

The Parkway



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Parkway Edition No. 10

WHAT A YEAR!!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, CARERS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A FANTASTIC 2014.

THIS FINAL EDITION OF THE PARKWAY FOR 2014 AND WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PREPARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN FOR 2015.

SCHOOL START DATES

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015 – YEARS 7, 11 & 12

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015 – YEARS 8, 9 & 10

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015 – ALL NEW ENROLMENTS 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO
PAY SCHOOL FEES AND MAKE ENQUIRIES ON

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015 9AM – 1PM

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2015 9AM – 1PM

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015 8AM – 3PM

Congratulations to all the students whose achievements were recognised at last week's Presentation Evening and merit assemblies. The presentation program is available on the school website www.newcastle-h.school.nsw.edu.au. **Thank you** to the school's administrative staff and music teachers who worked to ensure that the ceremonies ran without a glitch. The performances were of a high standard. I would like to **acknowledge** Cody, Max and Harley who made the short film that was shown as part of my presentation. Also thanks to Noah for volunteering to take photographs during the event.

Thanks for the positive comments from many parents who attended the ceremonies.

From 2015 there will be some changes to the DEC **attendance** policy. As you may have seen in recent media releases **exemptions** can no longer be granted for holidays. Parents and carers are urged not to take holidays during school terms. Students who are **absent** from school due to holidays will now have this absence classed as leave and this will be reflected on all official school reports.

During Term One we are trialling commencing the day with Period 1. This means there will be no assembly from 8.45am to 8.55am. When the bell goes at 8.45am students will be **expected** to be in class and ready to learn. Teachers will electronically mark the roll in Period 1 and this data will be harvested. It is **essential** that students be at school on time at 8.45am and ready to learn.

The P&C Executive has made a decision to **explore** a number of options regarding the canteen operation in 2015. One of these options is the possibility of licensing the canteen to an external provider. This will be **discussed** at the first P&C meeting in 2015 which will be held in the Staff House at 5pm on Monday, 9 February. Please come along and **support** our P&C and canteen.

All students should have by now received their Semester Two reports. Reports that were not distributed at merit assemblies last week are **available** at the administration office for collection.

I am **taking** Long Service Leave during Term One, 2015. I am not retiring despite the **rumours** in the community. I will be back at the commencement of Term Two, 2015. I find this a bit **daunting** as I have never taken this length of time off, so I will see what happens, but don't be surprised if you see me popping my head every now and then. Mr Towney will **relieve** as Principal, Mr Bromfield will relieve as Deputy Principal and Mr Doherty will relieve as Head Teacher Science for the term.

This week we **welcome** Ms Jody Robinson, our Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), to the school.

Recently students have had two very **successful** opportunities with our primary partner schools. A number of students participated in work experience at Hamilton South, Hamilton, The Junction and Newcastle East Public Schools. These students were excellent **ambassadors** for Newcastle High School and created a very **favourable** impression of the school amongst the primary school communities.

During the holidays the school site is **closed** and no students should be on the premises unless they are visiting the Uniform Shop; just a reminder that Year 10 students wear the senior **uniform**. The school office will also be open on Tuesday 20 January and Friday 23 January between 9am and 1pm.

Have a happy safe and **restful** break and I look **forward** to seeing you all again back at NHS in 2015.

Mark Hewitt
Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 2015

Uniform Shop Open	Friday 16	9am – 1pm
Uniform Shop Open	Tuesday 20	9am – 1pm
School Administration Office Open	Tuesday 20	9am – 1pm
Uniform Shop Open	Friday 23	9am – 1pm
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Uniform Shop Open	Tuesday 27	9am – 12 noon
School Administration Office Open	Tuesday 27	8am – 3pm
Uniform Shop Open	Wednesday 28	8am – 10am
Years 7, 11 and 12 Return to School	Wednesday 28	8.45am Start
Years 8, 9 and 10 Return to School	Thursday 29	8.45am Start
New enrolments Years 8, 9,10, 11 & 12 First Day	Friday 30	8.45am Start

FEBRUARY 2015

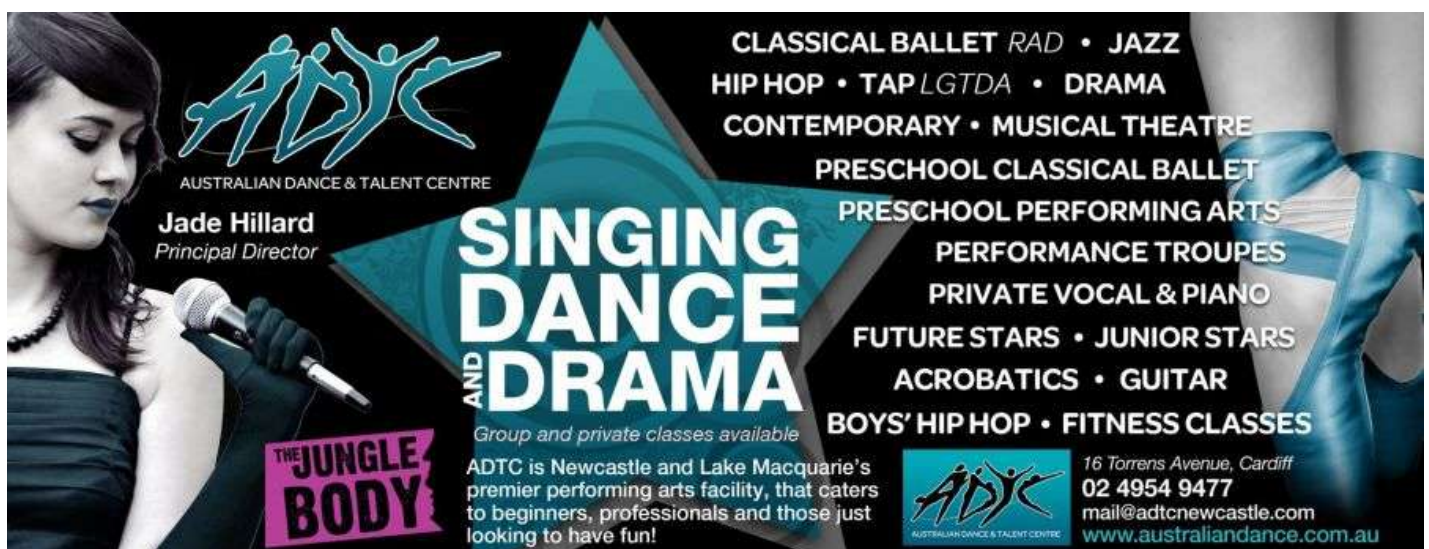
P&C Meeting in the Staff House	Monday 9	5pm Start
Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 10	Normal School Hours
Meet the teacher BBQ	Wednesday 11	TBA
Stage 6 Information Evening	Wednesday 18	TBA



A BIG Thankyou

to all who supported our P&C Raffle by either purchasing tickets or donating prizes; our wonderful P&C is an integral part of our school community and does a fantastic job supporting the school each year.

The funds raised from the Christmas Raffle totalled a substantial \$1755. These funds will go towards improvements to our school grounds and providing resources for our students.



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