

The Loft Youth Venue is a drug and alcohol free, safe place for young people aged 12-25 year olds to hang out and enjoy heaps of fun activities

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 24

Indent Music Industry Workshops

Hip Hop Artist focused Panel discussion with URTHBOY +Jane & El Gusto followed by Newcastle Music Industry Round Table discussions. **1-6pm @ The Loft**

MONDAY 27 TREETOPS ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Step out of your comfort zone & test yourself on a variety of challenges including flying foxes & ropes courses high in the treetops. Ages 12-16.limited to 8 ppl. **1-3 pm @ Treetops Adventure Park - Minmi**

BEATS & RHYMES - DJ Class

Intro to Beatmixing , scratching & performance DJing with Betsy from Mojo's Lab + Freestyle MC session to finish. **3-7pm @ The Loft Youth Venue**

TUESDAY 28 BMX MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Learn basic servicing & maintenance for your BMX from DRIFT's specialists & get a free bike service. limited to 6ppl only. **11-1pm @ Drift Bikes Style Shop Wallsend**

FOR THE LOVE OF ARTS

Illustration & experimentation class. Participants will take part in a crash course of illustration principles then create an artwork in a public space with Tess Rendolf. **3-6pm @ The Loft Youth Venue**

WEDNESDAY 29

FIREWIRLING with Dangerboy.

Introduction to firewirling & fire arts by Newcastle's leading performers, covers safety, beginners & intermediate. **Non flammable clothing & covered shoes reqd. 10-12am@ Newcastle Foreshore Tram Shed**

THINK INK- Tattoo Exhibition Launch.

An exhibition of works by emerging tattoo artists with live bands , food & live tattoo demos. **5:30-7:30pm @ Wallsend Library**

BREAKDANCING 101 Social jam & cypher with Robotech Breakers.

5.30 – 7pm @ The Loft Youth Venue

THURSDAY 30

TATTOO DESIGN WORKSHOP-

Participants will create their own design for a temporary tattoo. **11-2 pm @ Wallsend Library**

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 1 Newcastle Art Gallery Presents-VIRTUAL ENCOUNTERS Paula Dawson holograms -make a virtual room (sculpture) in response to the Exhibition. **10:30-12:30pm @ Newcastle Art Gallery.**

This Is Not Art -Your Words in Sound

Are sound effects tacky when it comes to audio books and recorded performance poetry? What is a sound bed and how do you make one? Workshop facilitated by Paper Radio@12 - **1:30pm The Loft Recording Studio**

SATURDAY-MONDAY

THIS IS NOT ART - Workshop Program Check www.thisisnotart.org for details.

TUESDAY 5

BLAST- Scooter Comp & Demo

Freestyle Scooter jam & comp. Featuring great prizes , giveaways , demo by the Skater HQ Scooter team plus live bands & free BBQ. Free entry for the comp. parental Consent form required. **9:30-2:30pm @ Maryland Skate-park. Grange Ave. Maryland.**

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WEDNESDAY 6

GUITAR MAINTENANCE @ Billy Hydes

Want to get the best out of your guitar?Let the guys from Billy Hydes take you through basic maintenance , servicing & tuning workshop for guitarists.Limited numbers 10 ppl. **11-12am @ Billy Hydes Music, 795 Hunter St. Newcastle West.**

BREAKDANCING 101

Social jam & cypher with Robotech Breakers. **5.30 – 7pm @ The Loft Youth Venue**

THURSDAY 7

"The Mang-guan" Corroboree & Cultural Event-Details tbc @ Blackbutt Richley reserve.

AIRBRUSH TATTOO WORKSHOP-

Participants will create their own design for a temporary tattoo. **10-12 am @ Wallsend Library**

FRIDAY 8

Newcastle Art Gallery presents-SURREAL GRAPHIC COLLAGE

Looking at the work of surrealist James Gleeson , participants will create a graphic collage with drawing in response.

ACOUSTIC ARTISTS RECORDING SESSION

Local acoustic acts & music lovers are invited to a chilled afternoon recording jam in the Loft mainroom. All performers will receive a copy of their set. **12-4pm @ The Loft.**

EVENTS & GIGS

Fri 24 September

Indent, NRMA & The Loft Presents- URTHBOY + JANE & EL GUSTO - Urban Freeflow and supports. All-ages **7-10pm @ Newcastle Panthers . tix \$18 +b.f.**

Wed 29 September

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Fri 8 October

Acoustic Recording Session

Free entry- 6 acts **12-4pm @ The Loft**

StickIt Bookings presents-

www.myspace.com/loftyouthvenue for updates to the program

AVAILABILITY: Workshops are free for members. \$10 for non-members. Membership costs \$30 per year .

Remember places are limited! You will need to register for your workshop at least 2 days prior to the scheduled date

REGISTRATION: To register your place and for more info, please call The Loft Youth Venue, Mon-Fri, 9-5pm on 4974 2092.

Loft Youth Venue – Level 1, 7A Wolfe St, Newcastle

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September 2010

Parkway Number 8



The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 13 September, 2010 at 5.30pm.

Please meet in the Front Foyer.

ALL WELCOME.

VET

Get more than your Higher School Certificate!

All students studying a VET framework course are working towards:

1. The Higher School Certificate
2. A Certificate qualification recognized by industry and training institutions nationally. A certificate qualification assists in establishing future employment and training opportunities.
3. An ATAR score, if they are eligible, and sit the optional HSC examination.

Vocational Courses offered to Year 11 students in 2011 include:

Hospitality, Metal and Engineering, Retail Services and Business Services.

Work placement

Work placement is a mandatory component of all Vocational framework courses.

Students work in a related industry for a minimum of 70 hours over the 2 years. The opportunity provides insight into the industry and assists students in making informed decisions about future training, employment and education.

Thank you to the participating businesses who support the work placement program by accommodating students.

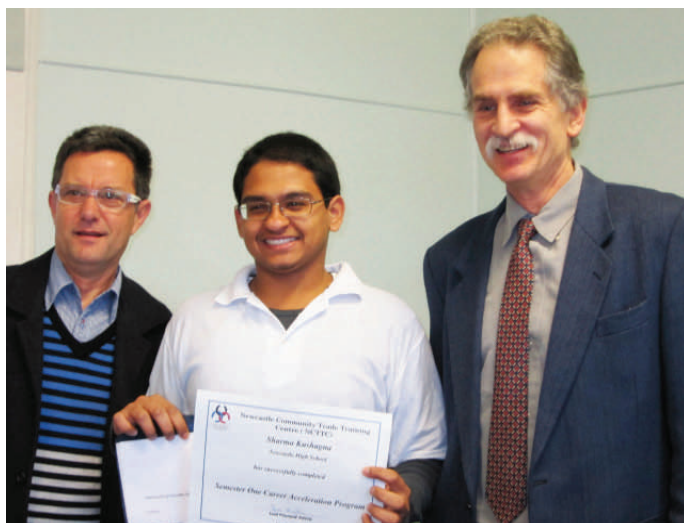
Newcastle Community Trade Training Centre

Construction work has commenced on the \$2 million refurbishment of the Metal and Engineering facility. This is an accomplishment after the space was deemed structurally unsound at the commencement of the year. The work is due to be completed for term 2 2011.

1. Career Acceleration Program

The Career Acceleration Program has been created as part of the Newcastle Community Trade Training Centre initiative, by June Hingston from Callaghan Campus. Students have been invited to apply for enrolment in first year subjects at the University of Newcastle. During Semester One, Kushargna Sharma - Year 11 successfully completed, with credit, the Building Ecology subject via the Universities Blackboard. This is a highly commendable achievement.

During semester two, Liam Anderson – year 10 will be undertaking studies in CAD. The NSW Department of Education provides financial assistance to support the program. Mr Hewitt, Kushargna Sharma and Willy Sher from the University of Newcastle at the celebration event.



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REGISTRATION DATES

Thursday 2 September 5.30pm —7.30pm

Wednesday 8 September 5.30pm —7.30pm

School Holiday Workshops 5th to 8th 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)
Practice exam & feedback session (Year 12)
Maths, Biology & Chemistry

Taught by experienced senior teachers, HSC markers
Also
School certificate preparation workshops (History & English)
History workshops (Year 10)
Junior maths revision and extension (Year 7 to 10)
Writing for fun (Year 6 to 8)

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Students discover the world on a WEP student exchange!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students to participate in 2011/12 exchange programs. Students and parents can choose from 27 countries, including France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, the UK and Canada.

Give your child the opportunity to have an international experience and gain the personal, social and academic skills that are so important in today's world.

Student exchange is a journey of discovery – of self and of places, peoples and cultural practices.

AN INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR STUDENTS

This is the opportunity to make a difference for your future by hosting a S.C.C.E international student. You could enhance your studies, your travels, your career. Learn of new opportunities, attitudes, and have fun teaching Australian culture. Carefully-selected students arrive in early February from Europe, the U.S.A., Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure **BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME** on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website www.scce.com.au. If you want to seize this opportunity while still in secondary school, contact S.C.C.E on 1800 500 501 (we may have a representative in your area), fill in the Host Family Application Form (also on our website). The February students are being matched now !

2. ME update

Students and staff involved in the ME program have been enjoying a variety of activities including the Career Open Day hosted by Newcastle Airport. Future events planned for 2010 include work experience and placement for year 10 and 11 students and Hunter TAFE workshops in CAD.



Caleb Munro – Year 10 Flying the Helicopter!

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

Year 11 Hospitality have had a busy Term so far.

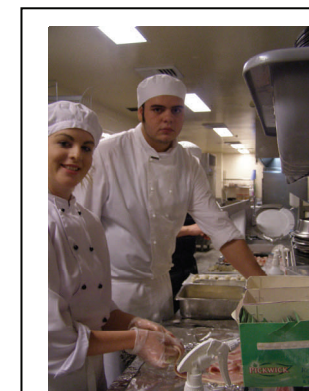
In week 2 the class completed a very successful 35 hour industry work placement, with several students being offered part time work.



Talia Mace
Pacific Dunes



Sheldon Canadian
The Station Hotel



Jacinta Hills & Lucas Nickerson
Crowne Plaza



Dean Wilson
Tallulah's

The class also catered for a lunch held at school for Primary Principals and Teachers.

The students were mentored by the Head Chef, Richard Ransom, from Crowne Plaza Newcastle in the preparation and service of the food.



The class would like to thank all the work placement enterprises which supported them and to Crowne Plaza for their ongoing support and links with Newcastle High.

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UBE VISIT

This year marks the 30th year of the Sister-City relationship between Newcastle and Ube, Japan.

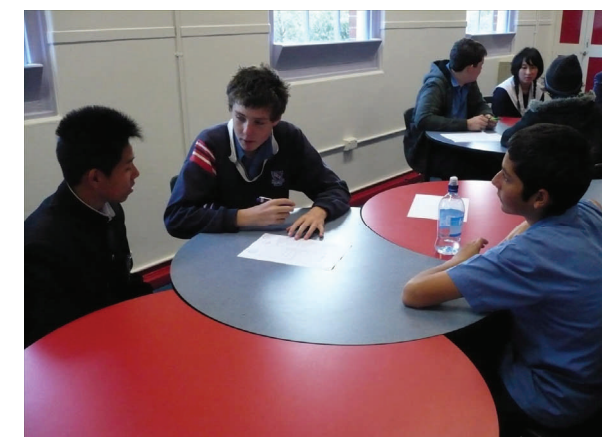
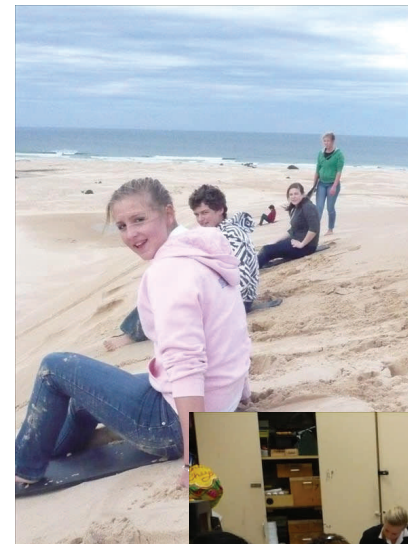
8 students and the accompanying teacher, Ms Ikeda, recently spent a week in Newcastle as guests of NHS and Newcastle City Council. They attended regular lessons with their hosting students as well as classes such as Aboriginal painting. A big thank you to all staff who assisted, especially Mr Campton, Mrs Wright and Mr Pickard.

NCC organised an excursion on August 11th, which included a sand safari on the Stockton dunes, a koala encounter at Blackbutt, and a Lord Mayoral Reception at City Hall. Sandboarding on the dunes was probably the highlight of the day for all involved!

Thank you so much to the following students and their families who provided homestay for the Ube students: **Emma Jones, Alissa Lucas, Brandon Brooks** and **James Gray** from Yr 10 (Emma and Alissa have both hosted in past years as well), **Declan Scott** and **Kate Carman** (Yr 9), **Lewis Kempton** (Yr 8), and **Emily Pease** and **Rhys Wilson** from Yr 7. We rely so much on your generosity and appreciate everything you do to make the students feel so welcome. The tearful goodbyes are always an indication of a very successful visit!

EXCHANGE TRIP TO UBE – OCTOBER

Congratulations to **Amy Summers** (Yr 11) and **Brandon Brooks** (Yr 10), who have been selected as NHS' representatives for the return trip in October. They will travel to Ube with 2 students and a teacher from Kotara High School, staying with the families of 4 of the students who came to Newcastle High this month. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience Japanese school and home life, as well as visiting places of interest such as Hiroshima. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip!



MATHEMATICS

As this edition goes to print students in junior years will have either done or be about to attempt their Term 3 Assessment Examination. Parents are asked to encourage students to learn from the feedback they receive as this is a vital component of the learning cycle. Students who are prepared to learn from their mistakes significantly increase their likelihood of future success. Year 10 will have completed their Trial School Certificate Examination and can obtain past School Certificate Examinations and solutions from the Board of Studies website. (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) Practising these resources is excellent preparation for the state-wide School Certificate examination in November.

Many parents request that their child be given homework and are unaware that it has already been set. The *Mathsonline* website (www.mathsonline.com.au) is used by all teachers in the Mathematics Faculty and your child's homework tasks can be found there. Our students have found immense benefit from the instant feedback and additional instruction that this excellent free service provides.

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.

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

Middle Years Transition - Hamilton Public School Sports Carnival

Today some of the ex-Hamilton Public School students had a wonderful day helping out at their sports carnival.

"We joined in the races, encouraged the children especially the ones in my old house team "Samdon". I enjoyed catching up with the teachers and seeing lots of familiar faces. To top it off Samdon won!!!"

Daniel Smith 9R1



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the smell of spring is in the air the activity around the school never seems to stop. Students in year 12 have completed their Trial HSC and many students have completed practical and aural Higher School Certificate examinations in Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Industrial Technology, Languages and Design and Technology. Along with many parents and friends I have had the opportunity to attend performances and viewings of the students' works. All these works are a credit to the students' creativity and hard work and to their teachers. We have much to be proud about when we see these finished products.

Due to a clash of dates with the HSC music examination the **upcoming Parent Teacher Evening has been moved to Wednesday 15th September**. Please use this evening to come and speak with your child's teacher and get the low down on how they are performing and how together school and home can lift their performance for the all important term 4.

Year 10 students have also completed trial School Certificate tests. Year 11 students complete their end of Preliminary Higher School Certificate exams over the next two weeks.

I have been interviewing every year 11 student recently. The purpose of these interviews is to review the students' progress and listen to their plans for next year. Most of these young people have plans to remain at school and complete their Higher School Certificate. I was impressed that most students had a study plan, but organisation was an area that many students could work on. Lots of students have part time employment. Research indicates that students who work part time up to about 12 hours out perform students who are not employed, as they have a structure to organise their study and work around.

Over the past few weeks the school has strengthened its **partnerships with local primary schools**. Year 6 teachers and principals visited two weeks ago for a professional learning activity and this week we welcomed Year 7 2011 parents to Newcastle High School with an orientation evening. Thank you to parents/carers who found time to attend this function. The feedback has been very positive. It appears will have about 200 students in Year 7 in 2011. Thanks also to the staff and students who contributed to the success of the evening by displaying their work and skills. Dance students worked particularly hard to showcase the skills they had learnt this semester. The school also hosted the presentation of the primary school public speaking competition. I

If you know of families moving into the area who are seeking enrolment at NHS for 2011 please get in contact with the school.

Last week the school acknowledged the work of the administrative and support staff with a breakfast to commence SASS week. These staff play a vital role in the smooth running of the school and are often the first point of contact for parents/carers when they enter or phone the school.

Pictures on page 7.

This week the election of the **2011 Prefects** will take place. I have been really impressed with the calibre of the students who have nominated for these leadership positions within the school. The results should be known by early next week.

It was nice to receive some very positive feedback from parents and families that hosted **exchange students** recently. Hosting an exchange student does take time and effort, but several families have contacted to me say how much they appreciated the opportunity to add some cultural diversity

to their families for a short time. Thanks for hosting these visitors who play an important role in the life of the school. Thanks to Mrs O'Brien and Ms Engel for their work in co-ordinating these arrangements.

Too many students are causing damage to their own standing in the community and that of the school by poor and inappropriate **behaviour on buses**. Please stress with your children that transport on buses is a privilege and the same values and rules that apply at home and school apply when travelling to and from school. Several motorists have complained to me regarding the way students are crossing busy roads near the school ignoring the pedestrian signals. It only takes one bad accident for lots of peoples' lives to be permanently impacted on by this silliness.

Could I request that parents needing to see staff, including myself, **make an appointment**. Schools are very busy places. At Newcastle High we have 1050 students, that means we have 2100 parents and over 100 staff. Many people may need to see me during the week. All staff do their best to see and speak with parents/carers promptly, but the teaching staff including the Deputy Principals have a responsibility to be in classrooms and teaching their students. My diary is often fully booked two weeks in advance, so if you arrive at the school and expect to see a teacher you often have to wait. An appointment can make far better use of everyone time. In many situations it also allows staff to gather information and be better prepared for the meeting. Your assistance will be appreciated.

It has come to my attention again that a function is being organised and advertised as a "Year 10 Formal for Newcastle High School." This is not the case and has nothing to do with the school, we do not collect money for it, we cannot answer questions about supervision and no teachers attend. Year 10 formals are a throw back to the 1970s when 80 % of students left school in year 10. They have no place in the 21st century when students stay for years 11 and 12. From past experience, the problem is the before and after parties where 15 year olds get stuck into alcohol, not so much the "formal" itself because the venues ensure responsible service of alcohol. As a principal I find it difficult to accept that some students who never pay a dollar in school fees for years 7-10 spend over \$1000 on dresses and shoes, makeup, hairdresser, limos and photos.

The year 12 formal celebrating the end of 13 years of schooling is all that we need and the school is looking forward to hosting this event on the 21st September. Invitations have been distributed this week.

Mark Hewitt
PRINCIPAL

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
SASS RECOGNITION WEEK
2010
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