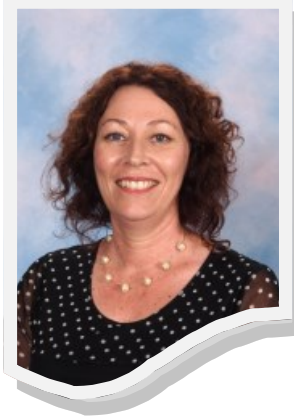




# Muswellbrook High School

## Newsletter 5

21st October 2015



### *Principal Report*

#### *Yr 12 2015*

Term 3 ended on a delightful note as Yr. 12 2015 celebrated the pinnacle of their secondary education with their Farewell Assembly and the Formal Evening.

The Muswellbrook RSL Club was transformed into a formal function room thanks to the event management skills of Ms Tanya Clifford. Our students looked stunning and

their exemplary behaviour was a credit to their families.

A special tribute to the wonderful staff; in particular, Mr Brian Drewe, Deputy Principal of Yr. 12, Year Advisor, Mrs Leanne Duck and Assistant Year Advisor, Mr Luke Doust for their guidance and advocacy for Yr. 12 over the past six years.



### *HSC Exams*

The HSC exams have commenced well, with students and staff happy with the papers to date.

It is a great bonus to have our students sit for their HSC exams on our school site. It is naturally an anxious time for students so to be able to sit the exams on familiar soil, is reassuring.

Thanks to Mr Brian Drewe, Tracy Pengelly (senior supervisor) and all the supervisors for their organisation, professionalism and understanding as they look after our students at this time.

On behalf of the staff at MHS, I wish Yr. 12 all the very best for their future directions, whether that leads to work or further study. We have enjoyed your company and extend the invitation to return to MHS at any time in the future, to share your stories.

Thank you to the parents for selecting MHS as your school of choice for your child's education and enabling our staff to input in a small way into your child's life.

### *Staff changes*

There will be some changes to staffing in 2016 and I will continue to keep parents up to date.

It is with a touch of sadness that we farewell Mr. Nick Mulvihill next year when he takes up the HT Administration position at Singleton High School. Nick is an integral, positive member of the executive team and an asset to the PDHPE faculty. His drive and passion to improve student attendance is commendable. Thank you to Nick for all that he has done for MHS and we wish him every success and happiness.

## *Congratulations to the Bengalla Mining Company tertiary scholarship awardees*



Outstanding graduates of Muswellbrook High School received an extra boost at their Year 12 assembly with four students awarded tertiary study scholarships from Bengalla Mining Company.

The scholarships were awarded on merit to Elizabeth Symington, Taylah King, Patrick Richards and Josie Whitten from Muswellbrook High School.

Congratulations to the 2015 recipients of the Bengalla Undergraduate Scholarships and all of the students who applied for the program this year. We are really fortunate as a school to have the support of Bengalla Mining Company for the Undergraduate Scholarships.

It is a marvellous way to kick start the university and further education of students from our region. This is especially true when you consider our students have received four scholarships each year since 2000, to pursue any university pathway of their choosing and it is greatly appreciated.

Each year under the Bengalla Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme, four Muswellbrook High School students receive \$3000 towards their tertiary studies while a fifth scholarship is given to a student from any local secondary school whose parent is an employee of Bengalla Mining Company.

It is welcome news that Bengalla will continue its commitment to the scholarship scheme next year. Interested students are able to speak with Mr Borg, career advisor.

## *GATS enrichment program*

I am inspired and pleasantly surprised by the variety and quality of the GATS projects and this year has set a new benchmark of excellence. The projects have been submitted and have been marked by a panel consisting of staff, students and community members. It is a fantastic opportunity to have our Primary School students engage with the High School through this program. Thank you to the GATS coordinator, Ms Caitlin McGrath, for her commitment and organisation of this academic program. Thank you to the parents for their support and involvement. I eagerly await the showcase evening on the 27th October at 5pm and hope to see many parents and family there.



## *School upgrades*

It is wonderful to see both students and staff enjoying the new upgrades to our gym facility.

The gym is used in a variety of ways: as part of the PD/H/PE lessons, lunchtime and after school sessions and well-being programs. Staff are also encouraged to utilise the facilities.

With the amazing financial support of Glencore, we were able to purchase some much needed gym equipment, resulting in greater numbers of students being able to access the equipment.

The existing cage surround of the gym and CAPA's pottery kiln has been replaced with more secure roller doors. It is a much needed upgrade to this space and largely prevents the weather and dirt from drifting in. Thank you to Anglo American Drayton mine for their generous donation for this project.

We are enjoying the new retaining wall addition to the top oval. Thank you to Halls Executive Landscape for the magnificent job they have done. It will provide some much needed seating for students to enjoy both during the break times and also sport and PE lessons.

The front office has also had a makeover. The new chairs, window treatments and office desks provide a more professional and calming environment for those waiting to see staff. Thank you also to our talents Leanne Ward for the amazing mosaics works that are appearing around our school. The art pieces inject some colour and personality to the grounds.



## *Max Potential 2015 Program*

Last Term I had the privilege of attending the graduation showcase for the **Max Potential Program**. Congratulations to three of our students for completing the program: Hayley Coster, Caitlin Henderson and Brodie Merrett.

The Max Potential project offers 22 weeks of personal leadership development, including coaching, to young leaders from schools, and the community, to help them maximise their potential during the final years at school, and beyond. It also encourages students to focus on the local community and ways that they can work to improve it.

Thank you also to our community coaches, Senior Constable Sheree Gray and Senior Constable Keli Bastik for their commitment and enthusiasm. Their willingness to input into the lives of our young people is greatly appreciated.

Below is a snippet of the interview from each graduate.

### *Brodie Merrett:*

As a part of the Max Potential program you are required to undertake a few tasks that are there to bring out your confidence and organisation skills which include a personal expression and community service project.

My community service project that I undertook as a part of my involvement in the program is aimed to service the needs of a target group in the local community. My project, "Physical Physie", is aimed at encouraging younger children especially girls to partake in physical activity and make them aware that they need to stay healthy and active through all stages of life.

To do this I went to a childcare centre in Muswellbrook called "Goodstart Early Learning" where I taught Physical Culture to the specific age group I was aiming it at. I chose to teach this type of dance as I am a volunteer teacher at Muswellbrook Physical Culture and feel that in our local area there are not a lot of sports for children of this age to participate in.

I believe by undertaking this project I am able to make the young girls and their parents at this childcare centre aware of physical culture so they know that there is something in the local community for them and encourage them to keep active and stay healthy through the stage of childhood and later in life.

Through the 22 week Max Potential program I have learnt that to achieve greater things in life you have to cross out the negatives that may arise and take a step outside of your comfort zone.

### *Hayley Coster:*

2015 Year 11 Advisor Tracey Henderson said that "Hayley had clear goals for her future and was more determined than ever to achieve them."

"I agree with that comment. Having the opportunity to do what I wanted to do rather than go off and be silly, I used to do nothing and go nowhere, now I have a direction and an action plan to get there. Also it has helped me to stay on track with school work. I did all my traineeship assessments and got them in on time."

Hayley is currently doing work experience in her 3rd term school holidays at Muswellbrook Hospital as part of her school based training in the 2 year nursing qualifications through New England TAFE at Tamworth where she has to do 2 days a term as part of that training.

Fenney Thompson- Aged Care Unit Manager Muswellbrook Hospital where she is doing her training commented - "Hayley really cares for people, she is passionate about the job and shows that she really enjoys the industry."

Hayley finished off by saying "I am a 3rd generation aboriginal and I want to show that I am equal in the Community and not an indigenous statistic. I want to finish the HSC at School, go to Uni and then get a good job and become a meaningful member of the Community".



## *Caitlin Henderson:*

2015 Max Potential young adult Caitlyn Henderson is inviting everyone to join in the celebration of the successful application for a \$3000 grant from the Cancer Council to the Muswellbrook Netball Association. This project will allow players and members of the Muswellbrook Netball Association to keep safe from the sun with a new marquee being provided as part of this grant from the Cancer Council.

The presentation will be held on Saturday, November 14 at Karoola Park, Muswellbrook and all are invited.

"I wanted to give something back to my local netball association as they have supported and helped me over the years to grow into the strong and independent person that I am today." Caitlyn said.

This initiative will help to improve the community by working with national organisations to create a supportive local environment for all. The use of this new transportable marquee will help keep the players and officials out of the sun while away at competitions.

"I wanted to utilise different services that not many people knew were available to them, such as grants offered by the Cancer Council offer." Caitlyn said.

The use of this marquee will not only protect the local netball players from the sun but also enable people to live an active and healthy lifestyle by being involved in netball.

Without the tremendous support from the Cancer Council and the Caitlyn's leadership development provided by this 2015 Max Potential Programme, this outcome would not be possible. She was greatly supported in this project by her Max Potential Coach Keli Bastick, who also has a strong connection with youth and netball through her work at the Muswellbrook PCYC.





## *RFS Cadets Program*



The cadet program at MHS really is the starting point of the Rural Fire Service achieving their vision and mission:

*To provide a world standard of excellence in the provision of a community-based fire and emergency service. To protect the community and our environment we will minimise the impact of fire and other emergencies by providing the highest standards of training, community education, prevention and operational capability.*

The cadet program offers not only the highest standards of training and education - it offers our young people so much more. It provides for our cadets the 'seed of interest' regarding the

benefit and value of volunteering and providing a community service.

Thank you also to the students who choose to take a risk, and select something different to be involved in during their sport time. I know that the students have had fun this year.

Thanks also go to Mr Greg Morris from the MHS end - for his passion and organisational prowess and to Mr Keith Lobb, the Cadet Coordinator and the team of volunteers, for their time and making the learning fun each Wednesday for our students.

**Principal  
Ms E Bate**





## *Deputy Principal Report*

Muswellbrook High School communicates to parents and the community through many forums and it is essential that we seek your permission to publish your child's face and/or schoolwork online. Please read the description of how we are likely to advertise the great learning that occurs here at MHS and if you believe that we should NOT publish anything about your child, please call the school and discuss this.

### **GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH**

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published include but are not limited to:  
Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis.

Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites.

Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Regards,

**Brian Drewe**

### **Please NO aerosol sprays**

Whilst aerosol deodorants are popular and commonly used, for some people with asthma their use can trigger symptoms and may even lead to an attack.

When used, the liquid contained in these sprays is emitted into the air under high pressure, creating a fine mist which can spread quite a long way. The chemicals and strong smells in the mist, when inhaled, are what can trigger asthma symptoms and a possible attack. Because of the amount of time the spray stays in the air and the distance it can travel, even spraying some distance from the person with asthma can still lead to problems.

For these reasons, we recommend you avoid using aerosol sprays whenever there are other people around - there are usually plenty of good alternatives available.



## *Attendance Anecdotes*

It's with mixed emotions that I contribute to this newsletter. While I do look forward to commencing as Head Teacher Administration at Singleton High School and implementing change to maximise attendance of students down the road, there is definitely going to be a time of hollowness, as the gap left by relationships with staff, students and the community is attempted to be filled.

Upon reflection of the past five years at Muswellbrook High School, it does feel like the appropriate time to hand over the reigns to someone with fresh ideas and motivation to continue building on the success that has occurred. With changes to the compulsory school attendance age now behind us and effective programs in place to manage disengaged students and a greater focus on positive behaviour for learning, it is pleasing to see the majority of our students approaching school with an enthusiastic attitude towards attending daily.

We have been fortunate to secure an ongoing relationship with the Newcastle Knights to contribute to awards through family passes and merchandise, matched with incentives including iTunes vouchers and reward BBQs for carnivals. This has seen some significant gains in attendance across the entire school and should enable students to enhance their lifelong learning.

I do wish to leave a message for all students, as well as their families and it echoes the words that I have tried to promote through the year and that is to strive for your personal best. Improvement is the one thing that makes us that little bit better than we were the day before and it can only be achieved through change ... it doesn't need to be huge! 90% attendance is good, but it still means a day off each fortnight! A small improvement may be a day off each month (for legitimate reasons only) – this will contribute to more learning and essentially an improvement in understanding class concepts or ideas.

I doubt I will ever win a marathon, but I can always focus on beating my best time! I would never have run a marathon without working and being supported by great people at Muswellbrook High School and this has been my mantra for how to approach life.

Thank you for the many great memories over the past five years.

**Nick Mulvihill**  
**Head Teacher Administration**

## *Library News*

Hello to the final term of a very busy year. This term we will be doing stocktake in weeks 6 and 7 so if all books could be returned we would be very happy. If your student is an avid reader and would like to keep borrowing please let me know and I would be happy to borrow to them. If they are after certain books or resources please also let me know so that I can provide them. Remember we have a subscription to world book encyclopaedia and an E book Library. The log in has been provided but I will be happy to remind if needed. The encyclopaedia log in and user name is MHS8164 and the E library user name is their DoE username. Have a great start to term and I hope all students continue to use the Library as they have been. Happy reading

**Mrs Cullen**  
**Librarian**

## *Osborn's Transport*

Would you please ensure that students travelling on different buses have permission notes signed by parents and possibly even co-signed by the school to acknowledge that this student is travelling on a different bus. Our drivers will be notifying student passengers that if there is no note, there will be no travel eg: if their friends are wanting to catch the different bus. This is for the safety of students!

**Thanks**  
**Melinda**



**OSBORN'S**  
**TRANSPORT**

## *English Report*

It has been a busy, challenging and exciting year in the Faculty of English, thus far. Our staff and students have enjoyed a diverse range of extra-curricular activities supplementing the complete integration of the New Australian Curriculum across all junior years and the implementation of an up dated text and topic list for the HSC. In their own words, the following snippets provide a brief insight into just some of the enjoyable educational experiences that staff have initiated:

### **Bell Shakespeare Performances**

We were again fortunate to have the Bell Shakespeare Actors at Work visit to perform two productions for both our junior and senior students. This year we were treated to the gruesome blood and daggers of 'Macbeth Undone', as well as, the comic genius of young love gone wrong in 'Midsummer Madness'. Students were highly appreciative and enjoyed interacting with the actors themselves and their entertaining performances. Of course, it is important to acknowledge the long standing sponsorship by BHP Billiton, which enables this creative opportunity for our students to occur at a zero cost.

Mrs Sokulsky

### **Year 10 Theatre Excursion**

As part of a Shakespearean and Media Studies unit dealing with the portrayal of gender roles, 10 English One and Two, went on an excursion to Muswellbrook Cinemas. It was a fantastic experience, viewing "Mad Max, Fury Road" in 3D and, resulted in some interesting and insightful discussions. The film has emerged as a text with strong female characters and uniquely Australian humour and perspectives. The "trip" also allowed for teachers and students to interact in a less formal setting, which is always a positive and definitely an experience that Mrs Wass and myself are eager to repeat.

Ms Pascoe

### **Debating**

This year we relaunched our debating program and competed in the Premier's Debating Challenge against schools in the Hunter Region. Our teams, although inexperienced, were fierce competitors and after several unsuccessful debates against more established teams each had a win at the conclusion of the competition. Their final debates demonstrated how much they had progressed throughout the year and we are excited about their potential for future competitions. The Stage 5 team, including Imogen O'Leary, Lara Collins, Rhylie Pereira, Liam Barnes and Kai Suzuki received some very positive feedback from the adjudicators and tackled some difficult topics. Jaide Cutrupi, Meg Rankin, Finlay McTaggart and Kate Rowland made up the Stage 4 team and competed with enthusiasm. All were excellent ambassadors for the school.

We would like to congratulate the students for their involvement and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Mrs Wass

### **MUNA**

We are very grateful to the Muswellbrook Rotary Club this year, who kindly sponsored two teams from Year 11 for the regional Model United Nations Assembly. Owen McLeod and Perry Franks chose to represent China, and Brittany Ingold and Megan Coombes represented Greece. The students were very dedicated in their preparation, researching many aspects of the social, historical, political and cultural contexts of their chosen countries. As always, the students were appreciative of the chance to participate in the event as it gave them the opportunity to learn about international diplomacy, as well as, make many new friends.

Ms Henderson



### **Youth of the Year**

Lions Youth of the Year is an annual event which is conducted by Lions Clubs throughout the World. The quest involves public speaking, an interview and the opportunity to attend a Youth Leadership Camp, which can provide mentoring and networking opportunities.

Muswellbrook High School is fortunate in that both the Muswellbrook Lioness Club and the Muswellbrook Lions Club conduct this quest each year and this provides an opportunity for 8 participants from our school. Stephen Davis, Perry Franks, Elizabeth Symington, Bailey Carter, Tom Hogan, Alexander Armstrong, Josie Whitten and Lara Cutrupi all gained the benefit of taking part in this year's competition.

We will soon be offering the opportunity to represent our school and community in this prestigious event for 2016 and encourage our senior students to consider what they might give and gain by becoming involved.

Mrs Fellowes

### **HSC Study Days**

Our Extension 1 and 2 students, attended student study days organised by the English Teachers Association.

The Extension 1 Study Day focused on the Module they are studying, titled 'After the Bomb'. The presentation provided supplementary material on the four prescribed texts and students found it extremely valuable.

The Extension 2 Study Day began with speeches from three previous students who achieved a Band 6 in their HSC. Each student discussed their processes for the completion of their major projects and their influences. They also discussed what they were doing in their lives and how studying Extension 2 had helped with this. Other presentations by leading teachers in the field, focused on the role of the journal in the development of their major projects, as well as, how to write the Reflection Statement. Both study days were thorough and highly recommended to future Extension 1 and 2 students.

Mrs Westbury

### **'The Tempest'**

Year 12 Advanced English also managed to partake in an excursion to the Sydney Opera House to see their Discovery Prescribed Text: 'The Tempest'. It was a wonderful chance to enjoy lunch by the harbour and to experience the creative pleasure of words on a page brought to life on the stage, from front row seats. It was agreed by the class that if all study could be carried out this way, Year 12 would be far less stressful.

Mrs Sokulsky

### **Year 7 Book Launch**

7E students are preparing to hold a book launch to present their newly created Children's Books to the reading public. This has been a class project and it will be pleasing to see the development of the creative process from simple ideas to actual physical product. Coupled with soon to be presented ICAS testing certificates, there is clear evidence that the students have been very busy in English.

Mrs Strachan

### **In Conclusion:**

We would like to wish all our HSC students success in their exams and would also like to mention that the *Muswellbrook High School Public Speaking Competition* for 2016 will be taking place in the Neate Theatre on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Good Luck to the competitors and thanks to Mrs Wass and Ms Henderson for their organisation of the event. We are also most appreciative of the time and expertise given by our two adjudicators: Mr Graham Turvey and Mrs Lesley Moore.

Finally, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we will have a visiting children's book author: Dr Julie Mundy-Taylor to speak to our Year 10 and 11 classes on techniques and tips for improving their creative writing.

Mrs Sokulsky



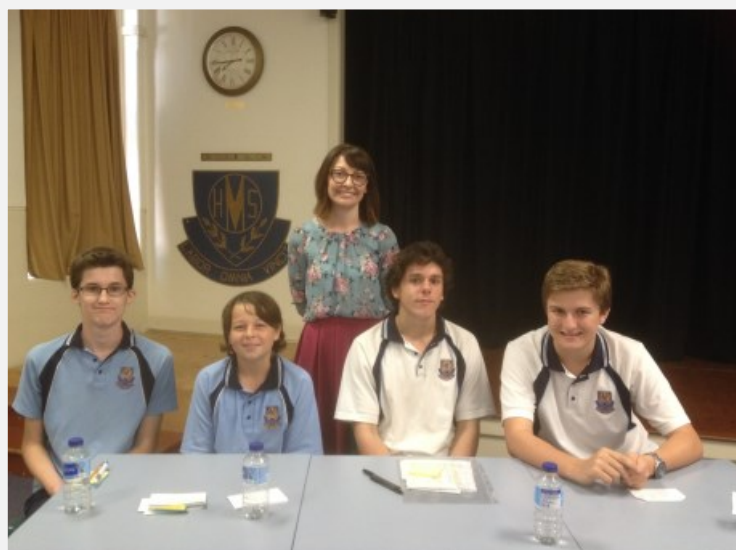
Fin McTaggart, Kate Rowlands,  
Jaide Cutrupi, Meg Rankin

**Junior Debate Team**



Mrs Wass, Riley Pereira, Liam Barnes,  
Stephen Davis and Owen McLeod

**Senior Debating Team**



**Sydney Tempest Excursion**



Alexander Armstrong, Elizabeth Symington  
**Lions Youth of the Year**



## TAS Report

### *Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture Technologies*

Back in August, Yr 12 HSC Industrial Technology students finished three and a half long terms of working on their Major Projects. These projects were all designed and constructed by the students with the guidance of the classroom teacher. Many extra hours were spent at school in the students own time, including holidays and in the lead up to submission date, every day after school (sometimes until 11.30pm). The extra effort made by every student showed in the quality of every single Major Work, 10 Projects, 10 Folios and 10 very relieved students.

**Mr O'Hara (Class Teacher/Head Teacher TAS)**

Seaton Graham  
"Surfboard"



Brendan Herbert  
"Jewelry Box"



Mitchell Button  
"Coffee Table"



James Lutgerink  
"Coffe Table"





Mitchell Piane  
"Blanket Box"



Noa Durham  
"Hall Table/Entertainment Unit"



Brady Tommerup  
"Outdoor Chair"



Anaru Komode  
"Jewelry Box"



Mitchel Farley  
"Jewelry Box"



Nicholas Hermon  
"Treasure Chest"

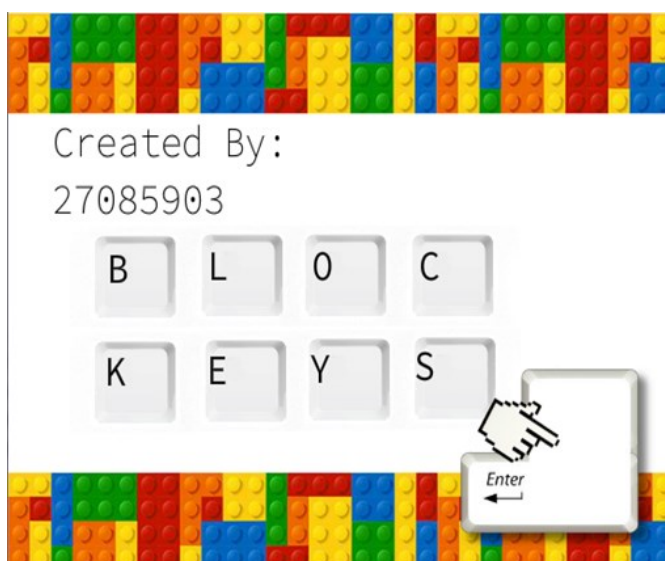
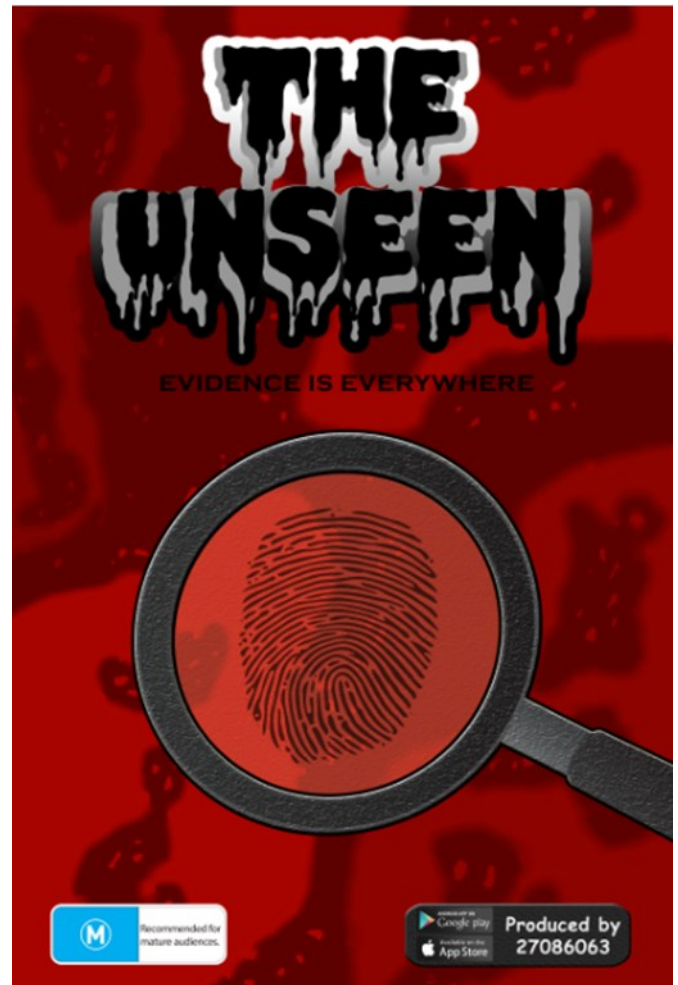




## HSC Major Work - Industrial Technology Multimedia for 2015

HSC Major Work – Industrial Technology Multimedia for 2015 comprised movie posters, videos and animation projects.

Students compiled their work using Adobe Photoshop, Premiere, Flash and After Effects CC 2014 software.





## Science Report

# a case of IDENTITY

## FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP

An exciting hands-on programme will be coming to our school this year. Students will get the chance to explore the fascinating world of Forensic Science by becoming Investigators and solving a crime. Forget TV myths, it is time see how it really happens!

*The case highlights the importance of cyber safety and the risks of drink spiking in everyday situations.*

*A school girl is found dead in a Sydney national park.  
How did she get there and why did she die?*

Evidence includes Fingerprints, Digital Microscopy, Toxicology, DNA Profiling, Autopsy, Fibres and More!

**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**



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## Forensics Workshop

Year 9 and 10 Science students will have the opportunity to take part in solving a crime at a Forensic Science Workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Year 9 and 10 will be studying Forensics as their next topic in their Science classes. Students are encouraged to attend the crime scene and to put their new skills to the test to solve the crime.

Year 10 will be attending periods 1 and 2 and Year 9 students will attend periods 3 and 4. There are limited places so return your money (\$10) and note to the front office as soon as possible to secure your place. If you missed getting a note please ask your Science teacher or come and see Mrs Bailey.

## Welcome

The Science faculty would like to welcome back Ms Wendy Wales, who is relieving for Mrs Moore, who is on long service leave until Week 8. We would also like to welcome Mr James Douglass, who is relieving for Mr Watson, who is on long service leave for the rest of the year. The Bunsen burners have been working overtime in CO1.

I would like to thank the dedicated teachers in Science and LOTE, who have been doing extra tutorials for their Year 12 students and we wish our students all the best in their HSC and future endeavours.

**Mrs Bailey**  
Head Teacher Science/LOTE

## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

School vaccination clinics continue into terms 3 & 4  
*Muswellbrook High Schools next vaccinations will be: 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

### WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

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

### WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015.

Any year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016.

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

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

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

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



## *Vocational Education & Training (VET)*

Throughout this year, Year 11 and Year 12 Vocational Education and Training students (VET) at MHS had the opportunity to participate in their industry specific Work Placement Program. MHS has over 150 VET students enrolled in Stage 6 VET subjects (Hospitality, Construction, Primary Industries, Sport Coaching and Metal and Engineering) and TVET, delivered by TAFE (Automotive and Electro technology), which require students to complete a total of 70 hours mandatory work placement throughout their course.

Our students gained valuable skills and experience, in what was for some, their first opportunity to experience working life. We wish to thank the managers and staff of the businesses below, who were generous to offer placements for our students to gain valuable skills and exposure to working life and completion of this course requirement.

**The generosity and support of the following businesses is greatly appreciated:**

Aah Pizza Bella  
AGL Macquarie  
Andrew Hobbs  
Artiste Espresso Bar  
Austin Engineering  
Bennet Brothers Automotive  
Blue Flame Indian Restaurant  
Carmen's – a little taste of Italy  
Clarke Construction  
Eaton's Hotel  
Endeavour Group  
Gavin Scott Plumbing Pty Ltd  
Graph Building – Campbell's Corner  
Hunter Belle Cheese Café  
JMG Maintenance and Fabrication  
Les Gunn Homes  
Malcom Latimore – Dalswinton  
Mayberry Farm  
Munchies Café  
Muswellbrook District Hospital  
Muswellbrook Forest Nursery  
Muswellbrook Golf Club  
Muswellbrook Nissan  
Muswellbrook Workers Club Restaurant (Oscars @ the Workies)  
Northwest Mining Auto Electrical and Mechanical Repairs Pty Ltd  
Pet Medical (Muswellbrook and Denman)  
Royal Hotel Muswellbrook  
RTCA- Bengalla Mining Company  
Salamander Uniting Care Facility  
Scott Barkely  
Subzero Automotive  
Swansea Tyre & Battery Service  
The Barn Veterinary Services  
Tutt Bryant Heavy Lift & Shift  
Upper Hunter Turf Services  
Upper Hunter Zone School Sport Assoc.  
Wideland Motor Group

**Sonya McDonald**  
**VET Co-ordinator**

## Uniform Shop

### Shorts

The shorts are available in two different lengths. Standard and Super (longer and similar to board shorts.) Most kids prefer the standard length.

### Sizing

The sizing is unisex and can't be compared to leisure clothing. If you are unsure what size is needed have your student come with you or have them pop into the shop and try on and I will write down the sizing. This will make it easier for phone orders or online purchases.

### Returns/Exchanges

Did you know you can purchase uniforms towards the end of the year and if the student has grown by the start of the following year you are welcome to bring them back in and exchange for the right size. (The uniforms need to be unworn and unwashed.) Refunds under \$100 can be done at the shop.

### Online Orders

When you place an online order I will have your order ready for your student to pop in and collect the next time the shop opens. I will check sizing with the student before they leave the shop. If after a week they have forgotten to collect the order I will either have it delivered to them in class or leave it around at the main office. There is also an opportunity to add a note to the order.

### Beanies

The plain navy beanies have arrived and are \$10.

### Shop Mobile

The mobile number at the shop is 0439 118033. (It is only switched on during shop hours.)


## Vanessa

***Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swim Club*** is starting up for summer. First Club night will be Monday 12th October at 6pm in the indoor pool. Please come down and have some fun.  
Enquiries to Craig or Kerrie on 65425718.



### Indigenous Students & Parents

Reminder: 12<sup>th</sup> November BBQ meet & greet at MPC  
to yarn with service providers and teachers regarding  
children's future school progress.



Creating pathways for people with a disability

## FREE information session

### Preparing for the NDIS – Debunking the Myths!

Witmore Enterprises warmly invites you to attend a FREE presentation on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with special guest Rachel Eyles of Leapfrog Disability Services.

Throughout the evening we will explore and explain the NDIS process, what it means for people with disabilities and their families living in the Muswellbrook region.

**Where:** Shire Council meeting room, 157 Maitland Street Muswellbrook  
**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm  
**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Jessica on (02) 6572 2578 or by email [admin@witmore.org.au](mailto:admin@witmore.org.au)

*Witmore Enterprises has over 50 years of experience in the disability sector and pride ourselves on being a small organisation, allowing us to give better one on one support to our participants. Let us assist you with your journey!*

Light refreshments will be served after information session, plenty of time to ask any questions you may have, hope to see you there!

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## WEP Australia

Keen to become a WEP Australia exchange student? Read on!



### WEP Student Exchange

A WEP student exchange gives you the chance to live like a local in your chosen country! You'll have an experience that isn't available to the general traveller!

So take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family. Start your application online today or attend one of our upcoming information sessions to meet wonderful returned students and find out more!

*"Picking up my life and moving it to Italy for 4.5 months has definitely been one of the hardest things I've ever done, but it's been so rewarding and I wouldn't take it back for the world. In just three weeks I've met people from every country I can think of, tried foods I never thought I would and made many memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life."*  
 – Chloe, Italy

### Why Not Host?



If heading overseas isn't an option for you right now, why not host an overseas exchange student?

Our students, arriving in February 2016, will need someone to warn them against drop bears! So enquire soon!

You'll gain friendship, experience another culture, rediscover your backyard and have loads of fun!

Check out the profiles of students waiting to hear from you <https://wep.org.au/host/> or contact us now!



[www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) 1300 884 733 [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)



## Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc - Youth Centre

# October Calendar

Open Wednesday-Fri 3pm –6pm

School Holidays Tuesday– Fri 11am-3pm

Free bus run provided every

afternoon

Located at  
The Showground,  
Maitland Street  
PO Box 628  
Muswellbrook NSW  
2333

Phone: (02) 65434841  
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Email: [kholman@uhsy.org.au](mailto:kholman@uhsy.org.au)



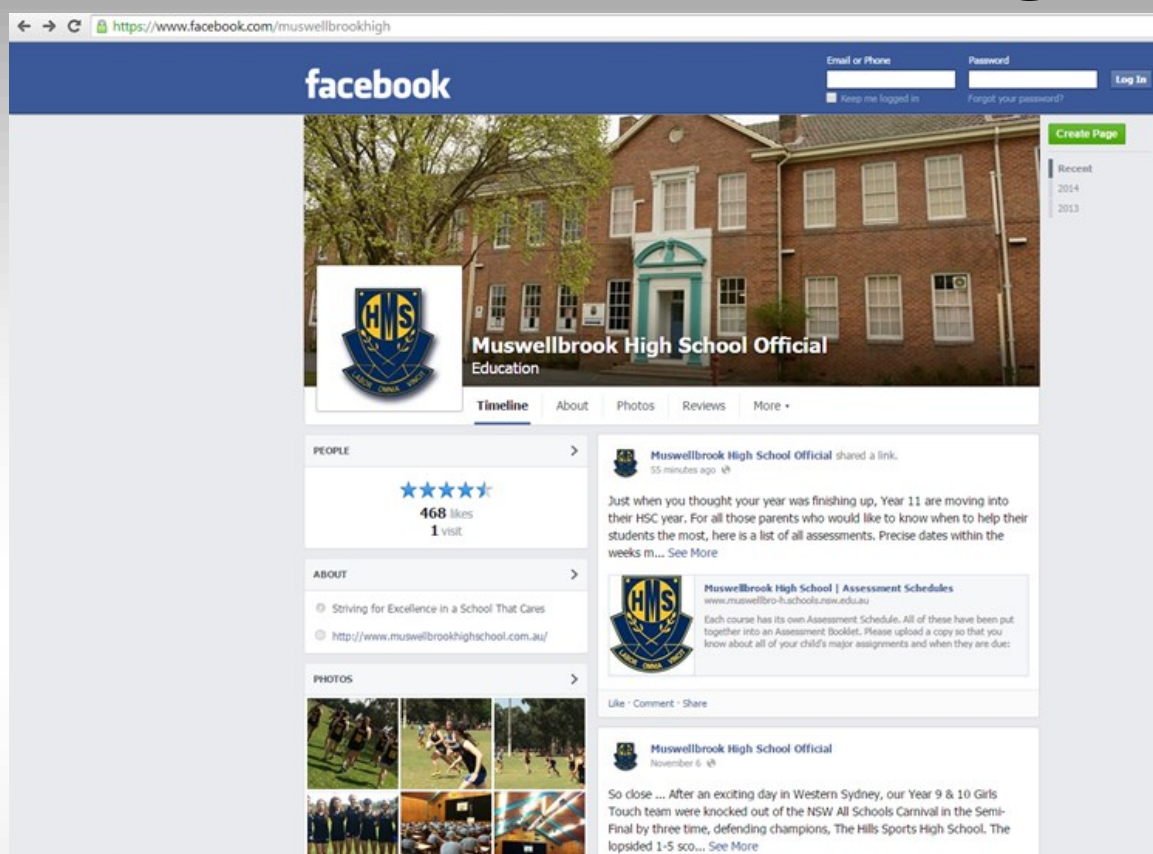
Project Happiness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>MOVIES DAY</b>	2 <b>PARTY DAY</b>	
				PICK YOUR FLICK	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HOL'S	
	5	6	7 <b>GROUP ACTIVITY</b>	8 <b>Community Awareness</b>	9 <b>LIFE SKILLS</b>	
	BACK TO SCHOOL		Holiday story telling	Black Dog Institute Depression Awareness	Spring Pot Planting	
	12	13	14 <b>Self Esteem</b>	15 <b>Creative Arts</b>	16 <b>Group Activity</b>	
			Naming 3 things you like about yourself.	Black board Drawing.	Balloon races on the lawn	
	19	20	21 <b>Life Skill</b>	22 <b>Creative Arts</b>	23 <b>Group Activity</b>	
			Meal planning	Master class with Lee-Anne	Cooking Master Class	
	26	27	28 <b>Life Skill</b>	29 <b>Community Awareness</b>	30 <b>Group Activity</b>	
			What fruits are in Season?	Pink Ribbon Day Breast Cancer awareness	Touch Football On the lawn	





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## **Muswellbrook High School—IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Facebook—** [facebook.com/mbkhigh](https://www.facebook.com/mbkhigh) (Our Official Facebook Page)

**SMS text messaging** – Daily attendance of your child is sent to your family mobile number. This can also be used for important information regarding parent teacher meetings, issue of reports etc. The school SMS number is: **0427 016 460**. Please add this as a contact in your mobile phone. You CANNOT phone this number, please phone using 65431033. You may send a text message at any time to this number to explain your child's absences. Please let us know if you have any problems with this texting service.

**Email** – The school newsletter is distributed via email to as many families as possible, approximately twice a term. If you have an email address that you use regularly, please contact the school.

**Websites** – [www.muswellbro-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.muswellbro-h.schools.nsw.edu.au). The school website holds a great deal of information and is a useful place for you to find out what is happening at school.

**Millennium** - The Millennium website contains all of your child's school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks, timetables, behaviour information.

Families are able to see the whole family at a glance with your private login. This will be sent to you via an email if you have one listed with us, if not please phone the office with a current email address.

Students can also access this site through a separate login.