. Jack Robinson and Day Torissi ran close together the whole way with Jack prevailing at the end and winning for the second year in a row. Close behind the boys was the first girl to cross the line being Chloe Beckett of year 7. Congratulations to the students who finished first in their age groups and claimed the title of age champion 2016. Congratulations must also go to all the students who qualified for zone cross country on Friday the 13th May at Cessnock Race Course, we wish you all the best.

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MVHS Fit Club

All students are reminded that the Gym Club will run on Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch time while ever the hall is available. It would be great to see as many students as possible come along and bring a friend. Just a few benefits from physical activity include improved immune function, stronger bones, increased strength, maintenance of a healthy weight, improved sleep, improved brain function and improved self-esteem.

So remember the best time to start was yesterday, the next best is NOW!
Students gain house points for a range of activities including sporting success, participation, attendance and involvement in extracurricular activities etc.

**Top point scorers!**

**SHINE BRIGHT**
- Cassie Douglas
- Carla O’Connor
- Jessie Ritchie
- Jay Johnson
- Phoebe Morris

**BE QUICK, BE ACTIVE**
- Sam Baker
- Harley Patterson
- Josie Small
- Bryce McDonald
- Harlan Crumo

**STRIVE & UNITE**
- Chantel Winship
- Ebony Main
- Rose Lucas
- Kyle Rees
- Matilda Brown

**GATHER & ASSEMBLE**
- Caitlin Thomas
- Kate Ingram
- Sophie Phillips
- Mikayla Abel
- Chelsea Anderson

**TRUTH & HONOUR**
- Kim Arnott
- Cameron Abbott
- Tahlia Hughes
- Olivia Bailey
- Rachel Amos

**BE QUICK, BE ACTIVE**
- Alexia Vowles
- Ryan Dixon
- Emily Bailey
- Erin Jackson
- Camron Frazer

**GROUND & DYNAMIC**
- Claire O’Connor
- Kaniesha Blandon
- Lucy Donn
- Amber Buck
- Kaitlyn Willis

**GATHER & ASSEMBLE**
- Savannah Laverick-Chitty
- Georgia Bradley
- Jessica Edwards
- Charmayne Gould
- Emma-Lee Wadley
At the end of term 1, MC1 and MC2 visited Stockland Glendale on an excursion to see ‘Zootopia’ at the cinemas. We absolutely loved the movie and we all had a great time. After the movie, we visited a Japanese store named Daiso. We all walked around the shop and looked at all the wonderful items they have in stock. Some of our students bought some things as well. We had a fabulous day. Thank you to all of the staff who supported the students especially Mr Quigley who drove the bus!

To consolidate our learning of our Japanese unit, we competed against each other by using chopsticks to try and pick up smarties and jellybeans. We all had a lot of fun doing so and some of us had some interesting techniques!

Lastly, during 2015 Stephanie Earl, our wonderful SLSO organised and collected for Woolworths Earn and Learn. We received our package and were delighted to see all of the amazing resources that we earned. Some things in our package included, new calculators, timers, iPad cases, money resources, yoga cards and some sensory balls. Thank you, Miss Earl for all of your hard work and dedication to the cause.
How true this was on Tuesday 5th April. Our entire staff, student body and members of our community came together to celebrate success with the newly elected leaders of our JAECG - Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. On this day the school held a special assembly, to formally induct these students, who were elected by their peers to represent the ATSI (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) students within our school.

The leaders, Taneisha Rosser, Dakota King, Riley Butler and Jacinta White were proudly presented with their JAECG badges as well as newly designed MVHS JAECG blazers.

The blazers are the end product of a period of collaboration and consultation with our local AECG. We agreed upon an emblem that has now been embroidered onto the right breast pocket of our school blazers.

The emblem brings together the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander flags with the Korreil Wonnai Eagle. The Eagle is used by our AECG as it has special significance to two of our local language groups.

Baime created Kawal (Ka-wal) to watch over the Wonnarua people. The spirit of Kawal is embodied in the Wedge-tailed Eagle. When the Wonnarua see the Wedge-tailed Eagle, they know Kawal is looking over them.

The Eagle also has special significance for the Awabakal people. Koun, their "celestial entity", looks like an Aboriginal man, but in flight resembles an Eagle=hawk.

The Eagle encapsulates the overseeing and protective nature of our local AECG towards the students within its boundaries.

Acknowledgement and many sincere thanks must also go to our school’s P & C Committee. Without their ongoing hard work, support and generous financial contribution this project would not have been possible. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity the P & C enabled. The blazers will be worn with much honour and pride by our JAECG leaders.
As always term 2 is shaping up to be a busy term. Especially on our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander calendar. To assist with your forward planning here are some keys dates coming up this term

**WEEK 3**
- 9th May – iBelieve program at MVHS, Year 8 Group 1
- 9th May - AECG meeting Weston PS
- 10th May - Wollotuka Visit for ATSI students in Years 11 & 12
- 10th May - JAECG meeting at MVHS
- Starting 11th May - NAPLAN for years 7 & 9

**WEEK 4**
- 16th May – iBelieve program at MVHS, Year 8 Group 2
- SistaSpeak - commencement Day on Country

**WEEK 5**
- 23rd May – iBelieve program at MVHS, Year 7
- 26th May - National Sorry Day
- 27th May - Start of Reconciliation week

**WEEK 6**
- 30th May - Follow up iBelieve sessions for Year 8 held at MVHS
- 3 June - MABO DAY

**WEEK 7**
- 6th June - follow up iBelieve sessions for Year 7 held at MVHS
- 6th June - AECG Meeting St Phillips Christian College

**WEEK 8**
- 14th June - JAECG meeting at MVHS

**WEEK 9**
- 24th June - Black Creek Dinner dance awards night

**WEEK 10**
- 28th June - Insight day Wollatuka UoN
- 30th June - MVHS school NAIDOC assembly - family and community encouraged to attend
- 1st July - Cultural Immersion day

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- 9th July - The Cessnock community will also hold a special NAIDOC Family Day in the Cessnock Tafe grounds. The day will commence at 10am. Keep an eye on the Advertiser for more details as they are released. Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander students from MVHS will be involved in this day.

**PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLP’s)**
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students & their families will no doubt be familiar with the Personalised Learning Plan process. These plans are designed to support our ATSI students, so that the best possible outcome for these students can be achieved.

A large majority of our ATSI students have now completed their initial PLP meeting for 2016, but for those that have not yet completed their PLP, we encourage family support. The mentor teacher will continue to reach out to families to arrange a time to complete a PLP. The PLP is usually completed during a face to face meeting with the student, their nominated mentor teacher and their support/family member. This is the initial phase of an ongoing relationship between these parties.

If you have any questions or concerns about the PLP process please contact Michelle Bedford our Liaison Officer Aboriginal Families on 4990 2566 or michelle.white36@det.nsw.edu.au

**CAN YOU HELP????** We are always seeking to share cultural knowledge with our students, and we are wondering if you can help us?

Do any of our Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family members have any special talents or knowledge they would be willing to share with our students?

*We would love to hear from anyone willing to share their culture and knowledge with students at school.*
KORREIL WONNAI AECG
DATES / VENUES 2016

ABOUT THE AECG:

- The AECG gives Aboriginal people a voice at a Local level & takes their views State wide. The strength of the AECG depends on the participation of all concerned i.e.; Education Department, Schools, Teachers, Parents, Students, Aboriginal Organisations & the wider community.

- The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organization made up of volunteer members who are involved in Junior, Local, Regional & State AECG’s throughout NSW. The AECG is recognized as the principle source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education.

- We want to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education i.e.; Pre School, Kindergarten, Primary, Secondary, TAFE, UNI. The AECG’s focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education at all levels. This will empower our people & will contribute to improving all outcomes for everyone.

All meetings are 3.30 for a 4pm starting time.

**Term 1 2016:** 22 Feb (Week 5) @ Kearsley PS

**Term 2 2016:** 9 May (Week 3) @ Weston PS +
: 6 June (Week 7) @ St Philips CC

**Term 3 2016:** 15 Aug (Week 5) @ Pelaw Main PS

**Term 4 2016:** 24 Oct (Week 3) + AGM @ Mount View HS +
: 21 Nov (Week 7) @ Cessnock HS

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Cessnock Community

Kurri Kurri Learning Community
COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE NDIS INFORMATION SESSION
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is coming to your area, bringing positive and exciting change for you and your family. What we understand change can be daunting and scary, we’d like to arm you with the information you need.

Take the stress and worry out by attending our information session:

✓ Hear from other clients in the NDIS
✓ We’ll share the learnings from the three years of working with clients in NDIS pilots regions
✓ Learn the planning and funding process
✓ Walk through how things will change
✓ Time for your questions, worries and concerns

FREE ON SITE PARKING
Talk to one of our friendly team right now and secure your place.
Call Gemma Lament 02 9975 8970 or email glamenter@cerebralpalsy.org.au

When: Wednesday 1 June 2016
Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm
Where: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre, 198-202 Vincent Street, Cessnock

For: Family members caring for someone with a disability
Date: Thursday 23 June 2016
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Location: Cessnock - venue to be advised upon registration
Register: Please complete registration form, call 02 9280 4744 or email education@eventnsw.org.au. Places are limited.

FREE ENTRY, FREE RESOURCES, FREE MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

www.carernsw.org.au

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Open to all levels
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Share a love of music

PIANO & KEYBOARD
SATURDAY 7 MAY 2016
2.00PM – 4.30PM
Cost: $10.00 Single | $15.00 Family
Register: http://pianomasterclass.eventbrite.com.au

VOICE
SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2016
2.00PM – 4.30PM
Cost: $10.00 Single | $15.00 Family
Register: http://voicemasterclass.eventbrite.com.au

GUITAR & BASS
SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2016
2.00PM – 4.30PM
Cost: $10.00 Single | $15.00 Family
Register: http://guitarmasterclass.eventbrite.com.au

WHERE: HAROLD LOBB CONCERT HALL, The CONSERVatorium

IN CONCERT with guest artist Katie Noonan

A dazzling choral and instrumental music showcase featuring the Combined Secondary Schools Choir and Australia’s premier Public Schools Instrumental Ensembles with guest artist, Katie Noonan.

Katie Noonan’s technical mastery and pure voice makes her one of Australia’s most versatile and beloved vocalists. She will join over 1000 young musicians from around the State as they come together filling Sydney Town Hall with an evening of celebration and song.

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 May 2016
Sydney Town Hall
7:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Call 8265 2222 or visit www.cityofsydneytownhall.com.au
Adults $37 • Concession $30
School groups (of 10 or more) $12 per student
Booking fees may apply
For more information phone 8512 1187 or visit www.artssunit.nsw.edu.au
Maitland Horse Sports Day
Hosted by: Iona Public School

Friday 19th August 2016
at
Maitland Polocrosse Grounds, Anambah Rd Rutherford
(1km off New England Highway)
Commencing: 8.00am Gear Check by Team Manager,
8.30am start

All forms will be available on the school website soon

www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Entry Fee: $30 per rider * (See conditions of entry) – limited to 180 riders
** Fee increase due to NSW Ambulance Paramedics will be in attendance**

Riding Events: Riding Classes
               Hacking Classes
               Pleasure Hack

Sporting Events: TBA

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 5th August 2016

All Enquiries
Fiona Lawrence
Email: f.lawrence5@bigpond.com
Phone: 02 4930 1415 (school hours)
Mobile: 0448 300 023

Facilities:
Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am
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Group Teen Triple P
Takes the guesswork out of parenting teenagers! And, it’s free!

New positive parenting course starts soon....

- Build a better relationship with your teen!
- Reduce conflict!
- Parenting tools that make a difference!

DATE    Starting Wednesday May 25th 2016
TIME    5-7pm
VENUE    SINC- 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock
PRESENTER Kylie Pratt- EIPP Caseworker, CatholicCare

For Parents of Teens in Cessnock or Maitland LGA

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION
Bookings Essential! Phone 0409 921 083/ 4015 2800 or email kpratt@catholiccare.org.au

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MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME
HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In April, June and July 2016, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website, [http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)

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- Muswellbrook
- Narrabri
- Nelson Bay
- Newcastle
- Raymond Terrace
- Scone
- Singleton
- Tamworth
- Taree
- Toronto
- Wallsend
- Windale
All 4 One Collective

Come join us at headspace Maitland for a monthly social support group for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people or young people who are questioning their sexual or gender identity.

What you can expect from the group:
- A fun, welcoming environment
- A chance to meet like minded young people
- A safe place to ask questions
- Access to resources and information
- Conversations around finding new ways to advocate for young LGBTIQ people
- Open to friends and allies of the LGBTIQ community (if you would like to come along to support your friend you are more than welcome!)
- Free refreshments served!

Meetings are free to attend and are open to all young people between the ages 14 to 25 years who identify, have questions or would like to support the LGBTIQ community. Please email or call to register.

When
Last Thursday of every month 4.30pm
Where
73 Elgin Street Maitland 2320
Contact
Laura Harston - Community Awareness and Engagement Officer
E: laura.harston@samaritans.org.au
P: (02) 49 311 000

Parents and Carers

Monthly Social Support Group

Are you the Parent or Carer of a young person between the age of 12 - 25 years who is affected by Mental Health?

Come along to headspace Maitland’s monthly social support group for a cuppa and a chat!

It can be helpful to meet other Parents and Carers going through a similar situation to your own. The Parents & Carers group is for you to share stories and strategies and to have a voice in regards to the services available at headspace Maitland. The group is free to attend and morning tea is provided.

Registrations are essential - please email or call Laura at headspace Maitland to book a place.

Free Sexual Health Clinic at headspace Maitland

caught anything lately?

What
Free Sexual Health Clinic - STI, BBV and Rapid HIV testing. No appointment necessary.

When
Mondays 11:00am - 4pm

Where
Maitland 73 Elgin Street Maitland 2320
Contact
P: (02) 49 311 000