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## Event Highlights

### NOVEMBER 2009

Thu. 12	Hill Campus Remembrance Day Service - CCC 9.30am - 10.30am - 2010 Pre-school Enrolments Play Day
Fri. 13	Years 5 - 9 Yearly Examinations/ Assessments commence
Thu. 19	Years 5 - 9 Yearly Examinations Assessments conclude Year 10 Dinner - University of Newcastle
Fri. 20	<b>Student Free Day</b>

On Friday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the annual student art exhibition which comprised of works from students in Years 9 to 11. It was wonderful to see the diversity, clarity and depth of the works on display. It was also my pleasure to introduce our Guest of Honour, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dr James Rigney, who nominated a number of works for special mention. The Dean selected a work by Alexis Bradley titled "Two Cups Not Full", which will now be purchased by the School and will become part of the School's art collection. Congratulations to all the students and thank you for allowing us the privilege of viewing your works. A special thanks to Mrs Martin and Mrs Aitken for the time and preparation in putting the exhibition together.



Following the opening of the art exhibition, I attended Jazz By The Sea which culminated in a farewell to those members of NGS Brass RaZoo who are leaving this year. We had a wonderful night of music and I would like to thank Brass RaZoo as well as Mr Young and Mr Sherringham. Jazz By The Sea is one of the most enjoyable evenings in the School calendar.

The Higher School Certificate finishes this week and that will see the commencement of the yearly examinations and assessments for the remainder of the School.

Mr A G Green  
Headmaster

## SPEECH & DRAMA

### Speech and Drama Tuition available – Hill Campus

Speech and Drama aims to build your child's confidence while developing their performance, communication and speaking skills. Students have the opportunity to prepare for recognised Board Examinations in a wide range of syllabi, as well as performing at local and Sydney festivals and eisteddfods.

Classes are usually arranged as private or paired lessons and are available on campus and in school time. Application forms are available through the school's offices or enquires can be made to:

Michelle Clipsham  
Phone - 4959 3506  
Mobile - 0419 493 249  
Email - [clim@ngs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:clim@ngs.nsw.edu.au)

## UNIFORM SHOP CHRISTMAS DATES

Please contact Hill Campus Reception to make appointments.

**Open from 10.00am - 2.00pm on the following days:**

- Thursday, 10 December 2009
- Friday, 8 January 2010
- Monday, 11 January 2010
- Wednesday, 13 January 2010
- Friday, 15 January 2010
- Monday, 18 January 2010
- Wednesday, 20 January 2010
- Friday, 22 January 2010
- Wednesday, 27 January 2010
- Friday, 29 January 2010

# SENIOR SCHOOL

## Headmaster's Awards

After outstanding effort in academic studies throughout the year, the following students were presented with the Headmaster's Award for Academic Achievement at this week's assembly.

### Year 9

Imogen Blackie  
Matthew Cole  
Angela Collins  
Benjamin Griffiths  
Samantha Wardhaugh

### Year 10

Ellen Armstrong  
Gabrielle Pawley  
Danika Weiss

### Year 11

Alexandra Kemp

Congratulations to all of the above students.

## Year 9 Subject Selection for 2010

Following the initial course selection process, courses have been placed into lines (groups of courses) for the final round selection process. It is pleasing to note that a large majority of students were able to obtain their two preferred elective curriculum choices. Year 8 students have been given the final elective subject selection sheet to be completed and returned to the Middle School office by Monday, 16 November.

## Year 9 Examinations

The Year 9 examination timetable was distributed to all Year 9 students at this week's Senior School assembly. Students are required to be in attendance throughout the examination period and will be provided with supervised

study rooms during periods where the student does not have an examination. The examination timetable is provided below.

DATE	TIME	YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS
Friday (A) 13 November	8.40am	Mathematics
	10.45am	Private Study (During Periods 3/4)
	11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Food Technology (1 hour)
Monday (B) 16 November	8.40am - 10.45am	English (1.5 hours)
	11.15am - 12.15pm	Private Study (During Periods 3/4)
	12.50pm - 3.00pm	Industrial Technology - Timber (1 hour) Japanese - including Listening (1.25 hours), Drama (1 hour)
Tuesday (B) 17 November	8.40am - 10.45am	PDHPE (1 hour)
	11.15am - 12.15pm	Private Study (During Periods 3/4)
	12.50pm - 3.00pm	Commerce - 1.5 hours Music - Written (1 hour)
Wednesday (B) 18 November	8.40am - 10.45am	Australian History (1 hour) and Australian Geography (1 hour)
	11.15am - 12.15pm	Private Study (during Periods 3/4)
	12.50pm - 3.00pm	Visual Arts (1 hour)
Thursday (B) 19 November	8.40am - 10.45	Information & Software Technology (1 hour)
	11.15am - 12.15pm	French - including Listening (1.25 hours) Private Study (during Periods 3/4)
	12.50pm - 3.00pm	Science (1.5 hours)

Mr R McEwan  
Head of Senior School

## From the Language Department - LOTE

### French Performance

### L'Amour est Bizarre

By Elizabeth Collins, Alena Harvey and  
Joshua Merritt

On the last Friday of Term 3, all Year 7 and 8 students and Year 9 and 10 elective students of French were treated to a performance entitled L'Amour est Bizarre, by Theatre LOTE Fantastique. Both the English and French languages were used to make the performance more enjoyable and understandable. The production incorporated an interesting plot line, comedy, fun songs (which we had practised in class) and the French language to produce an astounding play and musical. The performance was memorable and enjoyable and a wonderful way to end the term.

Mrs P Squires  
LOTE

## LOTE End of Course BBQ Report

To celebrate the completion of our Year 10 language studies, we had a LOTE BBQ. Brander Sensi prepared delicious chicken yakitori and Madame Viette prepared crêpes. We sat in the shade of the plane tree on Merritt and enjoyed the food and the company. It was a fitting end to a wonderful year.

Year 10 LOTE Students

## From Youth Thinkers

Congratulations to the eighteen people who did the 40hour famine this year. The small group raised \$2,250 - enough to feed 58 children for a month. Thanks to all the students who participated and their patient families and to all those who donated. Well done!

Miss Georgia Lowe

## YEAR 1 PARENT NIGHT OUT

Just a quick note to let all Year 1 Parents know that our final night out for the year will be on Friday, 27 November at 7.00pm.

Further information will follow in your note folders in the next few weeks but for now, could you all please keep this night free and of course, book your baby sitters in.

Thanks very much.

**Friday, 27 November**

## DEAN OF STUDENTS

### *Bus Pass Applications for 2010*

State Transit Authority states all current Year 2 and Year 6 (2009) students who are needing a bus pass for 2010, must complete a new blue application form as they now meet an eligibility criteria. If this is not filled in they will not automatically receive one next year.

This also applies to any student who has changed address or will be changing address before return to School.

All application forms are held with the respective School secretaries.

*Mr L Potter*  
Dean of Students

## YEAR 9 PARENTS DINNER

The Depot  
Darby Street, Cooks Hill  
at 7.00pm

RSVP: Sue Murphy - 0405 356 657

Wednesday, 25 November

### *From Director of Learning Support*

#### **Special Provisions for 2010 School Certificate and HSC Examinations**

If students have a special examination need - whether it is related to a physical condition, visual impairment, hearing loss or difficulties in expressing ideas in writing, then they may be eligible for Special Provisions for the School Certificate and HSC Higher School Certificate Examinations. The provisions offered vary according to the student's needs and all require the completion of an application form. Some provision applications will require students to have external medical reports as well as completion of school-based assessments by the School's Director of Learning Support, Mrs Susanne Sanders. As some of these assessments and reports may take time to organise, we are starting the process this term. If you feel that your child qualifies for special provisions, please contact Mrs Susanne Sanders, as soon as possible, for further information (sans@ngs.nsw.edu.au or Phone 4929 5811).

Information may also be obtained via the Board of Studies website: [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) under Manuals and Guides: Special Examination Provisions for the School Certificate Tests and Higher School Certificate Examinations. <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/specialexamprovisions.html>. It must be emphasised that all Medical, Hearing and Vision documentation, submitted to the Board of Studies, must be no more than 12 months old. Applications close with the Board of Studies at the end of Term 1)

*Mrs S Sanders*  
Director of Learning Support

## CAREERS

### *University of Sydney Graduate Exhibition*

M. Architecture, B Design Computing,  
B. Design Architecture  
Tin Sheds Gallery and Wilkinson Building 148 City Rd,  
Sydney.

### *National Wide News*

Nation Wide News, the Sydney operating division of News Limited is committed to providing secondary school students with the opportunity to participate in an industry based work experience program. The programmes offered in 2010 are Journalism, Art and Photography

Journalism will be offered on the following dates:

Session	Dates
Session 1	22 - 23 March
Session 2	3 - 4 May
Session 3	7 - 8 June

#### **Criteria**

- The programme is offered to students in Year 11 and 12 only
- There is a maximum of 20 students only
- Interested students must answer a questionnaire and write a maximum of 250 words detailing why they would like to be a journalist
- The story is to be typed and attached to the questionnaire

### *Photography*

Photographic work is for a period of one week (5 working days). Students accompany the photographers to different stories to experience first hand what it is like to be a News photographer. Photography will be offered on the following dates:

Session	Dates
Session 1	22 - 26 March
Session 2	3 - 7 May
Session 3	7 - 11 June

#### **Criteria**

- As above with the following differences
- There is a maximum of 2 students per session. Interested students must submit up to 5 examples of artwork-illustrations or computer generated artwork and complete the questionnaire.
- The images must be emailed to [salibal@newsLtd.com.au](mailto:salibal@newsLtd.com.au)
- The images can be PDF format or as 72dpi images, approx. 1300 pixels on the longest side.
- Please note that if they are any larger they cannot be viewed.

### Art

Art work experience is for a period of three working days. The students learn first hand what it is like to be an artist for a newspaper. Artwork for newspapers includes illustration, page layout and information graphics.

All applications must be received by Nationwide News by 12 February 2010. To apply for work placement, email salibah@newsld.com.au with the following information:

- Name
- Year at School
- Career Advisors name
- School name and address
- Contact number
- The programme (journalism, photography or art)
- The date that you are interested in (only one can be

nominated)  
Attach required documentation (See Mrs Sanders for copies)

### Free Careers Advisory Service

17 December - 8 January 2010

- To assist with clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options
- 1300 300 687
- www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au

### Deadlines and Updates

Please see website: <http://www2.ngs.nsw.edu.au/web/student-careers.aspx>

Mrs S Sanders  
Careers Advisor

## Chess Report

### Secondary School Chess Team

Congratulations to our amazing Secondary School Chess Team who have achieved first place in the Second Division of the NSW Country Schools Knock-Out Competition for 2009. The path to victory has been an impressive one, and this is the first time our Secondary School team has achieved such a result.

The team of Young Jin Song (Year 11), Young Jun Song (Year 8) and Glenn McNamee and Josh Merritt (Year 7) has remained unchanged throughout the six games and they have each shown great commitment to the team and to supporting each other.

The first game which was played on 1 April was against Gloucester High School, played at Stroud, and the team won 4 - 0. The second game on 18 May was against Great Lakes High School (Forster), played at Bulahdelah was 3 wins and a draw. The third game was played on 3 August against Hunter Valley Grammar School which was lost 1 game to 3. This concluded the team's participation in the First Division games as the team had now been "knock-out" and into the Second Division. The team then played Maitland High School on 21 August and won 3 - 1. The next game was against Avondale School on 25 September which was a 4 - 0 win to the team. Then they played in the final game on 28 October against Hunter Christian School and won 3 - 1. This gave the team 1st place in the Second Division. The winner of the First Division was Merewether High School.

Individual achievements were as follows: Young Jin Song, Glenn McNamee and Josh Merritt each won five of their six games. Young Jun Song won three games and drew one game out of his six games. These are outstanding results in a competition that is usually played only by students in Year 11 and 12. Congratulations to the Secondary School Chess team.

### Inter-school Chess Competition for local Primary Schools

As in previous years, our School entered four teams into the local inter-school chess competition. Two teams of four players were selected from students in Year 3 and 4 and they were entered into the "Rookies" (for beginning players) competition, while another two teams were selected from students in Year 5 and 6 and these were entered into the "Knights" (for experienced players) level of the local primary schools' competition.

All four teams played a total of ten games, with half of the games being played at "home" and the other half being played at the participating schools. This is an excellent introduction to competitive chess, as there are no "warm-up games", so players need to be thinking clearly and strategically when they commence their competition game.

In the Rookies Division, our teams played against St Joseph's Merewether, Hunter Christian School, St Philip's Waratah (which had two teams), and of course our own NGS team. The NGS Rookies team of Zephan Thambar and Isaac Spigelman (Year 4) and James Fox and Lucas Dowling (Year 3) had a total point score of 21 out of a possible 40. The other NGS Rookies team of Claudia McGrath (Year 4), Lillian Bennett, Nicholas Seah and Charlotte Ainsworth (Year 3) had many more "learning experiences" than wins, and gained a total score of 4 out of a possible 40. Jayanthi Mylabathula (Year 4) was the reserve player for both Rookies teams. The most outstanding player in the Rookies Division was Zephan Thambar with 8 wins out of the ten games played.

In the Knights Division, our teams played teams from The Junction Public School (2 teams), Merewether Heights Public School, St Joseph's Merewether, and our own NGS Knights team. The NGS Knights team of Toby Noon, Rugby Kliosis and Sean Barnard (Year 6) and Thomas Carraro (Year 5) had a total of 21.5 points out of a possible 40. Over-all the team came in 3rd place in their grouping.



The other NGS Knights team of Jack Rose (Year 6), Ben Frendo, Nathan Young and Jackson Gosling (Year 5) gained a total of 15 points. Madhav Padmakumar (Year 5) has been the reserve player for the Knights teams. The most outstanding players in the Knights division have been Toby Noon and Nathan Young who both won 9 of their 10 games.

### *HRIS Junior Schools Chess Day*

On Thursday, 5 November, sixteen students from Year 3 to 6 formed 4 Chess teams to play in a day of inter-school chess competitions against other schools in the HRIS. The HRIS Junior Schools Chess Day was held at Avondale School at Cooranbong. Our School entered two teams in the Junior Division (K-4) and two teams in the Open Division (K-6). For convenience, our School divided the students from Year 3 and 4 into the Junior Division, and students from Year 5 and 6 into the two Open Division teams.

In the Junior Division, the Chess team of Zephan Thambar, Tan Hasdarngkul (Year 4) and Lucas Dowling and Nicholas Seah were very successful in coming second place out of the sixteen schools from Scone Grammar, St Philip's Christian College, Waratah, Avondale School, Central Coast Adventist School, Heritage College, and Macquarie College. This team scored a total of 16 points out of a possible 24. The other NGS Junior Division Chess team

of Stephen Kerras and Claudia McGrath (Year 4) and Hamish Young and Lillian Bennett (Year 3) scored a total of 10 points. The most outstanding players in the Junior Division were Zephan Thambar and Nicholas Seah who score 5 wins out of 6 games, and Tan Hasdarngkul and Stephen Kerras who both scored 4 wins.

In the Open Division, the NGS Chess team of Toby Noon, Rugby Kliousis, Jack Rose (Year 6) and Thomas Carraro (Year 5) scored a total of 12 points out of a possible 24. In the other NGS Open Division Chess team of Nathan Young, Ben Frendo, Connor McDonald and Madhav Padmakumar (Year 5) scored a total of 11 points out of a possible 24. The most outstanding player in the Open Division was Toby Noon who won 5 of his six games.

Overall the day was very successful with ten of our 16 players winning half or more than half of their games.

### *Thank You*

Thank you to the students who have regularly attended chess activities at lunchtime on Tuesdays at Park Campus, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays on the Hill Campus. It is always great to have so many students coming along for a social game of chess or to practise their skills. Students from Kindergarten to Year 11 have been regular attendees and the results can be seen in the reports above.

*Mr P Sanders*  
*Chess Co-ordinator*

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## *MIDDLE SCHOOL*

This week sees the commencement of the Yearly examinations and I look forward to seeing the wonderful results achieved by all students in the Middle School at Newcastle Grammar School. If your child is away during this examination period they will be expected to sit the examinations missed on their return.

I would like to welcome all Year 7 and 8 students to the Cathedral Friday evening for the Farkwa Fundraising Movie night. Please come along and support the students with this activity.

Congratulations to Trent Pepper who on the 15 and 16 October competed in the Abermain Eisteddfod. Trent gained 1st place in the 13 years and under solo vocal section.

The following students recently received awards in the Middle School:

### **Merit Certificates**

#### **Year 5**

Maximilian Lechner-Scott, Jesse Clough, Maanasi Kausik, Isabella Cesta, Phoebe O'Keeffe, Isabella Tonks, Rebekah Stuart, Charles Russell, Andrea Tiernan, Alexander Young, Rhiannon Harvey x2, Bronson Elsley x2, Matthew Griffiths, Sebastian Kwiatkowskyj, Azleena Akhand, Benjamin Boyle, Siena Cesta, Alessandra Coceancig, Jackson Gosling, Alice Merriman-Jones, Jasmine Scrymgour, Emma Wallace, Sam Wiltshire, Samuel Roy

#### **Year 6**

Abbey Bush, Emmanuelle Murray x2, Bronte Robinson, Matthew Laycock

#### **Year 7**

Elizabeth Collins, Christopher Burnitt, Matthew Bennett, Eliza Allen-Burton, Christopher Givney, Jessica Carson, Georgia Forrest x2, Mitchell Cole, Fergus Doyle

#### **Year 8**

Caroline Cosgrove, Lillian Jackson-Fowler, Afeeya Akhand

*Mrs C Rowntree*  
*Head of Middle School*

### *Year 8 History Excursion Reflection*

On Friday, 23 October, Year 8 travelled to Sydney to go to the Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst to help with our studies of the Holocaust. When we arrived, we were very fortunate to receive a personal talk from Holocaust survivor, Gerty.

Gerty described the hardships she and her family had to endure during World War II. Gerty's story was extremely moving and will stay with me forever. After Gerty's talk, we were separated into groups and were shown around the museum by guides who all had a connection in some way to the Holocaust. Every bit of shared information and every personal story was extremely hard-hitting and meaningful and made all of us ask the question: how could human beings inflict so much devastation and destruction upon other human beings?

I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Jewish museum. I feel deeply privileged to have been able to meet a Holocaust survivor. The individual experiences of Holocaust survivors haunted my mind for days after. I now hope to pass on the knowledge I have gained from this excursion onto family and friends.

*Serehnonn Atkinson-Burke*

YEARLY EXAMINATIONS - 2009 - HILL CAMPUS - YEARS 5, 6 7, 8 AND 9

Date	Time	Year 5 Examinations	Year 6 Examinations	Year 7 Examinations	Year 8 Examinations	Year 9 Examinations
Friday (A) 13 November	8.40am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Reading Writing Normal Lessons	Reading Writing Normal Lessons	English (1.5hrs) Private Study PDHPE (1 hr)	English (1.5hrs) Private Study French (0.75hrs)	Mathematics (2hrs) Private Study (during Periods 3/4) Food Technology (1hr)
Monday (B) 16 November	8.40am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Mathematics French Normal Lessons	Mathematics Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	Science (1.5hrs) Private Study Technology	Science (1.5hrs) Private Study History (1hr)	English (1.5hrs) Private Study (during Periods 3/4) Industrial Tech - Timber (1hr) Japanese - including Listening (1.25hrs) Drama (1hr)
Tuesday (B) 17 November	8.40am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Reading Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	English Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	Geography (1hr) Private Study History (1hr)	Geography (1hr) Private Study Visual Arts (1hr)	PDHPE (1hr) Private Study (during Periods 3/4) Commerce (1.5hrs) Music - Written (1hr)
Wednesday (B) 18 November	8.40am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Spelling Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	Spelling Normal Lessons French	Music (1hr) Private Study Mathematics (1.5hrs)	PDHPE (1hr) Private Study Technology (1hr)	Australian History (1hr) and Australian Geography (1hr) Private Study (during Periods 3/4) Visual Arts (1 hr)
Thursday (B) 19 November	8.40am - 10.45am 11.15am - 12.15pm 12.50pm - 3.00pm	Normal Lessons Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons Normal Lessons Normal Lessons	Art (1hr) Private Study LOTE (0.75hr)	Japanese (0.75hr) Private Study Mathematics (1.5hrs)	Information & Software Technology (1hr) French - including Listening (1.25hrs) Private Study (during Periods 3/4) Science (1.5hrs)

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thank you to all the Junior School Families who supported the Farkwa Film Night in Christ Church Cathedral last Friday and for other donations made in lieu of attendance. On Monday at Chapel Fr Tim talked about Remembrance Day and the importance of love. At Assembly led by Tom Boughenout and Claudia McGrath, Taylor McMahon played the piano, Hannah Everett, Claudia McGarel-Hogg and James Fox entertained us with some wonderfully delivered poems.

### *Cup Cake Day - For Farkwa*

On Fridays students are able to wear their Farkwa shirts and this Friday Senior School students involved with the visit to Farkwa will be holding a cake day to raise money. The stall will be held at Recess.

### *Sports Presentations Assembly*

This will be held on Monday, 16 November after the normal Chapel Service. All parents are invited to this presentation.

### *Student Free Day*

A reminder that this day is next week - Friday, 20 November.

Miss J Wotton  
Head of Junior School

### *The Giving Tree Appeal*

Each year we ask the Students in the Junior School to answer the call for community action by participating in The Giving Tree appeal. This project provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn about 'giving' and to develop empathy for those less fortunate in the community. Students are encouraged to purchase a gift suitable for a child their age so that children less fortunate can experience the joy of Christmas this year. These gifts may include toys, puzzles, games, books, dress ups and accessories, but should not require batteries to run. Students can bring the item into class where it will be placed in a hamper to be presented to the Samaritan foundation. Gifts should not be wrapped. Students are also encouraged to provide some non-perishable items such as tinned meals, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables and long life milk, so that others can enjoy a meal at Christmas time. Please direct any questions to the front office or myself.

Miss S Dickson  
Teacher Librarian

## MUSIC

Congratulations to Brass RaZoo on the wonderful night last Friday evening at the Jazz by the Sea Dinner. Once again, the event was held at Dixon Park Surf Club and there were about 70 people in attendance. Brass RaZoo were in fine form and a wonderful night of great entertainment and fine food was had by all.

I would like to thank all members of Brass RaZoo for their commitment to this group at NGS. In particular, I pay tribute to the departing Year 12 members Jack Zygadlo, Alex Kontekakis, Holly Katekar, Adam Murphy and Hannah Gibbons. These fine musicians have given many hours of rehearsal and performance some over a long period of time. I wish you well for the future and I hope you continue your music.

Thanks to Mr Leigh Sherringham for his outstanding and persistent work with Brass RaZoo over many years. The standard of this group is a testament to his skill and enthusiasm. Finally, Michael and Michelle Katekar and Sue Murphy have organised many events over the years for Brass RaZoo and I sincerely thank them for their loyal support and hard work in making sure these events have been a success.

BRASS RAZOO auditions will be held in the next few weeks. I would like to invite interested students to audition for the following positions for 2010:

- Bass
- Drums
- Guitar
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Saxophone (Tenor and Baritone)
- Vocals (male and female)

Please come and see Mr. Sherringham in the Music

Staffroom for an audition time before Tuesday, 17 November. You will need to prepare 1 jazz piece and do some sight reading for your audition.

Congratulations to Ellen McNeil in Year 9 who has been accepted into 2010 Opera Boot Camp 'Opera Lunacy'. This is a very difficult program to gain entry to and it is a wonderful opportunity for Ellen after her successful audition. This programme runs in the January vacation. Have fun and we look forward to hearing about your experiences Ellen.

The countdown to the end of year events continue and it is important that you know where you need to be for every rehearsal. Year 12 students who are planning to sing at Carols and Speech Day need to be in attendance on 27 November, from 9.30am to 3.00pm for the rehearsal day. (You can't sing if you don't attend).

Below is the rehearsal schedule for the day.  
Friday, 27 November - Music Rehearsal Day Senior Choir, Grammarphones and Orchestra

9.30am	Introduction & Tutti warm up - Arts Space
9.45am	Sectional Rehearsals: Sopranos - Arts Space Altos - MLT Tenors and Bases - Studio 7
10.20am	Recess and leaders set up
10.40am	Mentor and Chapel
11.05am	Combined Choirs in Arts Space.
11.55am	Orchestra and Choir
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	All students and staff in Arts Space for combined Orchestra/Choir rehearsals
3.00pm	Finish

*Mr K Young  
Director of Music*

## Volunteers' Christmas Dinner

**Where:** The Grand Hotel  
(Church Street, Newcastle opposite  
Newcastle Court House)

**Time:** 7.00pm Tuesday, 17 November

**Cost:** Main meals up to \$20 and daily \$10 Specials!

If you would like to come please add your name to the list at either Campus Canteens or telephone:

Kaylene (Hill Campus) 4908 4036 or  
Philippa Killin - 4969 6349

## Tuesday, 17 November

## FRIENDS OF NGS

Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 18 November at 7.30pm in Holland Building (2nd Floor) enter via Newcomen Street**

Friends of NGS is the parent body of the School and is responsible for organizing many of the School events, such as the 'Welcome BBQ and Spring Fair' which are very important to the framework of the School and the very special culture of NGS. Many of the 'long standing' committee members will have soon left the school and so parents are needed to bring new ideas but also to continue with the traditions which characterise the School. This meeting will be a chance to reflect on the year's activities and also plan ahead. The final Friends event for 2009 is the drinks held after the Hill Campus Carol Service on Saturday, 28 November 2009.

*All members of the School family are very welcome.*

*Mrs P Killin  
Friends of NGS*

# SPORT

## Middle School Sport

### Upcoming Events

1. CIS Gymnastics Championships  
Friday, 13 November

### Important Information

1. CIS Gymnastics – All The Best !!!

Middle School would like to wish Petra Weiss all the very best of luck on Friday. Danika will compete at the CIS Gymnastics competition and we wish her well.

*Mr P Juchniewicz*  
Middle School Sports Coordinator

## Junior School Sports Presentation Morning

Just a reminder about the Junior School Sports Presentation morning to help thank respective M.I.Cs, coaches, parents, players and managers of all teams in the 08/09 Co-curricular seasons.

We welcome all parents and friends to the SWPC on Monday, 16 November (Week 5) for a Chapel service and then the presentation commencing at its completion.

*Miss C Byrnes*  
Junior School Sports Coordinator

## Futsal

### Playing Draws - Check Out Our New Website!

The following address will allow you to search through the School's Futsal Website (<http://www.ngs.nsw.edu.au/web/students-sports.aspx>) and download the latest copy of the playing draws. There are slight changes to the 11, 13, 14 and 15's draws so please check them out. These draws will hopefully be the last edition.

### Future Holiday Games

As you look and process the playing draw you will notice that there are games scheduled during the holidays in Term 4. All players are required to attend all games.

Holiday dates are as follows:

Weeks beginning 7 -11 and 14 - 18 December.

### 3. Results – Week 3 (Term 4)

Team	Result
11 - NGS 1	Lost 1 - 0
11 - NGS 2	Won 3 - 2
12 - NGS 1	BYE
12 - NGS 2	Lost 4 - 2
13 - NGS 1	NRR
13 - NGS 2	NRR
14 - NGS 1	Lost 8 - 0
14 - NGS 2	Won 8 - 0
15 - NGS 1	Lost 10 - 6
15 - NGS 2	Lost 10 - 6
15 - NGS 3	NRR
17 - NGS 1	Won 11 - 4
17 - NGS 2	Lost 11 - 14
15 Girls - NGS 1	Lost 10 - 0
15 Girls - NGS 2	Lost 4 - 3
17 Girls - NGS 1	Won 4 - 3

## Co-Curricular Touch

Another exciting round of Touch for Round Three saw excellent wins by the U12 Wallabies and U12 All Stars who demolished their opposition on Thursday night keenly lead by Super Coachs' Mrs Dyer and Miss Wedesweiler. Plus the NGS Dynamite coached by Miss Armstrong also had a great 4 - 2 win this week.

A reminder about Representative Trials:

### Sunday, 15 November 2009

Every player in the Wallsend junior competition is encouraged to attend the 'Rep Trials' for boys and girls divisions from under 10's to under 18's.

You could be a part of a select group of people to represent Wallsend touch at events like our Hornets Regional Junior Championships, optional gala days, as well as NSW Junior State Cup in Wollongong – the largest touch football tournament in the world!

All you need to do is turn up at the times detailed below for your appropriate division, and give it a shot! Who knows, you could one day rise to the top and play touch football for NSW or even Australia.

Under 10 Boys & Girls

SIGN ON TIME: 8.30am - 15min sign-on

Under 12 Boys & Girls

SIGN ON TIME: 9.15am - 15min sign-on

Under 14 Boys & Girls

SIGN ON TIME: 10.00am - 15min sign-on

Under 16 Boys & Girls

SIGN ON TIME: 10.45am - 15min sign-on

Under 18 Boys & Girls

SIGN ON TIME: 11.30am - 15min sign-on

### Results from Round 2

Tanx II	Miss Byrnes	Lost 10 - 0
NGS Power	Miss Armstrong	Won 4 - 2
Poppy's Pups	Mr Carroll	BYE
NGS Dynamite	Mr Sanders	Lost 8 - 1
NGS All Stars	Miss Wede-sweiler	Won 3 -2
NGS Wallabies	Mrs Dyer	Won 8 - 1

### Fixtures for Round 3

DATE	TEAM	COACH	START TIME
Tuesday, 3 Nov.	Tanx II	Miss C Byrnes	6.10pm
Tuesday, 3 Nov.	NGS Power	Miss K Armstrong	5.30pm
Tuesday, 3 Nov.	Poppy's Pups	Mr L Carroll	7.30pm
Tuesday, 3 Nov.	NGS Dynamite	Mr P Sanders	5.30pm
Thursday, 5 Nov.	NGS All Stars	Miss Wedesweiler	TBA
Thursday, 5 Nov.	NGS Wallabies	Mrs A Dyer	TBA

*Miss C Byrnes*  
*MIC Touch*

### Rowing

For the first time this season the NGS rowing contingent will be attending our first Sydney regatta, hosted by Loreto Normanhurst, at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC), Penrith, this Saturday. The rowers are all looking forward to competing in a very strong field of competition which will see them competing against a majority of the GPS/CAS (boys) schools and a strong contingent of IGSSA (girls) schools. The School will be competing in approximately 20 events, with the first race of the day being the SGR9 4x + quad. The event of the regatta will see our senior boys competing in the SB2 8+ which will consist of a very strong field from all the GPS schools. I wish all NGS rowers every success - you have all worked very hard and I am sure all the hard work will see some good results come through.

As you are all aware the rowing supporters committee will be providing food. The permission slip that went out

last week had a section on it that indicated who would be requiring food to be provided. If you have indicated yes than please ensure that you pay for the food that is being provided to you. All rowers will be required to be at the course by 7.00am and await instructions. If you cannot adhere to this then you need to come and see me.

### Upcoming Events

**Friday 13** - Boat loading @ 5.45am with a coach to transport the rowers back to School for 1st lesson.

**Saturday 14** - Loreto Normanhurst Regatta (Sydney International Regatta Centre) Penrith. Own transport is required for this regatta.

**Saturday 21** - North Shore Regatta (Sydney International Regatta Centre) Penrith. Own transport is required for this regatta.

**Sunday 22** - Hunter Rowing Club Regatta, Booragul.

**Saturday 28** - Blessing of the Fleet, Booragul.

*Mr J.Redpath  
Director of Rowing*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2009

Thu. 12	Hill Campus Remembrance Day Service - CCC 9.30am - 10.30am - 2010 Pre-school Enrolments Play Day
Fri. 13	Years 5 - 9 Yearly Examinations/ Assessment commence
Tue. 17	Year 10 First Aid Course commences
Thu. 19	Years 5 - 9 Yearly Examinations/ Assessments conclude Year 10 First Aid Course concludes Year 10 Dinner - University of Newcastle
<b>Fri. 20</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b> Year 8 Dinner
Mon. 23	CIS Girls Water Polo Championships - Sydney
Tue. 24	8.40am - Year 8 ESSA Testing 1.00pm - MS Co-Curricular Assembly - HHH 1.00pm - MS Wind and Brass Programme Presentation

Wed. 25	7.00am - Year 9 Camp commences Year 4 Farewell Dinner
Thu. 26	Junior School End of Year Assembly and Picnic
Fri. 27	Park and Hill Campus OPEN Day Tours Year 10 Post Examinations Programme concludes Year 9 Camp concludes
Sat. 28	NGS ( Kindergarten - Year 12) Carol Service - CCC
Mon. 30	9.00am - Speech Day Rehearsal - Newcastle University Great Hall

### DECEMBER 2009

Tue. 1	9.15am - Hill Campus Year End Eucharist 11.00am - SS End of Year assembly - HHH 1.00pm - MS End of Year Awards Assembly - HHH
<b>Wed. 2</b>	Speech Day (Compulsory Activity) Newcastle University Great Hall <b>Semester 2 - Term 4 concludes</b>
Wed. 9	9.00am - Pre-school Christmas Concert Noon - Pre-school concludes

## CANTEEN DUTIES week commencing Monday, 16 November

### HILL CAMPUS CANTEEN

Monday, 16 Nov.  
Karen Lavis  
Robyne Talbot

Tuesday, 17 Nov.  
**Canteen Dinner**  
Fiona Merritt  
Cushla Hodgett

Wednesday, 18 Nov.  
Belinda Marshall  
Philippa Killin

Thursday, 19 Nov.  
Carol Stott  
Louise Cooper

Friday, 20 Nov.  
**Student Free Day**

### PARK CAMPUS CANTEEN

Monday, 16 Nov.  
NEED HELP

Tuesday, 17 Nov.  
Helen Rose

Wednesday, 18 Nov.  
Tracey Luker

Thursday, 19 Nov.  
Kim Rae

Friday, 20 Nov.  
**Student Free Day**