

# The Parkway



Christmas Edition, 2012

Parkway Number 12

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the year rapidly comes to an end, I would like to wish every student, staff member and family a restful and relaxing festive season.

This week, the school acknowledged students' achievements at both the Presentation Evening on Wednesday, 12 December and at the Merit Assemblies on Thursday, 13 December. Thank you to all the parents and family members who found time to attend the Presentation Evening. The achievement of 117 students was recognised. Many more students were acknowledged in front of their peers the following day.

Again, thanks to the many sponsors of prizes that were awarded at Presentation on Wednesday evening.

Student reports have been issued. Along with the reports, the folder also contains an updated contact sheet and information regarding school uniform.

As part of our review of the 2012 school year, parents are invited to complete an online survey that is accessible via the school website [www.newcastle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.newcastle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au). Your feedback would be appreciated.

Just a reminder that for the last week of school the canteen will not operate and students will need to bring their own lunch and refreshments to school. Based on historical attendance data, normal classes will be suspended Tuesday, 18 and Wednesday, 19 December but the school will be open and students will be participating in learning activities. Wednesday, 19 December is the last day of school for students.

A big thank you to the P&C foyer refurbishment committee and particularly to Christine Bruderlin for her work in creating the *Famous Faces* panels that now hang in the school foyer. Please find time next year to come and see the famous former students of the Newcastle high schools. These panels make fascinating reading.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to meeting up again in 2013.

Mark Hewitt  
Principal

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**Dates for 2013**

Friday, 25 January	School Administration Office open 9am to 1pm
Tuesday, 29 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, 30 January	Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 return
Thursday, 31 January	Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 return
Friday, 1 February	New enrolments processed
Monday, 4 February	P&C Meeting – 5.30pm
Wednesday, 6 February	Swimming Carnival at Stockton Pool
Tuesday, 12 February	Meet the teacher BBQ Year 7 & other new parents/carers

## LETTER FROM PRU WATT – NHS 2013 SPORT HOUSES

*Thank you so much for the email and letter! I'm so sorry that it was difficult to get a hold of me, but I am glad you were able to get in contact with Dad! I actually received the original letter yesterday, which was forwarded to me by the Australian Paralympic Committee!*

*I was so excited and very humbled to read the letter from the Prefects of a school that I hold in such high regard and reflect on fondly when reminiscing about my high school days!*

*It is with pleasure and great honour that I graciously accept such a thoughtful and prestigious offer to be part of Newcastle High School history.*

*I would be more than happy to be involved with any activities associated with the naming of the new Sports Houses.*

*I will give you a call very soon, as I would like to speak to you more over the phone and convey my thanks in person! In the meantime, please thank the Prefects for the letter and for their fantastic initiative.*

*Also many thanks to yourself and Mark Hewitt for supporting the NHS student prefects and fostering such great leadership qualities.*

*Kind regards,  
Prue*



# The Uniform Shop

0434 626 009

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## JANUARY 2013 OPENING TIMES

Tuesday, 22 January 2013	8.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday, 24 January 2013	8.00am – 1.00pm
Wednesday, 30 January 2013	8.00am – 10.00am

**Normal shop hours resume  
Thursday, 31 January 2013  
8.00am – 10.00am**

To help keep your trip to the Uniform Shop in January as short as possible, and to avoid long queues and delays, we recommend that January only be used for pick-ups – please make your fitting appointments for December.

Uniform price list & online shopping available at:  
[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)



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‘Movember’



## **STUDENT VS STAFF MATCH REPORT TERM III**

The quarterly event that rocks the nation ended in controversy as the Staff Touch Footballers clawed their way back from social oblivion and denied the Students 'Gold Squad' Crew victory at the death.

Despite appalling officiating and some flagrant rough-house tactics by the brash youth of Generation Google.com, our fine and decent NHS Staff aka Generation 'Baby Buster', overcame the odds, unbearable heat and their own inadequate athletic ability to miraculously secure a contentious draw in dramatic fashion.

Debate raged at the last whistle and a count-back was demanded by both sides....

*"Was the final score really 1363-all?!"*

*"Who was the idiot keeping tally?"*

*"I'm positive we scored more that!!"*

*"Quick! Get an oxygen mask for Mr G. Hewitt."*

Needless to say, all those participating enjoyed the encounter immensely and the cohorts of screaming fans cheered their noble heroes from the field of battle.

Of course, each side claimed the moral high ground, and when you consider the average age of the staff outfit was 103.5, it's simply astounding that no one was hospitalised!

*Sideline Eye Carswell*



## **WALLAROO RUGBY VIP TRAINS NHS STARLETS**



Australian Women's Rugby Megastar, Margaret "the big deal" Watson took time out from her vigorous Rio 2016 training schedule to visit NHS on Wednesday 12th.

The next generation of NHS girls' rugby union legends were guided through an intensive 30 minute skills session by the international playmaker, who once described her proudest achievement as her own "birth – against all odds".

Another interested onlooker, Ian "I wish I was a big deal" Watson, Margaret's less-talented older brother and current NHS English staff member. Ian, misguided rugby league player, would have loved to have participated, but sadly, failed to meet the necessary IQ pre-requisite.

Those budding stars of tomorrow who benefitted from the expert knowledge of the gifted Wallaroo's and 7's Rake included:

Erin Behn  
Tahne Baker  
Brittney Schell  
Monika Siulai  
Stephanie Holt  
Suzi Sorchevski  
Mia Richardson  
Lyndal Mountfort  
Marisa McLean



2012 PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT @NHS





Some Famous Faces of former students from the Newcastle High Schools

**Fun, fast and exciting is how the kids are describing the local T20 cricket competition! Grab some mates and come and join the exciting new 20/20 competition.**

**Haven't played cricket before? Doesn't matter! Mates T20 is all about maximum fun and participation for all players in batting, bowling and fielding.**

**When? Played Wednesday evenings from 5pm**

**Where? At Adamstown Park, Adamstown**

**Game time? Approx. 2hrs**

**No uniform required - all cricket gear supplied at the venue**

**Ages 9 to 17**

**8 players per team on the field, but you can have more players in your team.**

**Team or individual registrations welcome**

**Comp commences - second week in February.**

**Cost? New players \$50, returning players \$20**

**For registrations or further information please call Sharyn Beck on 0400 724491 or email [administrator@newcric.org](mailto:administrator@newcric.org)**

## SUMMER NIGHT FLICKS DURING JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Maitland City Library presents free family movies:

**11 January 2013**

**The Muppets**

Under the stars @ Maitland Gaol

Gates open at 6.00 pm – movies screen at sunset

BYO picnic

Popcorn, ice-creams and drinks available

Bring a blanket or something to sit on

**18 January 2013**

**Red Dog**

Under the stars @ Maitland Gaol

Gates open at 6.00 pm – movies screen at sunset

BYO picnic

Popcorn, ice-creams and drinks available

Bring a blanket or something to sit on

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11 – 12 year olds  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013

13 – 14 year olds  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013

15 – 16 year olds  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013

10am – 2pm  
\$30

**Bookings Essential:** [hunterwriterscentre@gmail.com](mailto:hunterwriterscentre@gmail.com)



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In appreciation of your generous  
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PERFORMING ARTS  
CAMERON ST, BROADMEADOW



# HOLIDAY SCHOOL

## Arrendell Secondary Education Centre

21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Boost your skills ready for the new school year

HSC Specialist teachers

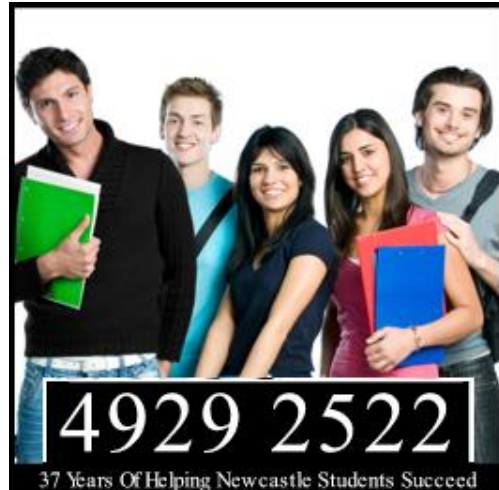
Year 12 English - Area of Study Workshop (4 hours)  
Belonging texts - As You Like It  
Romulus My Father

Senior Writing Courses (Yrs 10-12) (10 hours)  
• Essay writing, story, question deconstruction  
• Effective writing for exams, stress management

Senior Approach to Literature (Yrs 10-12) (4 hours)  
• Literary terms - what they mean and how to use them  
• Text analysis, question deconstruction  
• Essay writing

Creative Writing Workshop (Yrs 9-11) (4 hours)  
• Basics of story structure  
• Development of strong writing style  
• Enhance creativity

Writing for Juniors (Yrs 5-8) (4 hours)  
• Introduction to writing  
• Structuring and developing ideas  
• Fun with characters and imagery



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## FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

Parents and supervisors of learner drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer. For this reason, The City of Newcastle in conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Services are offering free workshops to better support them.

The two hour workshop, Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Various topics will be covered including new laws for learner and P-plate drivers, how to use the learner driver log book and how to plan on-road driving lessons.

### Workshop dates

Tuesday, 22 January 2013	5.30 to 7.30pm
Tuesday, 12 March 2013	5.30 to 7.30pm
Tuesday, 21 May 2013	5.30 to 7.30pm

Early bookings are essential.

To reserve your place, parents and supervisors are urged to phone 4974 2667 or 0411 873 684.

