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NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

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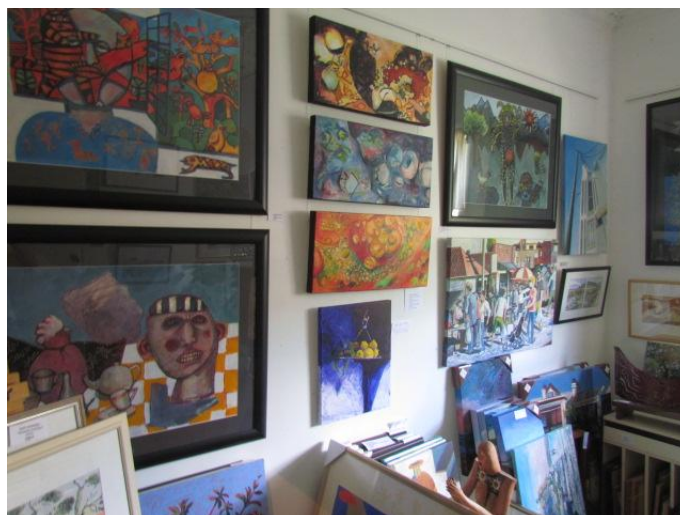
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

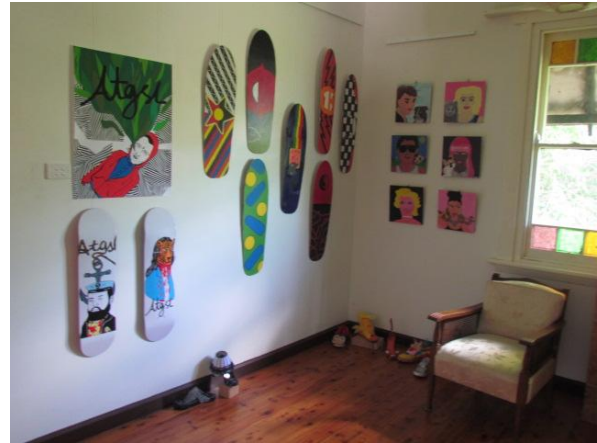
This week is one of the biggest weeks in the life of the school with Years 7, 8 and 9 Presentation Day on Thursday. Congratulations to all the students whose academic, sporting and cultural achievements will be recognised during this celebration. I hope that many parents/carers will attend this important event. I would like to thank Mrs Rennie, the year advisors, the music staff, Mrs Newey and Mr Mackay for their work in making sure that this event runs smoothly.

Congratulations to Tessa Sharp, Kassie Bangle and Chelsea Hanlon, who have had their Higher School Certificate works in Visual Art and Design and Technology nominated to be part of *Art Express* and *Design Tech*. These nominations are few and a great honour to these students. I am hoping that all these works are selected to be part of the state wide tour in 2012.

Jarrad Rotumah of Year 12 has been awarded a State Sporting Blue for touch football. This is a great honour and shows the range of activities that Newcastle High School students are involved in. This award will be formally presented to Jarrad on 9th December.

I was very impressed by the quality of the work and range of media on display at the *Young at Art* show at Gallery 48 in Mackie Street New Lambton. Year 10 students have curated this exhibition showcasing the artistic talents of visual arts students from Years 7 to 12. The exhibition is on until 4th December.





Last week the school hosted a Board of Studies forum about the changes that are going to take place for Year 10 students in 2012. These students will be awarded a **Record of School Achievement** if they leave school and take up training. As most students remain at school Year 10 will continue until the end of the school year, and there will be no external exams. Assessment will continue until late November. I would ask families not to plan holidays during term 4 for Year 10 students in 2012 as they will be completing assessment tasks before commencing stage 6 work.

Mr Kleeman, who supervised the external exams earlier this month asked me to pass onto parents and carers how impressed he, and his team of supervisors, were with the students. The students were polite and cooperated with all instructions and behaved to ensure that all students had the opportunity to do their best. School Certificate grades and results are released on Friday 9th December and the HSC results are released to students via their PIN on 14th December and in the mail on the 16th December.

There will be a number of staff changes from the start of the 2012 school year. In the English staff Mrs Buxton has been replaced by Mrs Sue Parrott, who is a long established teacher transferring from Francis Greenway High School, and Mrs Morgan's position is in the process of being filled, and Mr Edwards is taking leave for Term 1. In the mathematics staff, Ms Yan has been transferred to Whitebridge High school and her position is currently being filled. In Industrial Arts Mr Dransfield has been transferred to Scone High and his position will be filled this year and Mr Campton has indicated that he will be on extended leave from the start of 2012. Mr Stephen Carey commences at Head Teacher HSIE on Monday. I am sure Mr Carey will make a significant contribution to the school and I welcome him on behalf of all at NHS.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by staff who stepped up and relieved as Head Teachers during 2011, especially Ms Wood, Ms Cameron, Mr Dransfield and Ms Ferguson. Their skills and cooperation have ensured that the school continued to operate effectively during 2012.

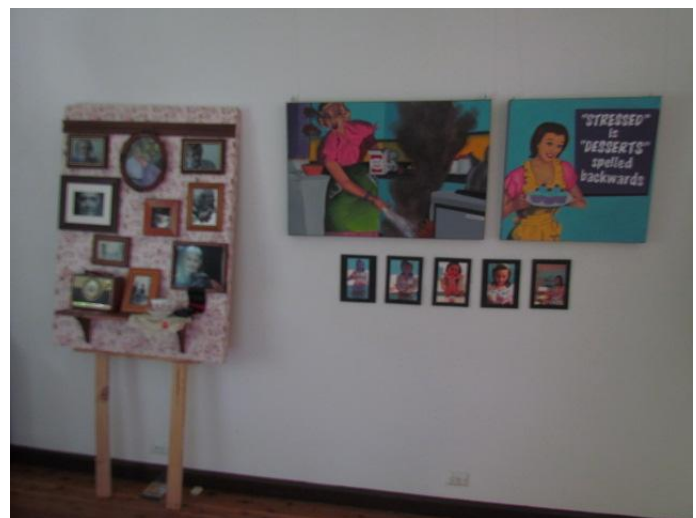
Currently the school is writing the 2011 Annual School Report. This year the school will be reviewing the Industrial Arts faculty. A number of students and parents will be surveyed and asked about the programs and teaching in this area.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning team have had a great year. This week the PBL team will take part in a regional showcase, sharing and learning from our PBL experience.

I will be taking some Long Service Leave as of Friday 2nd December but will return for the start of the 2012 school year. Mr Jones will relieve as Principal and Mrs Rennie will relieve as Deputy Principal and Mr Wallace will relieve as Maths Head Teacher. I would like to wish all students, staff and parents/carers a happy, safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to starting 2012 with you all.

Mark Hewitt
Principal

*MORE IMAGES FROM
YOUNG AT ART
EXHIBITION*



YARRABAH DANCERS

Several of our Indigenous students at Newcastle High were invited along to a unique cultural performance by the Yarrabah Dancers at Carrington Public School early in November.

Yarrabah is an Aboriginal community of mainly Gudanyji and Yidinyji people located about 45km from Cairns, in far North Queensland. The Yarrabah Dancers shared with us some of their unique stories of the Dreamtime, and have been travelling across NSW schools sharing some of their culture and history through traditional Aboriginal song and dance.

Students and teachers from Newcastle High were given the opportunity to participate with the dancers and some students from our school were chosen to showcase many of their talents in front other students from our partner primary schools in Newcastle.

The Yarrabah performances consisted of the creation stories, how spirits connect us all on our journey through life and how animals or totems hold special significance and meaning to all local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their respective nations.



Here are just some of the students and teachers from our school who attended the event.

From Left to right: Rebekka Forster, Destoni Curtis, Monica Celeste-Pead, Mr Hardy, Mrs Belinda Wright our AEO, Delilah Robson, Ms Nowak, Jessica O'Neil, Dylan Morris-Welsh, Caiden Brown.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the three Yarrabah men for sharing with us their culture and stories of the dreamtime, which have been passed on by their ancestors.

ART – SCULPTURE BY THE SEA

Year 9, 10 and 11 students headed down to 'Sculpture by the Sea' on the 17th November. What a fabulous day! The kids had a ball walking along Bondi Beach and viewing all of the amazing sculptures from sculptors around the world.

Taliha Peacock
Art Staff





ENGLISH FACULTY REPORT

Another year seems to have passed before us, but one which has been definitely hectic and rewarding and one in which we have continued to celebrate excellence in our students. This year we saw our inaugural Creative Writing Workshops. Their fantastic efforts were acknowledged at a Live Reading Presentation in October where students read out their favourite pieces of work in front of their parents, peers and staff. Here are a few samples we were able to share in and enjoy. Some are dark, some are whimsical, others poignant and touching – but, as with all great writing, they made us want to know what would happen next!

We're running, running from the truth on an old abandoned road. A shot is fired and a racing pain runs through my body. I stop running and fall to the ground to see my brother's corpse beside me. [Daniel H.]

I took a tentative step into the chipped cobblestoned lane. Darkness swallowed me up as I made my way further into the unknown. The bricks of the buildings were faded and covered in moss. Rats scampered along the gutters, brushing my feet. A door slamming shut broke the silence. The man was gone. [Sarah B.]

The feeling that overcomes you when you float yourself on a piece of foam and hide in a powerful yet peaceful pocket of water, surrounded by its raw intensity, cannot be described only felt. [Oliver L.]

Some people say that he watched the car run off the road; other stories tell that he was the one driving. The people whisper and stare. He wanders limply around the museum, hiding in the shade from their judgement. [Sophie G.]

Running away from blanketed minds with their eyes shut and imagination cut away from life. We wanted freedom; freedom of speech, colour, imagination and love. [India W.]

Please go to the Hunter Writer's website (www.hwcentre.com) for a wider range of work from these exceptional young writers or pop in to the Writer's Loft opposite the English Staffroom and read our walls!. A large thankyou to Mrs Karen Crofts for her work with these students. Due to the overwhelming success of this program, we will be continuing these workshops next year, expanding into Years 9 and 10. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact us.

Starting early in Term 1 we will be calling for students interested in participating in our Debating and Public Speaking Competitions. Please contact Ms Kylie Bates, our Debating Coordinator or Mrs Glenyce Oswald, our Public Speaking Coordinator, for further information.

Next year will see a few changes to the English Faculty. While we welcome Mrs Sue Parrott who has transferred from Francis Greenway High, we have a few sad farewells. Miss Kate Ralph will be leaving us for South Australia and we know that

our loss will most definitely be Adelaide's gain!! We also have an extra sad farewell for Mr Christopher Edwards who retires at the end of this term. Mr Edwards has been at Newcastle High for over a decade and his calm, professional presence, dry sense of humour and exceptional skills as an educator will be sorely missed by all of us here - staff and students. We wish him all the best for a well-deserved break.

All the best for a safe and happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Ms Rachel McNeilly (HT English)

“SKINNED KNUCKLE CREW”

Following a discussion in a Year 8 English lesson about the use of procedural texts, the idea for the "Skinned Knuckle Garage" was born. The idea was to have students who were interested in engines to be given the opportunity to work at dismantling them, documenting the process, and finally coming up with a workshop manual detailing the re-assembly procedure.

The project began with a selection of engine ancillaries being dismantled, cleaned, painted and then re-assembled for the purposes of display. At the time of writing, we have procured a complete engine and the aim is to use the skills picked up in the early sessions to work on the more difficult procedure of dismantling a complete car engine.

The boys have been exemplary in their approach to the work and they are keen to see how their mechanical and workshop skills can be linked to the use of English in the workplace. I have seen the enthusiasm with which they have taken to the task and their group dynamics have been mature and professional.

We hope that the work of the inaugural "Skinned Knuckle Mechanics" might be carried on as a feature of English here at Newcastle High.

The "Skinned Knuckle Crew" comprised:

Jordan Rimmington [foreman]
Jackson McDonald
Josh Richardson
Tim Studdert
Clancy Durie-Lantry

Congratulations to you all!

Mr Villari



Newcastle High School

Year 10 Working Artists Program Presents:

Young at Art

AN ART EXHIBITION HOSTING
WORKS OF YOUNG ARTISTS FROM
NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL -
SHOWCASING A SELECTION OF
YEAR 12 MAJOR WORKS.

Venue:
STUDIO 48
48 Mackie Ave
NEW LAMBTON

Opening Hours: Friday 11am-4pm
Saturday/Sunday
11am-5pm

- Multiple rooms featuring the work of over 20 artists
- Curated and hung by Yr10 Working Artists

OPENING SHOW:

**Sunday 27th November
2.30pm-4.00pm**

RUNNING FROM:

**Friday 25th November TO:
16th December 2011**

**CONTACT DETAILS
TRISHA HENDRIE
ART TEACHER**

**Newcastle High School
Parkway Ave
Hamilton**

Phone: 49693177



IMPORTANT DATES

<h1>2011</h1>	
Year 7, 8, 9 Presentation Day	1 DECEMBER
P&C Dinner	5 DECEMBER
Year 10 Presentation Day	9 DECEMBER
Last day for students for 2011	16 DECEMBER
Last day for staff – SCHOOL CLOSSES	20 DECEMBER
<h1>2012</h1>	
School Office Opens	TUESDAY, 24 TH JANUARY 2012
School Office Open	WEDNESDAY, 25 TH JANUARY 2012
Teachers only Return	FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY 2012
Years 7, 11 , 12 Return	MONDAY, 30 JANUARY 2012
Years 8, 9, 10 Return	TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2012
NEW ENROLMENTS	WEDNESDAY, 1 ST FEBRUARY 2012
P&C Meeting – 5:30	MONDAY 5 TH FEBRUARY
Meet the Teacher BBQ	TUESDAY 14 TH FEBRUARY



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JANUARY SHOP OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 25th January 2012 : 8.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 27th January 2012 : 8.00am – 10.00am

Normal shop hours resume : Tuesday 31st January

There will be NO fittings during January for back-to-school – it will be strictly pick-up only, so please make your fitting appointments in Term 4, 2011.

Uniform price list & online shopping available at:

www.alintaapparel.com.au

SPORT REPORT

Cricket Congratulations to our U/14 Boys Cricket Team who have progressed through to Round 5 of the 2011 Baker Shield. This places them in the last 4 schools in the Hunter Region. 32 Hunter Region schools have already been eliminated.

Thanks to Mr Doherty for his work with this team. We have included the match report by Alex Hills and Jacob Montgomery, Round 4 match against Warners Bay:

The Newcastle High School U/14 Cricket Team had another win in the Baker Shield against Warners Bay High. After winning the toss, Liam Dwyer and Tim Studdert opened the batting. Tim was "caught out" on 11 but Liam, after displaying some beautiful cover drives, continued through the innings to retire (not out) on 85 runs. Jordan Rimmington strode to the crease with confidence to score 72 runs (his highest ever). Jacob Montgomery "bludgeoned" 73 runs. We finished with a score of 5/286. Quite a task for Warners Bay!

Standout bowlers were: Jordon Rimmington – 3/19 off 6 overs

: Chloe Jones - 3/36 off 6 overs (well done Chloe!)

Warners Bay only managed to hit 153.

Baseball Congratulations to Tim Voigt, who after recent trials was selected in the Hunter Region Baseball Team to compete in Term 1, 2012. Tim was a member of the Hunter Region Team which competed in the 2011 NSW CHS Championships Term 1 this year.

HUNTER SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The end of term 4 sees the Hunter Region Sports Awards being presented. This year's presentation will be held at Wallsend Diggers Function Centre on Tuesday 6th December. At this presentation three Newcastle High School students will be receiving a Hunter Region Award.

Congratulations to:



Kale Bradbery (Year 12) – Hunter Region Sporting Blue for Football.

A Sporting Blue is the highest award that can be received in School Sport in the Hunter Region.



Jarrad Rotumah (Year 12) – Hunter Region Special Mention for Touch

A Special Mention is awarded to students who have already received a Sporting Blue and continue to display a similar or higher standard in their sport.



Thomas Duck (Year 10) – Hunter Sports Award for Hockey

This award is presented to students who show excellence at a high level of competition, indicating their progression towards the requirements of a Sporting Blue. It recognised exceptional performances at an age level other than Open.

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

To conclude his outstanding school sporting achievements, Jarrad Rotumah has been awarded a NSW CHS Blue for outstanding achievement in the sport of Touch.

This award is presented to a maximum of two students in a sport in each calendar year in NSW.

Jarrad is an exceptional Touch player and has been a wonderful representative of NHS, the Hunter Region and NSW CHS during his 6 years at our school. He is a most worthy recipient of this award.

Jarrad will be presented with this award in the Gold Members Room, Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park on 9th December.

Congratulations Jarrad!

2011 Round Up

In previous bulletins this year we have acknowledged the many outstanding individual and team achievements.

This year we have had 33 teams represent our school in 20 different sports. Our many teams achieved a range of success as well as having the fun and enjoyment of competing against other schools from around the region and the state.

Special mention to teams which progressed through a number of rounds of the State Knockout:

- Open Boys Cricket (Round 3)
- Open Boys Touch (Round 3)
- Open Boys Rugby League (Round 4)
- Open Table Tennis (Round 3)
- U/15 Girls Basketball (Round 3)
- U/14 Boys Cricket (Round 5 – Not out!)

21 students (16 boys and 5 girls) represented the Hunter Region in Cricket, Basketball, Swimming, Rugby League, hockey, Rugby Union, Touch, Football, Gymnastics, Softball, Cross Country, Athletics and Triathlon.

And our NSW CHS Representatives:

- Jarrad Rotumah (Touch)
- Kale Bradbery (Football)
- Tom Duck (Hockey)
- Angus Drew (Athletics)

Congratulations to our Sportsperson of the Year Jarrad Rotumah.

As this is our final bulletin for the year we would like to once again thank all those students who have so enthusiastically represented Newcastle High School in sporting competitions this year. Over 290 students have represented our school this year, with many of them representing on numerous occasions in many different teams. As well as being an enjoyable and valuable opportunity and experience for the students, the majority have been wonderful ambassadors for our school and represented Newcastle High School with pride.



Special thanks to the 17 staff who volunteered to coach the teams, the many staff who covered their lessons and the parents who supported and transported these students.

We would also like to thank the P&C for the ongoing support they have provided to our students who have represented the school at Hunter Region and State level. Their contribution assists the students in meeting the costs required for them to be able to represent the Region and the State as ambassadors for Newcastle High School. The students and their parents appreciate this support.

Merry Christmas

Mr P Wagner/Mrs N Blatchford
Sports Co-ordinators

Triple S Festival

Song, Scene and Sketch



*Held on Saturday,
26th of May, 2012
9am to 1pm
(Gold Coin Donation for Entry)*

Newcastle High School's Triple S Festival is here to showcase our students' and community's talents. The festival will have attractions and various stalls.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Would you like to run your own stall or provide sponsorship?!?!

For a small fee of \$50, you can hire out an exclusive lot on which you can run your own store at Newcastle High's Triple S festival, and all the profit you make is yours to keep!

Alternatively, local businesses and community members are welcome to sponsor the Triple S Festival (advertisement will need to be provided).

For more information, stall and sponsorship enquiries
Please phone Newcastle High School on 49693177.

Contact: • Ms Aurelia Nowak • Mrs Tara Allington • Ms Ros Newey

Kind Regards,
Newcastle High School
Student Representative Council

Join us at Newcastle
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Newcastle Ballet Theatre

ENROLMENT DAYS

Saturday 10th December - 11.30am - 3pm
Sunday 11th December - 10.30 - 2.30pm
3/104 Munibung Road Cardiff.

Classes Include:

- * Classical Ballet ACB Syllabus and open Classes
- * Boys Classes
- * Pas de Deux
- * Contemporary
- * Jazz/Hip Hop
- * Pilates
- * Stretch/Conditioning
- * Tiny Tots ballet
- * Adult ballet classes
- * Private Coaching
- * Full time Training Program



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2012

see our website for enrolment form and pre-register form or for further details phone or email:

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email: nbt1@live.com.au

www.newcastleballettheatre.com.au

Holiday Workshop

Long hair up-styling and Glamour make up

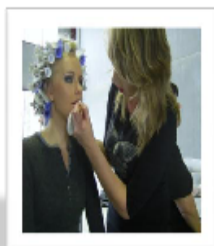
Four day workshop over two weeks

Date: Monday & Tuesdays
16 January to 24 January 2012
Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$350.00

- ★ This fabulous new workshop from Contour College is a great insight for savvy teenagers to learn from basic skills to funky and professional styles in hair and makeup.
- ★ This course could be used to confirm an interest into further industry training beyond high school or maybe a career!
- ★ Sign-up a workshop buddy like Mum, Sister, Aunty or best friend and receive a 5% discount on your combined workshop fee.
- ★ Call or email Contour College for more information about this or any of our fully accredited Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy courses.



Come and have some fun in these school holidays!



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Thursday	9am– 5pm
Friday	9am– 5pm

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