

# 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 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Over the last two weeks the school has held a number of ceremonies celebrating and acknowledging student achievements in Years 7 to 10.

Mrs Hines and Ms Wood finalised the transition of the incoming Year 7 2012 students this week with two orientation days. 180 students attended and familiarised themselves with the school, ready for 2012. 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](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au) or by email – [newcastlehs@alinta.com.au](mailto:newcastlehs@alinta.com.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 Communities 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 DEC 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 The Banyan Tree last Tuesday to thank the Canteen volunteers for their work during the year. With the children of 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 2012:

<b>2012</b>		
<b>School Office Opens</b>	<b>9-3</b>	<b>TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>
<b>School Office Open</b>	<b>9-3</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>
<b>Teachers only Return</b>		<b>FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY</b>
<b>Years 7, 11 , 12 Return</b>		<b>MONDAY, 30 JANUARY</b>
<b>Years 8, 9, 10 Return</b>		<b>TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY</b>
<b>NEW ENROLMENTS</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>P&amp;C Meeting – 5:30</b>		<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>School Photos</b>		<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>Swimming Carnival (Competitors only)</b>		<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>Meet the Teacher BBQ</b>		<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>

Thanks for the support over 2011. Again, have a happy and restful break and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back for a great 2012.

Andrew Jones  
(Acting) Principal



## **YEAR 9 AND 10 CHILD CARE**

During the year our Child Care students spent time producing tiny outfits for premature babies. These outfits will be donated to the John Hunter Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The students enjoyed the production process and are excited about donating their finished garments. A huge thank you must go to Spotlight who very generously donated over \$300 dollars worth of material and notions. Without their support this worthwhile project would not have happened.

## **YEAR 12 EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD**

During the year our Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood students undertook regular work placement at 'Frogstomp' Preschool. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl and her fabulous staff for their support in allowing our students to complete their placements. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable knowledge and skills. An enjoyable time was had by all.

**CONGRATULATIONS KASSIE BANGLE ON YOUR HSC ART WORK BEING SELECTED FOR ART EXPRESS. THIS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AROUND WESTERN NSW AND NEWCASTLE DURING 2012.**



**'ALGORITHM OF MAN6'**



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!!



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

December 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Hamilton South Carols Night – Comm. Hall Fowler St Ham Sth
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Christmas Morning Service

**ANGLICAN CHURCHES**

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

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Kids' Carols
	10:30 pm	Midnight Mass
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Sung Eucharist

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

December 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Carols by Candlelight-sausage sizzle@7pm (BYO blanket or chair)
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Interactive Carol Service with a Child focus - 45 mins
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Christmas Service with Carols and Music (includes communion)
	11:30 pm	Midnight Mass (includes communion) – 1 hr
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Traditional Christmas Celebration (includes communion) 1 hr

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

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 pm	Midnight by Candlelight Service
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Christmas Day Service

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

December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Christmas Day Service



**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

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

December 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Hope of Salvation Christmas Production
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Hope of Salvation Christmas Production

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

December 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production
	6:00pm	Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Mr Punkle's Christmas Blunder Christmas Production

**BAPTIST CHURCHES**

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

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Carols in Gregson Park (Lindsay St Hamilton) with 'Pretty Amazing Jono'
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Christmas Service

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

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

Merewether Baptist – 75 Morgan Street Merewether – Tel: 4957 0965

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm Christmas Hymnsing  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Christmas Day Service

### **C3 CHRISTIAN CITY CHURCH**

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

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Christmas Day Service at Merewether Church

### **CATHOLIC CHURCHES – Tel: 4979 1101**

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

### **CITY LIFE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 49-51 Hunter Street Newcastle - Tel: 4926 1943**

18<sup>th</sup> December 6:00 pm Carols in Pacific Park (Pacific St Newcastle bring chairs and picnic rug)  
25<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am Christmas Day Service at Church (49-51 Hunter St Newcastle)

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

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

December 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Nine Lessons & Carols
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Family Candlelight Service
	11:30 pm	Watch Night Service – Christmas Bells will ring out at midnight
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Christmas Service

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

December 24<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Christmas Day Service

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

Café opens 30 minutes before each performance.

Tickets are free but bookings are essential

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	'All I want for Christmas'
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	'All I want for Christmas'
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	'All I want for Christmas'

### **UNITING CHURCH**

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

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

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## **CANTEEN NEWS**

We bid a sad farewell to our retiring Canteen volunteer Graham Rummey.

Graham has been a Canteen volunteer here at Newcastle High for the last 12 years – many of those volunteer years given after his son Miles had completed his schooling as a student here. Graham worked as a volunteer twice a month and has been an invaluable support to our Canteen Supervisor Michelle. He has been a most competent and reliable assistant. Graham also gave of his time to assist with cooking the many BBQs held to support fundraising for student activities and school supported charities.

Graham has also been a long standing member of the Canteen Committee acting as both Secretary and Minutes Secretary. His energetic and sensible personality will be sadly missed. We wish Graham a happy retirement from Canteen volunteer service and we thank him for his years of work for our school and our children.

## **FACTOR BLOOD DONATIONS INTO YOUR HOLIDAYS**

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is concerned that quick-to-expire blood and blood products will not be replenished after the Christmas and New Year long weekends.

Blood is the perfect gift to give this Christmas and New Year. We know Australians are very generous, so we're hoping they'll roll up their sleeves and answer the call at this time of need.

With two long-weekends in a row, we need people to be more generous than ever before to help us through this tough period.

Giving blood takes only an hour of your time and you'll be ensuring that someone else can enjoy the holiday seasons with loved ones.

One in three people will need blood in their lifetime, yet only one in 30 donate.

### **You can donate at Newcastle Donor Centre**

38 Watt Street,  
Monday, Tuesday & Friday from 8am – 4pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 1pm – 8pm

### **Christmas/New Year extra sessions**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 2pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 2pm for platelets
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	8am – 2pm for platelets
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	8am – 2pm for platelets

To donate during the **Blood Blitz** call the Blood Service on 13 14 95 or visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

# Exchange students at NHS

**Attention: All families interested in hosting an exchange student.**

Every year NHS hosts students from France, Japan, Germany and other countries.

Exchange students and their Australian host families always report what a memorable and enriching experience this can be. If your family is interested in hosting in 2012, please contact Ms Engel in the Languages Department.

- ❖ We are looking for families for 4 French students between the ages of 14 and 17 years, for Term 3. They arrive in Newcastle on the 6th of July, will stay with their host family for the holidays and will then attend school with their host friend from Monday 15th of July until Wednesday the 1st of August. If you are interested in hosting one of these students please see Ms Engel or contact the organiser direct at: [lauredelacondamine@yahoo.fr](mailto:lauredelacondamine@yahoo.fr)
- ❖ A young girl from Germany, called Lydia, will also be attending NHS during Term 3 and is looking for a host family to stay with. She has written a beautiful letter in excellent English to introduce herself:

Hi

My name is Lydia Monz and I'm 14 years old. My birth date is the 27th December 1996.

I'm the youngest of five children. I come from a large family. My oldest sister Katharina is 21 years old, my brother Stefan is 20, my middle sister Julia is 17 and my twin sister Christina is also 14 years old. My mum Susanne and my father Heribert are both 55 years old. My mother is a teacher for economics and my father runs a company for import of bicycle-parts.

I live in Trier, Germany oldest city build by the Romans on the river Mosel. I am attending the 'Max-Planck-Gymnasium' in Trier and am currently in Year 10 (in Australia Yr 9).

I love playing my instruments (clarinet and saxophone) and doing sport. My favorite sport is to ride my bike and Judo. In the last two years I was with some friends on a pilgrimage. We cycled from Augsburg (South Germany) to Roma (Italy). But I also like other sports like volleyball, table tennis, swimming in the ocean....

I'm a friendly girl with a good sense of humour; I am calm, balanced and tidy. I have been learning English since I was six years old. I hope to come to Australia to improve my English and learn about Australia's nature and the Australian way of life.



I hope to find a host family in Newcastle and attend NHS for Term 3 2012. I would be very excited to spend time in Australia.

I am looking forward to hearing from families interested to host me for term 3 2012.

Lydia Monz

Please contact Ms Engel if you are interested in welcoming Lydia into your family during Term 3 in 2012.



Rino and Haruka from Hokkaido, Japan with some of the Year 10 Japanese class this year.

## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES: YEAR 7 Japanese.



We studied the amazing architectural design of Buddhist three and five storey pagodas that allow them to withstand strong earthquakes. Students also dressed up in traditional Japanese kimonos.



**Adamstown Rosebud Junior Football Club** – Player registration days will be held at Adamstown Park (Popran Road, Adamstown) on Sunday 29 January 2012 and Sunday 5 February 2012 from 9am to 12noon and on Tuesday 1 February 2012, Wednesday 2 February 2012 and Thursday 2 February 2012 from 5pm to 7pm. Teams for boys and girls of all abilities from Under 6's to all ages. For further details email: [secretary\\_arjfc@bigpond.com](mailto:secretary_arjfc@bigpond.com)

# TERM 1 2012

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
<b>0</b>	23/1	24/1 School Office Open 9 - 3	25/1 School office Open 9 - 3	26/1 <b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b>	27/1 SDD	28/1	29/1
<b>1 A</b>	30/1 <b>Yr 7, 11 &amp; 12 Return</b>	31/1 <b>Yr 8, 9 &amp; 10 Return</b>	1/2 New enrolments	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2
<b>2 B</b>	6/2 <b>School Photos – Main Photo day</b>  P & C	7/2 Swimming Carnival  Parent Bulletin	8/2 School Photos – catch up	9/2	10/2	11/2	12/2
<b>3 A</b>	13/2	14/2 Meet the Teachers – BBQ	15/2	16/2	17/2 Yr 7 & Yr 10 Vaccinations	18/2	19/2
<b>4 B</b>	20/2	21/2	22/2  Yr7 Camp - Morisset	23/2  Yr7 Camp - Morisset	24/2  Yr7 Camp - Morisset	25/2	26/2
<b>5 A</b>	27/2  Parent Bulletin	28/2	29/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3
<b>6 B</b>	5/3 Yr12 Hospitality Work Placement  P & C	6/3 Staff Meeting – CAPA  Hunter Region Swimming Carnival	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3
<b>7 A</b>	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3  Yr 6 EOI due	17/3	18/3
<b>8 B</b>	19/3 Yr12 Metals Work Placement	20/3	21/3 Parent Teacher Afternoon 8, 9 & 10	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3
<b>9 A</b>	26/3 Yr7 – Luna Park  Parent Bulletin	27/3 Parent Teacher Afternoon 7, 11 & 12	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4
<b>10 B</b>	2/4  P & C	3/4	4/4	5/4  Hand out Yr12 Reports	6/4  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	7/4	8/4

# Merry Christmas

OICHE NODLAIG MHAITH

VESELE VANOCH



JOYEUX NOEL

BUON NATALE

FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN

GLAD JUL

HAUSKAA JOULUA

GELUKKIG KERSTFEEST

Καλά Χριστούγεννα

WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT

Sretan Božić

