

Monday: 6th December 2010

Term 4 - Week 9



MHS Newsletter



A member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community

Coming Events:

- Dec 7 – MAD Concert
- Dec 9 – 12.30 pm -Y10
Final Presentation Day
- Dec 9 – Y7, 8, 9, 11
Presentation Night 7pm
- Dec 12-15 Y11 Camp
- Dec 14 – Y7, 8 & 9 Gold
& Silver – 11am
- Dec 14 – Y7 Concert –
Period 5 & 6
- Dec 15 – Final Day for
Students
- Jan 28 – Staff Dev Day
- Jan 31 – Y7, 11 & 12
return to school
- Feb 1 – Y8, 9 & 10
return to school

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Principal's Message

We hope all families are recovering from Mudgee's big wet last week. Staff and students acquitted themselves in the true spirit of Mudgee High despite the interruptions the heavy rain caused. Teachers and office staff volunteered to look after activities for those cut off by road closures and students coped with the changes to classes and routines. Some students also helped out with work at the Ag. Plot after the significant damage caused by the swollen river – well done to those students and staff.

Another big congratulations to all the performers and staff who ensured Little Shop of Horrors was an entertaining and exemplary display of the talents of our students. *Cast* (in order of appearance): *Seymour Krelborn* – Henry Van Laeren, *Audrey* – Annabell Hanthorn, *Mr Mushnik* – James Eade, *Orin* – Jack Rayner, *Crystal* – Lucy Finter, *Ronnette* – Amy Harrington, *Chiffon* – Rebecca Spinner, *Puppeteer* – Brandon Robinson-Smith, *Voice of Audrey Two* – Tavis McLennan, *Wino* – Jonathan Harris, *Various Shady Characters* – Tamara Fleming.

Chorus: Georgia Williams, Vilja Werkman, Jessica Hardy.

Band: *Conductor* – Carl Holleman, *Flute* – Lucy Cheetham, *Clarinet* – Connor Jones, *Saxophone* – Hamish McLennan, *Guitar* – Heathcliffe Auchinachie, *Piano* – Martin McNamara, *Bass* – Ricky Yates, *Drums* – Ben Cheetham.

Production Team: *Producer* – Martin McNamara, *Director* – Joshua Haywood, *Music Director* – Carl Holleman, *Choreographer* – Helen McLennan, *Set Design & Construction* – Creative Arts Staff and Students, *Audrey Two* – Anka Peters & Jason Nicholls, *Flowers* – Staff, Art Students & Special Ed, *Poster & Artwork* – Catherine McNeill, *Programme & Tickets* – Marina Segal and MHS Office Staff, *Makeup Coordinator* – Helen Dziura & Helen McLennan, *Makeup Artist* – Elisha Geiser, *Lighting* – Lucy O'Connell & Liam McGonigle, *Sound* – Sean Robinson, *Sound Effects* – Liam McGonigle, *Technical Support* – Michael O'Sullivan, *Prompt* – Emily Rayner.

On Friday night Mr Carl Holleman, Mrs Selina Foreman and Mrs Pat Williamson received a CLC award at the annual dinner. Each of them has contributed to the success of Mudgee High School and the CLC over a number of years. Mrs Williamson in particular has been one of our most committed P&C volunteers and will be sadly missed. Their citations for the award are below.

Carl Holleman has provided his expertise to ensure the CLC concerts over the past three years have run smoothly. He co-ordinated the lighting, sound and stage crew, set up for each performance and provided expert advice to school groups during rehearsals and performance. He has also worked with his colleagues in creative arts to run Music, Art and Drama performances at Mudgee High School providing inspiration to students to excel in the creative arts. His work with HSC students has been recognised as outstanding with the best results in music in the region.

Selina Foreman works tirelessly within the school administration office. She plays a pivotal role in ensuring teachers are able to organise excursions for the enrichment of the school curriculum. Selina also provides a very professional but personable contact person for the multitude of contractors who work within the school in maintenance and new works. Her knowledge of the needs of the school ensure work is completed satisfactorily and in good time.

Pat Williamson has been an executive member of the P&C for over six years. In that time she has served in a number of roles including most recently as treasurer. This task is often a thankless one and involves careful management of staff including canteen staff and of the P&C funds. The students of Mudgee High School have benefited from her dedication and service through the provision of funds for school enhancements.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

GIVING TREE

The Mudgee High Student Representative Council would like to make our usual contribution to assist Banrardos with gifts for Christmas. The contributions we have made in the past have been greatly appreciated. We are asking for donations of any items that may go into food hampers (non-perishable), think about items that may be useful for teenagers and wish cards are great. Donations can be left at the School Office and will be placed under the Giving Tree in the foyer. Thank you for your assistance.

HSIE HAPPENINGS

It has been a busy time, as usual, in the HSIE Faculty. Teachers have been helping Year 12 and Year 10 students prepare for their external exams, and many thanks go to the staff for the hours they put in outside of normal in order to assist students.



Lucy O'Connell succeeds! Students in the commerce module Creating Wealth entered a competition run by the Department of Fair Trading called 'Moneystuff'. They had to create a youth friendly information source on a consumer issue. Lucy made a short video on the advantages of saving money, with a humorous touch. Out of all NSW students who entered, Lucy gained a Highly Commended, which was presented to her by the Hon Virginia Judge, Minister for Fair Trading, at a special Youth Forum and ceremony at the Maritime Museum in Sydney.

Lucy received a prize of \$50 for herself and \$500 for her school.

Also in Creating Wealth, students once again played the online share market game run by the Australian Stock Exchange. The class winner this time was Russell Moriarty, who turned his \$50,000 into over \$55,000. Russell also came 84th out of 5551 students in NSW. Congratulations Russell!!



YEAR NINE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

The photos show MHS students in action at Parliament House



Mrs Date worked with her Year 9 cohort on this exciting initiative. The culmination of the Sustainability Forums was held at Parliament House in Sydney. In the Legislative Council Chambers, MHS students debated "Matters of Public Importance" on water, energy, waste and biodiversity; presented "State of the Environment Reports" about their local areas and asked questions of Dr Jason Evan from UNSW Climate Change Research Centre. This was the culmination of 6 months of work that involved students and staff in video conferences, individual research and a day of debates at Mudgee Council Chambers. All students involved in this pilot project were enthusiastic and eager to learn about and present their research on sustainability. Red

Hill Environment Education Centre complimented Mrs Date and students involved in this project for their support, positive attitude and hard work on what was a huge learning curve for all. This is the beginning of an important project that will be extended through Western Region in 2011.

Mudgee High students debating at Parliament House in Sydney






PHOTOS FROM LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS




LOST
Thursday 2 December
 Rose gold bracelet of
 extreme sentimental value.
 Large reward offered.
 Please contact front office.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
 In the Removal of an old sad piano
 Enquiries to Mr McNamara



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 Announcements

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.

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CALENDAR FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Date	Event	Time
Dec 7	Dubbo Police Liaison talking on Cyber Protection Yr 7 Yr 8 <i>Parents welcome to attend</i>	9.30 – 10.30am 11.00am – 12
Dec 7	MAD Concert <i>Parents are encouraged to attend</i>	7.00pm
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Dec 16	Staff Development Day	
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Jan 28	Staff Development Day	
Jan 31	Yr 7, 11 & 12 return to school New enrolments	9.00am
Feb 1	Yr 8, 9 & 10 return to school	9.00am
Feb 8 & 9	School Photos	
Feb 16	Swimming Carnival	9.00am