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Term 1 - Week 8



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- 18th March – Business Concierge Study Skills Yrs 10-11
- 19th March – Business Concierge Study Skills Yrs 10-11
- 22nd March – P&C/ School Council Meeting
- 24th March – Yr 7 2011 Prospective Parent Info Night 7pm
- 30th March – Yr 11 2010 Parent Info Night 7pm
- 1st April – Last day of Term 1
- 19th April – Staff Dev Day – Pupil Free Day
- 20th April – Students return to school

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Principal's Report

We will be holding two important parent information sessions before the end of this term. The first will be for parents interested in enrolling children for Year 7 2011 to be held on Wednesday 24th March from 7.00pm. The second session will be for parents of our current Year 11 to be held on Tuesday 30th March from 7.00pm. Invitations to the Year 7 2011 night will be sent out through the primary schools. If you know of a parent who does not currently have a child in Year 6 at a public school who would be interested, invitations can also be picked up from Mudgee High School office or from our website.

The Year 11 evening is for both parents and students and concerns, requirements for the next two years. At that evening we will also discuss issues such as assessment, exams and work placement for VET courses. Each Year 11 student will be issued with an invitation to take home.

As part of our school evaluation each year we review an aspect of our educational management. This year we are reviewing teaching and learning. The data gathered will be reported in our Annual School Report which will be available in Term 2 on our website. This data will also assist us to evaluate the Centre for Excellence programs. A random sample of parents have been sent out a parent survey through their child. Those attending the P&C AGM on 22nd March will also be given a survey to complete. Other parents who wish to can collect a survey form from the school office. The surveys need to be returned no later than 25th March to enable the data to be collated.

A reminder to all parents to attend our next P&C meeting which is the AGM. The meeting will be held on 22nd March from 7.30pm in the school library. Please enter via Horatio Street.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Agriculture Update

Week 6 was a busy and overwhelmingly rewarding week for students of Agriculture at Mudgee High.

On 4th March, senior students visited Biraganbil as part of their case study requirements. This was one of the most beneficial of its kind as we were given a detailed explanation of many management practices by Elders Agronomist, Carlos Rahme. This was accompanied by inspections of the centre pivot irrigator and a brief tour of Biraganbil and Gooree pastoral enterprises. Property manager, Tony McManus spoke on some of his experiences and plans for the pastoral side of this 6600ha property. Both Carlos and Tony and their respective employers are acknowledged for their willingness to assist our students.

Friday 5th March was the day of junior judging for the Mudgee show and took in the regional finals for the older students. Once again, Bianca Stanford is to be commended for her organisation, along with members of her family who assisted on the day. The talks were informative and our students participated with eagerness in both senior and junior sections. Mudgee was well represented in the placings and several senior students qualified for NSW finals at the Royal Easter Show. Our best placed students were:

Senior Division (15-25yo)

Meat Sheep: Matthew Cheetham 2nd, Carly Wilton 3rd

Wool: Samantha Payne 3rd

Merino Sheep: Matthew Cheetham 1st, Tim Flynn 2nd

Cattle: Matthew Cheetham 1st, Tim Flynn 2nd, Emmett Karstrom 3rd

Junior Division

Meat Sheep: Jamie Burns 1st, Melanie Angel 2nd

Wool: Madison Nemec 1st, Jamie Burns 2nd, Lucy Cheetham 3rd

Merino Sheep: Tahnee Marsh 1st, Annabel Hanthorn 3rd

The following day was our first venture into sheep showing. Our small White Suffolk stud was represented by 10 animals and 4 junior handlers volunteered to show the animals throughout the day. While several animals received ribbons, the most pleasing result was to be awarded supreme champion meat sheep, which placed our hogget ewe as best of all meat breeds, ages and sexes. This is a much prized award and speaks highly of the genetic base and management of the livestock. On the same day, Brittnay Burns took out junior handler (13-18yo) while Kelsey Johnson was placed 3rd in the same category. The many students who have worked during lesson times to teach these animals to lead should also feel some pride in their efforts.



Kyrah Stewart, Kelsey Johnson, Emma Clutterham, Brittnay Burns



Brittnay Burns and Judge Bruce Stanford

In other news, the horticulture section attended the local Farmer's Markets in February. This was the first occasion when we have sold plants at this market and we would like to thank everyone who supported us on the day.

Please note **Saturday 27th March** as our next plant and poultry sale in the school grounds. Further details will be published later this term. With the recent purchase of a 288 egg incubator, we are able to hatch many more eggs and should have chickens of all ages available for sale. We hope that we can offer a limited incubation facility at a reasonable cost in the near future and enquiries can be made on this day.

Please remember that sales of livestock, plants and produce are channelled back into the Agriculture unit to offset costs and provide additional facilities, many of which are available to enhance the learning experiences of students. Our sale days should also be viewed as 'open days' for the Agriculture faculty at the main school, with family invited to view the Year 8 Technology Mandatory gardens and an opportunity to ask general questions and view the facilities available to students.

Two Hereford heifer calves were also purchased recently. With current market prices, we have delayed the purchase of animals for the cattle unit. These animals will not be used for showing but should give students some experience in the management of cattle and some of the preparatory work for showing.

Looking ahead, we have a large number of students attending the Easter Show. This ever popular excursion is a highlight for many students and offers a great opportunity to experience 'City meeting Country'. This year's evening entertainment is promoted to be one of the most exciting.

Year 11 Study Skills Day

This Thursday and Friday Mudgee High will be conducting study skills sessions for Year 11 in conjunction with the Business Concierge. These sessions will cover topics such as time management, memory tips, reducing stress, syllabus language, team building, essay writing, interpreting your HSC marks and after school options. Each session will provide valuable tools for the students which will set them up for their senior studies. Normal school uniform and rules will apply throughout the two days. If you have any queries regarding the study skills days please contact the school.

Business Concierge Visit

The Business Concierge Training and Development Company will visit Mudgee High School on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March 2010. This organisation specialises in presenting topics such as budgeting, goal setting, work rights and responsibilities etc to young people in an interesting and informative manner. The sessions should also provide students with valuable decision making skills to help with future career planning.

Mudgee High School hosted Business Concierge in 2008 and found it to be valuable for our Years 10 and 11 students.

The seminars will again be available to our Years 10 and 11 students at various times over the two days mentioned above with each group of students attending for a maximum of two double periods (130 minutes). Each student will receive a workbook in which to record useful information of future reference.

It is expected your son/daughter will participate in this worthwhile activity.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the school.

B Kempton
Careers Adviser

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS NITA HALSEY nee LYONS
Wishes to make contact with anyone who attended Mudgee High School with her in the 1950's
Mrs Halsey's mobile telephone no. is 0423 416 256
She is very keen to hear from any of her old school friends or assist in organising a reunion.



Celebrating 10 years of AFL in Mudgee

TRAINING BEGINS	TUESDAY MARCH 2ND Victoria Park, Mudgee (opposite KFC) 3.30pm - U14, U17 5.30pm - Seniors
REGISTRATION DAY	SUNDAY MARCH 28TH Victoria Park, Mudgee 12 noon - All ages welcome! FREE BBQ Lunch
T20 CRICKET MATCH	SUNDAY APRIL 11TH Venue TBC Past, present and new players Bring your families!
SEASON COMMENCES	SATURDAY APRIL 24TH



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SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS AND WIN!

Competitions are now open for Youth Week 2010 in the following categories:

Photography : Short film : Short story : Poetry : Art

You must be aged between 12-25 years and living in the Mid-Western Regional Council area to enter.

All entries close on 30 March 2010.

All entries must be accompanied by a competition entry form which can be downloaded from:

www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au/community_services/youth

services.html or contact

cathy.leisfield@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or 0408 635 933

SURVIVOR IN THE LIBRARY – Celebrating Youth Week at the Library

Pit your wits against each other, the adjudicator and the fiendish Library catalogue!

Face up to the Food Fear Factor! Get your team to safety before disaster strikes!

Thursday 15th April, 7-9pm, Ages 12 plus – Book early as places limited – Cost \$10

Book in a team of five and only pay \$40 – Phone 6378 2740 – Bookings must be confirmed in person at the Library

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL

INVITATION TO PARENTS OF YEAR 6

Are you interested in enrolling your child at Mudgee High School for Year 7 in 2011?

We are holding a parent information night on Wednesday March 24

Come along and find out about:

How to enroll your child for Year 7 2010

Courses of study

What Mudgee HS has to offer your child from year 7 -12

This is also an opportunity for you to meet the principal, deputy principals and school counsellor and to tell us about your child's special needs.

What: Year 7 2011 Parent Information Evening

When: Wednesday March 24th 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Where: Mudgee High School Performance Centre.

How to get there: Enter via the Denison St Entrance

For further information contact Mudgee High School office on telephone 6372 1533

Louise Manwaring
Principal