

The Parkway



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations and good luck to our current Year 12 students, staff and families as they make their way through the Higher School Certificate examinations. I know all of you have been working hard, in preparation for the exams and I'm sure your results will reflect this work ethic.

Thank you to Mr Andrew Doherty and Mrs Bronwyn Lidden, who started their journey six years ago as Year Advisors of the current Year 12 cohort. It was great to hear their shared stories, demonstrating the close bond that develops between students and their Year Advisors during their time at high school.

I would like to thank the students and families who contributed to the school gift; painting the outdoor furniture in the school grounds. Year 12 worked during their free periods and held a working bee on a Sunday to accomplish this task. The students and staff have enjoyed using the fresh furniture which has brightened the school grounds.



The Newcastle High School Parents and Citizens Association is an extremely valued partner of the school. We currently engage with the P&C representation through:

- P&C operated school canteen
- formal meetings and informal contact
- panels for teaching and administrative positions
- the finance committee
- out of area enrolment panel
- Year 7, 2017 Passion Project panel
- Years 5 and 6 parent information evenings

Principal's Message

As the Principal of Newcastle High School, I really value the commitment of the P&C team and consult regularly with the committee, regarding decisions that impact on the school. The P&C is looking to increase members and I encourage all parents to come along to a meeting and be involved in the school's future. For further information regarding upcoming meetings or questions relating to P&C matters, please contact the Secretary, Susanne Cafe at newcastlehighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Congratulations to the sixteen students who graduated from Newcastle University's Children's University on Tuesday 18 October. These Year 7 students have been participating in a variety of extra curricula activities that have been recognised by the University as learning occurring outside the school grounds. Students received recognition based on how many hours of extra curricula activities they participated in. A letter from the University, including further information in relation to the Children's University initiative, can be found in this edition of *The Parkway*.

In the last *Parkway* edition I congratulated the Year 9 students who participated in the Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program. One of the students, Lily Ramsay, made a sensory wall for students with autism at Carrington Public School. On Friday 14 October Mr Main and I attended the official opening of the sensory wall. The Carrington Public School community were extremely grateful for the work Lily had completed and for me it showcased the learning and recognition that can be achieved when students work on issues that are bigger than themselves in order to make the community a better place. Along with Lily's family I felt extremely proud of her achievements.



Nathan Towney
Principal

Deputy's Report

A few weeks ago I read an old school magazine from Newcastle High School 1983. It was interesting to read the Deputy Principal's report. He was an innovator - R.S Cater. He wrote about what schools would look like in 75 years. He spoke of the changes happening in the world – computers were coming and going to change how we did everything. Schools were going to look very different. He suggested that schools could be where people meet and work is done at home via computers. Further changes to schools were 'stuff of science fiction', but if the reader wanted to know anymore there was reference to schools in Victoria and Queensland who were transforming the way schools are structured and operate.

Today at Newcastle High School we continue to try and meet the needs of our students, establishing structures to develop skills and attributes in students that provide them with the greatest opportunity for their future. Changes to the delivery of content and the physical changes to learning spaces are well underway, engaging students in the vast learning opportunities available. We are responding to the changing demands of employers and the broader community, to create lifelong learners with a set of skills that will enable them to be flexible, creative, adaptable, collaborative and independent. Skills that will provide them with a future filled with challenge and achievement across a number of careers.

Mr Cater also emphasised that while the way students learnt and the structure of schools would continue to change, the values created should not. Values of learning and consideration for others – respect, responsibility and participation. He stressed that everyone has something to contribute to the school and while the school can set up systems and procedures to provide learning opportunities, it is the individual who decides what they will get out of school. He likened these actions to a sports carnival where every member of the house contributes not just first place. The efforts of the collective make the house stronger.

Schools are no different, it is about every member of the school striving to be their best and strengthening the collective. It is about making decisions that take advantage of the opportunities placed in front of you. It is exciting to work in a school where the focus is providing as many learning opportunities and experiences as possible, to give students choice about their learning and their future. So while the world is changing it is interesting to see that the values of this school remain the same. I ask the students - What history are you going to create?

Nick Davies
Deputy Principal (Rel)





Dear CU Children and Families,

I would like to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to all students that were in attendance at our very first Children's University graduation on Tuesday 18 October. It was a night to remember.

My team and I would like to firstly congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening. We planned for this evening to be a great celebration and recognition of the effort and time you have placed into the learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to all families that were in attendance. We appreciate your presence on the evening and hope you enjoyed the celebration and look forward to seeing you all again throughout the year at our CU holiday workshops and at the Graduation Ceremony in 2017.

Children's University continues to encourage children and their families to keep learning in their communities during the Christmas holiday period. Holiday workshops hosted by Children's University will recommence in Term One 2017 in each of our three geographic regions – Central Coast, Newcastle and Cessnock.

Your passport hours continue across into next year. To be eligible for graduation in 2017 you need to have moved up into the next award category. For example, if you received 30 hours this year you would have to make it to 65 hours to get the Silver Award.

This program is an annual commitment. Children have the capacity to opt into the program each year. If you would like to be involved next year, please indicate this to your teacher in charge of the program (Ms Rachel McNeilly).

Once again thank you children for your enthusiasm for learning and parents for your support. If you or your family have any questions about the program, please contact us. This was our first graduation ceremony and as such we will be evaluating the evening, if you would like to make suggestions for improvements or place a comment regarding the evening please do so at childrensuniversity@newcastle.edu.au or call 49218739.

Hope to see you all in 2017.

Children's University Team

Key Dates

Term 4		
Week 3	24 - 28 October	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
Week 4		
Week 5	7 - 11 November	Year 10 Hospitality Work Placement
Week 6	14 November 17 November 18 November	P&C Meeting <i>The Parkway No. 8</i> Year 11 Reports issued
Week 7		
Week 8	1 December	<i>The Parkway No. 9</i>
Week 9	5 December	P&C Meeting
Week 10	13 December 15 December 16 December 20 December	Presentation Evening HSC Results Last day of school for students Last day of school



Year 12 Graduation



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Year 12 Graduation - Award Winners

Mrs M Whiley Memorial Prize – awarded to 2015 DUX (highest ATAR – 2015 Year 12 Cohort)	Lydia Corcoran Eagleton
Laura Easton Memorial Prize – awarded to 2015 Dux (Highest Assessment Rank – 2015 Cohort)	Lydia Corcoran Eagleton
Newcastle Boy’s High School OBA -Colin Keys Dux Award – awarded to 2015 Dux (highest Assessment Rank – 2015 Cohort)	Lydia Corcoran Eagleton
Newcastle Boys’ High School OBA -Dr Alan Knott Scholarship – awarded for Academic Excellence	Sharni Stephen
Newcastle Boys’ High School OBA - Caesar Smith Award – awarded for Creative Writing	Georgia Firth
Newcastle Boys’ High School OBA - Roy Davis Award – awarded for contributions to the school community and service	Nathan Eveleigh
Newcastle Boys’ High School OBA - Presidents Prize – awarded for Excellence in Studies in Law	Sharni Stephen
University of Newcastle Year 12 Award – awarded for Academic Excellence	Sharni Stephen
Newcastle Girls’ High School Ex –Students’ Union Prize awarded to 2015 DUX runner up	Irini Kassas
Newcastle Girls High School Ex-Students’ Union Prize – awarded to 2016 School Captains	Abbie Smith and Tre Carson
Mrs Dora Woollet-Ewers Prize – awarded to 2016 Vice Captains	Lucy Maher and Jordy Toby
From Central to Hunter Ex-Students’ Association Award – awarded for Consistent Achievement	Emily Levey and Owen Rigby
Caltex Best All Rounder Award – awarded for Excellence in Academic, Leadership, Sporting and Community Service	Cody Adams
Robert John Grierson Prize – awarded for Academic and Sporting Ability	Lachlan Milton
The Kerridge Family Prize – awarded for Scholarship, Sportsmanship and Citizenship	Molley-Ann Croak
Reuben F Scarf Foundation Award for commitment	Liam Littlewood
Sharon Claydon Community Spirit and Leadership Award	Maija Spencer Karinen
silverchair Award for Music	Caiden Ross
Joan Crierson/Derkenne Prize – awarded for Excellence in Drama and Public Speaking	Sinead Considine
Excellence in Contribution to the Arts Prize	Max Galbraith
Fuchs Foundation Award – awarded for Excellence in the Fine Arts	Lucy Maher
Elva Copp Memorial Prize - awarded for Modern Languages	Emily Levey
The Greek community of Newcastle Prize - awarded for Ancient History	Sharni Stephen
The Greek Community of Newcastle Prize - awarded for Consistent Achievement	Christian Atkinson
Nguraki Award – awarded to an Aboriginal Student for Academic Achievement	Kalista Hunter
Wiyakaanmaroong Award – awarded to an Aboriginal Student for Consistent Achievement	Lee Tighe

Year 12 Graduation - Award Winners

Students who have achieved first in the HSC courses offered in 2016.

Cody Adams	English Standard Business Studies
Gabrielle Allan	Design and Technology
Christian Atkinson	English Advanced English Extension 1 Geography
Harley Bird	Software Design and Development
Caiden Brown	Special Education Award
Molley-Ann Croak	Community and Family Studies Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Max Galbraith	Mathematics Biology Visual Arts
Jack Goodwin	VET – Engineering Studies
Adam Hunt	Mathematics General 1
Kalista Hunter	Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Madeline King	Chemistry
Austin McComb	Mathematics General 2 Senior Science Industrial Technology
Zoe Miller	VET – Hospitality Kitchen Operations and Food
Lachlan Milton	Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension2 Physics
Jade Oliver	Drama
William Paterson	Engineering Studies
Sharni Stephen	Ancient History Legal Studies Food Technology
Abbey Voigt	Music 1
Jaala Wise	English Studies Visual Design

Year 12 Graduation - Award Winners

Sporting Awards

Sport Award – Award of Merit	<p>Kaitlin Duck - Hockey Kalista Hunter - Soccer Jordy Toby - Cricket Ethan Fray – Rugby Union Cameron Manning – Rugby Union Callum O’Sullivan – Rugby Union</p>
Sport Award – All Rounder	<p>Molley-Ann Croak Representing in: basketball, netball, touch football, swimming, hockey and AFL</p> <p>Kaitlin Duck Representing in: basketball, touch football, swimming, soccer, hockey and AFL</p> <p>Kalista Hunter Representing in: rugby union, soccer, futsal, hockey and AFL</p> <p>William Mansfield Representing in: surfing, touch football, rugby league, rugby union and AFL</p> <p>Cameron Manning Representing in: touch football, rugby league, rugby union, futsal and AFL</p> <p>Abbie Smith Representing in: touch football, rugby union, soccer, hockey and AFL</p> <p>Miles Wildschut Representing in: touch football, surfing, rugby league, rugby union, futsal and AFL</p>
Sportsman of the Year	Jordy Toby
Sportswoman of the Year	Kaitlin Duck

CAPA Faculty Report

What a fantastic year in CAPA so far. This year we have offered a range of great opportunities and experiences for all of our students in Visual Arts, Music and Drama. Our students have been achieving outstanding results in these fields and they should be commended for the efforts and extra hours they have dedicated to these subjects. A big thanks to all the CAPA staff: Mr Gill, Mr Lewis, Mrs Carruthers, Mrs Sherring, Mrs Hepple, Mr Davis and Mr Kondov for all their hard work. Our thoughts are also with our Head Teacher, Mrs Robinson, and we wish her a speedy recovery and return to work.

Newcastle High School's "Face Up" portrait prize exhibition showcased the talents of Years 7-10 Visual Arts students. The hugely successful exhibition opened in the student gallery with over 130 portrait paintings entered from students and over 100 people attending the opening. The lunch time opening on Friday 16 September invited parents, family, teachers and students to come and celebrate the fine achievements of young artists.

"Face Up" invited guest judge and local renowned artist Paul Maher to select an award for excellence which was awarded to Athena Christensen. Several teachers from a variety of faculties came to judge awards including our principal Nathan Towney. Five, \$50 Eckersley's vouchers were kindly donated to the school and were awarded for "Excellence in Art". There were 20 prizes in total including a "People's Choice" award which went to Kirrah Leslie in Year 8. All prizes were presented at the PBL assembly on Tuesday 11 October.

Students have enjoyed sharing the experience of showcasing their artworks to peers, teachers and family. Setting up the exhibition has provided valuable experience and the prize winners have the opportunity to build on their creativity within the arts.



CAPA Faculty Report

Mrs Carruthers organised a very successful excursion to the Frida Kahlo and Archibald Exhibition at the Gallery of NSW in July. Fifty students enjoyed the experience of seeing some of the world's greatest artworks first hand. With such fantastic inspiration, students returned to school and painted their own portraits. These can be seen in the school gallery.

'Speaking in Colours' is a group project involving the Year 8 sculpture and ceramics class as well as students from HSIE classes and our indigenous students. Students are learning traditional Aboriginal weaving techniques and skills to weave a large scale animal sculpture for a combined exhibition with other local schools. Mr Skinner, from Industrial Arts, has welded the steel dolphin structure for the weaving project. This will be part of an exhibition called Resurgence, a regional collaborative exhibition, at The Lock Up Gallery in 2017. The dolphin and its progress can be viewed in the front office.

Year 10 Creative Kids have visited Hamilton Public School and mentored Year 5 and 6 students in painting and ceramics. Our students demonstrated techniques and skills to these junior students and have given them a taste of the opportunities they will have in high school. Our students are to be commended on their manners and professionalism.



CAPA Faculty Report

This year our Year 12 Visual Arts students have created some truly exceptional artworks. 50% of their mark for the course comes from their practical body of work, or 'major works', so they often spend in excess of 100 hours refining their work to the highest standard.

This class has received brilliant results for their practical marks and they should be very proud of their achievements. A special mention to our talented university intern Ms Tayla Thompson for her dedication and assistance this term to get the kids over the line.

Our Year 12 Visual Arts students earlier in the year went on the first *Art Adventure* that will become an annual excursion for our HSC Visual Arts students. Mrs Robinson and Mr Davis spent 4 days and 3 nights with the students exploring the arts culture and galleries in Melbourne and Hobart. The students visited the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne and the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) in Hobart, along with many other amazing experiences.

Their sophisticated understanding of the creative arts and strong work ethic has translated into fantastic results for their practical work and we wish them all the best in the upcoming exams.



CAPA Faculty Report

In Drama this term we have welcomed Practicum student teacher Ms Savannah Scott into the faculty to work along-side Mrs Kristen Hepple to team teach and lead our creative, dedicated Drama students.

The students have been busy across all years with a wide variety of Drama-related fun.

Year 8 Drama students have been working together in groups to devise an educational piece of theatre to inform primary school children about “stranger danger,” “road safety” and “water safety.” They have been busy researching and developing ways to effectively communicate an educational message in an innovative manner for a younger audience. Year 8 also participated in a mini-unit on Absurdist Theatre, exploring this theatre style through experiential learning. Thank you to Mr Jared Duncan-Watt for leading Year 8 in this unit of work.

Year 10 students have been engaged in the challenging task of developing an autobiographical short film. There have been plenty of learning experiences on offer, from trouble-shooting technical difficulties to learning more about each other and themselves. They have also been workshopping the idea of the family through an investigation of the play “Fossils.” They have enjoyed improvising a wide variety of character types and scene ideas and have been busy creating a group-devised piece with a family theme.

Senior students have been busily rehearsing and refining their Group Devised and Individual Performances and Projects for the HSC examination period that began mid-August. Many of these students performed in our annual Senior Showcase night gaining a great audience reception and positive feedback. Thank you to the Newcastle High School staff who attended the night to show their support for our students. Good luck with the written exam 12 Drama!

We are also heading to Capitol Theatre in Sydney this term to see *Aladdin* live. It should be an exciting and educational experience for our Drama and Music students.



CAPA Faculty Report

It has been a busy year in Music so far and the students have had ample opportunities to perform. Newcastle High School music students were involved in an Education Week Performance at Charlestown Square. Fourteen students performed a mixture of jazz, rock and popular music on a stage in the shopping centre. The students' efforts were well received and the performers gained valuable experience.

Each term the school has a reward PBL concert and the Music students provide a concert for the rest of the school. These are always well attended and give the students a chance to perform in front of their peers.

The senior students attended an HSC Music Day at the Conservatorium and an HSC workshop. The days provided valuable insights into the HSC Music exams and three of our students - Lucas Hodge, Ayla Kaan and Lyndsey Terry performed in front of other high schools.

The Music and Drama showcase night gave the Year 12 students a chance to perform their examination pieces in front of an audience. The students then performed these pieces for examiners in Week Nine last term.

The jazz ensemble has been practising every Wednesday for over a year now and has learnt lots of new pieces. We plan to start introducing vocals to the band and this will give the students an even greater diversity of repertoire. The jazz ensemble performed for the staff meeting, the Year 12 graduation ceremony and the Year 7 induction evening.

We look forward to another PBL rewards concert in Term 4 and contributing to our Presentation Evening towards the end of the term.

Thank you for the effort and support given by our incredible music students.

Michael Kondov
Head Teacher CAPA (Rel)



Sport Faculty Report

Lawn Bowls

The Newcastle High School team drew Lambton High School in the semi final of the Newcastle District Lawn Bowls Tournament, to be held at Kahibah. After losing the first set, the boys won a tight second set 8 - 7. This led to a sudden death end, where the team held their nerve to take the shot and progress to the Newcastle final.

St Mary's High School were the opponents in the final; however, they were no match for Newcastle High School, going down in straight sets, propelling Newcastle High School to the Hunter finals.

The semi finals of the Hunter were played at New Lambton and saw the boys come up against the might of Kurri Kurri High School, whose team featured a state player. No matter what our boys dished up they managed to draw the shot and Kurri Kurri High School took out the semi final.

Unfortunately, with their confidence down the boys were unable to get up for the playoff for third, going down in straight sets to Forster High School. It was still a very credible effort for a group of amateur bowlers. Well done James Mehan, Callan Mehan, Callan Fowler and Felix Pritchard.



Rugby Union

Year 7 and Year 8 Spartans 7-a-side teams competed against Kotara High School, at National Park.

Year 8 Spartans were victorious 5 tries to 3. Best on ground Jye Gorman and an honourable mention to Benjamin Dinh.

Year 7 Spartans were also winners 6 tries to 2. Best on ground Cooper Southam and an honourable mention to Jay Leota and Marcus Hitchcock.

Newcastle Knights U14's Development Squad

Congratulations to Henry Fletcher and Aaron Cotterill who have been selected in the inaugural Newcastle Knights U14s Development Squad. Both students were selected after a fantastic season with South Newcastle in the Newcastle Junior Rugby League competition. Henry and Aaron will train with the squad over summer and attempt to improve their playing skills in preparation for the junior representative squads which start in the under 16's. Congratulations and good luck!



Sport Faculty Report

Girls Under 16 Rugby League

The girls travelled to Waratah to compete in a nine a side Tackle Gala Day. After going down three tries to nil in their first game against Hunter River High School, the team found their groove having a two-all draw with Rutherford High School, followed by wins over West Wallsend High School 2-1 and St Paul's Booragul High School 3-2 and a final game draw with Irrawang High School one all. Captain Gabrielle Cavaleri, Tara Simpson and Mia Logue all scored twice on the day and were dangerous in attack whilst Briana Deeks and Matilda Brame were solid in



defence.



Sport Faculty Report

Under 15 Basketball

The girls lost their game 70-15 to a more experienced Merewether High School team, who took advantage of the large number of our novice players. Shout-out to Tara Simpson and Josephine Pinkerton, the latter contributing 13 points out of a total of 15. The two girls also showed great responsibility to our younger payers, guiding them throughout the game.

The boys lost their second round 46-18 against a physically strong Lake Munmorah High School team. However, it was great to see the enthusiasm and support among our young players who fought until the last whistle. All the boys represented the school with pride and displayed a high level of respect to the game and everyone involved.

Girls Rugby

The legendary Newcastle High Girls' Rebels Rugby Team travelled to Hunter Valley Grammar School in Week 6, Term 3. Lead by the retiring Year 12 trio of Abbie Smith, Kalista Hunter and Kirra Barclay, the girls went down narrowly to the locals—five tries to three.

Year 11's to cover themselves in glory included: Isabella Cosentino, Tahne Baker and 'Best On Ground' Brittney Robinson Schell. Rookies on tour and future stars; Abbie Gray and Olivia Crosbie, were epic for first timers, as were Year 10's Tara Simpson and Briana Deeks. Lastly, special shout out to Year 9 Madyson Sattler for her two minutes of fame in the last quarter. The team also featured the best support crew public education could finance: Megan Hooper, Ayla Kaan, Stephanie Robinson and Laura Howard. A big thank you to all team members.

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4.30 – 5.30 pm

Term 4: 10th October – 5th December
9 weeks \$135

Where: Vitality Junction (upstairs)
179 Union Street The Junction

Who will be teaching?

Treena is an experienced educator, yoga teacher and mother. She has over 20 years' experience in teaching across various settings and has worked with students of all ages. She has been a student of yoga for 20 years. Treena is passionate about children's learning and wellbeing and is an enthusiastic advocate of yoga as a way for young people to be their natural selves: calm, creative and confident.

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And
HSC Class of 1986***

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South Newcastle Leagues Club Merewether
7:00pm-10:00pm*

Details of ticket sales
Can be found on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/events/708680932624288/>

This event is being primarily organised by Andrew Moore,
a teacher at Hunter Valley Grammar School

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And by Emma Tonkin, the newsreader from ABC local radio



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