

The Parkway



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Writing Strategy – 2019 and beyond

Semester 2 has seen the introduction to staff of a new writing initiative that will be implemented in 2019 and beyond. Staff members have been working with expert consultants to develop a writing strategy that will aim to improve students' writing across the school, in particular there will be a focus on Year 8, 11 and 12 in 2019. Current Year 7 parents will be invited to a parent information session as part of the next Passion Project exhibition evening which will outline the strategy in more detail. This writing strategy has been initiated after a thorough data analysis of NAPLAN and HSC results. By building the capacity of staff and creating explicit writing strategies in classrooms we hope to see improvements in writing across the school which will impact positively on our NAPLAN and HSC results over time.

Canvas - Learning Management System

Canvas is a cloud-based Learning Management System that connects teachers with students in an online community. As a school we have decided to invest in this cloud-based software which will involve some major changes to how teaching and learning currently looks. Staff members are currently being trained in this software and further training and information sessions will be available for students and parents towards the end of this year and early next year. Staff will begin to use Canvas over the next 12 months and beyond. Further information on Canvas can be found at: <https://www.canvaslms.com.au/>

Bill Turner Cup success

Congratulations to our Bill Turner Cup soccer team who have completed a wonderful season, led by super coach Mr Kondov and manager Mr Main. Out of 450 schools from across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria we have finished equal third which is the first time Newcastle HS has progressed this far in the competition. Congratulations to:

Round	Opponent	Score
1	Merewether High School	2-1
2	Kotara High School	2-1
3	St. Phillips	2-1
4	St. Pius	1-0
5	St. Joseph's Lochinvar	3-1
6	Whitebridge High School	1-0
QF	Byron Bay HS	1-0
SF	Westfield Sports HS	0-3
Playoff 3 rd and 4th	Bossley Park HS	2-2

Principal's Message

HSC preparation

Our Year 12 students and teachers are working extremely hard in preparation for the HSC examinations which begin on Thursday, 18 October and run through until Friday, 9 November. I encourage all students to attend the Monday afternoon sessions in the Library and speak to their mentors if they would like assistance with managing their time over the next two months. It is really important that HSC students have a balanced approach over the next two months as we know that a student who does this is in the best position to succeed. Some tips and strategies:

- Eat well
- Make sure you get enough sleep
- Continue playing sport or exercise regularly
- Have a quiet place to study
- Collaborate with other students from your class
- Seek feedback from your teachers
- Manage your time by creating a plan and share this with your family and friends

The last week of term is fast approaching and this is a big week for Year 12. The following table demonstrates the activities for Year 12 in the last week:

Day	Activity
Monday	Normal school day with a whole school clap out during Period 4.
Tuesday	Year 12 formal at Rydges, Honeysuckle
Wednesday	BBQ breakfast at school from 6am
Thursday	Year 12 presentation assembly

Thank you,

Nathan Towney
Principal

Key Dates

Term 3		
Week 8	10 September 12 September	P & C Presentation Parent Teacher Interviews Year 7-12
Week 9	17-21 September 17-21 September 19 September	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Year 10 (EC) Metals work placement Year 4 GATS lesson
Week 10	24 September 24-28 September 25 September 26 September 27 September 28 September 28 September	Year 12 Assembly rehearsal and clap out Year 11 Preliminary Exams Year 12 Formal Year 12 BBQ Breakfast Year 12 Graduation Assembly <i>The Parkway</i> no.8 Final Day Term 3
Term 4		
Week 1	15 October 18 October	Staff and Students Return Start Day for HSC Exams
Week 2		
Week 3	29 October - 2 November 30 October 3 November	Year 10 EC Hospitality Work placement Year 5 Taster lessons 55 Year School Reunion
Week 4	7 November 7 November 9 November	Year 5 Taster lessons Year 4 GATS lesson <i>The Parkway</i> No.9
Week 5	12 November 14 November	P & C Presentation Year 12 ATAR morning tea



Support Report

It has been yet another huge year in Support, and we would not want it any other way. Our amazing students have been involved in so many facets of school and community life that it is often difficult to keep up with all that is going on in the busy lives of our students.

Students have been involved in Inclusive Sports Days, Passion Projects, State Boccia, discos, NAIDOC celebrations, Wellbeing days, expos, carnivals, sailing, excursions, TAFE, work experience and community access programs. These amazing programs wouldn't be possible without the dedicated NHS community and our talented Support Staff.



Our students have also been engaged in the classroom, completing projects on personal biographies, World War II, Shakespeare, probability and work skills. We also have students involved in our Aboriginal Dance Group, Didge Group, recycling, volunteering, Horticulture and two senior students involved in the SRC. The work ethic and grit of our students is truly inspiring.



State Boccia

After hosting the Newcastle Boccia trials, Newcastle High School sent some of their winning team to the State Boccia Championships at Homebush. Jacob, Tim, Andrew and Cameron were outstanding ambassadors, not only for the sport of Boccia, but for Newcastle High School, demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship and camaraderie. Our team won 2 of the 4 games and ended up 13th in the state (out of 80 schools). Maybe next year will be our year in Boccia.



IOTAS Disco

Newcastle High School once again hosted a very successful IOTAS Disco. Many schools in the local region attended and were entertained by DJ Corey Maunsell. Students (and staff) boogied the day away and our older support students and Cooks Hill Campus students staffed the BBQ. We are looking forward to hosting the next Disco later in the year.

Support Report

Sailing

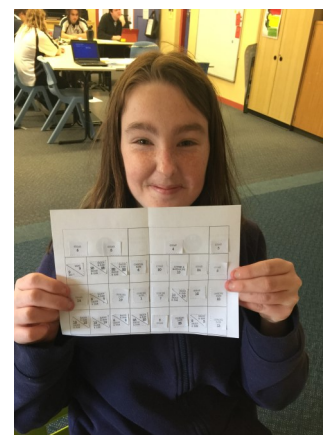
One of the most successful programs for our support students is Sailing. Our small group of intrepid seafarers, travel to Belmont each fortnight to hone their skills on the surface of Lake Macquarie. Not only do our sailors come back sun kissed, they return with confidence and many a tale about the high seas (well, calm lake...).



Room 5 News – Mrs Hughes, Ms Price, Mrs Onslow

Room 5 have been studying, War and World War II in particular. Learning about WWII also ties in with our novel that we have been reading, “Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children” by Ransom Riggs.

This year Room 5 have been doing an art project that is based on War. We have been collecting, recyclable plastic bottle lids to add to our textured art piece. The ‘war on waste’ theme is strong with Room 5. Soon students will be demonstrating their athletic skills at the IOTAS Athletics Carnival and showing off their dance moves at the IOTAS Concert. A visit to the Shark and Ray Centre during Term 2 was a very educational experience and students were in the water feeding the sharks, rays and fish. Our iMovie skills are improving after a visit to the Apple store ready for movie production in Term 4. We have been honing our barbecue skills on our Out and About days at Jesmond Park and the Foreshore. We trialled the Frisbee course at Jesmond Park and we continue to develop our travel skills while navigating Newcastle with the challenges of the new bus timetables.



Support Report

Room 3 News – Mrs Marsh, Ms Miller

Room 3 have just completed the novel, Once, and are keen to start the next instalment in relation to our unit on World War II.

Students have visited a number of community facilities, with the favourite being the Virtual Reality excursion last week...although the VR spiders and clown did scare a few!



Room 4 News – Mr Main, Mrs Lucas

With the addition of some new fish, it is always busy in Room 4. Favourite Community Access excursions are fishing, ten pin bowling and the movies. Students are also involved in recycling, TAFE, work experience and Horticulture.



Room 15 News – Ms Harris, Miss Standen & Mrs Blake

Students in Room 15 have been exceptionally busy this year, both in and out of the classroom. 8 of our Year 12 students are completing Access TAFE courses in Hospitality, Baking and Construction, while some of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students were involved in the YES TAFE courses completing Animation, Bricklaying, Hospitality/Barista, Automotive and Sports Science courses.

Support Report

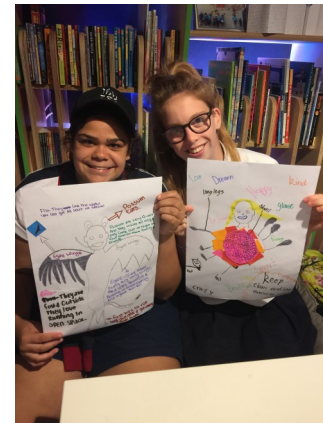
Our students have also been involved in either part time work, or weekly work experience. Our senior students are currently working with Job Quest personnel, to enhance their post school opportunities.

Students in Room 15 have also been lucky enough to participate in some amazing excursions this year. Last term, older students travelled to Sydney to see *Priscilla the Musical* as part of their studies on inclusion. Students not only enjoyed the show and it's very important message but got to meet cast member, David Harris, and have a backstage tour.

As part of their biography unit, students also worked with the team from the Sydney Story Factory to publish creative poetry. Students had an early start and spent the morning at Parramatta working with Tammy and her amazing group of mentors to produce a book of individual poetry pieces. The level of talent in Room 15 is out of this world.

Other excursions the students have attended this year include a tour and lesson at the Newcastle University 'Newspace', the Newcastle Art Gallery Archibald Exhibition, Charlestown Apple Store Coding Workshop, Newcastle Museum, Yuelarbah Walking Track and soon students will head to Fort Scratchley as a part of their World War II unit of work. They have had some great opportunities to explore Newcastle, learn through community participation and have represented Newcastle High School with pride.

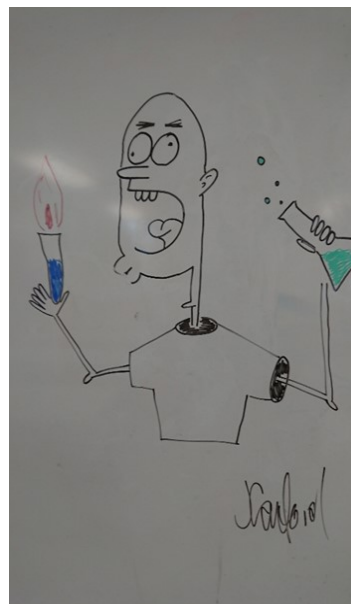
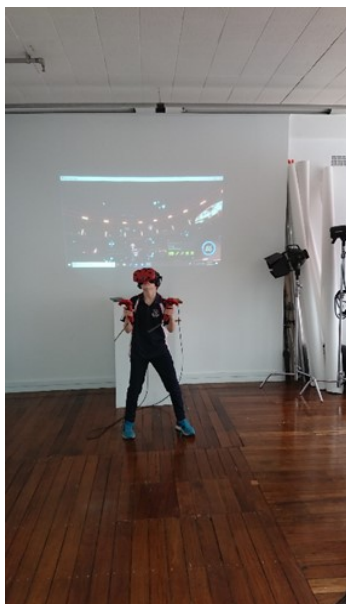
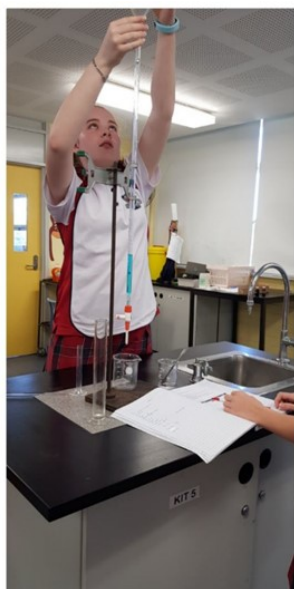
Mrs Khym Harris
HT - SUPPORT



Science Report

Experiences and opportunities in Science have been available at Newcastle High this year. Students have enjoyed these opportunities and we always encourage students to participate in extracurricular events and excursions. The list below and the photographs are some of the opportunities students have participated in.

- Build me a future day
- Science and Engineering challenge
- Science Discovery day
- Museum of Human Disease
- Cows Create Careers
- Steam turbines
- Modelling chromosomes and DNA
- Space Science passion project
- Student research projects
- Wetlands Field Study
- Earth Science coast study
- TAFE Chemistry
- Innovative 7N Science lessons





Science Report

Remodelling Junior Assessment. In 2018, Year 7 assessment has been redesigned. Students complete 3 major assessments throughout the year. These include examinations and a student research project. Students and teachers also are evaluating in class progress and skill development at regular intervals, examining the students' ability to work scientifically. The formal tasks have been enhanced to include a higher level of rigour and student expectation. This approach had resulted in improved student achievement and the quality of student work is improving.

Online science projects. Student research projects in Years 7 and 10 are an important component of assessment in Science. Students develop a project proposal which is approved by their teacher online. Students then complete their project, write a report and submit it on the Google classroom. The quality of projects submitted so far has been great and Year 7 projects will be evaluated over the coming weeks. Students with the best Year 7 projects from each class will be selected for a rewards excursion to Newcastle Museum.

Study resource and the Google classroom. All science classes have access to a Google classroom for revision, course work and are encouraged to use these resources prior to any assessment tasks. Years 7-9 will be undertaking their final examinations early next term and should be beginning to prepare by revising their notes and using the available online resources.

Online science testing – VALID. Year 10 and Year 8 classes complete online VALID examinations in Science each year. They measure student learning at the end of Stage 4 and Stage 5. Year 10 have been revising for their examinations in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 3. Year 8 will undertake their examinations in Weeks 3 and 4 in Term 4.

Coming in 2019

- **Forensics.** This is a Year 8 elective course that is being run for the first time. Students are looking forward to investigations and the science of forensics.
- **Marine Studies.** This course has been reintroduced into Year 9 and potentially Year 10 as an elective course in 2019. Students will be able to access our fantastic local resources including out coastline, rock pools, fishing industry and the busy Port of Newcastle.
- **Investigating Science.** This is a new senior course that will commence in 2019 at Newcastle high school. Students will learn about the skills required to perform research based tasks and will then undertake their own investigations. Students will have the flexibility to research in fields that interest them, especially as their skills develop in Year 12.

Mr Sean Bromfield

HT - Science



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at Newcastle High School on:
Wednesday, 12 September 2018 between 3:30pm and 6:00pm.

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.
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BOOKINGS OPEN: Tuesday 4 September at 3.30pm.
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To make your bookings go to the
school.interviews.com website by selecting the
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<http://www.newcastle-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>

and select the link we have provided under
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Enter the **School Event Code**
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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 at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents/carers without access to the internet at home, should contact the school's administration and ask to make a booking. The administration staff will be able to register your interviews and complete bookings.

Please phone Newcastle High School on 49693177

Interviews are strictly 5 mins and spaces are limited. If you require additional time, please contact the relevant teacher directly to make alternate arrangements.

Parents/carers can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the 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/carers wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 49693177.

We are eager to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website to provide feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

Girls Rugby 7's Report

Our brave team of under 13s girls took part in a Hunter Rugby 7's Gala Day at Waratah on August 14, and played three games against a very mixed bag of opponents.

First game for the day (and first rugby game ever for many of the team) was up against the formidable Hunter Sports High School. The girls took to the field a little nervously but made a gallant effort, even though we lost count of the opposition's score!

With a little team talk, some dancing and a lot of courage we took to the field for our second game of the day. Up against Cessnock High, it was our time to shine! With tries to Talamasina Vea, Marly Smith, Mercades Bullpitt and huge defensive efforts from Makayla Hughes the girls won the game 20 points to 5.

Last game of the day, we were on the scoreboard again but eventually lost to a solid San Clemente team. MVP for the day was Sophie Hall with lightning speed and some try saving tackles.

We are all looking forward to our next day out at Merewether High School. Training every Wednesday lunchtime and all are welcome!

Ms Herron and Mr Carswell



Isaac Lourie Cup Report

On Friday the 27th of August, a passionate Newcastle High AFL side took on Merewether High. The game was a special one as the boys were playing for the Isaac Lourie Cup in memory of a Newcastle High legend. The game was played at No.1 Sportsground at 6:30pm. The night air as well as the hundreds of supporters added to the excitement of the game. Tactical genius and coach Andrew Doherty gave the boys their positions and the strategy as Mr Biddle gave some necessary 'rub downs'. Newcastle High Captain Cal Fowler led the boys out of the tunnel to a roar of applause from the sold out No.1 crowd. A respectful minute silence was heard as the boys were reminded of what they were playing for.

The skipper gave some last minute words and the game began with a bang. Inside a couple of minutes Newcastle High School were up 7-6. However, a fiery Merewether High side took the advantage going into the first break. Some tough work in defence from Toby Bartsch and Jack Johnson-Holmes saw a more even 2nd quarter. This was followed up by some quality midfield scrap from Sebastian McComb, Clarence Playford, Thomas Biddle and Oliver Nash. Merewether High School were proving a tough task going into the half two goals up and playing some excellent football. Callan Fowler led from the front scoring the majority of Newcastle High's goals and dominating the forward line. Powerhouse Harry Galbraith proved an effective and sneaky forward pocket, grabbing himself two assists. Ei'Lan Doyle gave birth to a Newcastle High Comeback with a tenacious effort on the wing but Merewether High were too good on the day.

Final Score MHS 68 - 35 NHS. Man of the match points were shared:

3 - Ei'Lan Doyle

2 - Callan Fowler

1 - Harry Galbraith

A massive thank you to Mr Doherty and Newcastle City Football Club for organising the event and making everything run smoothly. Thank you to the Lourie family for attending and contributing to the event. It was a great game played in the right spirit and an amazing tradition that will follow in the coming years.



Computing @ NHS Report

The new digital technologies lab is now up and running. Built for the purpose of exposing students to a future focused learning environment that encourages collaboration as well as different learning styles, the computing students at Newcastle High have been enjoying the new experiences on offer.

Year Eight STEM

Learning to code without any prior experience requires patience and a friendly interface. Before jumping into robotic coding next term, the Year 8 STEM class has been learning to code using SCRATCH by creating their own space based video game.



Year Ten ISTEM

A microbit is a microcontroller about the size of your palm that students have been learning to write code and upload. Lately, the iSTEM class has coded audio sequences using the tone generator. This is done by matching up the sheet music available online to a specific tone value on the microbit.



Computing @ NHS Report

Year Seven Passion Project - RoboCup

For the first time in more than five years, students from Newcastle High School recently competed at the international tournament RoboCup Junior. Five students - Brock Fredericks, Harry Haydon, Oliver McLean, Riley Mitchener and Travis McKay— entered two robots into the Hunter region competition. The students coded and built the robots entirely by themselves and choreographed its movements to match a musical sequence.

Mr Nick Biddle

HT - Computing Studies



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taught by Jason Newell

Creative Writing Workshop

4 – 5 Oct, Year 9 – 11 students
taught by Jason Newell

Junior Writing Workshop

4 – 6 Oct, Year 5 – 8 students
taught by Lynley Brennan & Jason Newell

HSC Prep - Senior Approach to Literature

Year 12 students
taught by Robynne Curnow

Practice Exams & Review Sessions

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Cricket Registrations are now open for season 2018/19

MEREWETHER
DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

The Tigers are now aligned with our senior club Merewether and will now be known as the Merewether Tigers. We have some great opportunities for boys and girls to play cricket this year and would love to see your child have fun and enjoy the great game of cricket. Whether they want to play with friends, or join a new team, we cater for everyone. The available options this year are as follows:

Junior Blasters (suitable for girls and boys 5-7 yrs and runs through term 4)

Friday at Townson Oval Merewether starting 19th October. Enjoy a relaxing end to the week whilst the kids are coached in small groups by experienced players. Suits players keen to learn the skills of cricket. Registration is \$100 and includes a cap. All equipment is provided.

Master Blasters (suitable for girls and boys 7-10 yrs of age and runs through term 4)

Mondays at No1 Sportsground Newcastle starting 22nd October or Wednesdays at Ford Oval New Lambton starting 24th October. A 90min program of modified cricket games, where players build on their cricket skills and get ready for our junior Saturday formats. Registration is \$125 and includes a cap. All equipment is provided.

Sixers Girls Cricket League (Girls U13 and U15 competitions)

Starting 26th October at Smith Park Hamilton. All girls, all fun and plenty of coaching to assist young ladies get into cricket in a format designed for development and fun. With music and colour, the girls will create their own version of the Women's Big Bash. Fun and skill development is just the beginning. Registration is \$75 and includes a cap. All equipment is provided.

Saturday Morning Competition (boys and girls aged 8 to 17 commencing 13th October)

U10 and U11 cricket is our Stage 1 program based on the popular T20 format and only takes 2 hours to play. Everyone participates (bats, bowls and fields) each game. A great introduction to cricket with some modifications that enables everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun. Registrations include a playing shirt and playing equipment can be provided.

U12 and U13 cricket is our Stage 2 program and introduces players to 30 over cricket, taking 3 hours to play. Continued skill development is key, with some modifications to ensure everyone has fun and can be involved. Registrations include a playing shirt and playing equipment can be provided.

U14 to U18 Competition cricket. You are now stepping up to more fun and great times with your team mates in a 30 over competition. This is traditional cricket at its best with no modifications and maximum enjoyment. We cater for all levels of ability and can provide equipment if needed. Registrations include a playing shirt.

Registrations online - <http://playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=15577>

For further details and information please email president@merewetherjuniorcricket.com.au



COME TRY SAILING "FLYING ANTS"

- Who:** Juniors – Ages 8 to 17 yrs (Boys & Girls)
- Where:** Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club (Stockton)*
- When:** Saturday 22nd September 2018
- Time:** 9.30am to 1.00pm
- Bring:** Boardshorts & towel
Wetsuit & grip shoes (desirable not essential)
- Cost:** FREE



Summer sport – season October to April (fees apply)
Accredited sailing coach as part of the team
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For info contact Steve (0423 726 801) or Rebecca (0420 856 772) or
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www.porthunter.skiffclub.net

*Ferry leaves Queens Wharf at 8.45am to walk around and ride your bike or
drive around by car



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