

# The Parkway



August, 2014

Parkway Edition No. 07

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staff House on Monday, 8 September 2014 at 5.30pm  
Guest Speaker: Sean Bromfield Head Teacher Science  
ALL WELCOME

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



ALEX HILLS LYDIA CORCORAN EAGLETON MARLII CARROLL JAEGER COLLINS

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## SCIENCE

Science at Newcastle High School in 2014 has been dynamic and exciting. Our staff members have created many opportunities to enrich the students' Science education and our students have happily embraced those opportunities.

In terms of staff, Aurelia Nowak has moved to our Cooks Hill Campus and while being missed here, is making an outstanding contribution in her new role. Bronwyn Cooper has joined the Science staff and has made a great contribution to the faculty. She is a passionate educator, utilising innovative practice. She also coordinates the school SRC.

In the senior school, students have had opportunities through field studies, excursions and visits to both TAFE and industry. The Hunter Wetlands Centre hosts our field studies for students in Senior Science and Biology. The Museum of Human Disease was attended by Senior Biology and our elective science "Mad Scientists" class. Chemistry students have visited Orica and Newcastle TAFE.

In Science, we strongly support STEM education which is the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Students have participated in many programs and have had exposure to STEM learning. These opportunities include:

**Science and Engineering challenge - Year 10**

**Build me a Future day - Year 8**

**Girls in STEM education lecture - Year 10**

**Mad Scientists elective - Year 10**



In 2015 Newcastle High STEM team is introducing the iSTEM curriculum in Year 10 on the Senior Preparation elective line. Students have been selected based on interest and aptitude and will study engineering principles in a project learning framework.

Our Year 8 students always enjoy the Cows Create Careers project. Students care for two calves for two weeks and gather data on their growth and development. Students also develop a portfolio of course work based on the dairy industry. Newcastle High School won this competition again this year.

In the July vacation, three of our students travelled to Orlando, Florida on a NASA and science excursion, jointly hosted by Newcastle and Maitland Grossmann High Schools. Our students had an amazing experience ranging from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral to alligators and an open airboat ride.

*Sean Bromfield*  
*Head Teacher Science*



## HSC CHEMISTRY

Students have been expanding their investigative skills and developing hands-on experience in laboratory techniques at a recent visit to the Hunter TAFE Science Department.



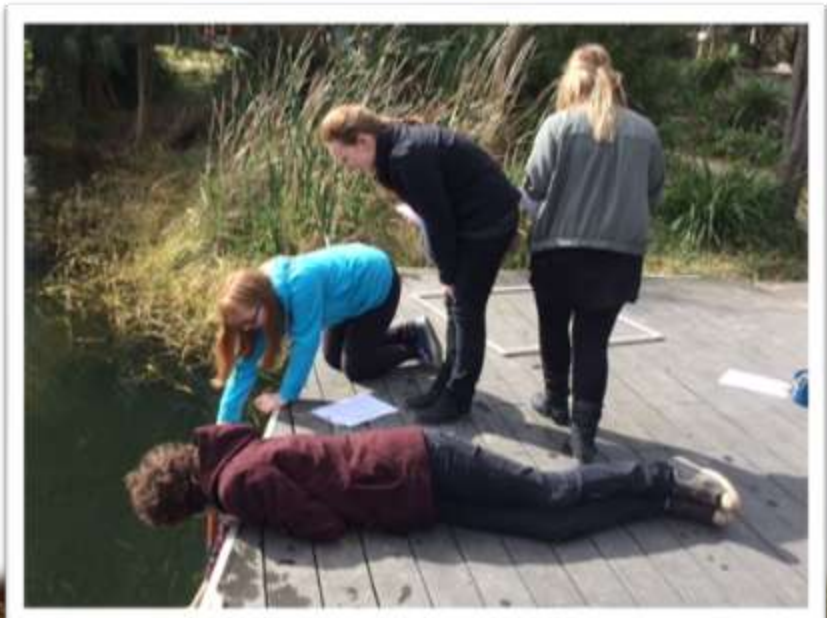
Students participated in a myriad of activities to measure and monitor local water sources; conducted titrations, gravimetric analysis and used specialist equipment including atomic absorption and UV spectrophotometers.

Congratulations to all students involved for being wonderful ambassadors to Newcastle High School and best wishes for their future scientific endeavours.



# WETLANDS

Preliminary Biology and Senior Science students had their annual field trip excursion to Shortland Wetlands. The weather was a bit off, but held out for us. Each group had to complete a series of investigations as an assessment task. It was a busy and enjoyable day



## BUILD ME A FUTURE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Thursday, 4 April the 8N Science class travelled to Newcastle University to compete in the Build ME a Future Science and Engineering Challenge.

The first activity we did was related to maths and we learnt about Pythagoras shapes and how they are exactly same if you zoom in.

Then we extracted DNA from strawberries using washing up liquid, alcohol, water and salt.

The next activity we attempted was to make a tower from a limited number of everyday objects like straws, paddle pop sticks and paper. Then they were tested by a machine that dropped onto the towers and the judges added weights.



Other groups on the day participated in activities such as constructing a catapult, a moon buggy and a rescue helicopter.

We had the opportunity to see soccer playing robots in operation that play in the World RoboCup.

Everyone enjoyed the free Subway lunch. The overall day was fun and we learnt a lot about Science and Engineering careers.

*By Clarence Playford and Isaac Lourie*

## COWS CREATE CAREERS

We took out the Cows Create Careers Junior Division in the Hunter Region. Two of our individual teams came second and third. The students of 8N had to care for the calves for three weeks as well as do a project on the Dairy Industry. The CCC is an initiative to create awareness of the careers available in the Dairy Industry.



# LYDIA CORCORAN EAGLETON

## ...WINS PEACE PRIZE

Every year the Governor of NSW, Ms Marie Bashir, honours seven students from schools around NSW for their leadership role in fostering harmony and peace. This year, Year 11 student Lydia Corcoran Eagleton, has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to community and her fund-raising efforts on behalf of The Samaritans. She will be awarded the Marie Bashir Peace Prize on Monday, 22 September at NSW Parliament House.



Lydia organises the school's participation in the Samaritans Purse program of Operation Christmas Child, which works to provide gift boxes of essential items to the children of developing nations all over the world. More than one hundred of her peers have been energised by Lydia's enthusiasm and following the success of this program last year, she was invited to travel to Cambodia in February to distribute these gifts and provide language lessons to children and their parents. Since her return, she has been asked to sit on the local board of The Samaritans, as their youth representative. She has also been operating a local market stall to raise funds for the construction of a school in a Cambodian village. Recently, Lydia was delighted to hear that The Samaritans have reached their target for the school and construction work will soon begin. However, she has commented that there are many more schools to build and she intends to continue with her fund-raising efforts.



Lydia is currently putting boxes together for this year's Operation Christmas Child and as the deadline for collections approaches, she would welcome many more contributions. Students who are interested should talk to Lydia about ways in which they can help.

Congratulations to Lydia for her amazing efforts and for the honour that Governor Bashir has accorded her.

## YEAR 11 JINDABYNE CAMP



During Week 3 of this term, Year 11 travelled to Jindabyne for their annual "snow excursion". Marlii Carroll writes a report which sums up what was a fun, educational and rewarding week at the snow. The students' earned a reputation with the camp staff of being a very determined and gutsy mob, who were always positive, and always keen to "attack" the slopes with gusto, even in what was extremely inclement weather. Lesser mortals would have retired to the very warm, cosy and DRY upstairs cafe, with its scrumptious hot chocolates.



Standing in the lift line on Friday I noticed the temperature display showing -5 degrees C. Add to this the wind chill factor (winds up to 130 km/hr), and as you can imagine, it was COLD. Yet, they were still out there. When the going gets tough.....!

The groups' behaviour was impeccable and it was a pleasure to take this group of students away. They upheld the fine reputation that Newcastle High School students have at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre.



All the students are now capable skiers or snowboarders and I have the utmost confidence in them being able to venture to the snow in future years and safely enjoy themselves in what is a fun and exciting recreational activity.

I hope the students have thanked their parents for giving them the opportunity to participate in this excursion.

I would also like to thank Mrs Blatchford, Mr Smith and Mr Crichton who all volunteered to supervise the group and play mum and dad for the six days.

*Mr Wagner  
HT PDHPE*





4am, 12 degrees and we thought we were tired and cold. On July 27 myself and 32 other Year 11 students along with Mrs Blatchford, Mr Wagner, Mr Crichton and Mr Smith escaped for a week away from the stresses of school to Jindabyne for some time away in the wonderland of the snow. For some, this was their first time witnessing the beauty, and for others a chance to get back into it, but, experienced or not no one was prepared for the some of the many experiences coming our way.

From Sunday 27 July till Saturday August 2 the 33 of us made Jindabyne Sport and Rec centre our home, living the tough life of skiing, snowboarding, eating, playing games and enjoying our time all together. We arriving in the afternoon on Sunday and we were introduced to our camp guide, Bree. It had been a long transit and we spent the afternoon hiring our snow gear, settling in to our cabins and playing a few rounds of basketball before being well fed and getting a run down on what we would need to know for the following week out in the snow.

The next day was a thrilling and action packed schedule. Tam and we were all up and ready to go. We were staying at the camp with two other schools. We loaded onto our respective buses and headed off to the ski tube which would then take us up to the top of the snow covered mountains each day. We had been blessed the week prior to arrival with a blanket of snow, and so eager and excited, we split into groups of beginners, intermediate skill and advanced skiers and snowboarders and met our instructors that would be teaching us the tricks of the trade for the following week. Two hours of lessons in the morning, a check in for lunch and a roll call and then 3 hours of free ski with friends, and another couple of roll calls left us all tired and sore, but of course thrilled, that night and thank god luckily no major injuries just yet. Once back at the campsite, we gathered with the other schools and had a trivia night testing our knowledge on the great land down under.

Muscles tense, tight and sore, though all excited and eager, we climbed onto our buses the following morning for another day in the white walls of the snow. The winds had picked up to highs of 130kms and so when free ski rolled around, we all Newcastle High Teachers and Students, gathered as a group instead of having to stay inside, and headed for the slopes, tackling what seemed like a downward drop at the time. This is where the ability of some was tested and a few injuries occurred, though brave and Newi bred, no tears or whining, everyone made it back to the base room, wind blown but thrilled.

For the remainder of the week the winds decided to stay, which saw us travelling between Blue Cow snow fields and Perisher Valley, which was slightly more concealed from the gale. There was no complained here, as this just meant more slopes and more fun everyday with massive smiles, stacks and stories making their way back from the mountains.

On the final night of camp, after a week of skiing, snowboarding and activities such as Jindy markets, group games and the dance, a major dump of snow saw the fields covered in a fresh white blanket of powder resembling something of skiing on bags and bags of icing sugar. Privileged to be in the right place at the right time we all headed out for our final lessons and a glorious day of free ski, covering all of the skills we had learnt through the week, before gathering all of our gear and like the 7 dwarfs loading, unloading and returning all our hired possessions.

Frozen to the core, muscles tight (that we never knew existed) and bodies bugged, this is where we questioned how we ever thought 12 degrees was cold but there was no way we would have preferred it! The camp was a once in a lifetime experience, bringing those who attended closer, broadening our horizons past the warmth of the beaches of Newcastle and of course providing memories and experiences that money can't buy. For our last ever school camp before graduating, there is no other way we would have wanted it.

Marlii



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As you will have read there is so much happening across the school community. Our students are excelling in a wide range of activities. Each day I receive more good news about our students. Students have excelled at the Newcastle Food and Wine Show and at the Business and Law Experience Day held at the university recently.



It seems hard to believe but the school year for our fabulous Year 12 students is rapidly coming to an end. The HSC marking has already commenced for students in practical and performance subjects. This work has recently been displayed to the community at the performance evening which was an excellent night.



The quality of some of the projects from the IT Wood class has been really impressive.



Ms Ellis and Ms Queenan, the Year 12 Advisors, have been working to ensure that this cohort exits the school with the same dignity and grace that other years have. Students have all been given instructions outlining the expectations of the school, the DEC and Board of Studies. I am looking forward to seeing the students at both their Formal and the final assembly during Week 10. A school clap out for Year 12 has been planned for Friday, 12 September.

As one cohort leaves another takes their place and our cover photograph this month features our 2015 School Captains. The first 'big gig' for this group of student leaders is working with the outgoing prefects organising a school dance.



Our incoming Captain Lydia Corcoran Eagleton has been awarded the Marie Bashir Peace Prize. This is an amazing achievement. Lydia is the only Year 11 student to be awarded this award in 2015. One of Lydia's passions is Operation Christmas Child and to support her efforts the school had a bit of Christmas feel during Week 8, culminating in a Christmas theme out of uniform day on Friday, 5 September.

As a reward for the excellent behaviour of students, a School Dance was held on Wednesday, 3 September. The dance was organised by our prefect body and details have been provided to all students and parent/carers regarding expectations. The theme of the dance was "When I grow up". There were two sessions for the dance - Years 7-9 from 5.00pm to 7.30pm and Years 9 to 12 from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

During Week 8, the school celebrated SASS Recognition Week recognising the effort and work of the School Administration and Support Staff (SASS). These hard working people are the unsung heroes of the school who support both students and staff to ensure that the school runs smoothly each and every day. As part of the celebration members of the SAS staff were being introduced at each assembly during the week.



Several members of the support staff are leaving at the end of this term. Ms Bev Bush has been appointed to Hamilton South Public School as the School Administration Manager and Mr Keith Morton, our technology co-ordinator is leaving.

Mr Morton has been replaced by Mr Adam Hulbert. We wish Keith and Bev all the best and welcome Adam to the NHS community.

Students in Year 7 have been given the revised enrolment form for parents/carers to complete. The information of these forms is critical as school funding is now dependent upon the data extracted from this information. During Term 4, forms will be issued to students in other years. Your assistance in completing and returning these forms to the school is much appreciated and will ensure that your children get their share of the resources available to schools.



The school grounds are taking on a Spring look as the Garden Group continues to work hard to mulch and Summer-proof the gardens around the school. The Year 11/12 Horticulture group is doing a great job with the restoration of the area in front of the Staff House which will include several pieces of outdoor gym equipment. This area should be ready for use at the start of the 2015 school year.

Wednesday evening, 10 September is Semester 2 Parent Teacher evening. In response to parent requests, we are trialling an on line booking system to see if this works better than the previous drop in and queue method. I look forward to meeting parents/carers on this evening.

It is really critical that we have accurate numbers of students who will be attending NHS for 2015. Our

student numbers are down on 2014 and this will mean fewer teachers at Newcastle High School. From information I am being told by parents there appear to be lots of myths about NHS students that are being spread by community members that have little or no contact with the school. NHS is a great school, where all aspects of students' life are supported, whether that is academic, social or emotional. Local comprehensive schools play a vital role in the ongoing success of local communities where students are supported and encouraged to become fully engaged members of their community.

A sign of this strength of the school is the recent audit of the Vocational Education Training (VET) program, where NHS was found to be compliant in all aspects. VET is undergoing some significant modifications with the changes in government policy and this successful audit is testimony to the hard work of the VET staff and Mrs Hines, the VET Co-ordinator. Recently, Hospitality students have participated to great acclaim at both the Sydney and Newcastle Food and Wine Shows.

As part of the local community, the school is at the fringe of the restricted parking zone and this is causing issues for local residents, especially on Tuesday mornings when garbage and recycling bins are placed outside houses. Please respect these residents' right to place their bins on the street and not park in front of, or move, these bins. Parking is very tight around the school during the day and everyone needs to work co-operatively to ensure that residents and drivers are not inconvenienced or fined.

Could I please impress on parents and carers the need to make appointments to see staff? Schools are very busy places and if you just take a chance and roll in and hope to see staff they will probably be teaching. An appointment time allows staff time to prepare and find relevant information so the meeting is far more productive.

**Mark Hewitt**  
**Principal**

## NEW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PREFECTS ELECTED FOR 2014-2015

As this term draws to an end it has been an exciting term as we have had the opportunity to welcome our newly elected Leaders for 2014-2015. The elections were held last term and all students who presented themselves to both staff and students were highly commended for their efforts.

**Our School Captains are Lydia Corcoran Eagleton and Alex Hills.**

**Our Vice Captains are Marlii Carroll and Jaeger Collins.**

The students from Year 11 who were voted as Prefects are Jarod Sansom, Rhys Wilson, Chelsea Hollings, India Wilson, Irini Kassas, Maddison Adams, Mercedes Wildschut, Renee Thomas, Sophie Anderson and Georgia Wilson.

The students from Year 10 who were voted in are Tre Carson, Lucy Maher, Abbie Smith, Milan Lettau, Jordi Toby, Maija Spencer-Karinen, Juda Leet and Lachlan Milton.

The current Year 12 leaders are doing a great job introducing the new leaders to their roles. We have been extremely lucky to have always had such a great enthusiastic group of young people who work together so brilliantly. This term they are demonstrating their leadership skills by organising and running a school dance for the majority of our students who always uphold PBL in our school. They are already proving to be an asset to our team.

The new leaders will be inducted on Thursday, 18 September at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.

At this stage I would publicly like to thank Year 12 Prefects for the outstanding job they have done during their time to make Newcastle High, a school that encourages students to participate and engage in what is being offered, to learn what is being taught, and to behave in the way that is acceptable in society. I know they will leave with the necessary skills to be valuable members of the society.

I look forward to another successful year.

*Debbie Ellis*

*Student Leadership Coordinator*

## SCHOOL ZONE UPGRADES

The NSW Government will deliver school zone flashing lights to every school in NSW. More than 1350 schools already have flashing lights. There are more than 1500 schools where flashing lights will be installed by the end of 2015. The 40km/h school speed zones operate across NSW at all school sites on gazetted school days (including school development days). Motorists should drive no faster than 40 km/h through school zones. Most school zones operate from 8.00am-9.30am and from 2.30-4.00pm on gazetted school days.

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. They are identified by red/orange school zone signs to show non-standard times. Signs at these schools show the times that apply.

Newcastle City Council will commence the upgrade in November 2014.

For more information go to:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html>

# EV BIKES

The Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival is delivered each year by a range of supportive Hunter organisations and businesses lead by the Tom Farrell Institute for the Environment at the University of Newcastle.

Electric vehicles in all shapes and sizes from bicycles to trains are a key technology in making our town a more prosperous place to live. The festival is aimed at exploring ways to incorporate the technology into our lives.



Newcastle High School team 'Novadrift' participated in the festival, entering two electric bicycles in the EV Prize. Lead by Mrs Wells, Mr Wallace, Mr Johns and Mr Melling, the students built the electric vehicle which won the EV Prize in the hub class.

The future for Newcastle High School is truly electric!





# SPORT

## Athletics

Newcastle High School had sixty students compete at the City Zone Athletics Carnival at Glendale in early June. It was a very successful day, with twenty-five students qualifying to compete at the Hunter Region Championship in Week Two of this term.

Once again Newcastle High School showed their dominance across a range of track and field events, achieving some excellent results. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent Newcastle High School and Hunter Region at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships at Homebush in early September.



Josephine Pinkerton (Year 8) – 13yrs 800m

Eleanor Pinkerton (Year 8) – 13yrs High Jump



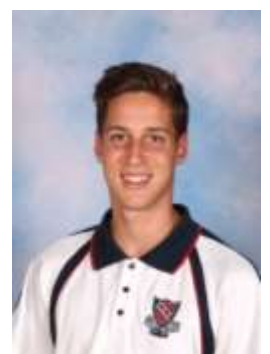
Hannah Downes (Year 8) – 14yrs 400m

Anthony Nguyen (Year 9) – 15yrs 100m & 200m



Abbie Gray (Year 8) – 15yrs High Jump

Jarrod Sansom (Year 11) – 17yrs 800m & 400m Hurdles



Good Luck to these six students

## Touch Football

After narrowly defeating Whitebridge High School in Round 2 of the NSW CHS Knockout, our Open Boys Team won their Round 3 match on forfeit. They then went on to play Round 4, but were unfortunately defeated by Hunter Sports High School in this round. The boys played in a determined manner, with Ms Harris' MVP award going to Harry Sorby and special mentions to Aarron Forster and Joshua Richardson.

## **Girls AFL**

Mr Doherty coached our Open and U/15 Girls AFL Teams who competed in the Swan Cup Gala Day late last term. He said that both teams played well, with many girls experiencing AFL for the first time.

Our Open Girls were defeated by St Mary's Maitland in their first game and went on to be narrowly defeated by Tomaree in their second match. Special mentions to Georgia Robson, Ellie Anderson, Sophie Farmer and Kaitlin Duck.

Our U/15 Girls had more success, with wins against Kotara, Wallsend and Tomaree. Special mentions to Regina Kamanda, Erin Behn and Tomeeka McKillop Davies.

## **Boys AFL**

Mr Doherty also coached our U/15 Boys AFL Team to a number of successes at the Swan Shield Gala Day in late June. The boys had easy wins against Kotara, Glendale and Tomaree. Unfortunately they were narrowly defeated by Whitebridge High School in the Grand Final. Mr Doherty mentioned great efforts from Patrick Langlois, Clarence Playford, Toby Bartsch and Sam O'Sullivan.

## **U/15 Rugby League**

Our U/15 Boys Team had a successful year, competing in the Knights Knockout Competition. After two rounds, the boys made it into the finals, where they came up against St Pius. Mr Newman said that they team played strongly on the day but were unfortunately defeated by a better side. Best and fairest awards to Taine Barker, James Barnes and Lee Tighe.

## **Rugby Union – Coast to Country Cup**

Led by Mr Doherty and Mr Coleman, both our U/14 and U/16 Boys Rugby Unions had successful early rounds in the Coast to Country Cup. Best and fairest awards went to Lachlan Milton, Hayden Thompson, Zac Wilson and Harry Sorby in the U/16 Team and Bryn Higgins-Murray and Sam Cottom in the U/14 team.

Both teams will contest the Finals at Forster in late August, good luck boys.

## **Rugby Union – Buchan Shield**

After significant wins in the Hunter rounds of the Buchan Shield, our U/16 Boys Team travelled to Sydney to play the Quarter final match against Epping Boys High. It was a closely contested match but unfortunately the boys went down 15-17. Mr Carswell's "Men of the Match" went to Finau Taufao, Derrick Dihn, Harry Sorby and Hayden Thompson.

## **Oz Tag**

Newcastle High School had a great representation at this year's Newcastle Schools Oz Tag Gala Day. Ms Harris, Mrs Sager, Mr Towney and Ds Draper all ably assisted our Seven teams, in a very successful and enjoyable day. Our Senior Girls (2) team defeated our Senior Girls (1) team in the Grand Final. Our Junior Girls (1) team defeated Wallsend in the Grand Final and our Junior Girls (2) and our Senior Boys Teams finished third overall. Unfortunately our Junior Boys (1) and Junior Boys (2) teams were unable to get a win on the day but all had lots and fun and proudly represented Newcastle High School.

## Futsal

Newcastle High School was given a wild card entry into the state title after another team pulled out of the competition. The team was aware of the challenge, but the players were keen to step up. We lost the first game against Merewether High School but then won the next two round games against Toronto High and a very competitive Newcastle Grammar School. We then met the much favoured Terrigal High in the semi-final game. It was a very tight game, coming down to penalties. Each team took 11 penalties before Newcastle High School were finally able to beat Terrigal High.

We then came up against Merewether High School in the final. Once again, the teams had to go to penalties to find a winner. This time, it only took the regulation 5 shots before Newcastle High won the game and were declared State Champions of Northern NSW.

Throughout the day the team played their best and were outstanding school representatives. They plays deserve to feel proud of their achievements.

*Mrs Wells*

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Rugby Union

Congratulations to Jaeger Collins and Hayden Thompson who were selected in the NSW CHS U/16 Rugby Union Team.



Jaeger also had some great news (following the above selection), when we was named in the NSW CHS Open Rugby Union Team. This is a great achievement. Well done Jaeger. Jaeger will tour South Africa in 2015 as a member of this team.

### Golf

In the June bulletin we mentioned that Luke Ferrier was selected in the Hunter Region Team to represent at the NSW CHS Golf Championships. Luke played exceptionally well at these championships, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in year 9. As a result he was selected in the NSW CHS and NSW All Schools Team to compete in Toowoomba at the end of August. Good luck Luke.



### Diving

As previously mentioned, Monique Collin was selected to represent NSW All Schools at the National Diving Championships at the end of July. Monique performed very well at these championships, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the 14yrs springboard and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 13/14yrs Synchronised Diving events. A great achievement Monique. Well Done.



# 16's Spartans edged in Buchan Cliff hanger

Newcastle HS under 16 boys suffered a rare defeat at the hands of Epping Boys High in the Buchan Shield quarter final in week 5.

**The Next Generation of Spartans** travelled to Sydney full of confidence, on the back of a comprehensive sweep of Hunter schools, armed with the psychological advantage of having upset EBHS the previous year at the same stage of the Shield.

**In a game of chance**, the Spartans kept probing for an Ace, yet cruelly, fate dealt them the joker time and time again. Leading with time all-but, the jester reared his thorny crown as EBHS scored on the siren to snatch an unlikely victory. The Spartans had won every facet of the game.....but the one that counted: The Final Score. A bitter, yet valuable lesson in competing to the very end, no matter the circumstance, and a sombre trip home on a train of shattered dreams.

**Players of the Day:** Front Rowers: Derrick and Finau + midfield dynamo's Harry and Hayden. Special mention to Callum O'Sullivan for his dart for a bag of meat.

**On a positive note**, the First XV's elite pro jerseys finally arrived, seen below modelled by members of the school's dangerously popular boy band: The Rhys Wilson All Stars





## Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held:

At: **Newcastle High School**  
On: **Wednesday, 10 September from 3:30pm – 7:30pm**

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

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Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or  
NHS website for the link.

Enter **997UR** in the school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, please contact the school's administration and ask to make a booking. Administration staff will be able to assist in registering your interviews and complete and confirm bookings. **Please phone Newcastle High School on 0249693177.**

Interviews are **strictly 5 mins** and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 0249693177



# NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



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## OPERATING HOURS – School Term –

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

GIRLS UNIFORM : 10-12				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Formal S/S Blouse - Navy Trim	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Formal Polo Shirt - White/Navy Trim	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Formal Skirt - Navy	All Sizes	\$58.00		
Girls Formal Shorts	All Sizes	\$42.00		
Girls Fitted Pants	All Sizes	\$49.00		
Elastic Bow-Tie - Navy	One Size	\$15.95		

BOYS UNIFORM : 10-12				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Formal S/S Shirt - Navy Trim	All Sizes	\$35.00		
Formal Polo Shirt - White/Navy Trim	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Formal L/S Shirt - Navy Trim	All Sizes	\$38.00		
Boys Formal Shorts	All Sizes	\$46.50		
Boys Formal Trousers	All Sizes	\$52.00		
School Tie	One Size	\$23.00		

GIRLS UNIFORM : 7-9				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Formal S/S Blouse - Red Trim	All Sizes	\$36.00		
Formal Polo Shirt - White/Red Trim	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Formal Skirt - Tartan	All Sizes	\$63.00		
Girls Formal Shorts	All Sizes	\$42.00		
Girls Fitted Pants	All Sizes	\$49.00		
Elastic Bow-Tie - Red	One Size	\$15.95		

BOYS UNIFORM : 7-9				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Formal S/S Shirt - No Trim	All Sizes	\$32.00		
Formal Polo Shirt - Navy/White Trim	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Formal L/S Shirt - No Trim	All Sizes	\$36.00		
Boys Formal Shorts	All Sizes	\$46.50		
Boys Formal Trousers	All Sizes	\$52.00		
School Tie	One Size	\$23.00		

SPORTS UNIFORM				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	All Sizes	\$39.50		
Sport Shorts	All Sizes	\$35.00		
Tracksuit Jacket	All Sizes	\$70.50		
Tracksuit Pants	All Sizes	\$47.50		
Sports Cap	One Size	\$16.00		

ACCESSORIES				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
School Socks - white or navy crew (1pk)	All Sizes	\$5.95		
Sport Sock - white crew (2pack)	All Sizes	\$13.95		
Sport Sock - white ankle (1pack)	All Sizes	\$5.95		
Microfibre Tights - black	All Sizes	\$9.50		
Gloves	One Size	\$7.50		
Scarf	One Size	\$13.00		
Leather Belt - black	All Sizes	\$13.00		

JUMPERS				
	Sizes	Price	Size	Qty
Knitted Jumper	5 - 16	\$79.00		
	18 - 28	\$89.50		
Polar-Fleece Jumper	All Sizes	\$49.50		

### SHOES

School Shoes – to be black lace-up, able to be polished leather school shoes which do not extend over the ankle or have a platform. The leather should cover the whole upper foot for safety. Boots, joggers and sneakers are not permitted.

Sports Shoes/PE Practical – to be predominantly white, and should have laces or velcro straps, and be supportive of the feet during exercise.

### PLEASE NOTE

- Sizes available : Primary School: Boys J4 – XS & Girls J4 – L8 / Secondary School: Boys J10 – 3XL & Girls J10 – L20.
- Sizes not carried are available by order, however, production time (usually 90 days) must be allowed, and a 50% non-refundable deposit made upon order.
- For sizes 4XL and L22 and over, a \$10 surcharge will apply

**Payments can be made with Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.**

*Please contact your bank regarding individual access and availability of these facilities.*

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Prices subject to change without notice

# PLEASE DONATE

## UNIFORMS

If you have school uniforms that your child has outgrown, we would appreciate any donations to the front office; donations of winter school uniform items are of particular assistance at this time of year. All donations are gratefully accepted; a big thankyou to those parents/carers who have already donated items.

*Shannon Sager and the Welfare Team*

## CORPORATE CLOTHING

Our Big Picture campus at Cooks Hill is looking for corporate clothing to add to their pool to allow students to attend interviews and work placements in suitable attire. Pants, skirts, jackets, shirts, shoes would be greatly appreciated. These items can be dropped off at the Cooks Hill campus on the corner of Union Street and Laman Street.

*Tracey Breese – Deputy Principal Cooks Hill Campus*

## YARN AND NEEDLES

Any donations of yarn and knitting needles for our Yarn Bombing project which is being coordinated by our CAPA Department would be very much appreciated. Your generous donations can be dropped off at the front office.

*Brittany Benton – Head Teacher CAPA*



# When school is a long way from home

Find out if you're eligible for the PVC subsidy at [transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)

If you're not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

### Can't get online?

Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc)

Now you can apply online for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy





## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2014

*Year 7 and Year 9 Boys immunisations are booked in for  
Wednesday 29 October at Newcastle High School*

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE**

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

### **WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2014.**

Any year 7 student will be caught up for HPV only in 2015. Any Year 9 boy who has not received all 3 doses of HPV can attend their local doctor to receive any missed doses.

**Additionally – any year 8 student** who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

### **Measles Catch-up Campaign**

You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx>

Due to high measles coverage rates in the Hunter New England Local Health District not all schools will be participating in this school catch-up campaign. However if your child's school is not participating in the measles program and your child needs vaccination, you can take your child to their doctor to receive free MMR vaccine (you may be charged for the consultation).

To check if your child has received two doses of MMR:

- Look in your child's Blue Book for a record of two doses of 'MMR vaccine' or 'Priorix vaccine' OR
- Check with your child's doctor

# Measles is about!

- Up to 2 in 5 NSW high school students are under-vaccinated against measles.
- Substantial outbreaks are occurring, particularly in South East Asia.
- 14 teenagers/young adults caught measles overseas and brought the infection back to NSW in the first 3 months of 2014.
- NSW Health is urging parents to check their teenager's vaccination records to ensure they have a record of 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

**MMR IS FREE FOR ANYONE WITHOUT 2 DOCUMENTED DOSES**

**Parents are being encouraged to contact their GP. Catch-up clinics will be available in some high schools.**

For more information visit  
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/measles](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/measles)



**Health**



## TAX FILE NUMBERS FOR STUDENTS

Tax File Number Application Forms may be collected and returned to the careers room at the cottage. This is a simple two page form.

## TVET COURSES FOR YEAR 11 & 12 IN 2015

Students in Year 10 who wish to apply for a TVET course in 2015 need to do so ASAP. All Year 10 students were given the “TAFE for Schools 2015” booklet containing a three page tear out application form to be filled in, signed and handed in to Mr Alexander. High demand courses require more information and an additional form available from the Careers room at the cottage. High demand courses are: Aged Care, Health Services Assistance, Tourism, Animal Studies, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, Outdoor Recreation and Sport & Recreation. Year 11 students who are already enrolled in a TVET course need to submit a “continuing” application form if they wish to continue their course in Year 12

## YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

All HSC students should have a copy of the UAC Guide. Students should have received their UAC pin number and should now be considering their course options and applying online before the 30 September due date.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE FRIENDS ON CAMPUS SEMINARS

Students in Years 11 & 12 recently participated in this event conducted by students and staff from the university. Students participating gained an insight in university life, study skills and information about courses. Working in small groups students are able to ask questions in an informal setting. Feedback from students suggested that this was an extremely worthwhile activity.





## FRIENDS ON CAMPUS



## GREEN LIGHT DAY EXCURSION

Recently a number of Year 10 students have been involved in excursions related to their particular career interests.

The Green Light Day Excursion involved twenty students travelling to the RAAF base and Fighterworld. After a nice lunch, a number of inspirational industry high achievers talked about their careers and were able to give students an insight into the wide range of career pathways in transport and logistics. Students were also given information packs and time to chat in groups with employer representatives and TAFE about future industry career pathways.



The event was sponsored by the NSW Department of Transport Roads & Maritime Services. Students were provided with an entertaining and informative RAAF and Fighterworld tour. Thanks also to Marianne Wehby for inviting Newcastle HS and for her excellent organisation on the day.



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<p><b>Australian Catholic University, Mount St Mary Campus</b></p> <p>Venue: Reception Building 25A Barker Road Strathfield</p>	<p><b>22nd July 2014</b> 10:00am to 2:00pm</p> <p>RSVP: 15th July</p>	<p>Contact: Nicola Cull 02 9701 4566 <a href="mailto:nicola.cull@acu.edu.au">nicola.cull@acu.edu.au</a></p>
<p><b>University of Sydney</b></p> <p>Venue: The MacLaren Hall Manning Road, Camperdown</p>	<p><b>31st July 2014</b> 10:00am - 1:30pm</p> <p>RSVP: 25th July</p>	<p>Contact: Susan Parker 02 8627 8515 <a href="mailto:compass.admin@sydney.edu.au">compass.admin@sydney.edu.au</a></p>
<p><b>Macquarie University</b></p> <p>Venue: The Campus Hub Building C10A, L3 Balaclava Rd North Ryde</p>	<p><b>4th September 2014</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm</p> <p>RSVP: 28th August</p>	<p>Contact: Donna Heemi 02 9850 7335 <a href="mailto:donna.heemi@mq.edu.au">donna.heemi@mq.edu.au</a></p> <p>Presentations by and for Pasifika community</p>
<p><b>University of Technology, Sydney</b></p> <p>Venue: Aerial Function Centre Building 10, L7 235 Jones st Sydney</p>	<p><b>10th September</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm</p> <p>RSVP: 1st September</p>	<p>Contact: Bilquis Ghani 02 9514 7277 <a href="mailto:bilquis.ghani@uts.edu.au">bilquis.ghani@uts.edu.au</a></p> <p>Presentations by and for Arabic speaking community.</p>
<p><b>University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus</b></p> <p>Venue: Cnr James Ruse Drive and Victoria Rd Rydalmere</p>	<p><b>17th October 2014</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm</p> <p>RSVP: 10th October</p>	<p>Contact: Crystal Claridge 1300 854 224 <a href="mailto:forschool@uws.edu.au">forschool@uws.edu.au</a></p>

Transport can be organised for large groups.

Bridges to Higher Education is a partnership of the University of Technology, Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney and the Australian Catholic University which aims to boost the participation of communities underrepresented in higher education. This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.





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