

# The Parkway



April 2015

Parkway Edition No. 03

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is great to back after my break and thank you to all of the students who welcomed me back to the school. The start of the term was disrupted by the storm that hit the first day back. Fortunately, the buildings sustained very minor damage but there was significant damage to the grounds. Twelve large trees blew over and lots of branches snapped off other trees and are still hanging in the upper limbs of these trees. As a result, large areas of the school grounds have been fenced off while we wait for these areas to be made safe. I must pass on my thanks to the teachers who worked at cleaning up the grounds following the storm. Gradually the piles of green waste are being consolidated and hopefully removed. Your support as a school community was much appreciated in keeping students away from the site until it was safe to be here.

I happened to be in Washington DC on the day of the first North American blizzard. This was the second day that school was back after the Christmas break and half the schools opened and half the schools closed. There was much condemnation of both decisions. The Education Chancellor, the boss of the Washington education area, basically said schools made the best decision they could with the information they had and that parents/carers are able to assess the dangers of leaving home in adverse conditions and have the right to keep their children at home in these unusual circumstances.

Thank you to Mr Towney for his amazing work as Acting Principal while I was on leave and to Mr Bromfield and Mr Doherty who filled the Acting Deputy Principal and Acting Head Teacher positions. Congratulations to Ms Benton who has been promoted to Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts at Maitland High School from this term. Mr Carey moved to his new Head Teacher role at Gorokan High School. We are fortunate to have a number of skilled casual teachers to fill in these vacancies while they are being permanently filled. I would like to extend a welcome to Ms Sherring and Mr Davis and thank them for being prepared to move to NHS at short notice. Mr Merv Newman, a long term NHS PD/H/PE teacher, has also indicated to me that he intends to retire in the coming months. We wish him well.

Welcome also to the new P&C faces. Ms Kylie Bennetts has been elected President and she is supported by a team of committed executive members:

Vice President - Ruth Conroy

Vice President, Canteen Convenor - Robin Jones

Secretary - Susanne Cafe

Treasurer - Karla Karinen

Canteen Committee Secretary - Mary Alford

Canteen Committee Treasurer - Leanne Haworth

Out of Zone representative - Kylie Bennetts

Finance Committee Representative - Karla Karinen

Thanks to the outgoing executive for all their work over the past twelve months.





# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Continued)

Despite the disruption to the first week it was wonderful that the school played a role in the Hamilton Merewether RSL Sub Branch Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gregson Park. Thanks to Miss Jones for organising the SRC and student leaders. The school is certainly one of the integral community groups that ensures this event takes place each year.

I was delighted to see the new garden established in front of the Staff House. It has been a dream of mine for many years to showcase this central area of the school and over the last two years students completing TAFE Horticulture Certificate course have been able to construct a garden that includes outdoor gym equipment. I was devastated to see this garden smashed by the storm, but due to the hard work of the team of horticulture boys the garden has been restored but the large trees have gone and new ones planted. Thanks to Mr Alexander and Ms Moore for their support of this program and to Paul the horticulture teacher.

Week Four is NAPLAN week and all students in Years 7 and 9 are required to sit these tests. The schedule for these tests is included in this edition of *The Parkway*. Please contact Ms Kadarusman if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

The school athletics carnival was held on Friday 8th May and, as always, is a highlight of the school term. Mr Oprea did a great job with the organisation for this day. Results will be a feature in the next edition of the *The Parkway*.

In a large school of almost one thousand students we get lots of telephone messages. A teacher's primary job is to be in front of classes and teaching students. Often teachers are in their classrooms all day. I would ask that parents and carers are considerate of this fact when they leave messages. Staff do their best to return calls when they have the time to have a conversation with parents and carers.

The election of the student leaders for 2016 is about to commence. I would encourage students in Years 11 and 10, especially boys, to complete their Leadership Portfolios and stand for election. A student leadership position at Newcastle High School carries a high level of prestige within the wider community.

On Friday, 1 May the 2015 Annual School Report was completed and uploaded to the school's website. Thanks to Ms Outram, Ms Starrett and Ms Muskin who did a considerable amount of work to ensure that this report was available to the school community.

**Mark Hewitt**  
**Principal**



# 2015 NAPLAN ORGANISATION

**NAPLAN is scheduled for Week 4, Term 2.**  
Students eligible for Special Provisions will complete their tests in the Library.  
All other tests will be conducted in the Hall.

YEAR 7 Schedule			
Date	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Period 1	<b>YR 7 NAPLAN Test Language Conventions</b>	<b>YR 7 NAPLAN Test Reading</b>	<b>YR 7 NAPLAN Test Numeracy, Calculator</b>
Assembly			
Recess 1			
Period 2	<b>YR 7 NAPLAN Test Writing</b>	normal classes	<b>YR 7 NAPLAN Test Numeracy, Non-Calculator</b>
Period 3	normal classes	normal classes	normal classes
Period 4	normal classes	normal classes	normal classes

YEAR 9 Schedule			
Date	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Period 1	normal classes	normal classes	normal classes
Assembly	whole school assembly		PBL assembly
Period 2	normal classes	normal classes	normal classes
Period 3	<b>YR 9 NAPLAN Test Language Conventions</b>	<b>YR 9 NAPLAN Test Reading</b>	<b>YR 9 NAPLAN Test Numeracy, Calculator</b>
Period 4	<b>YR 9 NAPLAN Test Writing</b>	normal classes	<b>YR 9 NAPLAN Test Numeracy, Non-Calculator</b>

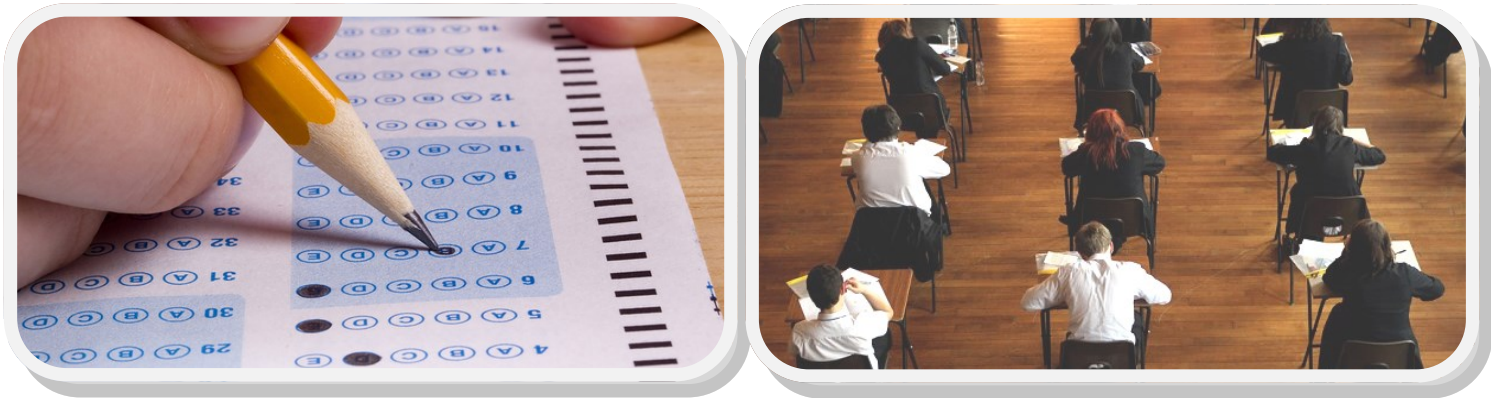
**What to bring:**

- An eraser and a pencil sharpener to each test
- A calculator on Thursday
- A clear water bottle is also allowed

**Absent Students**

Where possible, students will complete any missed tests on the following day.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Kadarusman.





# Year 7 Camp 2015

In Week 7, Term 1 students enjoyed a three day outdoor educational experience at Adventure Land, the old Ton O Fun at Forster. This amazing camp included so many fun and challenging activities including:

- Challenge Ropes
- Giant Swing ( over 15 metres)
- 160m Flying Fox
- Mud World
- Quad Bike
- Zorbs
- Water Slides

Night time activities included: Minute to win it Challenges- Mr Hewitt was very good at this!

Beach Afternoon - where we designed sculptures in the sand. Our Mermaids were very creative! We had dinner at the beach and headed back for Commando Night. This was Miss Robertson's favourite part of camp. Teachers hid in the bush and had to find students with their torches. The staff member who caught the most students was Mr Skinner, however, jumping out and scaring groups of students was a positive experience for the other staff.

Mud World Stank! But most students braved the course, trying their best and working with their groups with a great focus on teamwork. I must say I was very proud of the support and encouragement each team displayed.

Year 7 is a great cohort and this experience was very rewarding for both staff and students. Our students demonstrated the positive behaviours Newcastle High School expects of students when on display in the wider community.

The camp organisers and the team leaders were professional and fun! The camp staff made this camp an amazing experience for all involved. A huge thank you to the teachers who went to camp: Mr Skinner, Miss Melehan, Ms King, Mrs Steedman, Mr Hewitt, Mr Towney, Mr Gill and Mrs Wright. Without them, the camp experience would not have been so enriching.

**Quinn Robertson**

**Relieving Head Teacher Welfare**







# Creating Emotionally **Resilient** Families

**Resilience is the ability to bounce back or even thrive during daily stressors and challenging life events.**

This program, delivered over three weeks, provides parents and carers with strategies to raise resilient children and to develop a strong and emotionally connected family.

## **TUESDAY NIGHTS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

7:15pm – 8:30pm

Venue: LIVEfree Church | 486 Glebe Rd, Adamstown

Light supper will be provided

This is a **FREE** workshop that looks at:

- ❖ What resilience is, and how it can benefit all family members
- ❖ Strategies for strengthening parental resilience
- ❖ Ways parents and carers can help their children increase their resilience
- ❖ Family communication processes and staying connected as a family

**RSVP:** Call (02) 4952 1277 or Email  
[events@livefreechurch.com.au](mailto:events@livefreechurch.com.au)

## **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Please Note: No child minding available for this night as advised by the workshop facilitator.

Presented with the support of:



# Welfare

## Welfare Report

What a busy start to 2015! I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe, especially after the recent storms. If your family needs assistance or support please do not hesitate to contact the School Chaplain, Chris Jones, or me for assistance. We are able to connect you with external agencies and/or guide you to make positive choices for you and your family.

This year, students will have the opportunity to be involved in many programs and opportunities to improve their personal wellbeing and help others in the wider community. Working with the school's fantastic Year Advisors throughout 2015, we will give opportunities for each year group to be involved in alternative activities to develop resiliency skills, improve coping capacity and make better choices when dealing with difficult situations.

## Uniform

If you have unwanted, clean uniforms at home, please consider donating them back to the school. We are always supporting students who need assistance and uniform is a major school expense. As the winter season fast approaches, we are in desperate need of winter clothes. Any unwanted uniforms can be left at the front office. Thank you in advance to all who can assist and all those who have assisted in the past.

## Welfare Team

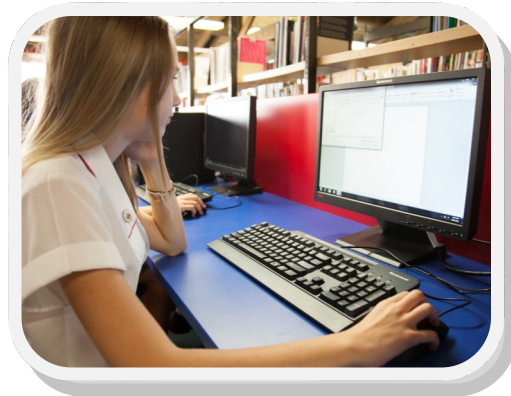
Please note your child has two Year Advisors who are always willing to discuss with you any concerns you may have and also help with your questions. Please leave a message for them and they will get back to you or refer you onto the appropriate staff member. Newcastle High School also has a School Counsellor, School Support Officer (Youth Worker), School Chaplain and Learning and Support Teachers who all have the ability to assist your family and your child through various situations that occur in the high school years.

## Our Welfare Team:

Year 7 Year Advisors	- Ms Jessica Melehan & Mr Martyn Skinner
Year 8 Year Advisors	- Ms Deanna Longobardi & Mr Craig Main
Year 9 Year Advisors	- Ms Joanne Myers & Ms Glenyce Oswald
Year 10 Year Advisors	- Mr Guy Hewitt & Ms Karen Hines
Year 11 Year Advisors	- Mr Andrew Doherty & Ms Bronwyn Lidden
Year 12 Year Advisors	- Mr Sam Crichton & Mr Andrew Guinane
School Counsellor	- Terry Sheetrum
School Support Officer	- Ms Amy King
School Chaplain	- Pst Christine Jones

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# English

As the English Faculty heads into Term 2, here's what we have been up to..

## Technology

In collaboration with HSIE, the English Faculty has purchased a class set of iPads targeted for special projects. Currently our Year 7 Nesca class has been enhancing their literacy skills with interactive apps, while 8E were able to create their own narrated Urban Legends. Our Young Achievers classes are developing their own online narratives and other classes are experimenting with project-based products.

## Stage 3 Primary GATS Enrichment Program

Last term I was thrilled to launch our inaugural Primary GATS Program. We had a group of fourteen very eager and bright-eyed primary students from Years 4-5, and one from Year 3, who came to participate in an English GATS Creative Writing Workshop. It was amazing to see their imaginations in action and their enthusiasm was certainly inspiring!

## Senior English

Choosing the right HSC English course is extremely important in ensuring the best results. We have FOUR courses to choose from and making the right decision should be based on: if you need an ATAR, your interest level, how much effort you are prepared to commit and past English results.

**Advanced** – ATAR-based; a demanding course for students with a strong and committed work ethic, who work well, have strong literacy skills and will work consistently hard and can work independently.

**Standard** – for those who require an ATAR.

**English Studies** – for those not requiring an ATAR enabling them to commit more time and effort to other HSC or work-based courses.

**Extension** – in conjunction with Advanced, an extra unit of English for those who excel at English and would like to maximise their learning and ATAR results.

This year marks the first year of the new HSC Prescriptions and the English Faculty has taken to designing and implementing new texts and modules. Our Year 12 is officially half-way through their English course and, with Trial HSC Examinations less than two months away, now is a crucial time for revision. Resources to assist their study can be found on the Year 12 English Moodle and by practising past HSC English papers, which can be found on the Board of Studies website. One of the **best** tips for productive revision is for students to submit practice plans and essays to their teachers for feedback. The Area of Study English Study Day, in Week 6 will also be an invaluable revision forum for these students.

For further information in choosing the correct HSC English course, please contact your class teacher or the Head Teacher.



# English

## Stage 4 Young Achievers

7 Empire and 8N English classes have had an eager and dynamic start to their year. Both of these classes are participating in a range of enrichment learning projects designed to extend their learning. Each term these classes participate in an engaging alternative program within their English classes.

8N students embraced their Term 1 Fantasy World Creative Writing Portfolios with enthusiasm and have produced a diverse range of stories. Students were given a selection of scenarios as the basis of their stories and were required to develop their writing through revision and editing. This term, classes will be involved in Literature Circles and writing a “book-in-day”. 7 Empire will be exploring creative writing, visualising and technology through the use of our iPads and creating their own personally narrated texts!

If you would like further information on these activities, please contact your class teacher.



## Year 10 Extension English

This is our exciting Year 10 Senior Preparation elective that offers students the opportunity to experience what HSC English Extension is like, while developing key skills. Throughout the course they gain an understanding of literature and how it has developed, while being able to enhance their writing and analytical skills. The course culminates in students submitting their very own “Major Work” in any form they choose: film, narrative, speech, script-writing, poetry.

In Term 1, the class studied the works of Edgar Allen Poe to gain a greater understanding of narrative structure and its effect on meaning. They then constructed their transformations and appropriations to highlight the ever-changing nature of literature in modern contexts.



As part of their study of narrative, students also attended the Newcastle Writers’ Festival, where they were treated to a fascinating lecture by Melina Marchetta, the author of *Looking for Alibrandi*. Ms Marchetta provided amusing and thought-provoking anecdotes on the writing process and responded to a wide range of questions about her work. After this discussion, we moved to the Civic Theatre, where we enjoyed a performance of *Black Diggers*.

## Black Diggers come to Newcastle High

Performed at the Civic Theatre as part of the Newcastle Writers’ Festival, the English Faculty was lucky enough to have the cast come and give us a personal performance of a monologue and then treat the students to an informal Q&A session. This critically acclaimed production, in which the cast of male indigenous actors tells the stories of indigenous soldiers who fought for Australia during World War One, was spell-binding and for many students, their first experience of live theatre. Many thanks go to Sally-Anne Thompson from The Creative Space, for offering this unique opportunity!

## Future excursions

We are currently planning excursions next term to Bell Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* while our Stage 4 Young Achiever’s classes will enhance their experience and understanding of WW2 with a visit to the Sydney Jewish Museum.



# English

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## Public Speaking

The Public Speaking Team has begun its 2015 competition season with the Plain English Speaking Awards. Lydia Corcoran -Eagleton and Maija Spencer-Karinen represented the school with excellent performances in both the prepared and the impromptu rounds and Lydia achieved second place in a very tough competition.

Both students are now preparing to represent the school in the senior round of the Rostrum Voice of Youth on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. Maija will also team with Will Hudson for the Model United Nations Assembly on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This prestigious event is sponsored by Rotary and our team will be representing Israel, which is a challenging assignment, as they will be attacked by most of the other countries in the competition. However, Maija and Will are both excited by the opportunity to demonstrate their debating skills on the floor of this assembly.

In the junior division, James Carter of Year 9 has been joined by new members of the team, Jy Francis, Lachlan Brown and Mikaela Corrigan of Year 7. These students are currently writing their speeches for the Junior Rostrum Voice of Youth competition, which we will be hosting at Newcastle High School. They will then compete in the Legacy Public Speaking Competition in Term 3.

It is very exciting to see our seasoned speakers nurturing the talents of the new team members, so that the tradition of excellence in Newcastle Public Speaking can continue.

## Debating

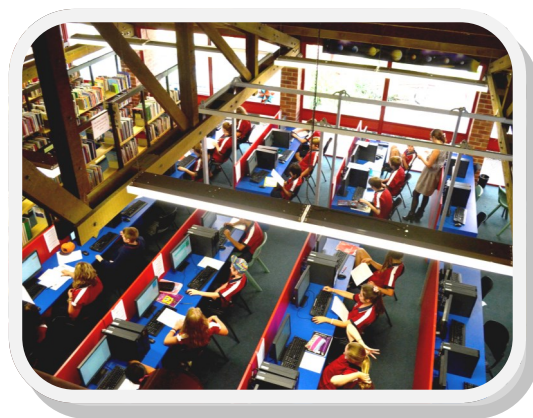
Mrs Parrott and Ms Welsh are currently coordinating our Junior and Senior Debating teams.

For further information, please see them.

## Focus on Reading

Focus on Reading is a literacy initiative Newcastle High School has implemented over the last eighteen months, targeting the improvement of students' comprehension strategies and our English Department has been instrumental in embedding this across all our programs. This term, Year 7 will be focusing on 'Visualising' their poems, whilst Years 8-12 will concentrate on 'Making Connections,' as well as practising the other four metacognitive strategies when the need arises.

There will be more information on this innovative program on our Facebook page.



## Keeping in touch...

A reminder to students and parents that the school's English Moodle page is an invaluable tool for accessing information, assessment tasks, worksheets and links to a range of current resources. Similarly, some staff have also developed their own Edmodo or Weebly class pages to cater for ready and easy access to necessary resources. Our class set of iPads is also seeing students developing a more interactive and "hands-on" approach to learning.



**Rachel McNeilly**

**Head Teacher English**

# English

## Excursion to Maitland Gaol Term I

Year 10 stood patiently outside our destination, eager to find out what was inside the wire lined, high granite walls of Maitland Gaol.

Once we were taken inside we were split into groups each with our own guide then we set off to explore the many wings and blocks. First stop was a large building that housed hundreds of prisoners, the soft pink walls made it hard to imagine that there was once inmates living here, but once you stepped inside a cell that idea went away.

Each cell had its own story to tell covered with graffiti, dirt and even blood. The creepiest of all was the one that housed one of the most viscous serial killers Australia has seen – Ivan Milat.

We continued on throughout the gaol visiting the exercise yard and the store where inmates could work and earn money whilst in prison. From there we visited the shower room—communal, dirty and eerily bright compared to the rest of the prison.

Our guide told us a story of how some inmates managed to escape through the excessively large pipes which an architect had designed and not complied to safety standards. Another chilling fact we were told is that people were hanged and murdered off the towel pegs. Shocked faces filled the room after that was shared.

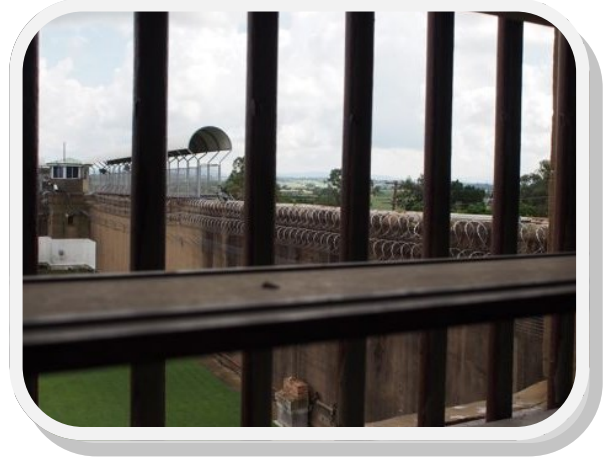
Then we headed for the women's section of Maitland Gaol - that building was much newer than the rest and the walls had beautiful drawings and art adorning the walls making it feel nothing like a prison.

From there we ventured into a secured area where prisoners were held in isolation for committing serious crimes or harming other inmates and such. These rooms were creepy they had secluded yards lined with wire fencing and barbs and many of the walls had paragraph long rants about society and personal issues. These cells were the most interesting of all.

After that we left through the large secure gates to re-join our friends and share the many stories we learned at Maitland Gaol.

**Gemima Maytom-Pearson**

**Year 10 'Parkway' freelance correspondent**





# Careers

This time in the year is important for students deciding on their subject choices and future career directions. For students this means there are many opportunities to learn more about career pathways through a range of excursions and events. Newcastle Lake Macquarie Careers & Training Expo Year 10 excursion takes place on May 21, 2015. Students looking for apprenticeships should be aware that between June and August the larger companies are advertising for recruits for 2016.

Students and parents can access career information and employment opportunities through: school assemblies, careers faculty section on the school website, quarterly NHS Careers News (sent to Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 parents through their preferred email account) and printed materials distributed to Years 10, 11 and 12.

Don't miss this year's innovative and interactive displays at the 2015 Newcastle Lake Macquarie Career & Training Expo on Thursday 21 May at Newcastle Jockey Club!

The Career Expo is an opportunity for students to explore career options and see and hear from a range of businesses, trades, universities and career support services.

**An excursion has been organised for Newcastle High School Year 10 students to visit the expo. The cost will be \$5 per student and includes subsidised transport to and from the venue.**

**Students in Years 11 & 12 are also encouraged to attend the event after school. The expo is open until 4pm.**

## Year 11

### Newcastle High School Job Ready Program

Year 11 students are invited to participate in a new and innovative careers mentoring program supported by Newcastle Rotary Club. The aim of this project is to use job finding scenarios and mock interviews to enhance student skills and experience, and connect students with career mentors.

Students respond to a mock job advertisement, research and gather information about the position and the company and "apply" for the job. Newcastle Rotary members interview students for the "job." The Rotary mentors will provide students with feedback on the positive aspects of their interview and job application and will also be able to advise students on how they might improve as well. Students who are interested in being part of this exciting program should collect and return the form, available at the Cottage.

### Newcastle University - Girls in Engineering Day

Well done to Year 12 students Laura Murray and Jacquelyn Sager who participated in this event recently. There are other Engineering days planned for male and female students in the near future at the university.



**For more information,  
visit Careerlinks:**

**[www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au](http://www.careerlinks.nsw.edu.au)**



# Careers

## Year 10

### Stage 5 to Stage 6 Subject Selections

This is an important process that takes place during Term 2 involving teachers across all subject areas and is extremely important for all Year 10 students whatever their career goals may be.

- **Presentation Assembly** to Year 10 students outlining important information about the selection process and the rules relating to subject selections.
- **Newcastle Lake Macquarie Careers & Training Expo – May 21, 2015**
- **Career seminars** started in Week 2 for all Year 10 students that are designed to prepare them for Year 11/HSC subject selections. All Year 10 students will have participated in these seminars by the end of Week 8 this term. In groups, students discuss their career aspirations and are given information about HSC guidelines, TAFE, University and ATARs, apprenticeships/ traineeships and other post school training and employment options. This allows students to ask questions related to their own career interests.
- **Senior Expo - Tuesday June 17, 2015 from 9.30am – 2pm**  
This is a special day for Year 10 students who will be provided with course booklets and questionnaires designed to assist students with their decision making. Hunter Institute of TAFE and Newcastle University will present information to students along with the teachers and head teachers who are coordinating courses within the senior school.
- **Parent Information Evening** – This evening provides students with overview of HSC requirements in addition to discussing courses with year advisors, teachers, head teachers, careers advisor, TAFE and university representatives. Information stands will be set up at the school. For further information on this event or the Senior Expo contact Mr Alexander or Ms Kadarusman, Head Teacher Administration (Students).
- **Student Interviews & 1<sup>st</sup> Webchoice Selection**  
Year 10 students are interviewed to ensure that their subject choices are aligned to their choices and that their proposed subject choices comply with BOSTES requirements. Webchoice **due late July**.
- **Confirmation of Pattern of Study**  
Student interviews organised to confirm choice of Preliminary HSC subjects from established lines. Written confirmation sent home.

### Tax File Number Applications

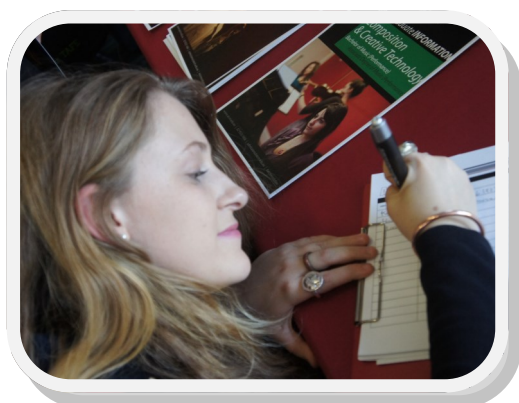
A tax file number is a unique nine-digit number issued to administer tax when undertaking paid work. There is a new process for getting the tax file number! Students complete an online application form, print off the summary and then visit (within 30 days) an Australia Post Office outlet and have your identity verified. Apply and visit ;

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Proof of Identity documents found at

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**Mr Chris Alexander**  
**Careers Adviser**





# Sports Update

## Representative Sport

### Hunter Region Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent the Hunter Region School Sports Association at NSW Combined High Schools Championships in their chosen sports:

#### Tim Studdert

- *Open Boys Cricket*  
Tim was also selected in the NSW CHS team to play in the NSW All Schools Championships. At this All Schools carnival, Tim was named "Player of the Carnival". A great effort, well done Tim!
- *Open Boys Baseball*  
Tim represented the Hunter Region at NSW CHS Championships in Lismore

#### Monique Collin

- *Diving*  
Monique finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 15 years Platform, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Platform and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 15 years Springboard at the NSW CHS Championships. This excellent result enabled Monique to be selected in the NSW CHS Team to compete in the NSW All Schools Championships in May.

#### Lachlan Brown (Year 7), Cooper Blumel (Year 7), Guy Hetherington (Year 7) and Patrick Johansen (Year 8)

- *13 years Boys Freestyle Relay*  
The boys represented Newcastle High school and the Hunter Region at the NSW CHS Championships as members of the 13 years Boys Freestyle Relay team. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the final. A great effort from the boys.

#### Eleanor and Josephine Pinkerton

- *Basketball*  
The girls competed at the NSW CHS Championships at Cambridge Park in Week 2 of this term.

#### Clarence Playford and Sebastian McComb

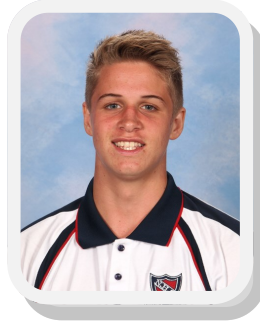
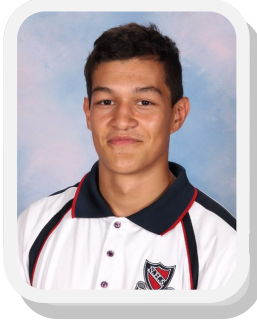
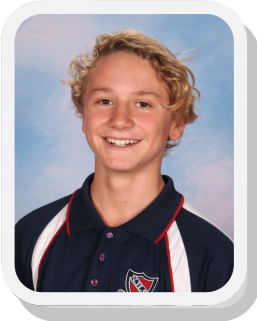
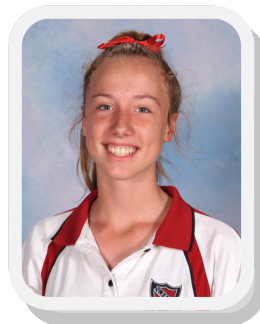
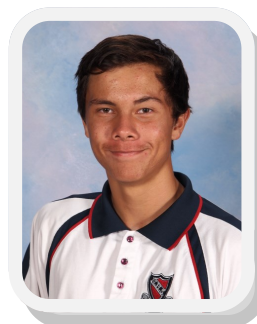
- *Under 15 years AFL*  
Clarence and Sebastian will compete, as members of the Hunter Region Team, against a North Coast Region team to be selected in the Greater Northern team. This team will compete at the NSW CHS Under 15 years AFL Championships in Sydney in June.

#### Kaitlyn Duck

- *Open Girls Hockey*  
Kaitlyn will represent the Hunter Region at the NSW CHS Championships in Albury in May.

#### Alex Hills, Zac Trinkler, Jaeger Collins, Leroy Bartlett, Hayden Thompson, Derrick Dinh, Cameron Manning, Zac Wilson and Finau Taufa'au

- *Open Boys Rugby Union*  
These boys have been selected to represent the Hunter Region at the NSW CHS Championships at Wagga Wagga in May.



# Sports Update

## Abbie Gray

- Open Girls Netball*

Abbie will compete at the NSW CHS Championships in Berkley as a member of the Hunter Region Netball team.

## Kalista Hunter

- Open Girls Football*

Kalista will represent the Hunter Region in the NSW CHS Championships in Bathurst in early Term 2.

Special Mention to Patrick Johansen who participated in the NSW CHS Triathlon, finishing 36<sup>th</sup> overall.

## Team & Individual Events

A number of Newcastle High School teams have competed in NSW CHS and City Zone competitions so far this year. Teams eliminated in the first round include:

U/14 years Boys Cricket  
Open Girls Netball  
Open Girls Touch  
Open Boys Touch  
Open Boys Tennis

## Cricket

Well done to the Open Boys Cricket team who defeated Toronto High School in Round 1. Jordy Toby hit 34 n.o., claiming a catch and one stumping. Pat Langlois hit 24 runs and Greg Hayes and Nathan Humpries took two wickets each.

In their Round 2 match the boys unfortunately were defeated by Callaghan College 115-113 runs. Jordy Toby again top scored with 53 n.o. , as well as taking a catch and two for 15. Greg Hayes took three for six in the bowling. Kye Zanardi and Taine Barker also took two wickets each. The boys had to play with 10 players, which was disappointing, as the 11<sup>th</sup> player would have most definitely ensured a win. Thanks to Coach Hewitt for his continued effort coaching this term

## Basketball

Both the boys and girls open teams made it through their first round matches. The boys defeated Rutherford convincingly (57-19) and the girls defeated Warners Bay (30-29). Curtis Montgomery and Zac Trinkler were top scorers for the boys, with Tahne Baker playing strongly in defence in the girls team.

Both teams travelled to Maitland for the next rounds of the NSW CHS Knockout Competition. In Round 2 the boys defeated Kurri Kurri, with a special mention from Coach Oprea for Curtis Montgomery, who dominated the scoring with Michael Arnold. Jacob Longworth demonstrated great skill from the three point line. In Round 3 the boys faced a strong and well structured Hunter Sports High. Unfortunately they were convincingly defeated in this match.

The girls, in their Round 2 match, defeated Kurri Kurri 89-17. Ella and Josie Pinkerton and Shanae Harrold were the top scorers. In Round 3 the girls defeated Whitebridge High School 32-30, with the Pinkerton twins again showing their dominance and leadership skills. Shanae Harrold and Matilda Brame also contributed strongly. The Round 4 match was against Kotara High (Hunter Region Semi-Final) with the girls unable to maintain their intensity and domination, losing 58-34.

Great results for both the boys and girls Open Basketball teams.

## Football

Our Open Girls had a 5-2 win in Round 1 against Glendale High School. Two goals to Kalista Hunter and Lyndal Mountford and one to Isabella Sofianos. Ms Jones also commented on some excellent first time goal keeping by Brittany Robinson-Schell.

Good Luck to the girls in Round 2.





# Sports Update

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## Surfing

Newcastle High School had three teams compete in the schools Surfest Competition where 240 enthusiastic young surfers from twenty-nine NSW High Schools, as well as two teams from Vanuatu competed. Our three teams of five surfers competed admirably but were outclassed by some quality opponents and fell short of reaching the finals.

Thanks to Mr Guinane and Mr Prior for their efforts with these boys.

## Cross Country

Students nominated for the school Cross Country Carnival. Twenty-four qualified to attend the City Zone carnival which was held at the Newcastle Race Course on 30 April. School Age Champions and zone results will be published in the next bulletin.

**Mr P Wagner and Mrs N Blatchford**  
*Inter School Sports Organisers*



# Trivia Night

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## SHAZAAAAM!!

Newcastle High busted out its inner nerd to celebrate some of our top Year 12 students in Week 9 of Term 1. Over 250 staff, students and members of the community converged on the cultural centre with grandiose visions of 'Who wants to be a millionaire?', in order to support Jaeger, Hayden and Leroy on their CHS rugby tour of South Africa.

The evening, hosted by HSIE/English faculties with major support from Caroline 'the glue' Smith, featured epic performances by talented Year 12 musicians, nearly a thousand prizes donated by local business, lucky seat gifts, a BBQ and drinks float, an endless supply of cheese, dips and crackers and some extremely tricky trivia questions to boot.

Congratulations to the eventual winners The Jaeger Collins Fan Club, made up of members of Jaeger's family and friends and, coincidentally, the table responsible for actually donating First Prize. As they say in the trivia business: "better the 1<sup>st</sup> prize you know, than the booby prize you don't want."

Yours in all trivial matters

**Lorenzo**

# Win Our Vote Day

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Irini Kassas in Year 12 was involved in the Win our Vote day held by Newcastle Women's Alliance prior to the state election.

Local state election candidates Michael Osborne (Greens), Milton Caine (Christian Democratic Party), Steve O'Brien (Socialist Alliance) and Tim Crakenthorp (Labor) attended the event and answered the questions of the group.

Irini asked how they were to support young girls to be the successful and independent women the current society wants them to be?

Thank you to the Newcastle Womens Alliance for the opportunity to be involved in the day.



# Year 8 Food Technology

Year 8 Food have participated in two Design Briefs. In the first design brief students were given a list of ingredients from which they had to design their own breakfast recipe and then make this recipe. In the second design brief students had to design and make a nutritious snack food.

What great skills this class is showing for their first time in the Food Technology room!



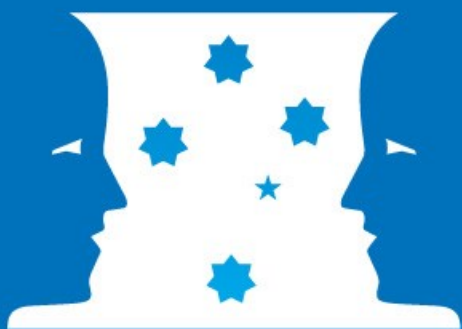


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# A note from our Student Support Officer

During Term 2 our student body celebrated the Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, and also Harmony Day with a lunchtime festival.

For the weeks beforehand, a lovely group of students had written a thousand post-it notes of positivity to put on everyone's desk as a surprise to start the day. Hopefully the quotes, jokes and song lyrics gave everyone a morning boost.

Numerous youth services come in to work with our students on a giant chalk mural representing the various cultures and languages spoken by students in our school. We had students learning basket weaving with our Aboriginal Education Officer and Elder Norma from our community. There was an African dance performance, a free photo booth with great dress-ups, music from all different cultures pumped out of the special wheelie-bin speaker.

Students participated in an African Drumming workshop and then showed off their new skills to the rest of the school. It was a great day with lots of student participation, and was topped off by our school leaders leading everyone in a dance. It was really great to see the sharing of cultures and celebration of diversity!

Thank you to the Community Youth Development Project, Jamo Jamo Arts, Waratah High Dance group, Dale at the Multi-Cultural Neighbourhood Centre and Ray from Council - they really made this great day possible.

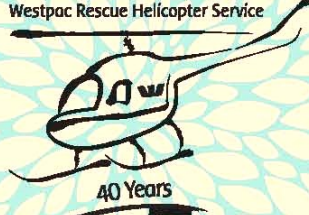
During Term 2 we have a lot of opportunities - students can volunteer for the Colour Run, I will be encouraging students to apply for the Aspire Today leadership competition. We also have five groups running this term, which will give me lots to update you on next *Parkway*.

**Amy King**  
*Student Support Officer*





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