

The Parkway

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

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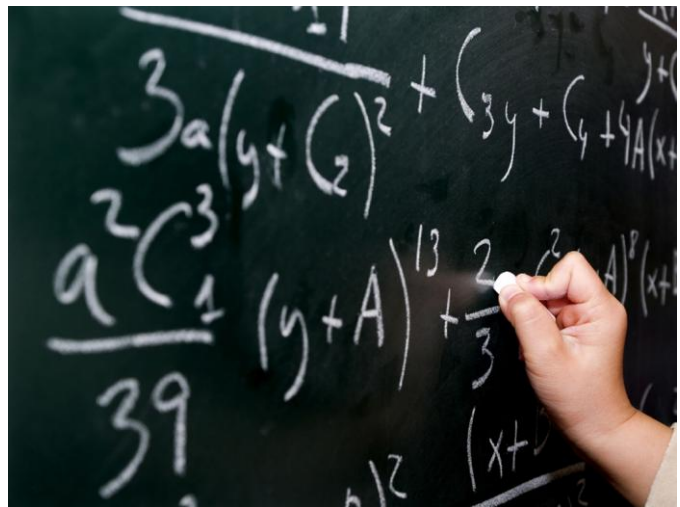
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**The next P&C Meeting will be
Monday, August 6th, 2012 at 5.30pm in school foyer
ALL WELCOME.**

MATHEMATICS

I'd like to start by introducing myself as Head Teacher Mathematics at Newcastle High School, my name is Nick Willis. I previously taught at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus, where along with the other maths staff I've enjoyed integrating technology into maths classrooms throughout the school. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Newcastle High School over the last 8 weeks; the students and staff are all welcoming and friendly and I look forward to teaching here for some time to come.



We have added previous NAPLAN and School Certificate self marking papers to our Moodle and once the bugs are ironed out, this will be another excellent source of homework/extension questions. We are looking to build on this resource for our students.

In mentioning these resources available to the students of Newcastle High, it is also worth mentioning that students also need to come fully prepared to all lessons; this includes having a scientific calculator, a workbook, writing equipment and DER laptop. I have to say I am impressed with the number of Year 9 students regularly bringing their laptops. There is a place for both written and laptop based work in the 21st century maths classroom.

With the Trial behind them, Year 12 has had a real taste of their upcoming HSC. They need to remember that there are still new things for them to learn before the official exams however, so they need to ensure they return after the break fully recharged and ready to learn for the remainder of the course.

There are some new changes to the preliminary (Year 11) course for 2013 that current Year 10 students need to be aware of when making their subject selections. These changes have only been finalised over recent weeks and so have not been reflected in the subject selection booklets.

The changes affect those students wishing to study General Mathematics and the previously run Applied Mathematics course, which is no longer available. Students who would have chosen either of these courses will all study the same content in Year 11, in the Mathematics General course, and will break into two pathways one which counts toward the calculation of an ATAR and one which does not. Amended information leaflets that supplement the subject selection booklets were handed out at the Year 10 Welfare Day.

With another reporting period over, it is a good time for students to reflect on their achievements for the semester and think about what they would like to achieve for the remainder of the year. Students should remember that their success depends largely on the effort they put into class and that if they ask for assistance we're only too happy to help. Keep up the hard work in class.

Mr. Nick Willis

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MATHS?

DA VINCI MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 22nd March this year, 10 students from Year 9 and Year 10 competed in the da Vinci Mathematics challenge. Using their DER Laptops as research aids and to record answers plus video conferencing via the Connected Classroom they joined 230 students from 23 other schools in this exciting activity. This involved working in school teams to solve a variety of enriching and motivating mathematical problems.



Our Team 1 achieved outstanding results in Sections 1 and 2 with a score of 22/24 while the next best team in the region scored 19/24.

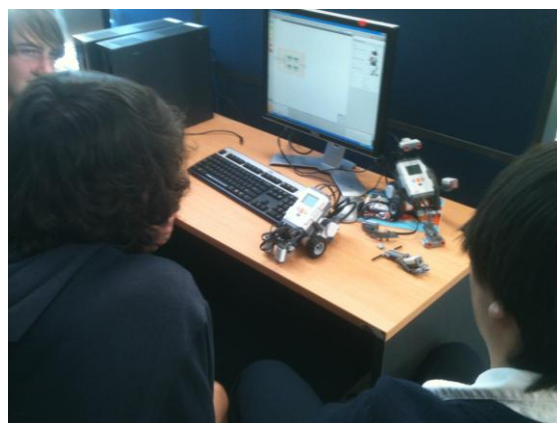
Year 9 and 10 students will be undertaking further da Vinci challenges in Term 3 this year.

Mr. Peter Wallace

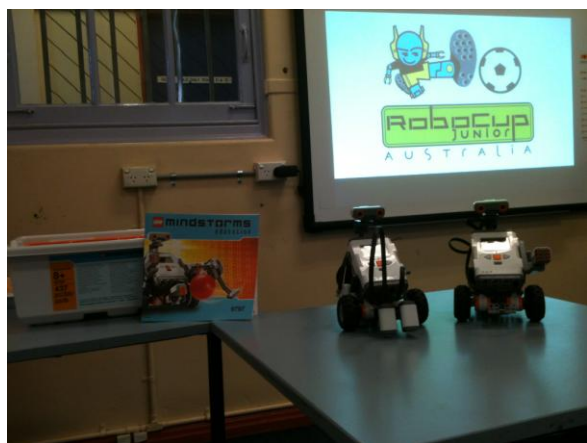
ROBOCUP

As a part of the ME Program Newcastle High has received funding for a class set of LEGO - MINDSTORM Robotics kits.

These will be integrated into the teaching programs of IST, Mathematics and Engineering in the school.



Using these robots Newcastle High will be entering two teams in the regional Robocup Junior competition at Newcastle University in August.



RoboCup Junior Australia is a national robotics competition for schools. RCJA is a unique event that excites and motivates students. The robots will be driven by downloaded programs through a maze of lines and turns to rescue a patient (tin can) trapped in a chemical spill. The programming will test students' problem solving techniques, spatial awareness, teamwork and logic in a fun and exciting way.

Mr Sam Crichton and Mr Jim Doyle

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Again thank you, thank you, thank you for your support of the Fun-O-Rama festival. An official thank you is included in this edition of The Parkway. The support of the NHS community was amazing and your generosity will support the learning of all students at Newcastle High School.

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year already and when you take out time lost at the end of the year due to exams, tests and the Christmas season, students are over halfway through their courses. I was delighted today to attend the Year 8 Merit Assembly and hand out over 40 Principal's Awards to students who have achieved excellent results for Semester 1. I am booked to attend Merit Assemblies for other years later in the week.

As the year is quickly rolling on the school has started planning for next year with Year 10 already in the midst of subject selection for Stage 6 and the Higher School Certificate in 2014. On Tuesday evening of the 26th June a parent information evening is being held. I would like to commend Year 10 and the staff involved in the subject selection day that was held at the Cooks Hill Surf Club last week, especially thank Mrs Queenan and Mrs Ellis, Year 10 Advisors, for their work in preparing for the day.

Staff from the University of Newcastle transition unit will be coming to the school early next term on the 24th July to speak to Years 10, 11 and 12 parents about transitioning to university after high school.

Year 12 students complete their trial HSC examinations this week. Although earlier than previous years, this timing allows for Year 12 to have an entire term devoted to uninterrupted lessons before their HSC commences in Term 4. This strategy depends on students attending school every day next term and not being distracted by employment or social engagements. Many students will have HSC major works and projects to complete and submit for marking during the term.

The process of orientation for the incoming Year 7 2013 students is also underway with offers of placement made to almost 200 students. To assist in parents becoming familiar with high school an information evening for them is planned for the 24th July. Details have been forwarded to all parents/carers of students coming to NHS for Year 7 in 2013.

Nominations for prefects for 2013 have now closed and elections are being held early next term. The new prefects will be inducted in early Term 3 to allow Year 12 prefects time to devote to their HSC studies. A prefect induction will be held early next term.

I would like to congratulate the students who use the Canteen on their patience and good will this term as the Canteen has operated out of the Staff House and students have had to queue for a while to get served. The wait for the upgrade will be worth it, but the wait is going to be a bit longer than we had hoped for, with the completion date pushed back to Week 2. The Canteen will operate from the Staff House during

Week 1 and move back to the old Canteen premises sometime during Week 2. Food will be available to students every day during the move but some days groups of students will operate fun fund raiser days such as Pizza days. Details will be published next term once the final moving date is confirmed.

Mrs Doyle, our Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, has decided to retire and will not be returning Newcastle High School. I would like to thank Mrs Doyle for her contribution to the school and wish her well in the next phase of her life. The process to replace Mrs Doyle has commenced.

Both the large supermarket chains are offering schools rewards schemes and we are involved in both, so please collect your vouchers and stickers and bring them in. Collection boxes are in the main hallway near the roll office. Last year the school received a significant amount of sporting equipment and art materials from these schemes.

The foyer refurbishment is proceeding steadily. Now the painting is completed we are starting to decorate the space. Over the holidays a picture rail will be installed to allow student art work to be displayed and the television purchased with the Fun-O-Rama funds installed so electronic signage and digital photographs can be displayed.

Much has been in the media over recent days regarding the changes that the NSW government is implementing within the DEC. One of these changes already announced, the *Every School Every Student* program, has had an impact on the operation of the Room 4 transition program. This program will end and students integrated into the main stream with a loss of staff to the school. In an attempt to inform local politicians of the impact of this decision, parents of the Room 4 students have invited local state member Tim Owen to the school on Tuesday 17th July.

I am amazed at who reads the school newsletter. Naively I thought it was only people connected to Newcastle High School: parents, carers, students, staff, friends etc., so I have been quite comfortable sharing some of my concerns within this "family" context, but recent inquiries from media and other outlets have shown that many people read The Parkway. While I have no issue with this I am dismayed that some sections of this wider readership pick up on some of the less favourable issues that are raised, and not on the pages of achievements and success by the students of Newcastle High School. I am in a quandary about what to do – do I let this non family readership prevent me from raising the odd less-favourable issue or do I have a duty to keep the NHS family informed of everything that we are doing here on Parkway Avenue?

I will have one more shot of raising a few of the issues that are concerning me and hopefully these issues will remain within the family and not be taken out of context or attempted to be exaggerated and turned into a major story by people with little connection to the school.

Attendance is becoming an issue for a small but increasingly time consuming number of students, especially Year 11 students. Students need to be at school by 8.45am and remain here until 3.00pm each day. Year 12 students have permitted late starts

and early finish times. A small number of Year 11 students have permission to leave early due to their pattern of study but all other students should be at school all day. No one has permission to wander off to the shops. Students should be aiming to have an attendance rate of over 85%. Mrs Hines is doing a great job catching students truanting, contacting parents and monitoring student attendance. In the worse cases parents/carers are taken to court after several official attendance conferences have failed to resolve the issues. A small number of students are jumping over the back fence to truant. Not only is this dangerous but it creates a very negative impression.

The uptake of the uniform is wonderful and is often commented on by members of the public, but two items of clothing appear to be creeping into the uniform - black hoodies and tights. Hoodies have no place in the school as students have been known to use them to avoid identification and this is a safety issue. Tights are not appropriate wear for a workplace such as a school. If students wish to wear tights to keep warm then a skirt should also be worn over the tights for reasons of modesty. I would like to thank the students and families who have donated uniform items they no longer need to the school. These items of uniform are used to assist other students. More donations are always welcome and can be left at the front office.

Enjoy the break and happy reading..see you all in two weeks!

Mark Hewitt
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Hunter Region Athletics Carnival	25 July
Year 11 Jindabyne	29 July – 3 August

TERM DATES

Term 2 ends	29 June
Term 3 - students return	17 July
Term 3 ends	21 September
Term 4 - students return	8 October
Term 4 ends	19 December



Newcastle High School's Fun-O-Rama Festival came from the minds of the Student Representative Council of 2011. We dared to dream and this has resulted in a festival that has showcased the students' and the community's talents.

Our aim was to raise \$10,000, and to our amazement we raised \$10,500! With this money we plan to create quality-learning environments throughout the school. This money will also assist with the school's Five Year Improvement Plan, by helping to improve the school grounds. To further celebrate and showcase our students' talents in every aspect of the school, we have planned to install a flat screen T.V in the school office foyer.

After the Fun-O-Rama festival, the feedback was fantastic! Students and teachers spoke of how, regardless of the cold winds, the day was still an absolute success. However, without the teachers and students who put their time and effort into this event, the Fun-O-Rama would not have been so.

Huge thanks to all of our sponsors and another to Tara Allington (teacher), Jenny Woodcock (P&C) and students Keira-Lee Sarapik, Tom Duck, Renae Thomas and Ashlea Debruin. These people were the core of the Fun-O-Rama committee and without them, this dream would not have become a reality.



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF THE FUN-O-RAMA RAFFLE

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TASTY TUESDAY

On Tuesday 12th June 2012, Hamilton South Public School held Tasty Tuesday. The day was planned by the school to encourage their students to eat and enjoy more vegetables every day at the school canteen and at home. As a part of the day eight students from 9 Food Technology and 10 Hospitality were chosen to help prepare, present and serve the vegetables. The students used a variety of ways such as raw, baked, fritters and tempura.



A big thank you to Rhys, Alex, Mimi, Mercedes, Taylah, Corey, Sarah and Jess who worked in a mature and professional manner on the day.



Sport

Girls Hockey Congratulations to the Open Girls Hockey Team who, after a bye in Round 1, defeated Cessnock High 3-0 in their Round 2 match. Coach Mrs Dennis' stand out player was Grace Jamieson who controlled the game with outstanding skill. She also scored the 3 goals in this match, but a great effort from all the girls who "all played with typical Newcastle High School guts and determination"!

Good luck for the Round 3 game which will be played early Term 3.

Boys Hockey After a Round 1 win against Kotara, the Open Boys Hockey Team "blitzed" Merewether High 6-0 and then followed that with a further 6-0 "blitz" of Whitebridge High. This puts them in the Final 4 teams in the Hunter Region. Coaches Mr Crichton and Mrs Wells said that the boys combined well on the field, with the experienced players giving excellent guidance to the less experienced in the team.

Mrs Wells was impressed with the leadership shown by Tom Duck, Joseph Killen and Patrick Lang, Jackson Matthew's commitment "upfront", Lachlan Manning's efforts in

the halves and Jack Robson's ability to confuse everyone with his ability to trap and pass the ball were also mentioned.

Round 3 also saw a special mention of Declan Scott and Sebastian Cosentino for their super effort in goals.

Good luck in Round 4 boys.

Athletics 62 students attended the City Zone Athletics Carnival at Glendale on 5th June. It was a very successful day for our students.

Congratulations to Charlie Candrick (Year 7) and Jarrod Sansom (Year 9).

Charlie was named the 12 Years Boys Age Champion and Jarrod the 15 Years Boys Age Champion.

A number of students have qualified to attend the Hunter Region Championships at Glendale in Week 2 of next Term. We are currently awaiting notification.

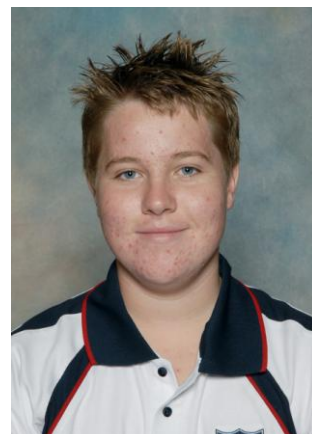
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Hunter Region Teams to participate in NSW CHS Championships:



Thea Post – Gymnastics



Monique Collin – Gymnastics



Tim Voigt – Softball

Mr P Wagner
Mrs N Blatchford
(School Sports Organisers)

NSW Speed Blitz Blues

On Wednesday 13th June the NSW Speed Blitz Blues visited Newcastle High School. This group provide a road safety roadshow. What was the RTA (Roads and Traffic Authority) and is now RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) combined with members from the NSW Open Cricket Team to educate students about road safety issues.

All students in Year 10 and Year 11 attended a one hour session that presented information about road safety, safe driving and the importance of slowing down when driving. Daniel Smith (NSW Wicket Keeper) and Nic Bills (NSW Fast Bowler) presented information to the students as well as giving them a chance to bowl at the speed camera. Lots of boys and girls took this bowling opportunity to prove that there is more control when you slow down – the point of the presentation!

Students were also given a “show bag” with goodies and safe driving pamphlets.



Feedback from the students afterwards was very positive and the students commented that the presentation was very effective.

Mr P Wagner
(Head Teacher PDHPE)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music students have been active in performing in the community recently with many students participating in the Fun-O-Rama talent showcase. In particular the following students presented excellent performances:

Andrew Gray and his band *Stratus*

Isaac Robertson-Heath, Jackson Matthews, Lachlan Mehan and Kaine Mills of *Catching Alice*

Merryana Salem

Natasha Pearse & Caitlyn Frerk

Abbey Voigt

Maisie Owens

Regina Kamanda

Sarah Milliken

Ashleigh Maxwell

Jade Crosswell

Caiden Ross

Nicholas Wand

Irini Kassas &

Olivia Garlick

Our boys have participated in a successful excursion to Fort Scratchley Multi-Purpose Centre to participate in a Boys Choral Workshop presented by The Arts Unit.

In June we will be taking a group of Music, Drama and Art students to Star Struck, the regional extravaganza performance. For more information about the show, please visit <http://www.starstruck.nsw.edu.au/>

Lizotte's is coming up in Term 3; keep an eye out for the date! Tickets will be on sale on the Lizotte's website. Keep checking for our date to come up at <http://www.newcastle.lizottes.com.au/live/>

Well done and special commendation to Jade Crosswell who has recently performed at the Sydney Opera House as a member of the prestigious Hunter Singers. Musical Director and Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts at Merewether High School, Kim Sutherland, is delighted to be heading to America at the end of June to participate in the World Choir Games! A fantastic opportunity for our public school students. For more information, contact details and audition forms, please go to <http://www.huntersingers.com/>. If you know of any primary school students interested in singing, Hunter Kids Sing is a regional group committed to excellence and they are recruiting now. Audition forms are available from the Hunter Singers/Hunter Kids Sing website.

Declan Scott has been a member of the Hunter Central Coast Regional Wind Ensemble (http://www.hccrwe.org.au/HCCRWE/Contact_Us.html) and has represented our school on many occasions. He continues to participate in regional music activities with the group and has been an excellent ambassador for Newcastle High School.

The school band operates under the expertise of Mr Gill on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm until 4pm. Come along, even if you don't have an instrument! An interest is all you need to play an instrument!

Choir call! Mrs Hudson is calling on students interested in singing to come to Friday lunchtime rehearsals! Come along to have some fun singing with backing tracks, in harmony as a group!

Great things are happening in Music. We have several successful bands forming. *Catching Alice* has a new Facebook page and the boys are in the process of recording their original songs to advertise on iTunes. Like them on Facebook and follow their progress! <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Catching-Alice/148242751958340>

For further information on our Music programs and performances, please contact Natasha Hudson at natasha.ryan1@det.nsw.edu.au.

P&C UPDATE

First of all I'd like to say thank you for the amazing support that was given to the Fun-O-Rama Festival. The four P&C stalls raised \$3762! Thank you so much to all those involvedwe couldn't have achieved this amazing result without the generous contributions of the parents. Special mention must be made to our local TAFE College which donated a staggering array of delicious treats.

In my last update I mentioned the importance of supporting our school Canteen. Even though we are looking forward to the completion of the Canteen refurbishment in early Term 3, don't forget that a full range of hot food is still available. You may not realise that our Canteen also offers a hot breakfast to students available from 8.15am. The menu is amazing and priced for affordability rather than profit.

As a result of the Healthy Schools Healthy Futures project, we will be looking at ways to encourage more parents to be involved with our P&C. We will also be focusing on improving the grounds of NHS over the coming months. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please come along to our next meeting on Monday 6 August at 5.30pm.

Rene Smith
President



News from the Prefects

As usual the Prefects have been working hard on helping out and assisting where needed around the school, at charity events and other functions. They have all been studying very hard as most are facing the upcoming H.S.C trial exams.

As a group, the Prefects would like to congratulate Mrs. Tara Allington and her Fun-O-Rama team on a job well done. They did an outstanding job in raising much needed funds for the school. Prefects that attended and/or assisted Fun-O-Rama were Leah Sellers-Fay, Sarah Bugbird, Grace Jamieson, Nicholas Wand, Bridie Halse, Tom Duck, Alissa Lucas, Jackson Matthews, Kaine Mills, Keira-Lee Sarapik, Sam Ryan, Merryana Salem and Alistair Woodcock.



Two of our Year 11 Prefects, Tom Duck and Keira-Lee Sarapik, have been invited by the NSW government to be Director- General for a day.

Sarah Bugbird recently competed at the District athletics carnival. Here she gained two first places and one second place. Sarah was the only Prefect athlete to make it into the Regional competition. She will represent Newcastle High School in the 800 and 1500 metres as well as the long jump.



The Uniform Shop **0434 626 009**

Uniform Shop business hours during school terms are:

Tuesday 8.00am – 10.00am
Thursday 8.00am – 10.00am

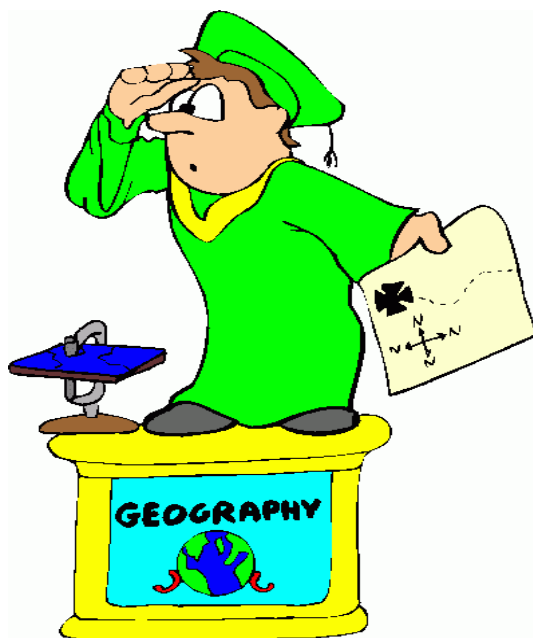
The uniform shop can be contacted outside of business hours by email - newcastlehigh@alinta.com.au .

Payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel on the day of purchase. Alinta will take payments in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card.

National Geographic Society 2012

In April this year 10 (N) Miss Mc Kay, and 10 (E) Mrs. Dover, sat the National Geographic Society Australian wide Geography test. All students who entered these tests received a participation certificate. Some students did particularly well, as indicated below, in these tests.

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Claire Bertholli Allira Grosz Lewis Kempton Thomas Maker Victoria Naude Paul Hilsen Thea Post Maïke Strichow Zachariah Taggart Lucas Hendriks Liam Gerritsen	Madeleine Cvetanovski Maddison Hallett Anika Kennedy Alanah Nightingale Elyh Tarran Kyle Thornton Anna Wolfenden	Jessica Bangle Mikaela Fredericks Reece Gladys Oliver Hamilton Lachlan Manning Alana Montgomery Hannah Raspoort Jackson Sutton Jarrod Wood



Year 8 Middle School Writing Project

As some parents will already be aware, Year 8 students are taking part in this year's Middle School Writing Project that is embedded in their EEE program. The project will include the nine schools that make up our local educational community: Newcastle High, Newcastle East Public, The Junction Public, Stockton Public, Carrington Public, Fern Bay Public, Hamilton Public, Hamilton South Public and Merewether Public Schools.

The Middle School Writing Project consists of two separate projects; the Newspaper Front Page and Letters to the Editor.

Newspaper Front Page:
Write story drafts, edit writing, get feedback, add illustrations, advertisements, design headings, lay out, etc.
Mentor from Year 8B1 & 8R1 placed with a group of Stage 3 students (initial orientation – editor visit and group expectations discussed – two sessions). Communication is between the groups through a blog on Moodle weekly.
Connected classroom mid project meeting for students to discuss progress and provide feedback.

Letters to The Editor Page:
Write letter to the editor on local current affair issues using a NAPLAN-like persuasive writing rubric, edit writing, write a response to letter draft, edit writing, images, illustrations, etc.
(All Year 8 Classes involved)
Communication is via Moodle weekly. Year 8 students write a letter to the editor and stage 3 students write responses to a letter to the editor.
End of project presentation day – parents and students view projects.

Moodle: Middle Schools Writing Project <http://web3.newcastle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/w2w/>

When	Who	What	Where
Tuesday 17 th July, 4:30-5:30pm	Parents/Carers	Information Session	Library
Wednesday 18 th July,	8B1 and 8R1 students	Mentor Training	TBA
Thursday 19 th July, 9:30am – 2:30pm	8B1 and 8R1 students, Year 5 students from 8 primary schools	Orientation Day for the Newspaper Front Page project	Cultural Centre, Library and various rooms.
Wednesday 22 nd August, 9:30-11:00am	8B1 and 8R1 students, Year 5 students from 7 primary schools (except Junction)	Face to Face session with mentors to check on progress	Cultural Centre and Library
Friday, 24 th August, 9:30-11:30am	8R1 mentors from groups 45-51	Face to Face session with mentors to check on progress	The Junction Public School
Thursday, 25 th October,	Parents/Carers, students and staff	Celebration Night and Presentations	Newcastle High Hall



SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS (SBAT)

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) combine paid work, training and school. In addition to receiving an industry recognised national qualification, you will also gain credits towards the HSC.

SBATs allow students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school. They are more than just part-time jobs - SBATs are a great way to set yourself up for your future career and increase your employment opportunities.

For more information speak to your School Career Adviser and visit www.sbatnsw.info

To register speak to your School Career Adviser and visit www.sbatjobs.info



INFORMATION EVENING School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

Who is it for?

Year 9 & 10 students and parents who want to find out how to combine paid employment and vocational education as part of the HSC.

What will I find out?

You'll learn how to become a School Based Apprentice or Trainee (SBAT) and how it fits into the HSC.

When will it be held?

Tuesday 7th August 2012
5.30pm (for 5.45pm start) to 6.30pm
Career Links Office
1/89 Mitchell Road Cardiff

How do I register to attend?

Visit www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au
or contact Career Links on 4953 7099



TERM 3 2012

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1 A	16/7 SDD	17/7	18/7	19/7 Middle Schools Writing Project 9.30 – 2pm	20/7 Capt. To Syd	21/7	22/7 Garden Group
2 B	23/7 Yr12 Metals Work Placement Yr11 Hospitality Work Placement	24/7	25/7 Hunter Region Athletics Carnival	26/7 Hunter Region Athletics Carnival	27/7 Yr 7 Welfare Day	28/7	29/7 Jindy Year 11
3 A	30/7 Jindabyne Year 11 Parent Bulletin	31/7 Jindabyne Year 11 UNSW English Test	1/8 Jindabyne Year 11 Year Assemblies Yr 11 / 12 combined assembly	2/8 Jindabyne Year 11 HSC Prac exams commence	3/8 Jindabyne Year 11 French exchange students leave	4/8 Jindy Year 11	5/8
4 B	6/8 P & C	7/8	8/8	9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8
5 A	13/8 Hand in HSC – Industrial Tech 9am & Textiles -3pm	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8 HSC Ext 2 English due Yr 11 Biology Wetlands Exc	18/8	19/8
6 B	20/8 HSC Drama project due	21/8	22/8 Year Assemblies	23/8	24/8 Yr 9 Welfare Day Yr 12 Uni Sports Day	25/8	26/8
7 A	27/8 HSC D&T Project due – 9am. Parent Bulletin	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9 HSC FREN CH Exam 9am- 4pm	2/9
8 B	3/9 HSC Music due Yr10 Metals Work Placement Yr10 Hospitality Work Placement P & C	4/9	5/9 Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9
9 A	10/9 Year10 Block Out period	11/9 Parent/Teacher Afternoon SRC W/shop - City Library 9.30-11.30am	12/9 Merit Assemblies	13/9 RUOK Day	14/9 HSC Prac exams over Year 10 exams Last Day BOS “N” Letters Merit Ceremony	15/9	16/9
10 B	17/9 Year 10 Blockout period Year 10 exams Yr7 – Luna Park Parent Bulletin	18/9 Year 12 Formal	19/9	20/9 Year 12 Graduation	21/9 Yr 11 Exams concludes	22/9	23/9



30th June – 15th July 2012 July School Holidays

The nib Hunter Festival of Sport is offering a fantastic range of activities including Come & Try Days, Sports Coaching Clinics, Competitions, Sports Education and much more at a range of venues throughout the region. This is a great opportunity for children or all ages and adults to try something new, further develop skills and get active.

A full program can be found at

www.hfos.com.au

Activities include:

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| • AFL | • Hockey | • Rugby Union |
| • Auskick | • Indoor Rock Climbing | • Rhee Tae Kwon Do |
| • Baseball | • Judo | • Rowing |
| • Basketball | • Multi Sports Programs | • Soccer |
| • Croquet | • Lawn Bowls | • Softball |
| • Cycling | • Netball | • Spotlight Adventure |
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Create , Design & Explore this July at The Loft

Young people aged 12 to 25 will have plenty of opportunities to stay busy in the July school holidays with The Loft Youth Arts and Cultural Centre offering an exciting program of arts and recreational activities between 2 and 13 July 2012.

Activities Officer DALE GARBUTT says more than 30 events have been organised, with a mix of arts, cultural & recreation activities on offer.

"Feature activities will include : **Design your own Skateboard Graphics & print them onto a deck with The Roost Creative ; Digital Media , Podcasting & Digital Storytelling workshops with ABC Open ; Frankenstein Recycled Toys workshop ; Tattoo Design Workshop with Diabolik Tattoos & Segway Tours with East Coast Experiences at Hunter Wetlands Centre. "**

Mr. Garbutt says another highlight of the program will be the ***Grindcore Old School Skate & Scooter Bowl Jam***, supported by Newcastle Skateshop & Mutts Scooter Shack. Held at Islington Park Bowl and featuring live music from Dubbo band "She's Taken Empires" with great prizes , trophies & a Free BBQ for all competitors.

Other activities will include : breakdancing classes; treetop adventures; horse riding; laser tag ; go-karting; bushwalking & photography at Blackbutt Reserve; and kite making at Newcastle Foreshore.

"There will also be a number of all-ages gigs at the Loft Youth Arts and Cultural Centre, which will of course be drug and alcohol-free and have full security," says Mr Garbutt.

All-ages gigs include-

Fri 29 June - Free For All with The Patriots, 2 Hands 4 Beginners , September Chase & The Bloodlillies.

Wed 4 July - Heroes For Hire , Luca Brasi & Carry Me Home.

Fri 6 July- The Guppies & Flight To Dubai.

Fri 13 July - Swingsets + Support acts.

Most activities are free for Loft members and \$10 for non-members. Places are strictly limited and, due to strong demand, bookings are essential.

To download the full program of school holiday & youth week events visit the Loft's website at www.theloft.org.au

Bookings open on Monday 18 June & can be made by calling 4974 2092 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information and interviews call DALE GARBUTT on 4974 2094.

NEWCASTLE AREA – WINTER 2012

Glenrock State Conservation Area

Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island

Awabakal Nature Reserve

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

DISCOVERY

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'Wilderquest Warriors'

Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

Calling all WilderQuest Warriors- join a Discovery Ranger to search for the towering red flowers of the gynea lily or the shy purple flowers of the happy wanderer. Lots of hands on activities for the kids. Visit the wilderquest website today- a great way for families to experience nature.

When: Friday 6th July 2012

Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Medium

Meet: Blue Gum RP carpark, off Minmi road.

Cost: \$15 child, adults FREE.

Jr Ranger 'Shake- a-leg & Stories'

Awabakal Nature Reserve

Join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger and discover the stories and dances of the Awabakal nation.

When: Thursday 12th July 2012

Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy

Meet: End of Boundary Street, Dudley.

Cost: \$10 child, adults FREE.

Jr Ranger 'Nature Diary'

Awabakal Nature Reserve

Be inspired at Awabakal Nature Reserve through art with a Discovery Ranger. Record your journey as you go! You will be amazed at what you see! Start your own nature diary today!

When: Tuesday 10th July

Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy

Meet: End of Boundary street, Dudley

Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

'Wilderquest Warriors'

Glenrock State Conservation Area

Calling all WilderQuest Warriors- join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger to search treasures, scats and tracks along the rocky shores

When: Friday 13th July 2012

Time: 10-12pm **Grade:** Easy.

Meet: Merewether Baths

Cost: \$15 per child Adults FREE

Celebrate NAIDOC join us for a Cultural Journey

Glenrock SCA

Step back in time and rediscover the coastline with an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger who will take you on a 5km journey through Glenrock. Bring your own lunch with you!

When: Sunday 8th July 2012

Time: 10am- 2pm

Meet: Yuelarbah carpark, Kahibah

Cost: \$10 per person

'Mangrove Meander'

**Hunter Wetlands National Park/
Ash Island**

Bring along all the family to meander through the mangroves at Ash Island. Join a Discovery Ranger and the Water watch team to discover the hidden treasures of the park.

When: Monday 9th July 2012

Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Easy

Meet: Riverside Carpark at Ash Island.

Cost: \$8 Child, \$10 adults, \$28 family.

'Mud Sweat and Cheers'

Hunter Wetlands National Park

Grab your spirit of Adventure and help make a difference!

Join Newcastle NPWS staff for an adventure to remote areas of the Hunter Wetland National Park. Paddle down the iconic Hunter River. Swamp-walk to inaccessible endangered habitats. Once there help regenerate salt marsh habitats for threatened and migratory shorebirds.

Must be over 18 years of age

When: from 8:30am-2:30pm on

Sunday 17th June- Windeyers Reach

Sunday 15th July- Windeyers Reach

Sunday 5th August- Sandy Island

Wed 29th August- Windeyers Reach

Grade: must be able to swim & have a reasonable level of fitness

Meet: Given on booking **Cost:** FREE

'Winter Whale Tales'

Awabakal & Glenrock

Rediscover your favourite stretches of coastline and share the epic adventure of Australia's largest long distance swimmers as these amazing creatures make their next appearance off the shores

Glenrock: 12th July- Leggy

Point carpark Kahibah

Awabakal: 5th July- End of

Ocean street, Dudley

Times: 10am-12pm

Cost: \$8 per person



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