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MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- 22nd March – P&C/
School Council
Meeting
- 24th March – Yr 12 Half
Yearly Exams
Commence
- 24th March – Yr 7 2011
Prospective Parent
Info Night 7pm
- 30th March – Yr 11
2010 Parent Info Night
7pm
- 1st April – Yr 12 Half
Yearly Exams
conclude
- 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 look forward to meeting new parents for 2011 at our information night on March 24. Beginning at 7.00 p.m. in the performance centre we will outline what Mudgee High School has to offer new enrolments in 2011. They will also have the chance to meet the principal and deputy principals and the school counsellor. If you know of anyone who might like to come along and find out about our school please let them know. Parents of year six from our feeder primary schools should have received an invitation from their primary school.

Last Thursday and Friday study skills and goal setting workshops were held for years 10 and 11 students. A big thank you to the staff who gave up so much time to make these days happen. Parents are asked to talk to their students to find out more about what they learned on those days. Your support to reinforce the information and skills given will help students improve their ability to set goals and prepare for exams and assessments.

Our Centre for Excellence project is moving at a great pace. Parents who would like to know more about what is happening with the Centre for Excellence and the school in general are invited to the P&C meeting tonight. It is our AGM and we will be outlining our plans for 2010 in detail. Parents will also be invited to complete the teaching and learning survey which will help us evaluate the success of the Centre for Excellence. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in the school library. The easiest entry is via Horatio Street.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Yr 11 Parent Information Night

On Tuesday 30th March MHS will be holding an information evening for the parents of students in Year 11 2010 in the Performance Centre. The night will cover the following issues;

- assessment processes and procedures
- exam expectations
- how the school can support your student throughout their Senior years
- subject requirements for Yr 11 and Yr 12,
- upcoming events for Yr 11

We look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and students as possible.
For more information please contact the School on 63721533

Australian Mathematics Competition

On the 5th of August this year Mudgee High School students will once again be invited to attempt the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is a test of mathematical, logical and problem solving skills involving 30 multiple choice questions. All students are encouraged to enter this competition, especially those with talent in the subject or who enjoy a challenge. All entrants receive a certificate of participation, with higher credentials for different levels of success also on offer (great certificates for resumes and CVs). Exceptionally talented students may also be in line for some of the many cash prizes available.

Although the competition is on later in the year our school entry needs to be in early next term. To enter this competition, students will need to pay \$4.50 to the front office by the end of term (Thursday 1st April). More information and sample papers can be obtained from any mathematics teacher at MHS.

Mudgee Show Results for Danica Roberts

Danica received first place in the High School Craft section for an article using recycled material with her Purple Dragon which was on display in the School Library at the end of last year. She received a Special Award for Best Exhibit of High School Craft and the Champion Award for Best Exhibit in the Main Pavilion 2010 – Junior. Danica entered her painting of a Phoenix and received First Prize in Painting-High School and a Special Award for Best High School Art. Well done Danica.

Centre for Excellence

As part of the role of the Centre for Excellence Mudgee High School is linked with Charles Sturt University. The partnership is designed to improve the quality of programs being offered to teacher education students at the university. A core component of this development of teacher training is to obtain information and reflection from practicing teachers.

To meet the aims of this project Charles Sturt University have met with some of our staff last week and obtained audio recordings to be used in CSU lectures. They focused their interviews around such topics as: Why did you become a teacher? What are the features of a quality teacher? What teaching strategies do you use in your classroom that are beneficial to positive student outcomes? Why is your teaching subject important in secondary education? What important piece of advice would you give to a pre-service teacher?

Thanks to the staff who participated in the interviews to help develop audio resources that will be used in quality teacher education programs at Charles Sturt University. This will ultimately not only benefit graduating teachers in the future but the interviews allowed our staff to focus upon their own teaching practice which will result in a more refined and better teacher at Mudgee High School.

As part of the Cudgegong Learning Community and supported by the Centre for Excellence an outstanding day one term 2 staff development day has been organized. It is expected that more than 350 DET staff will attend Mudgee High School on that day with a outstanding guest speaker Celia Lashlie speaking about the development of boys to men with strategies to support this transition. Many workshops have also been organized with presenters coming from Dubbo, Gilgandra, Sydney and Bathurst. There are an exceptional number of workshops which will result in improved teacher quality in classroom across Western Area. There will be an article in the newsletter after the development day next term highlighting the events of the day.

**Mudgee High School - End of Summer
Plant, Poultry & Sheep Sale
Cnr Denison and Perry Streets
Saturday 27th March – 8am to noon**

- White Suffolk rams
- Wide variety of plants
- Wide variety of poultry breeds
 - Australorp
 - Light Sussex X
 - Blue Leghorn Bantam
 - Pekin – variety of colours
 - Silkie
 - Wyandotte
 - Ducks
 - Young & older birds (from 1 week of age)
 - Trios and single

Davidson Shield Cricket

On Wednesday 10th March, Mudgee High played Endeavour Sports High in the quarter finals of the Davidson Shield Cricket competition. Mudgee won the toss and elected to bat, getting off to a flyer with Troy Kenny and Michael Ford helping the team to be no wicket for 45 off the first 10 overs. Michael Ford was the first wicket to fall for a quickfire 24 with the score on 47. At this point Endeavour really put the brakes on and held Mudgee to 3 for 61 at drinks (20 overs). Shortly after drinks Captain Daniel Hiep was unluckily out off a freakish catch which deflected off a fielder's heel and into the wicket keeper's gloves for 9. Mitch Hearn then came to the crease nursing a badly injured collar bone. In a great effort he made 14 runs, batting with practically one arm. When he was out Troy Kenny shortly

followed for an excellent 32 and the score was 6 for 99. A couple more quick wickets fell until Cameron Cox steadied the ship with a solid 14 runs and got Mudgee to 9 for 123 after their 40 overs.

At the beginning of Endeavour's innings the Mudgee opening bowling pair of James McQuiggin and Daniel Wood had them reeling with a fine spell of bowling. Daniel finished with the excellent figures of 4 for 11 off 8 overs, including 4 maidens. His spell was described by the umpire, Kevin Pye, as one of the best spells of bowling he had seen by a young player. Lee Hundy and Andrew Best also bowled well to have Endeavour at 6 for 51 at drinks. After drinks Mudgee knew they still had a lot to do, however the Endeavour batsmen formed a great partnership of 79 runs, to see them win with 4 overs to spare.

Although disappointed, the boys had tried their best to the very last ball and should be proud of their achievement. This is the second year in a row they have made the final 8 of the state, only to meet a sporting high school (last year was Westfields) at this point.

As their coach I would like to congratulate them on their wonderful achievement. They have put a lot of hard work into getting where they did, training every Monday for 1 ½ hours, 20 weeks a year. They are not only a great sporting team but also a great bunch of kids and a credit to Mudgee High.

Team: Michael Ford, Troy Kenny, Andrew Best, Mitchell Hearn, Daniel Hiep, Samuel Muller, Cameron Cox, James McQuiggin, Daniel Wood, Lee Hundy, Will Dean and Kumar Boller.

Greg Murdoch – Davidson Shield Cricket Team Coach

Daniel Hiep and James McQuiggin presented a report at Assembly and would particularly like to thank Mr Murdoch.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Western Regional Council Library

Down the Rabbit Hole – Holiday Activities at the Library

Join us at the Library these holidays for a Wonderland of fun! There's storytelling for all ages, and a host of craft workshops including the Mad Hatter's Hat Factory and Queen of Hearts Jewel Boxes!

Pick up a leaflet at any branch of the Library, or call us on 6378 2740

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.

ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE

2011 PROGRAM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (In Year 9 or 10 in 2011) to experience a true 'exchange' with a family in New Zealand. Local students matched with a New Zealand student who travels to Australia to attend school during Term 2, 2011. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2011.

The students' family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life.

This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary.

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at

www.eastmaitlandrotary.org.au/anzep/ - Expressions of interest close 30th June 2010

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

THE MUDGEE & DISTRICT HOST FAMILY RESPITE CARE SERVICE

Is supported by a wonderful group of volunteers who assist families caring for a child with disabilities.
Due to current demand more volunteers are needed.
Anyone interested in attending an information session please telephone Judy Blackman – 6378 2715



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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