

The Parkway

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all parents, carers and students of Newcastle High School a happy and safe summer holiday and Christmas season. It has been a very big year and we all deserve a break and time to recharge and reflect on what we have achieved.

The last week of school is still a very busy week, especially as the Higher School Certificate results are published on Wednesday 15th December. Over the last two weeks the school has held a number of ceremonies celebrating and acknowledging student achievement in Years 7 to 10.

Ms Lidden and Mr Doherty finalised the transition of the incoming Year 7 2011 students this week with two orientation days. 180 students attended and familiarised themselves with the school, ready for 2011. Thanks to the staff who assisted with this day and to the members of the P&C who assisted with the distribution of book packs.

The uniform shop is up and running. It was very busy on the orientation days. Please book in advance for a fitting. This can be done on line at www.alintaapparel.com.au or by phoning Lorraine at Alinta on 0434 626 009. The uniform shop will open during the last week of the holidays from Monday 24th January 2011 to Friday 28th January 2011. More details on our school's website www.newcastle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



Please ensure that your child has black leather solid school shoes for the new school year. Canvas slippers and open shoes do not comply with OH&S requirements and students cannot access D&T or science labs without leather covered shoes. Don't believe what shops or students tell you!

The Department of Education states in the publication 'School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools (2004)', that under the Occupational Health & Safety Act 2000 schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on Departmental premises. The school has a duty to require students to wear appropriate footwear so as to avoid injury.

The DET policy 'Chemical Safety In Schools (1999)' clearly states: ***'It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshop or laboratories'***.

ACCEPTABLE STYLES – The school expects that students wear closed in leather, lace-up style shoes. They must cover the top of the foot and have a small heel. It includes the following types: The full leather thick strap T-Bar Mary-Jane shoes are acceptable.



STYLES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE – Students **MUST NOT** wear skate shoes, black soft 'ballet' style shoes, open styled 'Mary Jane' shoes, canvas shoes or any similar. It includes those shown below:



The P&C held a thank you night at Lowlands Bowling Club last Monday to thank the Canteen volunteers for their work during the year. With several helpers graduating from high school new helpers are welcome. Please contact Michelle in the canteen (4969 3177) if you can spare a few hours once a week or fortnight.

During the break lots of work will be occurring on the school site. Please stress to students the importance of staying off the site during the holidays. If you see suspicious activity please phone the school security unit on 1300 880 021. This phone is available 24 hours a day.



Key dates for 2011:

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th January School Office open

Friday 28th January – Staff return

Monday 31st January – Year 7, 11 and 12 returns

Tuesday 1st February – Years 8, 9 and 10 returns

Wednesday 2nd February – New students' enrolment day

Thursday 3rd February – Commencement assemblies

Monday 7th - P&C Meeting – 5.30 pm

Tuesday 22nd February - Meet the teacher BBQ – welcome evening for year 7 and other new parents

Friday 18th March – Newcastle Show Holiday – yet to be proclaimed

Wednesday 23rd March – Parent Teacher afternoon for Years 8, 9 10

Tuesday 29th March – Parent Teacher afternoon for Years 7, 11, 12

Friday 8th April – last day of term 1

Some fantastic news to end the year on a very positive note – congratulations to one of our 2010 Year 12 students, Jacob Pepper, who took to the field as a member of the Newcastle Jets team when they played against LA Galaxy recently. Our school had the only Australian student to play against David Beckham. Well done Jacob and best of luck in 2011 on your tour of China and Japan.

Thanks for the support over 2010. Again have a happy and restful break and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back for a great 2011.

Mark Hewitt
Principal



JINDABYNE TRIP, YEAR 9 - MAY 2011

A booking has been made for 90 students from Year 9 to attend a trip to the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre from the 23 May 2011 till 27 May 2011.

This is an early information sheet to let you know of this program which will run in Term 2 of next year.

This trip has now become a regular feature of the year 9 calendar at the school. Activities include abseiling, rock climbing, sailing on Lake Jindabyne and a walk to the summit of Mount Kosciusko.

The cost of the trip is expected to be approximately \$500 and apart from meals on the trip down and trip home, this is all-inclusive.

The items included in the cost include:

- Transport to and from Jindabyne
- All accommodation costs
- All meals at the centre
- All recreation costs
- Entry to the National Park
- Lift tickets for the trip to Mt Kosciusko



Attendance at this trip also gives students priority for the trip to the snow when they are in Year 11.

Other schools are normally in camp with us during the week and it is one of the wonderful aspects of the trip that the students are able to share experiences with peers from all over the state.

At least four members of the Newcastle High staff, including Year Advisers will accompany the trip, although much of the running of the daily activities will be in the hands of the Sport and Recreation staff. The very best behaviour is expected from all pupils who go to Jindabyne and, in the worst cases, the permanent Sport and recreation staff will send students home for breaches of the camp rules.

This trip is enjoyed by all students who attend and is seen as a highlight of their time in the junior school at Newcastle High.

Deposits of \$50.00 will be payable soon after school resumes next year, so students should start saving now.

Mark Smith
Head Teacher Social Sciences

Debbie Ellis/Angela Queenan
Year 9 2011 Year Advisers



OUTWARD BOUND COURSES IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Are you ready to take your life to the next level?

Looking for something for your teenager to do over the school holidays?

GET OUTSIDE!

Outward Bound Australia invites you to challenge and improve yourself with adventurous land and water based activities and leadership development opportunities. !

Anyone can enrol in our Public courses, which makes them a fantastic way to meet outgoing people and make some great new friends.

- The **Navigator** course is 12 days of adventure for youth aged 15-18. The next one starts in the beautiful Australian Alps in the ACT on January 10th!
- The **Pinnacle** Program is a 14 day journey, designed for adults aged from 18 years – up to 75 years. The next one starts in Western Australia's beautiful South West Coast on January 9th!
- The **Family** course is a 7 day wilderness experience for youth aged 13-16 with an accompanying parent or caregiver. The next one starts in the beautiful Australian Alps in the ACT on January 10th!
- **Summit to Sea** is the ultimate adventure: 26 days, three states, great people, an epic, life-changing journey. The next one starts in the ACT on January 10th!

Come and be inspired! Develop your full potential!

To secure your place or to discuss the program further, please contact:

Phoebe Saunders, Public Enrolments Manager on 1800 267 999

Email: PhoebeS@outwardbound.org.au

Website: www.outwardbound.org.au

GOT YOUR LS ... OR PLANNING TO GET THEM?

keys2drive – a joint initiative of the Australian Automobile Association's clubs (ie **NRMA in NSW**) and the Australian Government – is set to change how novice driver training is delivered in Australia. Over time, it is hoped that the *keys2drive* program will contribute to a reduction in the number and severity of crashes involving young drivers.

A *keys2drive* lesson is unique for a number of reasons:

- it's FREE – the Australian Government is funding a total of 200,000 lessons Australia-wide
- it can only be delivered by a specially accredited *keys2drive* professional instructor
- it gets the Learner's supervising driver (most often mum or dad) involved too – teaching them the safest way to coach their Learner; and
- it has the support of Australia's motoring clubs, licensing authorities and driver training industry.



A recent survey of more than 200 *keys2drive* customers reported a 94% overall satisfaction rating with the program.

If you already have your Ls or are planning to get them over summer, or if you're a parent and will be or are already supervising a Learner driver, book now to avoid disappointment.

Log on to www.keys2drive.com.au to register your details and book your free *keys2drive* lesson.

INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS TO COVER THEIR CHILDREN

If an accident occurs at School which is not caused by negligence of the Department then parents are required to have their own insurance.

Attention: Parents and Teachers

From time to time there are media stories about the issue of whether children are insured for injuries while at school.

The department of education and training does not provide, nor has ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools.

The department is however insured to cover the financial impact of any legal liabilities that it faces arising from its activities. If the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department's insurance will cover the cost).

However, if an accident occurs at a school which is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department is not legally liable.

Should parents wish to cover their children, there are various forms of insurance available, irrespective of whether fault can be assessable. These include:

- Student Accident Insurance – available through the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW and from commercial insurance suppliers;
- Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme – covering catastrophic injuries;
- The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme; and
- Private health funds.

Student Accident Insurance

A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to government schools through the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales. Parents are unable to insure children individually. Each school (either through the principal or the school's parents and citizens association) is able to participate on a whole school basis with the cost calculated on a set fee per student (annually \$4.85 per student per annum).

The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts. Importantly, the policy partially covers injuries (such as neck, pelvic and back injuries) that are not covered by the sporting injury benefits schemes mentioned above although the levels of compensation are limited.

Whilst the Sporting Injuries Insurance Schemes are limited to injuries that occurred during defined sporting activities, Student Accident Insurance typically covers a broader range of possible injuries. For example, where a student is injured falling down stairs, accident insurance coverage would be relevant, but sporting injuries insurance would not.

Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme

The Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme is administered by the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee.

The scheme is open for membership to all sporting organisations operating in New South Wales. The scheme benefits are paid regardless of the negligence of the participant or their pre-existing conditions, or whether a benefit has previously been received.

Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme

The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme applies to participants in certain programs run by NSW Sport and Recreation.

The supplementary scheme's cover provides for a lump sum benefit to be paid where a school child participating in an authorised school sporting activity suffers a permanent disability of a certain kind or dies. Payment is made regardless of pre-existing conditions or negligence.

Private Health Insurance

Parents have the option of taking out private health coverage for their children. This is usually limited to the reimbursement of medical expenses and will not generally provide the breadth of cover provided by a specific student accident insurance policy.

Where principals are aware that there is confusion in their school community, then parents should be advised (for example in School Newsletters) that if they wish to take out accident insurance for their children they will need to make their own enquiries and arrangements.

Dear Parents

Thank you for the privilege of sharing God's Love with the children this year through SRE (Scripture) classes. All Faith communities wish to warmly invite you, your children and all your family members, to join us in the Joyful celebration of the Christmas Season.

Be assured of a warm welcome!!

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ADAMSTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH – 486 Glebe Road Adamstown Tel: 4952 1277

December 19st 5:00 pm Hamilton South Carols Night – Comm. Hall Fowler St Ham Sth
December 25th 9:30 am Christmas Morning Service

ANGLICAN CHURCHES

St Augustine's Merewether - Cnr Llewellyn & Winsor Streets Tel: 4963 1388

December 24th: 6:00 pm Carols for Kidz
10:30 pm Midnight Mass
December 25th: 8:00 am Eucharist with Carols

St John's Cooks Hill – Cnr Parry & Dawson Streets - Tel: 4929 2691

December 24th 5:30 pm Outdoor Kids Christmas Spectacular (BYO blanket or chair)
December 24th 7:00 pm Informal Eucharist (includes communion)
11:30 pm Midnight Mass (includes communion)
December 25th 9:00 am Traditional Christmas Celebration (includes communion)

St Paul's Stockton - 34a Maitland Street Stockton - Tel: 4920 1514

December 19 7:00 pm Children's Christmas Night
December 24th 7.00 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 24th 12:00 pm Midnight Mass
December 25th 8.30 am Christmas Day Service

St Peter's Hamilton – 148 Denison St Hamilton – 4961 1980

December 24th 11:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25th 8:00 am Christmas Day Service

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Church 180 – The Royal – 669 Hunter Street Newcastle – Tel: 4927 1888

December 24th 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Newcastle Christian Centre – 85 Tudor St Hamilton – Tel: 4969 2799

December 20 9:30am 'The Main Event' Christmas Production
6:00pm 'The Main Event' Christmas Production
December 24 7:00pm 'The Main Event' Christmas Production

BAPTIST CHURCHES

Hamilton Baptist – 108 Lindsay Street Hamilton - Tel: 4968 8495

December 18th 6:30 pm Carols in Gregson Park (Lindsay St Hamilton)
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Service

Islington Baptist - 178 Maitland Road Islington - Tel: 4959 7012

December 12th 6:45 pm Carols in the Park
December 25th 9:30 am Christmas Day Service

Merewether Baptist – 75 Morgan Street Merewether – Tel: 4963 6806



CHRISTIAN CITY CHURCH

Eastside Newcastle - 4 Lingard Street Merewether - Tel: 4963 2884

December 24th 6:30 pm Carols by the Beach with Live Band
Empire Park near Bar Beach
Glow Sticks for Sale, BYO picnic rug for your family

CATHOLIC CHURCHES – Tel: 4979 1101

December 24 5:30 pm Vigil Civic Theatre, Hunter St, Newcastle (Newcastle Parish)
5:30pm Vigil St Lawrence Centre 125 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow
7:15pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
10:00pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish Community)
12 midnight Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
December 25 7:30am St Mary's Star of the Sea 54 Perkins St, Newcastle
8:00am Immaculate Heart of Mary, 28 Tighes Terrace Tighes Hill
9:00am St Joseph's, cnr Kenrick & Farquhar Sts The Junction
9:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
9:30am St Lawrence Centre (Italian Community)
11:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish Community)
5:00pm St Lawrence Centre (Vietnamese Community)

LIFE CHURCH – 15 Denison Street Newcastle West - Tel: 4961 0211

19th December 6:30 pm Carols and Covers in the Vines (Murrakin Reserve Kahibah)
26th December 9:30 am Christmas - Boxing Day Service

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

St Andrew's Newcastle – Cnr Laman & Auckland Streets Newcastle – Tel: 4929 2857

December 19th 10:00 am Nine Lessons & Carols
December 24th 5:00 pm Family Service, Candle Candle Burning Bright
11:30 pm Watch Night Service – Christmas Bells will ring out at midnight
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Service

St Phillip's Surfside Evangelical - 48 Watt Street Newcastle - Tel: 4929 2379

December 19th 6:00 pm Christmas Carols
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church – 21 Murray Street Hamilton - Tel: 4940 8304

December 24st 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

THE GRAINERY CHRISTIAN NETWORK -48 George Street Tighes Hill - Tel: 4969 5557

With 'Christmas Devonshire' starting one hour before each celebration.

BYO snacks & nibbles for your table.

December 18th 7:30 pm 'All I want for Christmas'
December 19th 10:00 am 'All I want for Christmas'
December 19th 6:00 pm 'All I want for Christmas'

UNITING CHURCH

Merewether Uniting Church - 178 Glebe Road Merewether - Tel: 4961 4525

December 19th 5:00 pm Carols & Snags Service
December 25th 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

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| 1 A | 31/1 Years 7,11, 12 return | 1/2 Years 8, 9,10 return | 2/2 New Enrolments | 3/2 Commencement Assemblies | 4/2 | 5/2 | 6/2 |
| 2 B | 7/2 P&C Meeting – Yr 12 Expectation evening | 8/2 | 9/2 Swimming Carnival Recess 1 – 3.00pm Stockton Swimming Pool – Competitors only | 10/2 | 11/2 Parent Bulletin AECG - Uni | 12/2 | 13/2 |
| 3 A | 14/2 | 15/2 Zone Swimming Carnival | 16/2 | 17/2 | 18/2 Yr 7 & 10 Vaccinations 8.30 Staff House | 19/2 | 20/2 |
| 4 B | 21/2 | 22/2 Meet the teacher BBQ | 23/2 | 24/2 | 25/2 Parent Bulletin | 26/2 | 27/2 |
| 5 A | 28/2 Yr12 Retail Workplacement Week | 1/3 | 2/3 | 3/3 | 4/3 | 5/3 | 6/3 |
| 6 B | 7/3 P&C Meeting AGM Yr 12 Hospitality Workplacement Week | 8/3 | 9/3 Zone U/15 Rugby League Trials | 10/3 Hunter Regional Swim Maitland | 11/3 | 12/3 | 13/3 |
| 7 A | 14/3 | 15/3 | 16/3 Zone Rugby 7's Gala Day Prefects Zumba Afternoon | 17/3 Yr12 Music Sydney Opera House "Meet the Music" AECG – Mayfield East | 18/3 | 19/3 | 20/3 |
| 8 B | 21/3 | 22/3 | 23/3 Year 8, 9 10 Parent teacher Afternoon. | 24/3 | 25/3 | 26/3 | 27/3 |
| 9 A | 28/3 Yr 7 Camp Morisset | 29/3 Years 7,11 and 12 Parent teacher afternoon P & C Afternoon Tea Yr 7 Camp Morisset | 30/3 Yr7 Camp Morisset | 31/3 Canteen Committee | 1/4 Parent Bulletin | 2/4 | 3/4 |
| 10 B | 4/4 P&C Meeting Stage 5/Yr 11 Hospitality Workplacement Week | 5/4 | 6/4 Yr12 Performance Evening Bonanza | 7/4 | 8/4 | 9/4 | 10/4 |
| Holidays | 11/4 | 12/4 | 13/4 | 14/4 | 15/4 | 16/4 | 17/4 |
| | 18/4 | 19/4 | 20/4 | 21/4 | 22/4 GOOD FRIDAY | 23/4 Holy Sat | 24/4 Easter Sunday |

NSW Youth Consultation – your chance to have a say!

On Thursday last week, the Premier launched an online youth consultation forum focusing on six key topics that are important to young people in New South Wales:

- Environment
- Feeling and Being Safe
- Learning and Earning
- Connecting Family, Friends and Community
- Feeling Good and Staying Healthy
- Lifestyle: Culture, Sport and Recreation

Students, parents, teachers, principals and the community are invited to have their say at youth.discussions.nsw.gov.au.

Views and ideas gathered through the online forum will help inform the review of the NSW Youth Strategy. The online forum is **open until Wednesday 22 December 2010**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have your say.

Last week over 200 year 9 and 10 students from across NSW presented directly to the Premier and Minister for Youth, clearly identifying their priority issues and coming up with brilliant ideas for action.

Students from Smiths Hill, Plumpton, Canowindra, Forbes, South Grafton, Tempe, Kogarah, Pennant Hills High Schools and Jannali and Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College (Tumbi Umbi Campus) participated in this event. You can view the ideas they generated on line <https://youth.discussions.nsw.gov.au>

Urgent !!!!

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEED WORKPLACEMENT

Workplacement is the "on job" training component of Vocational Education and Training [VET] courses. Career Links needs businesses to host students from local high schools.

If you work for or own a business that could host a student for one week's workplacement in 2011, please contact us. PH 4956 8468 or FAX 4956 9517

Newcastle High School Students require workplacements in Retail, Construction, Metals and Engineering and Hospitality (Restaurants, Cafés, and Kitchens).

PLEASE RESPOND NOW !!



NAME : _____

ORGANISATION : _____

CONTACT NUMBER(S): _____

Email : _____

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E: mail@careerlinks.nsw.edu.au

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CAREER LINKS



TO DO LIST

Support young people from your local school as they discover their career options

Invest in the future of your business and industry

Help address skill shortages in the Hunter Region

Engage with young people by hosting a workplacement student or by employing a school based apprentice or trainee