

The Parkway



October, 2012

Parkway Number 9

**The next P&C Meeting will be held on
Monday, October 15th, 2012 at 5.30pm in the school foyer.
Email address for P&C: nhspandc@mybiznetonline.com
ALL WELCOME**

Farewell Year 12, 2012



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INDUSTRIAL ARTS/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The **Industrial Arts** team for 2012 includes: Stephen Prior, Darryl Cumming, Martyn Skinner, Adam Coleman, Tara Allington and Rebecca Murphy (Relieving Head Teacher).

The Industrial Arts team has established facilities and programs in Timber and Metal Technologies and in 2013, looks forward to expanding these technologies to include Electronics. Year 11 Industrial Technology will commence the design and planning for the HSC major works in Term 4. Expressions of interest are open for students considering Stage 5 Metal and Engineering in 2013. Good Luck to all the HSC students in 2012.

Year 11 Industrial Technology Timber

This year, Industrial Technology students have been looking at furniture technologies. They have been building a hall table and creating a corresponding management folio. The task required students to build a table with specific requirements. It was pleasing to see that students extended themselves by going above and beyond the requirements to produce work that was personalised. Well done to these students who put a lot of time and energy into producing quality work with great detail. This helps to build the foundations for the HSC major work projects.



Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber

Year 12 completed their Major Projects recently producing a number of outstanding pieces of work. Students were required to design and construct a piece of furniture of their choice and submit an accompanying display folio showcasing the research, development and manufacturing methods employed throughout the production process. The projects highlight the culmination of the skills and knowledge they have learned over the past four years at Newcastle High School. Congratulations must go to the students who completed their projects to such a high standard as, at times; it can be an extremely stressful and nerve racking, but ultimately a rewarding experience.

Mr Prior



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

What is VET?

Vocational Education and Training is job related training where industry-recognised skills and knowledge related to a specific job are learnt. Currently at Newcastle High School, Retail, Hospitality and Metal & Engineering frameworks are being delivered in a variety of formats. Newcastle High School is part of the Newcastle Community Trade Training Centre with neighbouring high schools and boasts industry-grade facilities in Hospitality and Metal & Engineering.

Why undertake a VET course?

Evidence shows that students who undertake VET as part of their education have better job prospects than those who do not. (NSWDET – VET in Schools – providing skills and opportunities):

- Acquire a range of technical, practical, personal and organisational skills valued both within and beyond the workplace
- Acquire underpinning knowledge and skills related to work, employment and further training
- Receive formal VET qualifications recognised nationally by industry and training providers.
- Make informed career choices and improved transition from school to work
- Contributes to the achievement of Preliminary and Higher School Certificate and possible ATAR.



The school's capacity to deliver vocational programs has expanded in 2012 with the introduction of Stage 5 (Year 10) early commencement and a compressed model in Year 11 which delivered the two year, 240 hour course in the preliminary year. To support student transition into the workplace, consultation with industry and training providers is underway.



Benefits for students transitioning to a trade or employment and those undertaking an ATAR program of study have been numerous and include some of the following:

- Creates pathways that allow students the opportunity to achieve higher levels of training and VET qualifications by the time they complete their schooling and maximise further training and employment opportunities post school.
- Reduces the unit load for students undertaking the HSC and prepares students for the required work ethic in Stage 6.

Catering is also a mandatory component of the Hospitality frame work. Congratulations to all the students who have successfully fulfilled this requirement and the staff and parents who have supported the students' efforts.



Special events at Hamilton South Public School, Newcastle City Hall and Ronald McDonald House, have provided opportunities for students to extend and apply their skills in a 'real' setting.



Work placement continues to be an integral part of Vocational Training.

Congratulations to all the VET students who have participated in the highly successful mandatory work placement programs in the preliminary and HSC year.

The opportunity provides insight into the industry and assists students in making informed decisions about future training, employment and education.

Thank you to the participating businesses who support the work placement program by accommodate students.



School Based Apprenticeship opportunity
**PORT WARATAH COAL SERVICES
SCHOOL BASED SCHOLARSHIP 2013**



It is with pleasure that Port Waratah Coal Services in partnership with Hunter/Central Coast Region and the Catholic Schools Office will be offering senior VET students the opportunity to apply for a two year VET scholarship commencing 2013 in ***Business Services, Metals and Engineering***. Twelve Scholarships will be offered. Each of the Scholarships is valued at \$4,200, paid over two years to the successful applicant. The scholarships will assist with educational expenses for two years. Application forms are available on the schools website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that it is now the end of Term Three! Where has the year gone?

The focus of this week is to farewell the Year 12 Class of 2012. These students complete their studies this week; celebrate the end of formal schooling with their Formal on Tuesday, 18 September and the Graduation ceremony on Thursday, 20 September. To the 88 students leaving Newcastle High School good luck, work hard and be safe. Year 12 students have all been given letters and information from both the school and the Board of Studies regarding the HSC and the expectations over the coming weeks. I am looking forward to sharing these special moments with students and their families during this week. Thanks to the Year Advisors, Ms Benton and Ms Dennis, for their work with the students at this time.

At Thursday's ceremony, as well as farewelling Year 12, the school will be formally inducting the 2013 prefect body.

Please note that the next P&C meeting has been moved to Monday, 15 October to fit in with the school holidays that commence on Friday, 21 September. Staff and students return to school on Monday 8, October. The school development days for Term 4 are the last two days of school. Students finish school on Wednesday, 19 December and staff finish on Friday, 21 December.

Over the past weeks, the school has welcomed many visitors. I would like to thank the parents/carers who took time out to attend the Parent/Teacher afternoon last week and to thank the P&C for sponsoring the afternoon. On Wednesday, 13 and Thursday, 14 September Ms Amy King, our School Support Officer, organised several community groups to come to the school as part of "RU OK? Day" and Year 10 students took part in many of these activities.

On Friday, 14 September Mr Darren Farrar, as Year 11 Advisor, accompanied our incoming Captains to the Battle of Britain commemorations; again the students were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Work has commenced around the school to improve the amenities for the disabled students with the installation of a second disabled toilet. These amenities are being installed in an area that was being used as the SASS tea room. The tea room is being moved to the Staff House. Once this work is completed, covered walkways will be constructed to C Block and to the Main Hall. The final piece of work will be the installation of screens along the D Block verandas. This will make the area much safer for all students and provide some protection from the weather. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the middle of Term 4.

Ms Melinda Ferguson, our school Learning Assistance and Support Teacher, has accepted a temporary appointment to China from 15 September and it is anticipated that she will be away for twelve months. Ms Elke Ryssenbeek is filling in for Ms Ferguson and Ms Coertze will take Ms Ryssenbeek's 0.8 load from next term. On Thursday, 25 October the school will be celebrating the completion of the Middle Years Writing Project that Ms Ferguson had been co-ordinating. This project is now in its final stages with students from Year 8 and Year 5 completing their newspapers. Details about the celebration will be forwarded to relevant students.

Talented Year 8 and 9 science students have been working with Year 6 students at Hamilton South Public School. This project has inspired lots of primary school students with the fun and learning associated with science.

Currently the school is advertising for several Head Teacher positions. These ads close early next term. Thanks to the P&C members who are being part of selection panels. Once these positions are filled there will be a flow on to classroom teacher positions.

Several community members have contacted the school regarding some unsatisfactory behaviour among younger students who travel on the Stockton Ferry. I appreciate this feedback and have dealt with the students concerned, but it is unfortunate that these students exhibit behaviour deemed unacceptable by the school and general community and thereby damage the excellent reputation of our Stockton students who attend NHS.

Mr M Hewitt

P&C UPDATE

It's just so encouraging to get positive feedback! A mum at my youngest son's primary school told me that she and her family had attended the recent NHS Parent Information Evening and School Tour for next year's Year 7 students. They had been so impressed with the enthusiasm of the teachers and the facilities offered by the school that she has now decided to send her son here next year instead of to another school. Those of us who've been associated with NHS for some time are well aware of the high standards of this school. It's great when you hear of others finding out what a great place this school is. Your P&C is dedicated to promoting the school's interests. We'd love to see more parents get involved. Our Gardening Group, which does such a great job, meets again on Sunday, 21 October for a mulching morning. Please bring along any wheelbarrows or shovels you may have. It's a great way to meet new friends and make a visible difference to the school grounds. Another date for your diary Sunday, 18 November for a regular gardening morning, meet at 9am in the car park off Smith Street.

Our next P&C Meeting will be Monday, 15 October at 5.30pm. If you have any issues you would like raised at our next meeting, please email me on renepsmith@bigpond.com. Hope to see you there!

Rene Smith
President

Dear Mr Henitt

This morning I attended a training course organised at the Newcastle Public Library, & involving students from Newcastle High. It was called "Get Connected for Seniors". Teelah, Jess & Jonty were assigned to help me, under the guidance of Ms Allington. They were smiling, polite & very helpful, trying to meet & understand my needs.

I wanted to write especially to commend them for their attitude & diligence. It isn't easy to grasp what an old lady needs, especially as she wasn't sure herself.

Please thank them all.

Newcastle High School Class of 85/87 Reunion

Saturday, 20 October 11:00am to 4:00pm at Bar Beach Bowling Club. Go on, put your demons behind you and join us for a family afternoon on the top garden lawns of the bowlo. \$10 per adult covers a steak and salad and a sausage sizzle for the kids. Bring your soccer balls, mini golf sticks, croquet, bocce, blankets and old school photos!! RSVP for catering purposes to Liz Burrows: e.krassoi@bigpond.com subject line: Newcastle High School reunion. the grown ups (that's us now) might linger on into the evening at The Surf House Bar at Merewether Beach. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SPORT

Hockey – Our Open Boys' Hockey Team has had a successful year, making it through to Round 4 of the NSW CHS Knockout Competition. Unfortunately, in their Round 4 game, after getting off to a good start and scoring first, Lambton High hit back quickly with a succession of goals. Lambton finished victors 7-2. Mrs Wells (Coach) commented that the team played in good spirits, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and commitment. Thomas Duck, Patrick Lang and Timothy Burstal were a positive influence in their leadership roles.

In a play-off game, the boys defeated Muswellbrook 6-0, to take out 3rd place in the region.

Athletics - Our talented athletics students have just returned from the NSW CHS Carnival in Sydney. Unfortunately Angus Drew (a previous medal winner at CHS level) was unable to attend due to injury.

Congratulations to:

- Abbie Gray – who finished 4th in NSW in the 13yrs High Jump. A great result.
- Sarah Bugbird who finished 10th in the 17yrs 1500m and 3000m, as well as achieving her personal best in both these events.
- Emma Curtis who finished 10th in the 17yrs 400m and unfortunately missed the final by one place.

Well done girls!



Run Around the World Challenge

On Wednesday September 5th, we had 345 students and 11 teachers participate in the 'Adidas run around the World Challenge'. This was part of a National Health and Physical Education Day which was also sponsored by ACHPER (Australian Council of Health, Physical Education and Recreation). The aim of the day was to set an Australian record for the largest number of students running on the one day and to try to achieve a goal of 40,000km (the world's circumference), as well as encouraging involvement in outside, active fun activities. We are still waiting for confirmation of the record.

Well done to all the Year 7, 9 and 11 students who participated.

Mr P Wagner
Head Teacher PDHPE





*Sarah being presented her award
by Jessica Fox
Australian Kayaking Silver Medallist
London Olympics 2012*

Pierre De Coubertin Award

The Pierre de Coubertin Award is named after the founder of the modern Olympic movement. It was first established in 1992 by the NSW Department of Education School Sport Unit and the Australian Olympic Committee.

It may be awarded to a Year 11 or Year 12 student.

The award acknowledges a student who has participated actively in his/her school Physical Education program with a consistently positive attitude. He/she must demonstrate the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic Movement. (ie participation, sportsmanship and fair play), as well as promoting the Olympic motto of **FASTER STRONGER HIGHER**

Sarah Bugbird of Year 11 is the recipient of this award at Newcastle High School this year.

Sarah always displays outstanding sportsmanship, as well as being a dedicated and determined participant. Sarah promotes school sport through her outstanding commitment and enthusiasm.

Sarah has represented Newcastle High School in Athletics, Cross Country, Hockey, Triathlon, Basketball and Netball. Sarah has represented the Hunter Region at NSW CHS Championships in Cross Country from 2009-2012 and Athletics from 2010-2012.

Sarah always strives to do her very best in all endeavours she undertakes and is a most deserving recipient of this award.

Sarah was chosen to attend an “Academy Day” at the Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 10th September where she spent the day learning about the Olympic Movement and the values of Olympism. She also met past and present Olympians.

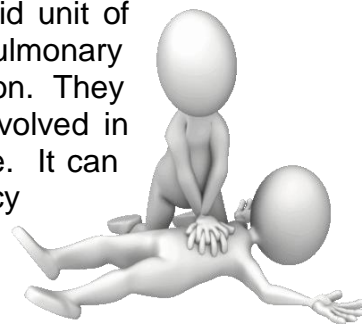
Later in the day Sarah was presented with her award at the official presentation at the “Hall of Legends” at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

Congratulations Sarah.



PDHPE

Students in Years 7-10 have recently completed their First Aid unit of work. This unit involved instruction in basic Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Ask your child to give you a demonstration. They may be able to teach you the basics if you have not been involved in any CPR training. It is a valuable skill that we should all have. It can be the difference between life and death in an emergency situation.



Students for the remainder of the year will now complete 3 games units in their PDHPE practical lessons.

You would be aware that in the Half Yearly reports there was not a report for PDHPE theory. Due to the fact that students only have 1 lesson per cycle of PDHPE theory we have decided that we will only issue a final year report.

Please feel free to contact me at school any time if you require any further information.

Mr P Wagner
Head Teacher PDHPE

Important Dates to Remember

Year 12 Formal	18 September
Year 12 Graduation and Prefect Induction	20 September
Term 3 concludes	21 September
Term 4 commences (staff and students)	8 October
HSC Commences	15 October
Presentation Ceremony Years 7-11	12 December
Last day for students	19 December
Last Day for staff	21 December

HSIE

Good Citizenship / Community Involvement

On Friday, 7 September a group of six Year 9 students took part in Legacy Day fundraising at The Junction. The students involved in this activity were Phoebe Bellingham, Sarah Barron, Alyce Beaton, Chloe Jones, Melody Howe-Jackson and Sophie Anderson.

Their efforts raised over \$2,000 for this wonderful and uniquely Australian charity. It was, sadly, an appropriate time for this cause, given the loss of five Australian servicemen the

previous week and the resulting new families that will need the support of Legacy.

By all reports, the pupils conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and were a credit to the school. The Legacy staff who coordinated the group gave glowing comments on our students' manners and interaction with members of the public.

I would also like to congratulate Ms McKay for her efforts in organising the group. Ms McKay is new to the school this year and her commitment to extracurricular activities is admirable and much appreciated.

*S Carey
Head Teacher HSIE*



Alyce Beaton with Anne O'Brien retired teacher NHS

Prefects, Student Leadership - Blood Donations

Over the course of the year the Prefects have continued with their long-term tradition of organising blood donation drives within the school.

Three of this leadership group undertook training with the Red Cross to become Blood Donation Ambassadors. They were Grace Jamieson Leah Sellers-Fay and Shanaye Flanagan.



Grace Jamieson and Leah Sellers-Fay show their Blood Donation Ambassador certificates to Mr Hewitt

Blood donation is a vital cause within our community, whether to provide blood supplies for the chronically ill, for trauma victims or for a variety of emergency medical needs, and the Prefects will be conducting another donation drive in Week 2 of Term 4. Students are picked up from the front of the school by a courtesy bus from the Red Cross and returned after their donation. There will be three groups on each of the Monday, Tuesday and Friday of that week.

Any student who is 16 years of age or older is urged to consider taking part in this donation week. To book a time, please see Grace Jamieson. Other arrangements will be notified in the first week of Term 4.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

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ASSESSMENT AND
REPORTING AUTHORITY

NAPLAN 2012

The NAPLAN test results will be **handed out to students** in Years 7 and Year 9 on **Monday 17th September**.

The envelope will contain the national **Student Report 2012**, the **Additional Student Report 2012** and a letter to parents from the Minister for Education.

If a student is absent on Monday they should catch up with Mrs Hines in The Cottage to sign for their envelope.

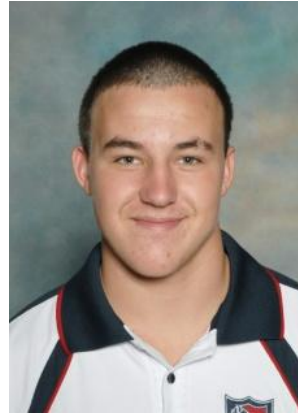
If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN please contact Mrs Karen Hines (Head Teacher Administration – Students) on 4969 3177 or newcastle-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Thomas Duck –
Captain



Keira-Lee Sarapik -
Captain



Lennox McKessor –
Vice Captain



Angelica Binos –
Vice
Captain



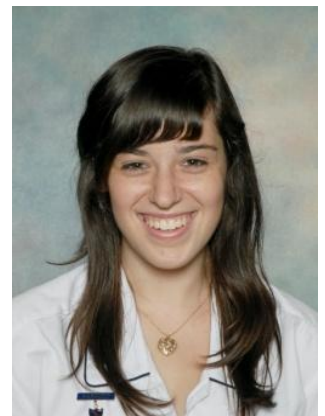
Georgie Diplarou –
Senior Prefect



Sarah Bugbird



Timothy Burstal



Shanaye Flanagan



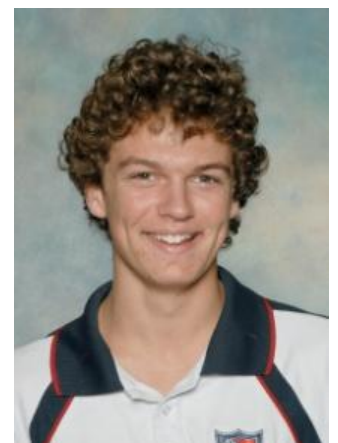
Beth Grant



Simon Hill



Grace Jamieson



Declan Scott



Leah Sellers-Fay



Jessica Bangle



Billy Breden



Teelah Ellicott



Maddison Hallett



Oliver Hamilton



Emma Jackson



Lachlan Manning



Jessica Munro

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE PREFECT BODY
OF 2013

Newie High claim Bronze Medal at Country Champs

Newcastle High's Champion U/14 Rugby Union team travelled to Forster recently for the NSW Country Tournament. With the 6-star coach leaving NHS at 6:30am, many of the squad had little time for man-scaping or hair-care yet miraculously, U/14's Captain Jaeger 'Squeaky' Collins maintained his perfectly combed fringe – a genuine role model. Reserve Hooker, Tom 'Absent' Smailes, made an unfashionably-late appearance, took a standing golf-clap from the team and carried the drink bottles for the first half of the day.

Touchdown Forster and the boys' first game went to script with a convincing dismantling of rugby juggernaut JPS from Coffs Harbour, 15 – 5. Team comedian Harry 'watch me run like Jesse' Owens was truly inspirational...for 30 seconds before being carted from the field with severe musculoskeletal trauma, otherwise known as a sprained ankle.

Our following opponent was the Powerhouse of the mid North-West, Tamworth's Peel HS.....and.....1, 2, 3....Peel – you're out! 35-0. Don't get up. Next please! Onto the semi's....where the boys met one of the Catholic Superpowers, James Sheehan, from the rugby spawning fields of Orange and an epic battle for intergalactic supremacy ensued...

I have no doubt whatsoever 'they' will talk about this mighty mêlée for lifetimes to come. Heroics were performed, drama's followed dramas that were colliding with more dramas and the pitch was littered with a litany of potential storylines for major movie productions.

Spock from Star Trek once said *"If winning isn't important –why keep score?"* Well, at the end of this titanic arm-wrestle the score was locked 5-5, but sadly, James Sheehan progressed to the final on a try count-back. Cruel way to exit and even Spock would have raised an eyebrow.

On a positive note, Newie High U/14's remain undefeated for the calendar year and can hold their heads extremely high. Great effort!!!!

MVP's: Finau 'The Tongan Express' Tafua'ao/Lachie 'Megatron' Milton.



READY STEADY COOK

27TH AUGUST 2012



"We embarked on our adventure on Monday 27th August catching the train to Sydney to be part of a live audience for the filming of "Ready Steady Cook" at Channel Ten studios. The set was much smaller than it looks on tv and we were greeted by Steve who kept us entertained during the breaks making sure everyone was laughing and enjoying themselves (mmmm drizzle). We experienced three shows being filmed and had front row seats which meant we got to taste test the foods at the completion of the filming. Mrs Ellis was surprised when she won the "Best Hair Award". After five hours of being entertained we headed back to Newcastle where everyone was exhausted and headed home to get a big nights sleep."

Jess Year 10

"On Monday 27th August a group of excited Year 10 Food Tech and Hospitality students headed off to Sydney to the "Ready Steady Cook" studio. We were greeted by an energetic and hilarious man named Steve who showed us what really happens behind the scenes and kept us entertained the whole day. We learnt many new recipes, learnt about television production and generally laughed a lot and had a blast. Everyone had a great time meeting the chefs and contestants (one was really hot). All in all it was a great experience and I can't wait to go again next year. Thanks heaps Mrs Ellis and Ms Maddalena"

Teelah Year 10

On Monday 27th August Ms Maddalena and I took a very enthusiastic group of Year 10 Food Technology and Hospitality students to experience a live cooking show "Ready Steady Cook". Our small group of twenty students impressed the producers so much with their behaviour that we were given front row seats after the first break and were allowed on set for taste testing and photos. The episodes will air on Channel Ten in the near future (will notify when in next Newsletter). It was such a pleasure to take such a fantastic group of students who were great ambassadors for the school. To quote the producer "Your kids were the bomb."

Mrs Ellis



R U OK DAY YEAR 10 2012

**VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION
Museum of Contemporary Art and Cockatoo Island**



BIENNALE EXHIBITION AT THE MCA



CAMPING ON COCKATOO ISLAND



A great trip to the Biennale!

Fantastic exhibitions at both the MCA and on Cockatoo Island, followed by an amazing night camping on the island in the middle of Sydney Harbour. Our students were excellent as usual and all had a great time. A big thank you to Ms Carruthers for a lot of organising and to Mr Kempton, Mr Hewitt and Ms Benton for attending the excursion.



Birabaan Newsletter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

OCTOBER 2012



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS WHO ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THEIR NEW JOURNEY

We recently held a luncheon for our Year 12 students who are about to leave Newcastle High and embark on their new journey in life. Students from Years 7 to 11 came together with some of our Aboriginal Support Staff to wish all of our Indigenous Year 12 students all the best for the future. It's been an amazing journey and not just for the students but for many of their teachers and staff who have supported them over the last six years. We wish them all the very best for the future and know that they will go on and make us all very proud.



TERM 4 2012

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1 A	8/10 Year Assemblies	9/10 SRC W/shop - City Library	10/10	11/10	12/10	13/10	14/10
2 B	15/10 HSC exams commence P & C	16/10 Yr 5 Parent Info Afternoon	17/10	18/10	19/10 Yr 7 Vaccinations	20/10	21/10
3 A	22/10	23/10	24/10 Year Assemblies	25/10	26/10 Bandana Day	27/10	28/10
4 B	29/10 Parent Bulletin	30/10	31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11	4/11
5 A	5/11 P & C	6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11	11/11
6 B	12/11	13/11 ESSA Test HSC concludes	14/11 ESSA Test Back Up date Year Assemblies	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11
7 A	19/11	20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11	25/11
8 B	26/11 Parent Bulletin	27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11 Merit Assemblies	1/12	2/12
9 A	3/12 P & C Xmas function	4/12	5/12 Yr 7, 2013 Orientation Day	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12
10 B	10/12	11/12 Merit Assemblies	12/12 Presentation Ceremony 7, 8, 9, & 10 & 11	13/12	14/12	15/12	16/12
11 A	17/12	18/12	19/12 HSC results released	20/12 SDD	21/12 SDD	22/12	23/12
	24/12	25/12	26/12	27/12	28/12	29/12	30/12
	31/12	1/1	2/1	3/1	4/1	5/1	6/1

HOLIDAY SCHOOL

Arrendell Secondary Education Centre
2nd – 5th October 2012

- Pre HSC Workshops -
 - English
 - Business Studies
 - Maths
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
 - Biology
- Senior Writing Course (Yrs 10 – 12)
- Senior Approach to Literature (Yrs 10 – 12)
- Junior Maths
- Junior Writing

HSC Specialist teacher



Newcastle TAFE and Newcastle Media and Film School are running a Zombie Film School on October 2nd, 4th and 5th. The three day intensive short course costs \$425.00. For further information contact the Course Co-ordinator on 4929 0351 and quote course number 29261.

NEWCASTLE AREA – SPRING 2012
 Glenrock State Conservation Area Awabakal Nature Reserve
 Hunter Wetlands National Park/ Ash Island Blue Gum Hills Regional Park

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

DISCOVERY

WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

'WilderQuest Warriors'
 Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
 Calling all WilderQuest Warriors- join a Discovery Ranger to search for the towering red flowers of the gymea 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 5th October
Time: 10am-12pm **Grade:** Medium
Meet: Blue Gum RP carpark, off Minmi road.
Cost: \$15 child, adults FREE.
 Suitable for 5-8years olds

Wildflower Nature Diary
 Blue Awabakal Nature Reserve
 Be inspired at Awabakal, record your journey as you go! Discover the diversity of wildflowers at Awabakal- you will be amazed! Start your own Nature Diary to take home
When: Tuesday 2nd October
Time: 2-4pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: BGHRP Carpark, off Minmi Rd.
Cost: \$10 per person

Family Bike Challenge
 at
 Glenrock SCA
 See the park through new eyes and take in the scenery as you pedal through the Glenrock bike trails and uncover the hidden treasures of Glenrock SCA.
When: Sunday 14th October
Time: 2:30-4:30pm
 Suitable for ages 8 & above
 Medium level of fitness required

'WilderQuest Warriors-Rockpools'
 Glenrock State Conservation Area
 Calling all WilderQuest Warriors- join an Aboriginal Discovery Ranger to search treasures, scats and tracks along the rocky shores. Visit the WilderQuest website today.
When: Friday 28th October
Time: 1-3pm **Grade:** Easy.
Meet: Merawether Baths
Cost: \$15 per child Adults FREE
 Suitable for 5-8years olds

Island Explorer-Camera Quest
 Hunter Wetlands National Park/Ash island
 Explore Ash Island and bring your camera with you. Discover and learn about the natural wonders of life within the mangroves. Record your adventure on camera.
When: Wednesday 26th September
Time: 10-12pm **Grade:** Easy
Meet: Ash Island carpark
Cost: \$10 child, adults free

DISCOVERY
 WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

BIODIVERSITY DAY
 Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
 Celebrate the biodiversity of the Green Corridor stretching from the Watagan Mountains to Stockton Bight.
Activities;
 Free BBQ lunch
 NPWS Discovery Ranger activities
 Reptile Park animal show
 Tree planting, Guided walks, Orienteering
Information stalls;
 NPWS, Wilderness Society, Hunter Bird Observers Club, Our Green Corridor, NSW Police, NSW Fire Brigade
Time: 10am-3pm
When: Thursday 27th September
Where: Blue Gum Hills regional Park, off Minmi road, Minmi

FOR ALL TOURS:
 Please bring water, snacks and wear fully enclosed footwear.
 It's for your safety!
 If you would like to be added to the mailing list for future events and activities please call the Newcastle Discovery Coordinator on 49464112

For bookings and information call:
 NPWS NEWCASTLE on 49464112

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