

# The Parkway

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

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OCTOBER, 2010

Parkway Number 9

The next P&C Meeting will be held on  
Monday 18 October 2010 at 5.30pm.  
Please meet in the Staff House.  
**ALL WELCOME.**

## CAPTAINS, VICE CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS FOR 2011



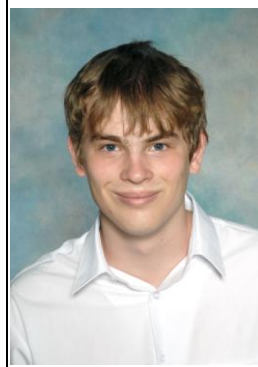
**Zahra Haryadi**  
Captain



**Kieran Gordon**  
Captain



**Rebecka  
Fenwick**  
Vice Captain



**Taylor Wright**  
Vice Captain



**Alissa Lucas**  
Senior Prefect



**Kassandra  
Bangle** Prefect



**Rosie Baxendale**  
Prefect



**Remy Ellicott**  
Prefect



**Peta Feros**  
Prefect



**Harry Finlay-  
Jones**  
Prefect



**Alexandra Jack  
Prefect**



**George Jamieson  
Prefect**



**Phoebe Liolio  
Prefect**



**Merran Miller  
Prefect**



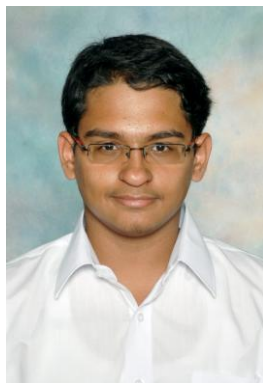
**Lauren Mitchell  
Prefect**



**Kate Neilson  
Prefect**



**Josephine  
Plumsted  
Prefect**



**Kushagra  
Sharma  
Prefect**



**Tessa Sharp  
Prefect**



**Bridie Halse  
Prefect**



**Martha Hector  
Prefect**



**Caitlin Johnson  
Prefect**



**Thomas  
McHugh  
Prefect**



**Kaine Mills  
Prefect**



**Samuel Ryan  
Prefect**



**Taylah Wildschut  
Prefect**

***Congratulations  
Captains, Vice Captains  
and Prefects for 2011***

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CAPTAINS

My name is **Zahra Haryadi** and I am your girl captain for 2011. I'm greatly thankful that I was elected and extremely proud to be wearing the Captain's badge. My family too is especially proud that I've been elected.



I moved to Australia from Indonesia when I was two and have been living here ever since. I moved around Australia a lot and finally settled in Newcastle when I was 10. I went to the Junction Public School and my first choice for High School was definitely Newey High!

I will work extremely hard to uphold the Newcastle High reputation with the other school captain and my partner in crime, Kieran Gordon. Again, I just want to say a big thank you to all the students and teachers who voted for me, I won't let you down!

Name: **Kieran Gordon**

Nickname: Kippa/ Kippa Rippa

Primary School: The Junction

Best Place to Eat: Dineaway

Favourite Spot to Chill: Merewether Beach

Favourite Canteen Food: Char-grilled Chicken Burger or Smartie Cookies

Favourite Sport: It's impossible to choose just one.

Tip to Becoming an NHS Captain: Be in Mr Gotzy's biology class!

The Crowning Glory of NHS: Mr Hewitt's sound setup for watching Othello.



**STAFF AND STUDENTS  
RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR  
TERM 4 ON 11 OCTOBER 2010**

## **HSIE**

**What is HSIE? It's fun!** I am frequently asked, particularly by parents "from where does the name HSIE come?" You will note that their grammar is always impeccable. Where would we be without acronyms? HSIE stands for **H**uman **S**ociety **I**n its **E**nvironment. As an interesting aside (well, sort of interesting) in the Hunter we pronounce this acronym "hizzie", whereas in the rest of the state the pronunciation is "whozie".

Regardless, we cover a wide range of subjects dealing with a broad spectrum (that sounds like resume writing - sorry) of human activities as well as the cultural and natural environment. HSIE faculties originate from a merging of the old Social Sciences and History faculties. It is a commonly used school based example of downsizing and executive restructuring – who said that teachers do not live in the real world?

Our subjects in the junior school include History, Geography and Commerce, as well as a range of semester options such as Mind Your Own Business, Geoactive, Web2 Tools in HSIE and Fact or Fiction. In the senior school we offer a wider range of Board Developed subjects than any other faculty. These include Ancient History, Aboriginal Studies, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, History Extension, Legal Studies, Modern History and Society and Culture. In addition, we offer two VET courses; Retail Operations and Business Services.

### **Our Involvement in the School**

I am very proud of the fact that, apart from our teaching, the HSIE staff is involved in virtually all aspects of school life. Mr Mackintosh and Mr Farrar are year advisers and members of the Welfare Committee; Mr Mackintosh produces the school magazine, as well as coaching sporting teams and attending Technology Committee meetings; Miss Barry is the Board of Studies Liaison officer within the school; Mr Davies and Mrs Dover coach sporting teams; Mr Farrar assists music students with his instrumental backing or vocals for performance pieces for the HSC; Miss Wood is a member of the Technology Committee and is a staff leader in the PBL (**P**ositive **B**ehaviour for **L**earning – not Packer Broadcasting Limited) program. We have also embraced the DER (another truly great acronym) with Miss Barry, Miss Wood and Mr Mackintosh being members of the first **D**igital **E**ducation **R**evolution team, while Miss McCullum, Mr Farrar and Mrs Dover are member of the current DER team. Indeed, Miss Barry has enthusiastically embraced the opportunities offered by the DER and has radically changed her lesson delivery and has become a leader in this field within the school.

### **Mock Trial**

Sadly, since the previous bulletin our team in the NSW Law Society's Mock trial Competition has come to the end of its run. At the time we were one of only two comprehensive schools left in the state and I am thrilled with the performance of the team this year.

In a case which we were defending, our opposition initiated a civil action against us involving a parking station not returning a Bentley to its owner. We won the judgement, but alas, not the points.

My congratulations to the team members; Rebecka Fenwick, Josie Plumsted, Kassandra Bangle, Bridie Halse, Alissa Lucas, Taylor Wright and Taylah Wildschut. They have been fantastic and have represented the school with distinction.

I can't sign off on another year of Mock Trial without acknowledging the work of Mr Rob McKessar from Braye Cragg. His patience, dedication and generosity of spirit with the team have been instrumental in the level of our achievement this year. Thankyou Rob.

M Smith

## **Year 12 Business Studies**

On Tuesday 20 July the HSC Business Studies class attended an HSC conference at Belmont. The lectures and notes that accompanied them were highly valuable and the students found the day an excellent and enjoyable piece of enrichment in the preparation for the HSC.

My thanks to Miss Wood for her work in enabling her class to attend this event. We would also like to thank Carrington Public School, one of our feeder and partner schools, for their assistance in acquiring the bus at a very reasonable rate.



M Smith

## **New Courses Year 8**

With students currently making subject selections for 2011 I am pleased to advise that HSIE will be widening their choices for the year 8 semesters. These will be a new technology based option using Web2 tools in the study of HSIE subjects; as well there will be a newly developed course looking at significant people, events and groups who have shaped recent history. This will rely heavily on film and technological sources.

Of course, we will be continuing with our existing offerings; Geoactive, a course designed to build environmental and community awareness; and MYOB, a business and financial based course, drawing from Commerce syllabus documents.

M Smith

## **Upcoming Events in HSIE Senior History and Studies in Religion**

Recently our senior History classes attended an excursion to the Jewish Museum in Sydney. It was a valuable and moving enhancement to a number of courses and I thank Mr Farrar and Miss Barry for their time in preparing the excursion and accompanying the students. I will report on this event in the next bulletin.

M Smith

## HSC Legal Studies

Our HSC Legal Studies class has just attended an HSC preparation lecture day at Maitland. It was a great way to top up preparation for the HSC and I thank Mr Davies for his time and effort in putting the excursion together.

M Smith

## Community Involvement

As part of the citizenship components of our History and Geography syllabus documents in Stage 5 some of our students involve themselves in assisting local charities. Most recently, a group of year 9 students collected for Legacy, a wonderful Australian charity. The local Legacy workers were delighted with their efforts and this maintains a now long tradition of our school's support of this cause.

This week there will be another group working to put together mail out packages for the Guide Dogs Association.



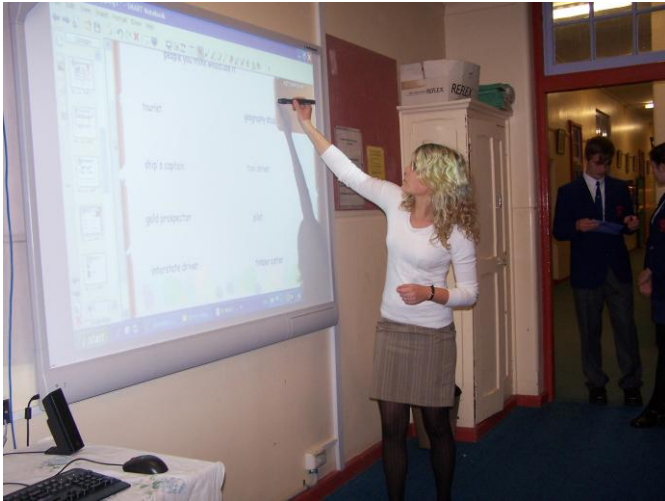
Jalayne Harris and Leah Sellers-Fay collecting for Legacy.



Grace Jamieson and Greta Rigby collecting for Legacy

During Term 3 we have an intern, Miss Wood, working in our faculty. Unfortunately her time at the school is coming to an end and I would like to acknowledge her work with us. Miss Wood has been working closely with Miss Barry and has been enthusiastic in embracing the opportunities that the DER offers us. During the recent Year 6 into Year 7 parent information night Miss Wood gave a demonstration lesson on the use of Web2 tools and the interactive whiteboard. Her commitment to the school has been much appreciated and we wish Miss Wood every success.

Miss Wood using the interactive whiteboard.



Parents enjoy the lesson.  
Were they ever that attentive  
at school?



## School History

The school is very aware of the importance of our heritage and many former students treasure memories of their school days. Recently the Newcastle Girls' High School Ex-Students' Union held their annual lunch and former students travelled from all over the country to attend.

Some of these came back to visit the school and renew those memories. Three of these were Lyndall Ward (nee Skelton) who was in year 12 in 1970; Robyn McIntyre (nee Skelton) who was in fifth form (then the leaving year) in 1963; and Jean Burg (nee Rodgers) who completed fifth form in 1962. These ladies made a special trip down from the Sunshine Coast for the occasion and called in at the school on the day prior to the lunch.

Mrs Ward, Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Burg inspect the NGHS display cabinet in the Staff House.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It wasn't very long ago that the last Parkway was published, but this a critical time of the year for the school, with the departure of Year 12 and the election of the student leaders for 2011.

On behalf of the Newcastle High community I would like to thank **Year 12** for their contribution to Newcastle High School over the past six years. Year 12 are to be farewelled by the school with a series of events during the last week of term, including a formal, a breakfast and the **Year 12 Presentation Day** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. I look forward to joining with many parents and friends at these functions to congratulate Year 12 students.

Many Year 12 students had the practical component of their HSC exams marked over the last few weeks. The school would like to thank Sharpes Nursery for lending us plants to improve the presentation of the Design and Technology major works.

I would like to wish all of Year 12 the best in their upcoming exams. In cases of illness and misadventure it is in the student's best interest to attend the examination wherever possible, even if they need to leave early. If students are unable to attend the examination they need to contact the school. All cases of misadventure/illness need to be supported with external documentation.

Our **new student leaders** were elected last week. Congratulations to Zahra Haryadi and Kiernan Gordon, our captains for 2011 and to Taylor Wright and Rebecka Fenwick, vice captains. Below is a photo of our new prefects and captains.



Again congratulations to these students on their election to these vital roles in the school.

At this time of the year students in **Year 10 and Year 11 have completed exams**. Year 11 students will commence their HSC studies from the start of term 4. Students will be allowed to "drop" 2 units during week 2 of term 4, once they have finalised their HSC study of pattern. I would like to remind all families that students are not permitted to leave the school during day without parental permission.



Year 10 students have been given a letter explaining the requirements for attendance after the School Certificate examinations. With the change in leaving age, students are required to remain at school until the 10th of December. Students will study introductory courses in subjects they have selected for 2011, as well as completing the Board of Studies mandatory *All My Own Work* program, as well the *DET Crossroads* program. These are both required in order for students to be eligible for the Preliminary HSC. To acknowledge student efforts Newcastle High will issue students with a Senior Entry Certificate that guarantees them a place in year 11 for 2011. Students who do not attend school during this period may forfeit their place in some high demand classes for 2011.

Over the last few weeks the school has welcomed many parents and carers into the school. The performance and exhibition nights organised by the CAPA staff showcased the talents of year 12 students.



Thanks to the parents and carers who attended school last Wednesday evening for the **Parent Teacher evening**. This evening was well attended.

**NAPLAN results** have been distributed to students in Years 7 and 9. Generally the reading results were very good. Writing is not as strong. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child's NAPLAN results. Remember that these tests are a snapshot of the students' performance on one day. They were also run after an industrial campaign that meant that students had little opportunity to become familiar with the test format. Along with our primary partner schools we have organised training and development for staff to address some of the areas identified in the NAPLAN test. However students need to take some responsibility. Several students thought the tests were a joke. Students also need to come to school prepared to learn, with books, pens etc so that they can get into their writing when asked to by teachers.

At the end of term **Mrs Ann O'Brien retires.** Ann has been a languages teacher at the school for 22 years, the staff farewelled Ann at a function last week. Ann's dedication and commitment to the students and school will be missed by all. Ann's drive was instrumental in maintaining the schools high profile in language teaching. When many schools were facing a reduction in language teaching Ann was able to attract more students to study language. Ann has been replaced by Ms Elisa Biasiol.



Mr Dan Scott, the technical support officer, for the laptop program has resigned. I am unsure who will be replacing Mr Scott.

If you child is going to be away due to health issues, domestic necessity or for educational reasons as principal I can grant up to fifty days exemption from attendance at school. The application forms are available from Mrs Lindus in the roll office.

Thanks to the families and students who are supporting the Coles Sporting equipment for schools campaign. The box in the foyer is filling quickly.

Over the holidays I am anticipating that water tanks will be installed in the school to collect some of the run off to allow us to be able to water some of the gardens that are being established across the school by the gardening group. I am also hopeful that Food Tech will be able to be used again after being refurbished all this term. Work on the long awaited upgrade to the science block is due to commence in week 2 of term 4. **With all this work occurring around the site it is essential that students wear leather black school shoes.**

In the last newsletter I explained why scooters cannot be brought to school. Unfortunately a small number of students are still bringing scooters to school. These scooters will be confiscated and remain locked away at school until parents/cares come and collect them.

Thanks to families for the efforts that many have made in paying both subject fees and the general contribution. If the school is to provide quality education we need more money that the government allocates to us. Subject fees go towards covering some of the cost of the consumables that students use in class. The general contribution goes towards cost of other educational provisions such as photocopying and textbooks.

The front office staff is very skilled and helpful. When parents and carers contact the school they are the first point of contact. They know who the best person is to answer questions and inquiries from parents and carers. It is really helpful when

contacting the school if parents/carers leave a message with these ladies outlining the issue so that the most appropriate person can respond and that the person responding has time to collect the information that maybe needed to answer the inquiry. No caller to the school has the right to be rude and aggressive towards any staff member, especially these ladies who are trying to assist you.

Are you on the bus? With Christmas fast approaching the P&C Shopping bus trip to Sydney on 30<sup>th</sup> October seems like a great way to knock over some of the Christmas shopping and support the P&C. Contact Michelle in the canteen for details and bookings.

Mark Hewitt  
Principal

# **LANGUAGES NEWS**

## **JAPAN TRIP**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.-2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

Sixteen excited students from Years 9 and 10 will be leaving for Japan next week, touring the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara as well as visiting Hiroshima and the sacred island of Miyajima. We will also visit Mt. Koya and stay at a Buddhist monastery for one night, experiencing the traditional, vegetarian temple cuisine and the monastic routine. Ms Meredith Engel, who previously lived in Japan for 15 years and Mr Mark Kempton, Head Teacher of CAPA, will be leading the excursion. Mrs Sheridan Lang will also accompany the group.

The next excursion to Japan will hopefully take place in 2012, so.....  
Year 7 and 8 enthusiasts of Japanese culture and language, **START PLANNING NOW!!**

**ENERGISE THE FUTURE OF HSC STUDENTS  
WITH A TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Some of the outstanding and talented HSC students could be the teachers of tomorrow, and will make ideal candidates to apply for the NSW Department of Education and Training's **2011 Teacher Education Scholarship Program**.

Up to 300 teacher education scholarships are on offer for students entering university in Semester 1 2011, of which at least 80 are available exclusively to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students to train as teachers in primary or any secondary teaching area.

The remaining scholarships will be awarded to other students in the secondary key learning areas of mathematics, science, English and in special education (K-12), for employment as teachers in western and south western Sydney and non-coastal rural NSW.

Support for up to five years is available under the program. Scholars receive:

- a training allowance of \$5,000 for each year of full-time study
- a guaranteed permanent teaching appointment on completion of their studies
- a \$3,000 grant when they begin permanent teaching.

As teachers, they will also be eligible for the HECS-HELP benefit from the Commonwealth Government which offers additional annual benefits of up to \$1,558.50 following graduation.

**Applications for the program close on Friday, 8 October 2010.**

Information and application packages and the PowerPoint presentation can be accessed at <http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships>.

Enquiries are welcome at [scholarships@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@det.nsw.edu.au) or telephone 1300 301 435.

Peter Johnson  
**Director, Staffing Services**

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[http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/documents/careers\\_letter.pdf](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/documents/careers_letter.pdf)

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<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching/our-programs-and-initiatives/teaching-scholarships>

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty continues with its efforts to promote the wide range of creative and talented activities achieved by our students.

All Year 12 Music, drama and Art students have completed the practical component of their HSC examinations. A highly successful senior MAD night was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. This evening was well attended by parents and friends. For the Parent Information Evening, Year 6 into Year 7 2011, junior students showcased a wide range of skills and activities that gave the parents a student perspective of what our fantastic school has to offer the new students.

The recording studio was in action with Mr Danvers and year 10 students demonstrating how musical tracks are laid down.

Year 8 drama students presented a fractured fairy tale complete with a green witch. The performance was highly entertaining and very accomplished.

This semester we have introduced Semester Dance in Year 8 and "Circus Re New" has started at lunch time. Both groups presented their performances to all the parents and friends who attended the night. More news and photos will be in the next bulletin.

Mark Kempton  
HT CAPA









Margaret and Franc Hensky representing the Battle for Australian Commemoration Committee, are presenting Angus Kempton Webb, Year 12 Art student, with a copy of Art resource book "Masterpieces from the Guggenheim". Angus accepted this book on behalf of our school.



## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOL PROGRAM

Every \$10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online and Bi-Lo from 2 September to the 31 October 2010 will earn 1 Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. Vouchers are provided with the receipt at point of purchase. It's simple: collect more vouchers, get more gear! Students can collect vouchers from family, friends and neighbours and drop them into the voucher collection box which is located in the front foyer of the school.  

## HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCO

On the third of September, Rebecka and I went to Hamilton Public School to be the “DJ’s” for the primary school disco. The little kids were first and it was so much fun. They joined in with all the dancing and rocked out to the chicken dance and Justin Bieber. It was so exciting to see them having fun and dancing away. That disco was a great success. Then Rebecka and I were faced with a tougher audience being the older kids. It took them a few songs to trust us and let loose a little bit. By the end, we had them singing at the top of their lungs and competing in a dance off! It was a blast and we can’t wait to go back again and make their discos a fun time to remember.

Phoebe Liolio and Rebecka Fenwick



## P&C UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended our last P&C meeting it was wonderful to hear from Sam Ryan Year 10 and our Deputy Principal Tony Southward on the recent school trip to China. This was a fantastic opportunity for a group of students and teachers to represent NHS. The group was able to visit several schools and experience life with their host families.

Our next fundraiser for the school is a shopping bus tour to Sydney on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Come along and join in a fun day of pre Christmas shopping and raffles, cost is \$50.00 per person. For bookings and information phone Michelle in Canteen on 49692370 or give me a call on 0418 473873.

The school band has been booked for an evening at Lizottes, Morehead St, Lambton on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Come along and support our school. For more information call 49 69 3177.

Don’t forget to collect your vouchers every time you shop at Coles, the school is registered for the Coles Sports for Schools, so for every \$10.00 you get one voucher. Just take them to school and put them in the collection box in the front foyer. This promotion runs till the end of October, the more vouchers we get the more sports equipment the school gets. So keep collecting those vouchers.

On behalf of all at P&C we wish our Year 12 students good luck for the HSC and we look forward to seeing you at Presentation Day.

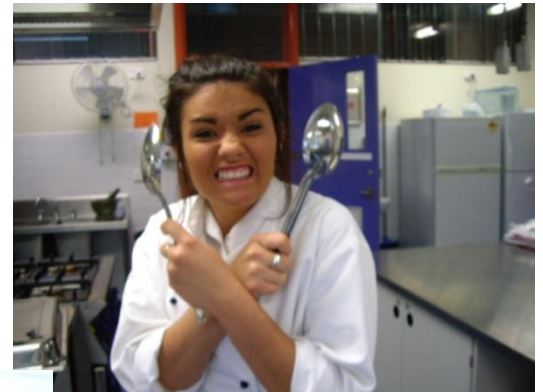
Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm, please meet in the front foyer and everyone is welcome.

J. Woodcock  
President

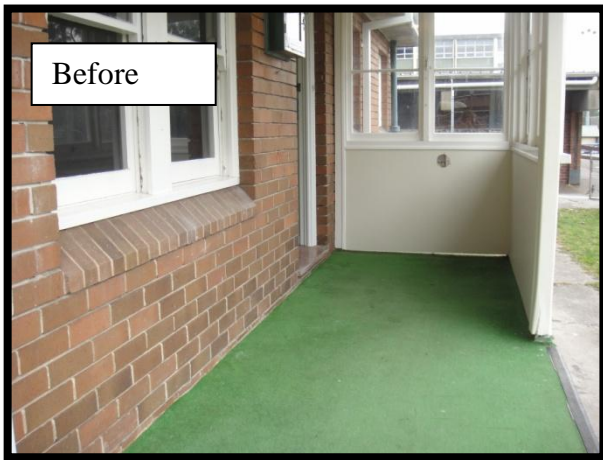


# Hospitality 2010

## Farewell to Year 12 Hospitality Students



# THANK YOU TO SHARPES



On the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, HSC markers came to the school to mark the Design and Technology student's major works. The major works were set up in the cottage and the outside appearance of the cottage was very uninviting. Sharpes Nursery in Alice Street, Merewether came to the rescue and kindly donated plants and furniture to make the cottage look fantastic. Thank you to Sharpes Nursery for their support. We really appreciated it!!!

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY 2010

Congratulations to the 2010 Design & Technology HSC students! Eight wonderful students, eight original ideas and creative presentations from this year's cohort. The culmination of twelve months of concerted effort can be seen in the following snap shots.

Dining Room Table with Chiller  
by Thomas Spear



Four Seasons of Fashion  
by Tina Piermarini

One pattern – 3 ways by Kerry Simonovic



Newcastle High School



Pyjamas for  
Eczema Sufferers  
by Rhiannon Croft

Ballroom to Basic  
by Courtney  
Hollings

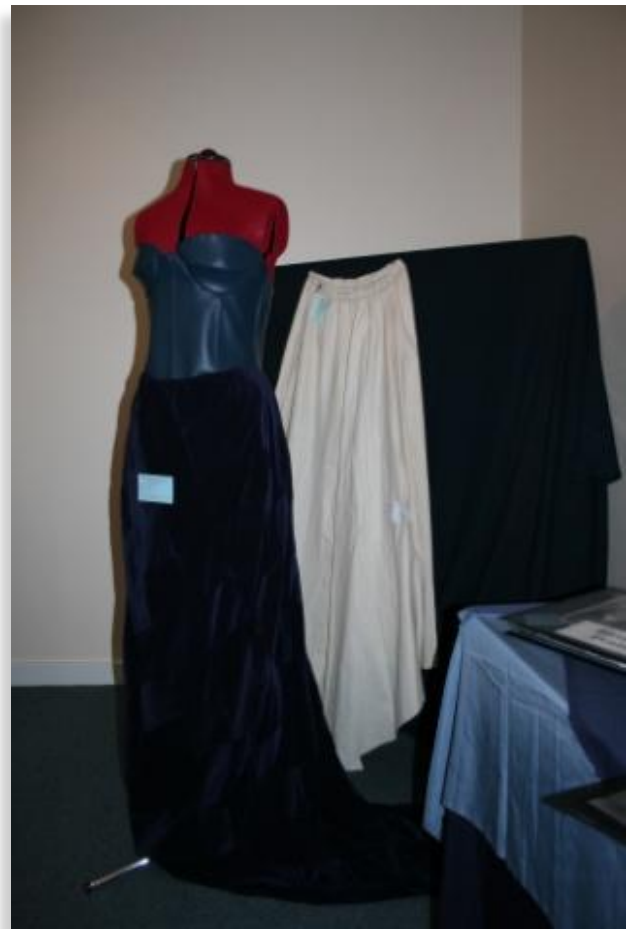


Help Magazine for Teens  
by Lauren Farrar



Don't Learn Safety by Accident by Emily Cox

Haute Couture Gown by Elizabeth Wright



The staff of the Food and Textile Faculty would like to wish all Year 12 students the very best for their upcoming exams. You have been a great year, we will miss you all.

# Public Speaking

Term 3 has been a stunning success for the public speaking team. We began the term by hosting the regional finals of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards, where we were represented by Lydia Corcoran and George Diplarou. Both students performed beautifully and Lydia was declared the winner. She will compete in the State Semi-Final on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at NSW Parliament House.

We then hosted the junior and senior regional finals of the United Nations Youth Association competition. There were two places in each division and Newcastle High was represented by Alissa Lucas, George Diplarou and Lydia Corcoran. All three students were placed in this round. This was a marvellous result for the school. The team then travelled to Sydney University for the State Semi-Finals of the UNYA competition, which was won at the junior level by Lydia Corcoran. She will compete in the State Final on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at NSW Parliament House. The students had a wonderful time at Sydney University and spent the break between competitions exploring the campus.

Without a doubt, this has been a year of wonderful successes for the public speaking team and they have ensured that Newcastle High School is now a force to be reckoned with on the public speaking stage.

Glenyce Oswald

## **MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS**

Year 12 students are currently winding up the revision phase in all courses and are working on past Examinations in earnest. The Faculty of Mathematics wishes them well in all their HSC Examinations and extends the offer of assistance in their preparation after classes officially end. Staff members are available for help with any problem if students visit during the study period and we advise them to come prepared with any questions causing difficulty.

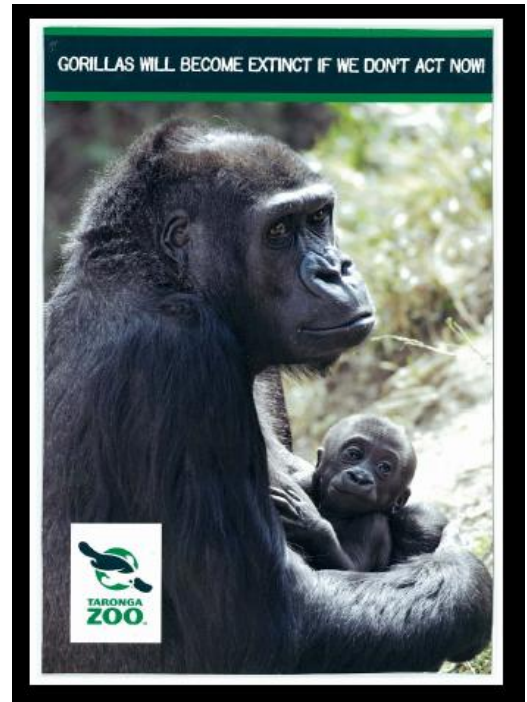
Some reminders: All students are required to bring a recommended calculator to every mathematics lesson. Parents are requested to remind their children to pack all their equipment for class each day as failure to do so places the student at an unnecessary disadvantage. Also, it is important to check with children if they have been given homework and make sure it is being attempted. This will usually be in the form of Maths on Line and your child will be able to show you any tasks that are due.

Thanks to the majority of parents of Junior School students who have paid the annual \$10 text book hiring fee. Your child should have passed on a receipt to you. Any parent who has not yet paid is encouraged to do so as the funds are spent on materials necessary to the learning of all students.

Michael Coburn

## SAVE THE GORILLA CAMPAIGN

Have you ever thought of throwing away your old mobile phone? It turns out what you may be throwing out one of the greatest species on the planet. Around the screen and covering all that flashy circuitry is a rare metal known as Coltan. Eighty percent of Coltan is in the African Forests, the gorillas' habitat. The mining of this material means that their homes and their lives are being torn away for our convenience. Fortunately, there is a way you can contribute towards saving this magnificent species. By bringing your old phones to the Newcastle High School mass phone recycling, and not throwing them away you save the need to mine Coltan giving the miners no reason or authority to destroy the Great Apes' home.



Several Australian zoos, including Sydney's Taronga Zoo, are doing their best to raise awareness and mobile donations. As a part of this our school, Newcastle High, is going to give the Gorillas the helping hand that they need. The school is collecting all old mobile phones from students and staff, with the intent to recycle the entire load. To raise awareness of our cause Mr Pickard's class will be doing a play on assembly for the whole school to see. With the support and funds raised the school will adopt our very own gorilla, doing our part to help protect and preserve the species. So, if you have ANY old phones you want to throw out, PLEASE come to our school on the 27th of October with your old phones and contribute to our cause. After all, the gorillas need us to help them out. They're calling on us.

-Paul Ganly



**We will collect  
your mobile  
phone at  
assembly on 20<sup>th</sup>  
October -  
GORILLA DAY**

## Year 9 and 10 Art Excursion to the Maitland Gallery

It was our pleasure taking our best year 9 and 10 students on the train to the Maitland art Gallery last week. The students were able to view their current exhibitions and experience art making themselves in the 40 minute workshop. Inspired by works from the MRAG art collection, the students experimented with many materials including charcoal, collage, feathers, found objects and ink and created their own pieces of art. All the techniques demonstrated from the workshops will be skills they can use in further studies and at home.

The MRAG program is based on its collection which focuses on works on paper which is a great extension to the work that the students have been doing in class. This medium underpins the 2010 program which has been engineered to look at developing a wider understanding for the community and developing an understanding with this 'artistic practice' which is based on the broad notion and acceptance of 'works on paper'.





**TERM 4 2010**

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
	4/10	5/10	6/10	7/10	8/10	9/10	10/10
<b>1 B</b>	11/10 <b>Staff and students return</b> Student Teachers	12/10 Staff Meeting	13/10	14/10 HSC Begins	15/10 Hakadote students leave	16/10	17/10
<b>2 A</b>	18/10 P&C Yr 11 High Achievers Comp Camp	19/10 Yr 11 High Achievers Comp	20/10 Yr 11 High Achievers Comp	21/10 School Vaccination for Yr 7 ESSA test	22/10 The Junction PS 150 Year Anniversary	23/10	24/10
<b>3 B</b>	25/10 Parent Bulletin	26/10 Staff Meeting	27/10	28/10 AECG Meeting Mayfield East	29/10	30/10	31/10
<b>4 A</b>	1/11 Lizotte's Night CAPA HSC Visual Arts marking	2/11 HSC Visual Arts marking	3/11	4/11	5/11 Year 11 Presentation Assembly 10.30am	6/11	7/11
<b>5 B</b>	8/11 P&C Emergency Drill Week School Certificate – English & Science	9/11 School Certificate - Maths History Geography	10/11 School Certificate - Computer Test	11/11 School Certificate - Computer Test	12/11 School Certificate - Computer Test	13/11	14/11
<b>6 A</b>	15/11 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Prac Yr 10 commence Senior Entry Course	16/11 Staff Meeting	17/11	18/11	19/11	20/11	21/11
<b>7 B</b>	22/11 Parent Bulletin	23/11 ESSA Year 8	24/11	25/11	26/11	27/11	28/11
<b>8 A</b>	29/11 Finance Roll Over	30/11	1/12	2/12 Years 7-9 Presentation Assembly	3/12	4/12 UAC in Main Hall	5/12
<b>9 B</b>	6/12 P&C Parent Bulletin	7/12 Staff Meeting Yr6 into Yr7 Orientation Day	8/12 Yr6 into Yr7 Orientation Day	9/12	10/12 Year 10 Presentation Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Prac Ends Carrington PS Presentation Assembly	11/12	12/12
<b>10 A</b>	13/12	14/12 Reports Distributed 7-10 Hamilton South P.S Presentation Assembly	15/12 HSC results available to students by internet, SMS & telephone Students' last day.	16/12 Staff Development Day	17/12 Staff Development Day Last school day for 2010.	18/12	19/12
<b>Holidays</b>	20/12	21/12	22/12	23/12	24/12	25/12	26/12
	27/12	28/12	29/12	30/12	31/12		

# School Holiday Workshops

## 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Senior Students

Senior writing course (Year 10 to 12)  
English pre-HSC workshops (Year 12)  
Area of Study, Modules (Advanced), Extension I  
Senior approach to literature workshop (Year 11 & 12)  
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Developed by Australia's motoring clubs and funded by the Federal Government, a *keys2drive* lesson brings together a professional driving instructor with the Learner and their supervising driver – most often mum or dad. In doing so, everyone benefits from a better understanding of how to work towards making sure the Learner driver becomes a safer P plate driver.

If you already have your Ls or are planning to get them in the next 12 months, or if you are or will be supervising a Learner driver, you can find out more information and register for a FREE *keys2drive* lesson at

## Workshops for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

The Road and Traffic Authority is holding a FREE two hour workshop to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

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