

# The Parkway



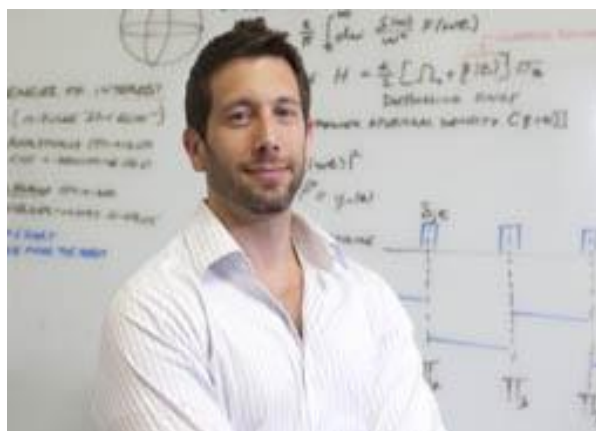
November, 2012

Parkway Number 10

**The next P&C Meeting will be held on  
Monday, 5 November 2012 at 5.30pm in the school foyer  
P&C email: [nhspandc@mybiznetonline.com](mailto:nhspandc@mybiznetonline.com)  
ALL WELCOME**

## **UNSW 2012 International Science Competition**

Newcastle High School participated in the UNSW 2012 International Science Competition and demonstrated the outstanding talents of our students. Tom Maker (Year 10) received a High Distinction and Nicola Eenink (Year 7) received a Distinction Certificate. Samuel O'Sullivan and Marisa McLean (Year 7) both achieved a Credit in the examination. Thanks to Mr Crichton in Mathematics who coordinated the competition entries and Mr Bromfield who ran the science examinations.



## **Einstein Lecture at the Powerhouse Museum**

Year 12 Physics attended the annual Einstein Lecture held at the Power House Museum. The event coincided with National Science Week and the Ultimo Science Festival. The lecture featured Dr Michael J. Biercuk who is an experimental physicist from the Centre for Engineered Quantum Systems at the University of Sydney. Michael runs a research group performing cutting-edge experiments using trapped atoms to study and exploit the strangest effects in quantum physics.

The lecture focused on an examination of the physics of the very small and very cold revealed just how different the quantum world is to our own. The discussion explored the wealth of bizarre phenomena that arise in quantum mechanics, and how we can exploit them to enable an entire generation of new technologies.

## **New Science Courses at Newcastle High School**

In an effort to provide additional opportunities for students interested in Science at Newcastle High School, the Science Faculty has developed and introduced the following curriculum initiatives:

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## Marine Studies

In 2012, the Science faculty has run a Marine Studies elective for students in Year 9 for the first time in many years. Students have undertaken training in water safety, investigated marine ecosystems and have developed a freshwater ecosystem at the school. We hope the continuing success of this course will allow students interested in coastal environments to continue their studies at a senior level.

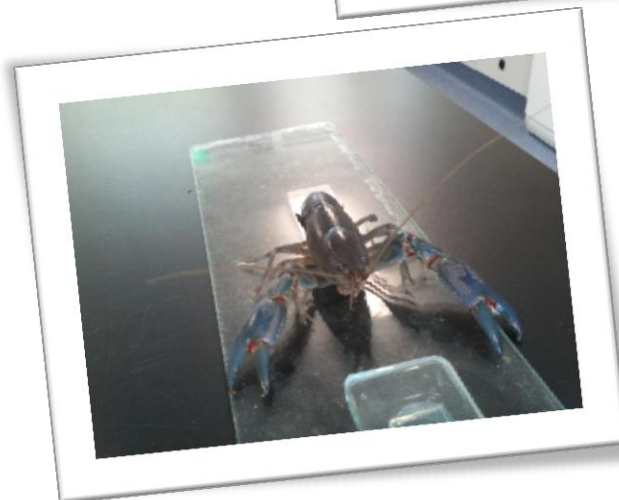
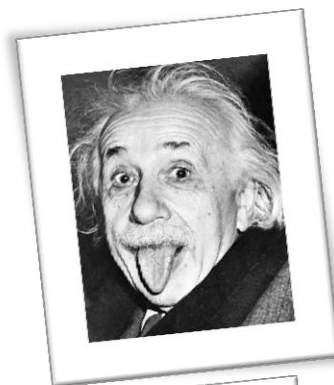
## Mad Scientists

The Science faculty has introduced a Year 10 senior preparation elective which will run for the first time in 2013. The aim of the course is to get interested students participating in experimental science projects, conducting research and in so doing, develop skills that will enhance students' ability to succeed in HSC science courses.

## Newcastle Boys High School Old Boys Association

Professor Lewis Keys, an *old boy* of Newcastle Boys High, has made a generous donation to promote the fields of Science and Engineering and to increase the numbers of students that move on to university in these fields. Professor Keys recently came to the school and visited a Year 8 science class who were engaged by his story. He later committed \$6000 to our school in order to purchase equipment that will increase scientific interest and curiosity. The school has since ordered some wonderful equipment including a speed gun, a thermal imaging camera and a UV spectrophotometer. These resources should be available for classes to use later this term.

Thank you to the Newcastle Boys' High School Old Boys Association.



## Wetlands Excursion

Year 11 students from Senior Science, Biology and Earth and Environmental Science participated in a field study at Hunter Wetlands in Shortland in Term 3. Students undertook scientific methods to measure the distribution and abundance of different types of organisms inhabiting a wetland ecosystem. Students participated in collecting and identifying aquatic organisms to determine feeding relationships. This enabled the students to develop a food web for the ecosystem. The new education facilities at the Wetlands are extremely well equipped for this purpose. We would highly recommend a visit to the Wetland for families interested in the natural environment.



*Sean Bromfield  
Head Teacher Science*

## Cows Create Careers at NHS



Science students got up close and personal with some four-legged friends, when 'Jaffa' and 'Oreo' spent three weeks at NHS. As part of Dairy Australia's 'Cows Create Careers' program, Year 8 students were able to experience rearing two Holstein calves and learn about the variety of careers relating to agriculture and the Primary Industries.

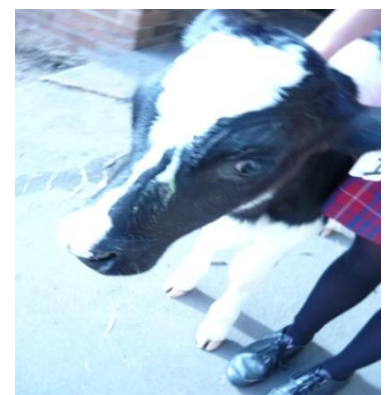
The calves were housed at the base of the stairwell in the Science block and students ensured that the housing was warm, comfortable and secure. Twice a day students prepared bottles of milk formula to feed the calves, they measured and tracked their growth and 'mucked out' the pen. Their experiences were transformed into presentations and newsletters. At the end of the three weeks, the calves returned to their farm in Tocal.

A few weeks later, the students were able to visit their calves at the dairy. 'Matt the Farmer' happily reported that Jaffa and Oreo were at least 10kg ahead in their growth and asked if NHS could take in the whole herd next year! Students also toured the Tocal College and viewed the cattle judging and horse husbandry students in action. It certainly did appeal to some as a possible career choice!

NHS and Year 8 students would like to thank Matt Hogan and the Tocal Dairy, for again loaning us two precious calves. Thanks also to Mrs Kerry Kempton, who is employed by the Department of Primary Industries and was our ever helpful mentor. Thank you to the sponsors Dairy Australia who provide funding and milk formula.

Final thanks to the fantastic Year 8 students who showed great commitment, organisation, persistence, cooperation and willingness to get in and have a go! And thanks to the families and teachers who came in on the weekends to help look after the calves. It really showed what a great support network NHS has.

*Mrs Lidden and Ms Manhood*



## Hamilton South Public School Visit

Year 8 and 9 assisted Hamilton South Public teachers Ms Wilson and Ms Coleman in presenting “Sens-O-Rama Science Show” to Year 1 students. All students were amazing ambassadors for our school and many showed a talent for teaching. As you can see in the photos it was big smiles and lots of fun for all students involved!!

Thank you to all the students who helped with this successful day.

Mrs Lidden



## Build ME A Future Day at Newcastle University

Students put their minds into gear at the Newcastle University Science and Engineering Challenge Day for Year 8 students. In teams of four or five, students were faced with the task of designing and building mini-engineering projects. These included a catapult, racing car, aeroplane, super strong tower and solving an electro-city circuit problem.

Our teams showed excellent creativity in solving their challenges and again, were superb representatives of our school. Well done to all involved and we hope to see you again in the Year 10 Science challenge competition.



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Having just browsed this edition The Parkway, I am delighted to celebrate and share with you the diversity and success of Newcastle High School, both within the local community, nationally and internationally! You will have read articles about sporting involvement, cultural achievements, academic achievement and a report from the students who participated in the excursion to Japan during the last holidays. All these wonderful achievements have only been possible due to the hard work of students, staff and parents. I really appreciate these efforts.

Last Thursday evening was a big night for the school. Along with our primary partner schools we celebrated the end of the 2012 Middle Schools Writing Project. Every Year 5 student from our partner schools participated and was mentored by a Year 8 student. The project was supported by the Newcastle Herald and I would like to thank Mr Ian Kirkwood for sharing his expertise and time with the students. The results were fantastic. Well done to all involved, particularly to Ms Ferguson and Ms Peachey and to Ms Emily Press from Hamilton South Public School for her support in the final stages of the project.

While this was happening, another group of students were providing a cooked evening meal for the residents of Ronald McDonald House. Again this was a great success and provided an opportunity for students to contribute to the greater good of our community. I received the following appreciative email:

*"...it was great and the photos are up on Facebook. The leftovers got gobbled up fast too! We would love to have NHS come once a term, particularly if this also helps the students in their studies and also in taking what they are learning into a real life situation (that is greatly appreciated by the families in the House)...We all think it is a wonderful idea as we really appreciate the fantastic job the students have done to date. They really are great ambassadors for the school."*

We would be keen to locate a corporate sponsor to meet the cost of the food so we could do this more often. This recent event was sponsored by the staff and school.

The school was named by Newcastle City Council as a winner in the Pride of Place awards. We have been given a sizable grant to improve the streetscape around the lower Smith gate and Room 42. The DEC is scheduled to repair and repaint this building so this part of the school should soon look as smart as the rest of the school. Ms Hines and Ms Allington worked with the SRC and Ms Rene Smith, P&C President, to write this application. Well done to these hard workers and what a great reward for the school. Thanks also to the gardening group who worked last Sunday and moved three piles of mulch around the school. Special thanks to Grant Smith who drove the dingo while the rest of us spread the mulch.

With all this great work and achievement I was very disappointed to have to provide amended anticipated student numbers to the Department of Education early this term. It is really unfortunate that a considerable number of families are not supporting Newcastle High School, the local high school. As a result, the school has been forced to reduce staffing numbers for 2013. Please spread the good news about the school in the community. Despite a fall in numbers three new head teachers have been appointed to the school. Ms Quinn Robertson has been appointed Head Teacher Special Education, Ms Valerie Kadarusman and Ms Lauren Wood have been appointed Head Teachers Administration. Congratulations to these teachers and thank you to the staff, parents and AECG members who served on the selection panels.

As this term flies by at great speed the school is in full assessment mode and moving soon to reporting. The 2012 Year 12 cohort are completing their HSC exams and the current Year 11 students have begun their HSC course of study and have been issued with their 2013 HSC Assessment Schedule. Please make sure that Year 11 students are familiar with these requirements. All other students, including Year 10, are required to be at school until Wednesday, 19 December. Exemptions can be granted to students with legitimate excuses for absence. There are no School Certificate tests for Year 10 and students in this cohort will be awarded a

Record of School Achievement (ROSA) when they leave school, not at the end of year 10. I would also stress to parents that there is no such function as a Newcastle High School Year 10 Formal.

Presentation Night is on Wednesday, 12 December commencing at 7.00pm. We are trialling a different format this year with one ceremony for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. On Thursday, 13 December, year assemblies will be held for year groups and merit certificates and other awards will be presented to students.

A small group of staff are working on plans to reinvigorate sport and the reintroduction of Houses into the school. It is planned that this will commence from the start of 2013.

School uniform is looking very good, especially as the weather has warmed up and there is no need to wear non-uniform hoodies to school, but the warmer weather means we all sweat a bit more and male students need to wear school shorts and then change into their sports shorts, and not just wear their sports schools all day.

Newcastle MP, Tim Owen, has confirmed that 40kph pedestrian flashing lights will be installed along Parkway avenue in the near future. This improvement is welcomed, but I am still concerned about the number of selfish and dangerous drivers that park illegally in Parkway Ave every afternoon. Parking on the median strip and in the bus zone is dangerous and will contribute to an accident. There are additional pick up five minute parking spots in National Park Street that are rarely used. Everyone needs to be safety conscious around the school.

The government has announced that the 2013 rollout of laptops will be the last. Since 2009, 254,166 laptops have been delivered to Year 9 students. We have been asked to consider whether in 2013 we issue the laptops to the students or retain them in the school as class based sets for students to use in class for future years. This is a discussion that has commenced amongst the staff.

As you can read and see a very busy term is almost halfway over and your students are achieving great things across a range of school and extra-curricula activities.

*Mr Mark Hewitt  
Principal*

# LUNA PARK SEMESTER 2 2012









## SENIOR BOYS CRICKET

The onset of warmer weather and a new cricket season beckoning had the senior boys licking their lips at the chance of once again donning the creams and rejoining the fray. Winter reveries recalling the crack of leather on willow, a shout of 'howzat' and a sweltering summer's day were cast aside as the boys set to checking their gear and refining their style with a few practice super slo-mo shots in front of mum's bedroom mirror. As fate or chance would have it, their first foray of the spring would be an away fixture against a Morisset outfit brimming with confidence from victory over Toronto in their annual derby encounter...But that was over six months ago.

'All aboard', bellowed the guard as the team stowed their gear on the 8.28 from Broadmeadow and took their seats. Dora Creek was their destination and date with destiny. The stations glided

by as batting and bowling tactics flowed sporadically through the carriage, punctuated by moments of quiet reflection on individual goals.

A brief stroll down a sleepy rural avenue and they had arrived. For the most part enveloped by coastal hinterland scrub, the Douglas St ground was nevertheless, both well maintained, spacious and, on first inspection, gave strong promise as a suitable venue for renewing hostilities between bat and ball.

Captain, Josh Terry, strode immediately out to the wicket to find a flat but soft track. Instinctively aggressive and keen to take advantage of whatever early life the pitch had to offer, Terry had no hesitation in putting the opposition in. Promising left arm quick, Alex Hills quickly marked his run and 'play!' was called. An accurate first over followed immediately by a similar effort from Haynes Crossley had a competent Morisset opening pair on the back foot, whetting the appetite for a close tussle.

Ten overs later, they were still there and Newcastle had belied their sharp warm-up with six uncharacteristic, dropped chances, both Hills and Crossley bearing their ill fortune with good humour. Just as the boys thought they might have missed their opportunity to seize the initiative, an intuitive bowling change by Terry had Simon Hills snaring the first wicket with a sharp caught and bowled. This proved to be the game defining moment and a catalyst that opened the floodgates to a sudden collapse. Despite the poor catching, both Hills Jr. and Crossley had tied Morisset down and a brief flurry of rash shots making from a panicked side saw Hills Sr. and Liam Dwyer reap the benefits with four scalps between them.

With Morisset reeling by the twentieth over, Newcastle took the field after drinks, determined to press home their ascendancy in the contest. Morisset, with the cream of their batting back in the shed, saw no point in hanging around and immediately launched a death or glory assault. However, the bowling and ground fielding proved too good and three wickets fell to the tempting guile of Jordan Rimmington. A smart run-out, also completed by Rimmington off his own bowling, and two stumpings to the ever vigilant Brian Difford saw Morisset all out for forty-two and facing imminent disaster. Tom Maker's appearance on the field after the twentieth over seemed to inspire the team and solid performances were displayed by Josh Richardson, Josh Bochenek and Lewis Kempton, who unselfishly had previously handed the gloves to an incapacitated Difford.

A brief lunch interval saw Crossley and Tim Studdert confidently approach the crease to begin the chase. A fluent on-drive for four off the first ball by Crossley set the tone for the remainder of the match. Both players stroked shots to all parts of the ground and ten overs later Newcastle had surpassed the required total for the loss of only one wicket, Crossley unbeaten on thirty-two.

The boys were gracious in victory, warmly congratulating the opposition on their efforts.

Before boarding the 1.29 they also contributed generously to the local economy with the purchase of supplies from a range of small businesses in the main street. To further encourage team bonding, Maker and Kempton involved all in a short but intense game of Trainball. What is Trainball? What happens on tour stays on tour.

*G Hewitt*

## **BAKER SHIELD U/14 CRICKET ROUND 3 VERSUS MEREWETHER**

Sam O'Sullivan outsmarts Merewether High!

Year 7 student Sam O'Sullivan produced a man of the match performance against Merewether High at Myer Park on Wednesday 24/10/12.

An intelligent innings of 43 not out was full of elegant cricket shots, controlled aggression and well thought out running to control the strike. Newcastle High's innings began solidly with Pat Langlois (27) and Gregory Hayes (19) producing a 52 run opening stand before a quick fire 28 from skipper

Kye Zanardi. O'Sullivan then batted with the middle order and tail to enable Newcastle High to bat for the full 35 overs and reach 165.

Merewether played a gutsy innings with the bat and through the middle overs produced a run rate to threaten the Newcastle total. O'Sullivan again produced wickets in a time of need and ended up with figures of 2/32. Kye Zanardi produce a leg spin bowling performance reminiscent of Shane Warne (3/33) as well as taking the prized scalp of Merewether gun Quinn Fowler.

Supporting bowling rolls by Seb Lewis, Callum O'Sullivan and Gregory Hayes, plus persistent efforts in the field resulted in Merewether being dismissed for 139.

Thanks to the big group of parents/grandparents that supported the boys and helped with the scorebook. We all look forward to going into Round 4 with growing confidence.

*Andrew Doherty*















### **Newcastle High School and Sydney Japanese International School Exchange Program**

This year following our annual excursion for Year 7 to SJIS, an exchange program was organised for the first time. Six NHS students participated in the return visit in October, which saw them host SJIS students for three nights and four days. I was most impressed and touched by the care and attention which I witnessed our students showing their Japanese host brothers and sisters as they showed them around the school and guided them to classes. It was probably a little daunting for the Japanese students to visit a large comprehensive high school such as NHS, since the total number of students at SJIS High school is less than 50. However, all the NHS host students could not have been more considerate and responsible, ensuring that the Japanese students were well informed and looked after at all times.

Congratulations to Josh, Lucas, Monique, Jackson, Zack and Will. You all did a tremendous job! Thank you also to all their families for welcoming these students into your homes and organising such interesting activities for them during their stay.

*Meredith Engel*



Kai Ikawa		Lucas Hodge	Y7	
Taira Okabayashi		Zack Aislabie	Y7	
Keisuke Iwase		Josh Dare	Y7	
Risa Sugawara		Monique Collin	Y7	
Tomoro Sekiguchi		Jackson Blyth	Y8	
Kanta Yoneda		Will Huson	Y7	

# Japan Excursion 2012



At the end of Term 3 students from Years 8,9,10 and 11 attended the LOTE department's excursion to Japan. The excursion was organised by Ms Engel. Mr Guinane, from the Maths Faculty, was the support teacher accompanying the group. Ms Speight and Mrs Cook also joined the group. A wonderful time was had by all and despite a typhoon at the end of our stay, we all arrived home safely.

Several students have written accounts of their experiences:

*As soon as we stepped out of the airport in Kansai Airport (near Osaka) we were doused with humidity, whereas in Sydney where we took off from was cold and icy winds blew. I preferred the heat a lot better.*

*The city was big and busy. This is pretty much how Tokyo is displayed in movies. As we caught the train to our hotel, I was surprised to see a giant factory building right next to a paddy field, and then suburban houses on the other side. And these were everywhere! Whereas Australia has city then outback and country before another city, Japan has both of them mixed up together.*

*There is just so much to take in when you get there. For example, the traditional walls and roofing tiles on the temple/hotels when you walk down the street. I barely saw any cats though. To be honest, all the food tastes kind of the same, well the vegetarian stuff anyway. Maybe that's just me. And most of the cakes or dango (little cake-lolly balls) are too sweet for my taste. But some of the dishes we had were simply excellent.*

*There was a lot of travelling which my stomach didn't really enjoy. But once we got to our destination I completely overcame the travel sickness because of all the sights to see and things to do. Everything is breathtakingly beautiful.*

*I've made heaps of friends too. People I never really knew before or even seen before are now cracking jokes with me and swapping stories. They do say 'Travel makes the bond of friendship stronger'.*

*The baths were so nice too. I haven't had a bath since I was 10 or something, only showers, so being enveloped by the warm water was amazing and I didn't really care that three other girls were in the bath with me too.*

*I've always wanted to go to Japan, no other country. The fact I was able to experience this while I'm still young is pretty good. I could have a lot more fun and do more things; like visit prize arcades, manga shops, kimono shops and the Pokémon Centre. It was pretty much heaven for me as I have wished I was born in Japan to have access to these things we don't have in Australia.*

*Meeting the kids our age in the school on Miyajima (an island off Hiroshima) was something I was most looking forward to. I've always wanted to speak fluently to a kid my age about things I like, and that's exactly what I did. I met a boy called Takumi and even though it was awkward at first, we just broke down into a full-on serious conversation about all the anime we like, recalling certain events and quotes. He spoke a bit of English, I speak a little Japanese, and so it worked out great.*

*The deer in Nara were adorable at first. Then they got hungry and thought my shorts were food so that was a little startling. I mean, I didn't expect a deer to want to eat me. But the further we got in, the nicer they got. They let us sit with them and pat them. One even bowed to us!!! We saw a baby deer with its mother and got to pet it. We got lots of photos.*

*Overall, the trip was great and I don't regret a single moment of it. If anyone is contemplating going to Japan on this trip I'd say do it. It's probable one of the best experiences of my life and I will always remember and cherish it. I plan to go back to Japan in the future.*

Alexis Dewar



*On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 we met with 12 other students to fly to Japan and begin one of the best adventures in our life.*

*We flew for nine hours until we made a brief stop in Taipei. We then flew for another 3 hours before finally stepping foot in Japan on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.*

*We visited many different places but one highlight was when we stayed at a beautiful temple in Koyasan, high in the mountains. While there we ate traditional vegetarian food and experienced traditional Hot Spring Japanese baths. The following morning we wandered around the magnificent graveyard which was built over 1000 years ago.*

*We then made our way to Kyoto where we spent three nights. During our time there we saw the sunset over the city from the Kiyomizudera temple. We went shopping down the massive shopping street and went to Nara for a day where there were deers walking around which we were able to feed and pet before we saw the big Buddha in the Temple of Todaiji.*

*Before leaving Kyoto, we went to the Eigamura Movie Museum where many samurai movies were filmed. We then travelled by train and ferry to Miyajima Island where we spent two nights.*

*At Miyajima we visited the junior high school where we got to join Year Nine English class and made some new friends.*

*After Miyajima we spent our final nights in Japan in Hiroshima where we visited the Peace Museum and hung paper cranes at Sadako's shrine in the Peace Park. This was a moving day for us all.*

*Excited to get home but sad to leave, we all travelled back to the airport to fly home. This was an adventure we will never forget.*

*Jacqueline Sager and Genna Prudius*



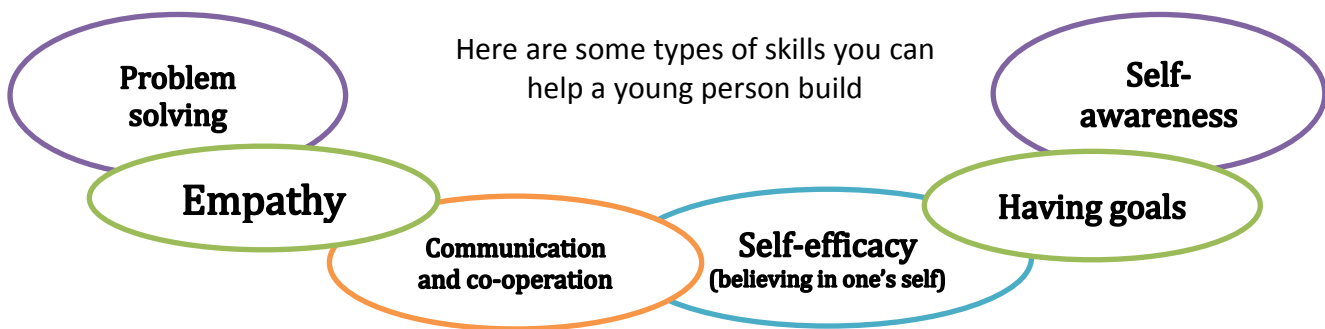
**NEXT EXCURSION TO JAPAN – 2014**



See Ms Engel if you are interested!

# What is resilience?

Resilience is being able to adapt well to stressful situations in life such as family conflict, tragedy, mental health issues (depression, anxiety), failure at school, or the death of someone close. A person's ability to cope with a stressful situation depends on the personal skills they have, but can also depend on the situation – a person may be able to cope well in one situation, but not another. The good thing about resilience is that it's not a fixed characteristic in young people – they can learn the skills they need to cope with a range of stressful situations through parents, teachers, peers and other significant people in their lives. Parents can provide support at home and teachers can provide support at school.



On 20<sup>th</sup> November, Newcastle High is offering a wonderful opportunity to all students to learn to create their own video games.

By the time students arrive home after the event, they will be able to create their own commercial grade 3D world with hills, ocean, sky and trees which blow in the wind. They will also learn how to import vehicles to make a fun driving game, write simple artificial intelligence code, character animation code as well as learn the 12 most important coding concepts needed to create games for all major platforms, mobile devices and games consoles.

All students would benefit enormously from this experience.

Every student receives links to the free commercial grade development software, access to a library of game development resources and video tutorials to use at home valued at over \$3500 - these resources include vehicle packs, 3D models, scripts, terrain tools, an amazing weather simulator and a fully scripted 10 level physics game.

The session will be run by the team from GameTraining and there will be teacher supervision at all times.

Cost: \$45 - 2 hour session - to be paid at the school front office.

# BOCCIA STATE FINALS

October 2012

Sydney

The Team: Claire (capt), Elise, Siobhan, Elsie, Bhargavi.

Olympic Park



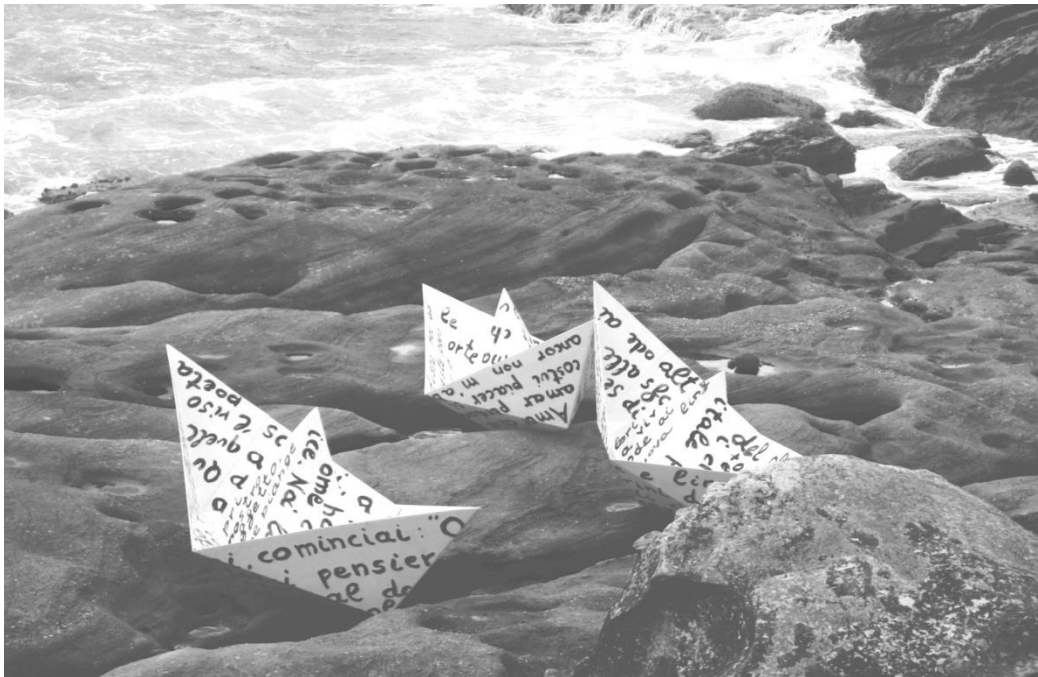
Each second Friday our working artist class goes on a walking excursion. We visit local art galleries and public artworks.

We have visited the Newcastle Art Gallery and viewed ALMANAC, a collection of artworks gifted by Ann Lewis. It was really interesting and in particular the work by Jon Lewis. His photographic work documented the elements of life in the natural world.

Local Newcastle muralist, Trevor Dickenson's mural at the back of the Newcastle Museum was pretty clever and comical artwork. It allows the public to interact with it. Our next excursion will be down Beaumont Street to the 'Timeless Textiles' gallery, to view Pam Hovel's exhibition and meet up with John Cliff who will tell us about his ceramic work along the street.

*John Debono*  
Year 10 Working Artist

## Sculpture by the Sea Excursion



On Monday, 22 October, a gloomy, icy day, Year 10, 12 and a small portion of Year 8 travelled to Bondi to gaze at Sculptures by the Sea. Braving the cold and gusty wind, we admired some rad work by contemporary artists. There were some strange sights that made you wonder how people could think of such things. Definitely one of the craziest excursions yet one of the most interesting.

*Vivienne Doolan-Peoples*  
Year 10 Visual Arts



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S ROOM

During Term 3, while the Chaplain was away camper trailing in W.A., our school Grandma, June, ran a knitting group. Caitlyn Frerk, Hayley Maxwell, Jean Nebauer and Natasha Pearse together with Grandma, knitted squares for a rug which was presented to Alison- House manager of Ronald McDonald House on October 15<sup>th</sup>.



This rug will become part of a gift pack to families who come to stay, often from a long way away, and under difficult circumstances.

Thank you girls, these random acts of kindness make a huge difference to our community.

On ya Newey!

*Margaret Livingstone  
Chaplain*





## Student Representative Council Planning Day!

The SRC of 2013 worked together to develop Newcastle High School's SRC Constitution. The constitution that the student wrote will be used to help the prefects run the council. The students have also created six specialised Action Teams which will take on different roles throughout the school.

The Action Teams include:

1. Fundraising in Newcastle Action Team
2. YAC Action Team
3. Transition Action Team
4. School spirit, sport and house Action Team
5. EIC (Environment, Improvement & Creation) Action Team
6. Public Relations Action Team



# SRC Shout Out!



## Get Connected for Seniors

Throughout this year selected Student Representatives have been conducting a series of workshops based on teaching seniors about getting connected with technology.

This program has been design by the students to help seniors with their digital and online questions. The students have enjoyed working in groups and individually with many seniors over the first three sessions.

They have investigated, developed step by step handouts and taught the seniors;

- Mobile phone technologies
- Digital cameras
- Transferring pictures from mobile phones and cameras
- Skype, tumblr and blogging
- Online shopping and entertainment
- General knowledge- email, word processing and keyboard /mouse functions etc.



Our Next Training  
Session

November the 13th  
Tuesday  
9.30 to 11.30am

City Branch Library  
1st Floor Theatrette

## P&C UPDATE – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012

The P&C has been very active in improving the grounds of the school for a number of years now, thanks to the continued efforts of Ann Burstal and her enthusiastic band of gardeners. So I was thrilled to hear of the school's success in obtaining the Proud School's grant of \$5,000 through the Newcastle City Council's Pride of Place Grant scheme. Just before the holidays we met with the SRC and Tara Allington at their planning day and encouraged them to come up with a project which would improve the students' school experience and at the same time enhance the look of school. Well done, SRC, your vision has been rewarded! Thank you also to Tara and Karen Hines who worked during the holidays to make sure that the grant was delivered on time!

Another holiday project has greatly improved the look of our new canteen area, thanks to the volunteers from local churches, who gave the surrounds of our canteen a much needed lift with several coats of paint. It is very encouraging to see improvements taking shape from community members who share our enthusiasm for NHS. Please consider joining us at our next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30pm. Our meetings are a great opportunity for you to get involved in your school.

*Rene Smith*  
President





# SPORT

The majority of knockout sports have finished for the year. However, our U/15 and Open Boys Cricket teams continue from their success in Term 1.

## Cricket

Congratulations to the Open Boys Cricket Team who easily defeated Morisset High School in Round 2 of the NSW CHS Knockout. See Coach Hewitt's report in this Bulletin.

Further congratulations to the U/14 Cricket Team who won their Round 3 match against Merewether High in a closely fought match. See Coach Doherty's report in this Bulletin.

## Gala days

City Zone has run a number of gala days during the year. The zone comprises Newcastle, Merewether, Kotara, Lambton, HSPA, Callaghan College (Waratah and Wallsend) schools. These gala days are a chance for Year 7, 8 and 9 students to be involved in competitions against other schools.

## Soccer

A girls and boys team represented NHS in Year 7/8 soccer. The boys' team had two wins and a draw, whilst the girls only lost one game all day and after a 0-0 draw in the final, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on count back after "golden goal" extra time couldn't separate the team.

Mr Main and Mrs Wells commented on the excellent sportsmanship shown by their teams. Lyndal Mountfort was nominated 'Best and Fairest' for the girls' team with a special mention to Isabella Cosentino and Monika Siulai for their determined efforts all day. Sam O'Sullivan was nominated 'Best and Fairest' for the boys' team with a special mention to Matthew Field and Patrick Langlois who selflessly volunteered to do the goalkeeping duties and did an awesome job.

## Hockey

Year 8/9 girls had an enjoyable day where they learnt many new hockey skills. Playing on the artificial turf was a bonus to them, after only having previously played on grass or asphalt in PDHPE lessons. Monika Siulai did a great job in goals, with Mrs Dennis' star performers being Clare Rutsch and Kaitlin Duck. Year 7 and 9 boys comprised the boys' team. Most of the boys had little experience, apart from their PDHPE lessons. After a couple of games, comments were made by the umpires on their improvement. Even though the boys didn't manage to win, they approached every game with a positive attitude. The team went home with smiles and a feeling of success when Alex Hills scored their only goal in the final game. Mrs Wells' 'Best and Fairest' was Alex Hills with a special mention to Manolis Papaspiropoulos and Matthew Field who showed potential considering they hadn't played before.

*Mr Wagner & Mrs Blatchford*  
Sports Co-ordinators





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