

Monday: 15th November 2010

Term 4 - Week 6



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

Coming Events:

- Nov 16 - Small Schools Y6 visit
- Nov 17 – Y6 Orientation Day at MHS
- Nov 18 - Y6 Parent Info Evening: Tour 6pm, Meeting 7pm
- Nov 19 -Y12 Farewell-Parklands
- Nov 22 – P&C/SC Meeting 7.30pm
- Nov 24 – Musical Matinee – Town Hall Theatre
- Nov 25– Musical Town Hall Theatre
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"Providing high quality education in a stimulating and caring environment."

Principal's Message

Year 10 and 12 students have now completed their public examinations. We look forward to the Year 12 formal on Friday this week at Parklands commencing at 6.00pm. Year 10 will be presented with their School Certificates at a ceremony on 9th December commencing at 12.30pm. Students need to attend school everyday unless the Principal has approved an alternative program such as casual work, TAFE or work experience.

Students who wish to take part in any of these alternatives must apply through Mr Kempton/TAFE or provide a letter from an employer and a permission note from a parent to the Principal. The note should indicate whether the student intends to return for Year 11 in 2011 or will be enrolling in full time TAFE or at work full time for 2011.

Our End of Year Presentation for other years will take place on Thursday 9th December at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend and join us in congratulating our academic, sporting and merit award recipients.

Uniform

From the beginning of 2011 all students are expected to be wearing our new embroidered school shorts or skirts. These are available from Grace's Uniforms, Mudgee Embroidery and Langswear only. No other uniform shorts or skirts are permitted.

Selective High Schools Application

Applications are now being accepted for student placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2012. Parents of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in 2012 must submit an application. The virtual selective school in Western Regions allows students to remain in their own school and complete English, Maths and Science in a virtual mode.

- Read the 2012 application package
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k_6as_assessments/ss/ss_apppackage.pdf
- Apply online at <https://secure.itcimage.com/selective/>

Essential Secondary Science Assessment

(ESSA) is a mandatory science assessment program for Year 8 students. The 2010 ESSA written test will be held on Tuesday 23rd November.

Sexting

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting' – the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents:

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting, including embarrassment when others see the image. Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal. Naked or partly naked photos of a child under 16 may be child pornography.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Louise Manwaring
Principal



STAR SPOT Annabell Hanthorne

Annabelle is a newcomer to Musical Theatre. She has performed in choirs and eisteddfods primarily in singing and speech. Annabell's favourite part of Little Shop of Horrors is the finale but she also really enjoys the power ballads she sings with Henry and the ensemble. Annabell's role in this production is that of Audrey: bleached-blond, sweet, vulnerable and love interest to Seymour. Annabell plays it with a sweet innocence which adds to the depth of her character.



Maddisen and Samantha at Dubbo

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

After a very wet winter the Equestrian Team has regrouped to compete in two different events.

Dubbo Horse Sports Day

On Friday 29/10/10 Maddisen Branks and Samantha Perring competed in the Dubbo Horse Sports Day. They competed in Hacking (where you perform set workouts), Sporting (where you perform a number of activities, with the best time winning) and Showjumping (going around a course jumping over obstacles). Their results included: In Hacking Maddisen placed 4th and 2nd. In Sporting Maddisen placed 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 4th and 5th and 5th, Sam placed 5th. In the showjumping Maddisen placed 3rd. The girls performed really well with hot weather and tough competition.

Kandos Combined Schools Horse Sports Day

On Monday 1/11/10 a team of seven riders comprised of: Kirralee Martin, Maddisen Branks, Emma Rapley, Laura Wurth, Samantha Perring, Brooke Munro and Billy-Jane Hoole travelled to Kandos to compete in Hacking and Sporting. The girls performed extremely well with a total of well over 50 ribbons won for the school. As a result Mudgee High achieved the prestigious Highest Point Score School out of a range of public and private schools competing on the day. In addition Kirralee Martin, Maddisen Branks, Emma Rapley and Brooke Munro all received Age Champions (highest point score for their age group), which is an outstanding achievement. A thank you must go out to the parents who devote their time to their children and make such a great effort in helping to represent the school. *Emma O'Neill*



L- R Laura Wurth, Billy-Jane Hoole, Kirralee Martin, Samantha Perring, Maddisen Branks, Brooke Munro, Emma Rapley

AGRICULTURE NEWS

As spring rolls into summer there is a lot of activity at the School Farms.

Summer crops are being planted and the Year 11 Primary Industries class has been developing their skills in tractor driving and ploughing before planting their corn and pumpkin crops. They will follow this through the growth stages to harvest and marketing as part of their course work.

The Year 8 Technology Mandatory gardens are overflowing with plants and short season plants such as lettuce and radish are being picked while baby potatoes can be found by some careful 'bandicooting'. This brings about a need for clean used plastic shopping bags. Thank you to those who have sent in bags. Please remember that there is an on-going need for these so please deliver them to school at any time.

The spring plant and poultry sale was an overwhelming success with gross takings around \$2,500 and several follow-up sales as a result of the publicity. This money does not represent a profit figure and much of it will be used for animal feed, potting mix and fertiliser. However we hope to develop some plastic covered hot houses next year with the profit from sales over a 12 month period. We have been offered some frames that will be transported soon. These will need to be covered and irrigation installed. The water system to poultry sheds will also be upgraded if funds allow. We welcome the donation of new and used pots of any size. These can be deposited over the fence or make arrangements through the school to meet a teacher for delivery.

Our poultry are in full lay at present and we have an abundance of chickens as a result. While many hens are broody and caring for chicks, the incubator is producing several dozen chickens each week. If you are in need of chicks from day-old to three weeks, please phone an Agriculture teacher at school for more information.

Our five junior modules for next year have been over-subscribed and executive staff are going through the process of paring these back to 30. This is not an easy task and consideration is given to Year 10 students needing to accumulate hours for the School Certificate while also balancing the range of subjects a student must study. For the many who undertake a module next year, junior judging and sheep showing at the Mudjee Show will be early on the agenda. This is followed by our annual excursion to the Easter Show, with a 9am departure and a very late return after the evening spectacular being planned.

Recently we have been offered two steers to present at the Easter Show. This very generous donation from a local stud is still to be finalised but it should provide students with a unique opportunity to be involved in this very prestigious event. Details will be provided as they become available.

After some disruption following the cancellation of the Dubbo steer show, a small group of students travelled to Scone for the annual Beef Bonanza. Supervising teachers, Ms Wilson and Mr Boller spoke very highly of the behaviour and work of this group of enthusiasts. While the junior paraders did not place, the experience gained in preparation and presentation should hold them in good stead for future competitions. The steers failed to impress the judges in the ring also but chiller room results elevated their positions. Both animals were finished well and lead their classes in these areas but muscling and dressing % are more reflective of the breeding than the show preparation. Participation in these shows is a costly exercise that places great demands on the school budget. We would like to thank Mudjee Rural Supplies (CRT), Rumevite and Roth's Produce for their generous discounts that enable us to keep costs to a minimum. A special thank you is also extended to Husband's Saddlery for repairing a halter in very quick time at no cost. Without this support we would have been left without a restraint for one steer.

SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

Year 8 students recently participated in an online trial of the ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment). It is the third time Mudjee High School has been elected as one of a handful of schools in the state to undertake this event. This trial has been put in place to test the validity and effectiveness of running such exams using an online format. It is envisaged that this will replace the paper version of this examination in the near future. The results to this trial will be sent out to students early next year.

The actual ESSA exam will be sat by all Year 8 in the Gym on Tuesday the 23rd of November. This is a state wide examination that will occur in all NSW schools on that day and covers the science content of the stage 4 (Year 7 & 8) syllabus. It is therefore important that ALL Year 8 students review all of their science work from the previous two years and also that Year 7 students retain their books for study purposes next year.

A Student from Year 11 science has recently been awarded a prize for excellence in Science from the Newcastle University Faculty of Science. This student has obtained outstanding achievements in the Preliminary Science courses this year and is a deserving recipient. The winner of this will be announced and presented with their award at the presentation evening later this term.

Looking ahead to next year this newsletter provides a timely opportunity to remind parents and students of the OH&S footwear requirements during Laboratory sessions. This footwear must be leather or leather like uppers that fully enclose the foot. The purpose of such footwear is to prevent spills of chemicals or hot liquids from coming into contact with the foot. Your assistance with this requirement would be greatly appreciated.

CAREERS NEWS

University of Wollongong Excursion

A number of Year 11 students are undecided about careers and courses when they finish Year 12. To assist with this decision, students have the opportunity to be a 'university student for a day' at the University of Wollongong's Discovery Day. Lectures, campus tours and some fun events will be available. Cost will be just \$50 (except for 2 lunches) for the 2 day event. 'Discovery Day' will occur February 7 & 8 2011 and students need to register online via their DET email to participate.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) News

MSW HSC Online

A useful resource, NSW HSC Online is an educational resource that provides study materials for over 50 HSC subject as well as study tips and forums. This 'survival' information is available at www.hsc.csu.edu.au

Explore Life at CSU

It's never too early to start looking at University Campuses. CSU's 'Open Day Every Day' scheme is where students and parents can book a campus tour when it suits you. You can also talk to university staff and lecturers about courses of interest. Find out more at <http://www.csu.edu.au/campustour.htm> or call 1800 334 733



East Timor Sister-School Calendars



Christmas is coming! Do you want an affordable present idea for your friends and family, one that will also give support to our Sister-School in East Timor?? Calendars, made up of pictures taken in East Timor and specifically in Fatuberliu, are for sale through the Mudgee High front office. Each calendar costs only \$15. All proceeds will be sent directly to our sister-school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Community Announcement

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL LIBRARY

STUCK: Homework, Assignment research Study skills and essay writing, HSC study

Mid-Western Regional Council Library offers a FREE online homework help service

<http://library.midwestern.nsw.gov.au>

Click on Your Tutor on left hand menu or call the Library on 6378 2740 or drop in for more information.

GULGONG AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Monday training will not be on until further notice.

Wednesday training - 3.30pm from 10th November

Thursday training – 3.30pm from 11th November

Mudgee High School

presents



TOWN HALL THEATRE

Wednesday	24 th November	Matinee 11.30am
Thursday	25 th November	Evening 7.30pm
Friday	26 th November	Evening 7.30pm
Saturday	27 th November	Evening 7.30pm

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

**Book and Lyrics by
Howard Ashman**

**Music by
Alan Menken**

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffis
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (New York, Broadway, Denver)

Originally Produced at the Olympia Theatre

New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

By arrangement with Half Central Australia Pty Ltd (exclusive agent for Music Theatre International) (NT)

TICKET PRICES

Adults \$15

Children \$10

Family (2 adults/2 children) \$45

SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

BOYS:

- Grey shorts with the school badge OR grey trousers (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (no hoods).
- Navy weatherproof jacket with the school badge.
- Hats are recommended for protection from the sun and “bucket” hats with the school crest are the most preferable.
- Black or white shoes which must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements which require that the upper toe section of the shoe be leather.
- Sport Uniform: all students to wear red polo shirt, navy blue shorts or navy track pants with MHS embroidery.

Senior Option

- Polo shirt may have blue/red stripes on collar. A navy jumper OR deep red jumper with embroidered badge for seniors OR navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (no hoods).

GIRLS:

- Navy skirt OR navy dress shorts with the school badge OR navy dress pants (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (no hoods).
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PDHPE and Sports Uniform

- Students are to wear sports uniform for all practical PE lessons – if this is not possible, students should wear clothes similar to the sports uniform and appropriate for a practical lesson and bring an explanatory note from home.

No commercial logos, stripes or other decorations are permitted.

Please make sure all articles of clothing are marked with student's name.

Where students are unable to wear full uniform a note must be brought to roll call and a uniform pass will be issued.