WHAT A YEAR!!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, CARERS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS AND INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A FANTASTIC 2014.

THIS FINAL EDITION OF THE PARKWAY FOR 2014 AND WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PREPARE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN FOR 2015.

SCHOOL START DATES

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015 – YEARS 7, 11 & 12

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015 – YEARS 8, 9 & 10

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015 – ALL NEW ENROLMENTS 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO PAY SCHOOL FEES AND MAKE ENQUIRIES ON

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015 9AM – 1PM
FRIDAY 23 JANUARY 2015 9AM – 1PM
TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015 8AM – 3PM
Congratulations to all the students whose achievements were recognised at last week’s Presentation Evening and merit assemblies. The presentation program is available on the school website www.newcastle-h.school.nsw.edu.au. Thank you to the school’s administrative staff and music teachers who worked to ensure that the ceremonies ran without a glitch. The performances were of a high standard. I would like to acknowledge Cody, Max and Harley who made the short film that was shown as part of my presentation. Also thanks to Noah for volunteering to take photographs during the event.

Thanks for the positive comments from many parents who attended the ceremonies.

From 2015 there will be some changes to the DEC attendance policy. As you may have seen in recent media releases exemptions can no longer be granted for holidays. Parents and carers are urged not to take holidays during school terms. Students who are absent from school due to holidays will now have this absence classed as leave and this will be reflected on all official school reports.

During Term One we are trialling commencing the day with Period 1. This means there will be no assembly from 8.45am to 8.55am. When the bell goes at 8.45am students will be expected to be in class and ready to learn. Teachers will electronically mark the roll in Period 1 and this data will be harvested. It is essential that students be at school on time at 8.45am and ready to learn.

The P&C Executive has made a decision to explore a number of options regarding the canteen operation in 2015. One of these options is the possibility of licensing the canteen to an external provider. This will be discussed at the first P&C meeting in 2015 which will be held in the Staff House at 5pm on Monday, 9 February. Please come along and support our P&C and canteen.

All students should have by now received their Semester Two reports. Reports that were not distributed at merit assemblies last week are available at the administration office for collection.

I am taking Long Service Leave during Term One, 2015. I am not retiring despite the rumours in the community. I will be back at the commencement of Term Two, 2015. I find this a bit daunting as I have never taken this length of time off, so I will see what happens, but don’t be surprised if you see me popping my head every now and then. Mr Towney will relieve as Principal, Mr Bromfield will relieve as Deputy Principal and Mr Doherty will relieve as Head Teacher Science for the term.

This week we welcome Ms Jody Robinson, our Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), to the school.

Recently students have had two very successful opportunities with our primary partner schools. A number of students participated in work experience at Hamilton South, Hamilton, The Junction and Newcastle East Public Schools. These students were excellent ambassadors for Newcastle High School and created a very favourable impression of the school amongst the primary school communities.

During the holidays the school site is closed and no students should be on the premises unless they are visiting the Uniform Shop; just a reminder that Year 10 students wear the senior uniform. The school office will also be open on Tuesday 20 January and Friday 23 January between 9am and 1pm.

Have a happy safe and restful break and I look forward to seeing you all again back at NHS in 2015.

Mark Hewitt
Principal
# IMPORTANT DATES

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A BIG Thankyou to all who supported our P&C Raffle by either purchasing tickets or donating prizes; our wonderful P&C is an integral part of our school community and does a fantastic job supporting the school each year.

The funds raised from the Christmas Raffle totalled a substantial $1755. These funds will go towards improvements to our school grounds and providing resources for our students.
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19 - 22 January 2015

- Senior Writing Workshop
  (yrs 10-12)

- Senior Approach to English
  (yr 12)

- Creative Writing
  (yrs 9-11)

- Middle-School Creative Writing

- Senior English, Maths, Physics, Biology and Chemistry lessons.

- Reading, Writing, Maths
  (yrs 1-6)

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