

The Parkway



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Week awards

On Tuesday 7 August, Newcastle High School hosted the first Education Week awards for the schools within our Local Management Group. I would like to congratulate all award winners whose names are published in this edition of *The Parkway*, in particular I would like to congratulate the Newcastle High School award winners:

Student Award – Rebecca Pugh

Teaching Award – Sondra Munro

Community Award – Caroline Smith

Aboriginal Education Award – Haley Antcliff

Non-Teaching Member of Staff Award – Anne Ellenor

It was really difficult as a school, to narrow these awards down to one person as we have many people that could have been worthy across all categories.



Principal's Message

Another highlight of the evening was the amazing food that was prepared by our Hospitality students under the guidance of Mrs Maddalena. Our guests from other schools were extremely impressed by the quality of the food prepared by our students.



Passion Project exhibitions

Our Year 7 cohort has been participating in their second rotation of Passion Projects since 24 May. On Thursday 30 August students and staff will exhibit their learning. The projects that will be exhibited are:

<i>PASSION PROJECT</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Archaeology	N.Suchanow
Cooking for the Body, Mind and Soul	D. Ellis
Dream Travel Expo	N.Durie
Knitwits	V.Kadariusman
Marching Band	P.Myers
Photography	A. Hine
Robocup	N.Biddle
Skinner's Musical Madness	M. Skinner
Sustainability Group	B. Herron
Space Science	S.Bromfield
Welcome to Hogwarts	S.Dinnery

We welcome staff from a variety of schools across NSW who will be coming to have a look at how we implement our Passion Projects and the impact it has on student learning outcomes.

Principal's Message

Bill Turner Cup success

Congratulations to our Bill Turner Cup soccer team, who have made it through to the last 8 teams in the competition. This is an amazing achievement as schools from across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria participate in the competition. So far our team has had the following victories:

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

The boys will now play the winner of Byron Bay High School and St. John Paul's College of Coffs Harbour in the quarter final. This game will be played in Coffs Harbour over the next couple of weeks. Good luck to Mr Kondov and the boys.

Flanno Friday for a Farmer

On Friday 17 August, our Student Representative Council (SRC) have organised a fund raiser for the Trundle community who are suffering from the drought. We are encouraging all students to wear a 'flanno' and bring a gold coin donation. There will also be a sausage sizzle available at lunch time for \$2. All money raised will be donated to the Trundle community through the Trundle Central School. Families in the Trundle community are using the school as a resource for showers and the school is also creating care packages for students with essential items like shampoo and deodorant. A big thank you to Mrs Howard and the SRC for taking the lead on this wonderful initiative.

Thank you,

Nathan Towney
Principal

Key Dates

Term 3		
Week 4	13 August 15 August	P & C Presentation Year 4 GATS lesson
Week 5	21 August	GATS Taster lesson Year 6
Week 6	29 August 29 August	GATS Taster lesson Year 6 White Ribbon day
Week 7	4 September 7 September	Year 7 Vaccinations <i>The Parkway #7</i>
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	24-28 September 27 September 28 September	Year 11 Preliminary Exams Year 12 Graduation Assembly 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 2 November	Year 10 EC Hospitality Work placement Year 5 Taster Lessons 55 Year School Reunion



MEMBERS OF THE
NEWCASTLE
HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

Passion Project Exhibition Rotation 3

Thurs 30th August 2018
4-6pm
Official Opening 4pm -
Cultural Centre



Students will be able to
display their work from
Rotation 2 and learn about
the options for Rotation 3!

Newcastle Learning Community Education Week Presentation Ceremony



Award Recipients

Contribution by a School Community Member Award

Francis Pope, Carrington Public School

Linda Pompe, Hamilton Public School

Jason Flood, Hamilton South Public School

Caroline Smith, Newcastle High School

Vicki Saxon, Newcastle Junior School

David Billett, Newcastle Middle School

Rebecca Shelton, Newcastle Senior School

Leonie Hunt, Stockton Public School

Olivia Ryan, The Junction Public School

Contribution by a Non-Teaching Member of Staff Award

Kylie Tammekand, Hamilton Public School

Lizl MacGregor, Hamilton South Public School

Anne Ellenor, Newcastle High School

Julie-Anne Onslow, Newcastle Junior School

Kristy Danks, Newcastle Middle School

Colleen Auckett, Newcastle Senior School

Dean Castle, Stockton Public School

Dianne Edwards, The Junction Public School

Achievement in Aboriginal Education Award

Amarni Boswell, Carrington Public School

Dion Larrigo, Fern Bay Public School

Tyreece Grogan, Hamilton Public School

Haley Antcliff, Newcastle High School

Thomas Bullen, Newcastle Junior School

Ahoy Family, Newcastle Middle School

Louise Rixon, Newcastle Senior School

Nicole Smith, Stockton Public School

Student Award

Olivia Buman, Carrington Public School

Tyreece Grogan, Hamilton Public School

Alexander Walker, Hamilton South Public School

Rebecca Pugh, Newcastle High School

Imad Al-Obaidi, Newcastle Junior School

Mia Foy-O'Meley, Newcastle Middle School

Luke Papworth, Newcastle Senior School

Deanna Hammerton, Stockton Public School

Lily Bower, The Junction Public School

Teaching Award

Leanne Cunningham, Carrington Public School

Tracey Cresnar, Hamilton Public School

Robby True, Hamilton South Public School

Sondra Munro, Newcastle High School

Leica Bates, Newcastle Junior School

Lenore Hanney, Newcastle Middle School

Lorraine Smith, Newcastle Senior School

Sean Kelleher, Stockton Public School

Congratulations



Mathematics Report

Mathematics students at Newcastle High are very fortunate to have a team of capable and dedicated teachers available to support them in their studies. The Maths faculty team has dealt proficiently with a number of challenges over recent years as new syllabuses and new assessment requirements have been introduced. One of the most notable changes is the introduction of the topic of Networks in Year 12 Mathematics Standard. We are working hard to ensure teachers are prepared to teach this new topic and that we have suitable resources for students to access.

The introduction of new assessment requirements for senior students has led to a change in assessment practices in junior years. The education authority, NES, has placed a strong emphasis on using alternative types of assessment. As a result, Year 9 were introduced to project based learning tasks earlier in the year. In the first task, students were required to conduct a statistical investigation to answer the question 'How do you get a job and keep it?'. In the second task, students were required to apply financial Mathematics concepts to answer the question 'Can I design a product or an idea and sell it?'. Students finished the tasks with a public exhibition which gave them the chance to explain their ideas and demonstrate their understanding to parents, peers and other visitors to the school. Students were particularly enthusiastic about the financial Maths task, which gave them the opportunity to sell their products to make a profit.

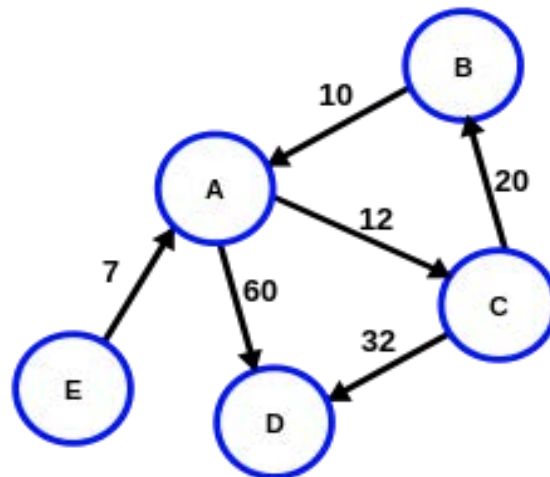


Mathematics Report

Support for students studying Maths continues to be provided through various avenues. The Breakfast Club, which operates every Wednesday morning from 7:45am, is available for all students who need some help with their class work or homework. All Maths students are also able to access MathsOnline to complete set work and for revision. Senior students can also access Edrolo, which provides video tutorials and exercises. We also have an exciting new peer tutoring program starting in 2019, which will provide leadership opportunities for our senior students whilst providing extra support for junior Mathematics students.

Renee Wells

HT Mathematics (Relieving)



A simple network showing weighted edges and nodes.

Computing @ NHS Report

The computing faculty at Newcastle High School has undergone some major changes in 2018. A new Head Teacher of the Computing Studies position was appointed to Mr Nick Biddle, who commenced at the beginning of the year. Year 7 students all now undertake mandatory lessons in coding and computational thinking skills once per cycle. This is the first step in delivering the new Australian Curriculum digital technologies course to all of Year 7 starting next year, as well as the return of established academic course offerings in senior classes next year.

Many of the course content and delivery methods in the new computing subjects encourage students to engage with online platforms, cloud based technology and robotics. In all projects, a rigorous focus on effective collaboration is required.

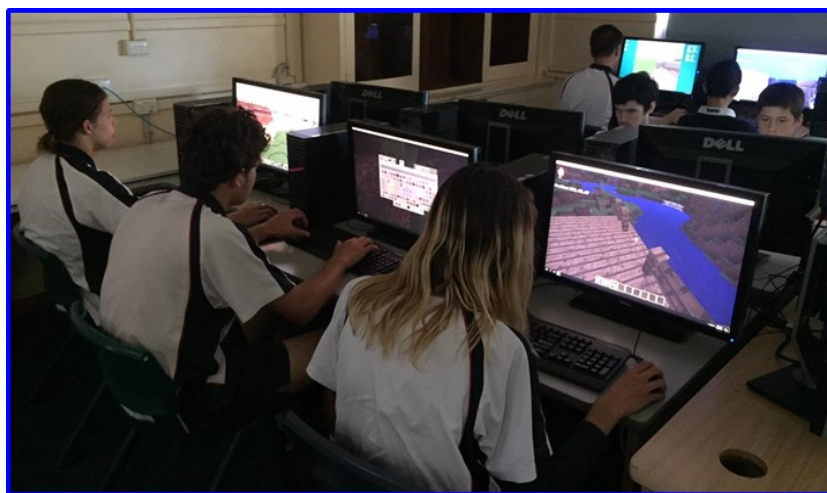


Year 7 Passion Project

Students using Minecraft to collaboratively design and develop a replica of Newcastle High School

Year 10 iSTEM

Students using Minecraft to collaboratively design and develop a sustainable city to a given set of criteria and power generation capabilities.



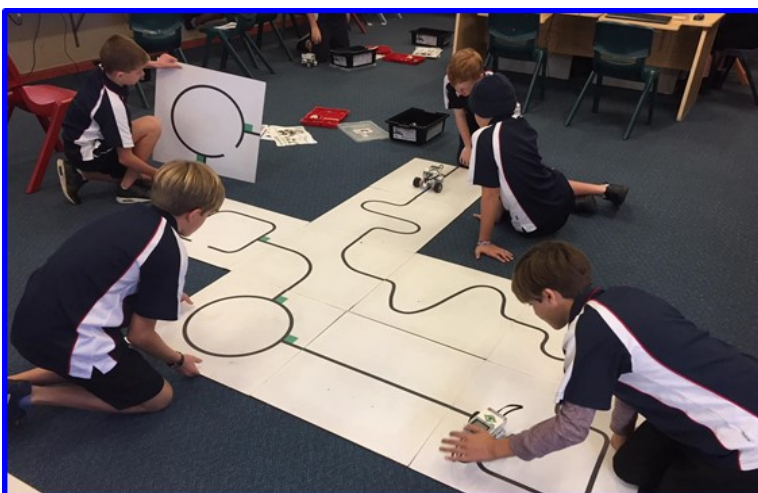
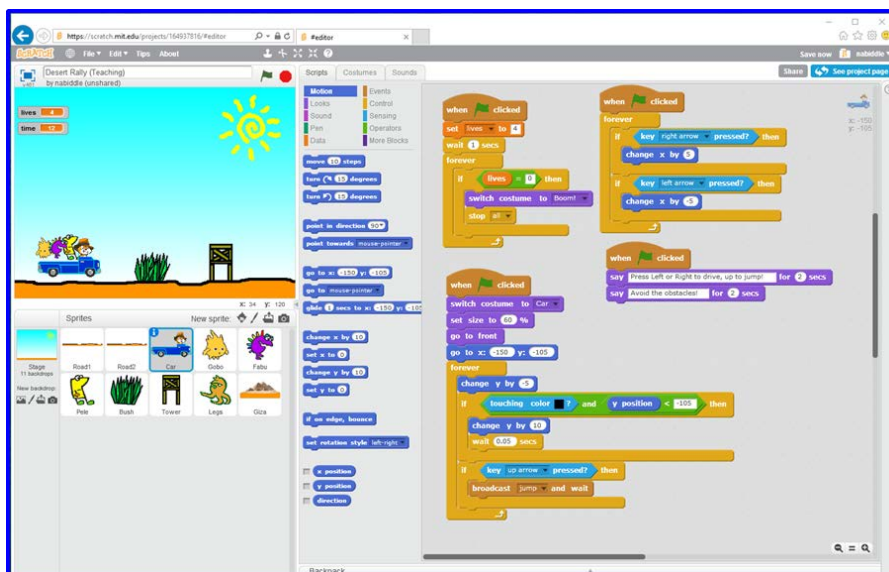
Year 8 Robotics Wellbeing Day

Students script a series of movements including forward reverse and auditory signals, then upload their code to a robotic prototype.

Computing @ NHS Report

Year 7 Coding

Students are designing and developing games using the coding platform Scratch requiring them to place code in the correct order. Learning about the three important coding structures - sequence, selection repetition - students are able to write, modify and adapt their code to suit a variety of purposes.



Year 7 Passion Project

Students build a robotic prototype to compete in tournaments requiring dance routines or path following. These tasks require the use of colour and ultrasonic sensors as well as servo motors. The students have to code the robot too!

Student Tech Support

The STS was established earlier this year. Working together with the IT support officers and Head Teacher Computing Studies at Newcastle High, the small group of students assist with the technology needs of the school. Throughout the year Zephyr, Oscar and Charlie have been involved with testing of new computer and audio equipment, repairing faulty laptops, reconfiguring networks and recently helping out with the setting up of two new computer labs!



Nick Biddle

HT Computing Studies

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Summer Holiday School	15 - 18 Jan
Term 1, 2018	30 Jan - 13 Apr
Term 2, 2018	1 May - 6 Jul
Winter Holiday School	16 - 19 Jul
Term 3, 2018	24 Jul - 28 Sep
Spring Holiday School	8 - 11 Oct
Term 4, 2018	15 Oct - 14 Dec

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are now open for
season 2018/19**



MEREWETHER
DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

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

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