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Term 1 - Week 10



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- 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
- 21st April – Anzac
Assembly
- Yr 11 Half Yearly
Exams Commence
- 26th April - Anzac Day
Public Holiday
- 28th April – Yr11 Half
Yearly Exams
conclude

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Principal's Report

With Year 12 well into their Half Yearly Exams the term is coming to an end in the way it usually does – hard working students and staff making the most of their time in and out of class. Thank you to all the staff who have ensured term 1 2010 was a smooth transition for all students and an exciting and stimulating educational experience.

Congratulations to the newly elected executive of the P&C. Simon Jones is to continue as President and we thank him for his support for both parents and students over the previous twelve months. We look forward to a productive year ahead for the P&C under his continuing leadership. Pat Williamson has kindly agreed to put in one more year as our elected Treasurer but warns that as her youngest is now in year 12 we cannot expect her to continue after 2010. Jenny Szloch was elected Secretary and has filled this role for the last twelve months with great skill. Our Vice Presidents for 2010 will be Judy Hickey and Belinda Roach.

In this week's newsletter you will see a list of some of the outstanding sports results achieved by Mudgee High school students this term. It is a credit to the talent and determination of the students themselves and the dedication of their coaches and parents who put so much extra time into providing opportunities for students to reach their potential in all areas.

Term 2 at Mudgee High school will start with a school development day on April 19 which will be attended by up to 400 staff from 25 schools from Kandos to Coonamble. There will also be an opening event for parents. See the invitation later in this bulletin. Celia Lashlie is well worth hearing, she is entertaining but also has good practical ideas on how to bring up boys that most parents will find worthwhile.

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

Students Contacting Parents - The numbers of students contacting parents using their mobile phones to request items to be dropped off has significantly increased. Students are asked to seek permission from the office before contacting home. They are also expected to pick up requested items from the office promptly. The office staff will not send reminders to pick up items a student has requested parents to deliver.

It is school policy that students do not use mobile phones at school without permission. This policy protects students from inappropriate use and ensures class time is used for learning. It would be appreciated if parents could support this policy by requesting students to come to the office if they need to contact home. Students will then be allowed to use their mobile to send a text if that is the best way to contact you.

The Real Inspector Hound – Letter from a happy member of the audience

On Friday night I was fortunate enough to attend the performance of 'The Real Inspector Hound' at the Town Hall theatre. The audience were treated to a convincing and entertaining production of a challenging and difficult to stage play.

The production, directed by Heather Rushton, was inspired by the students appreciation of the play whilst studying it in Year 12. The roles were all played by ex students, staff and students of Mudgee High. Similarly all the technical and stage crew were school members.

For ex students to be so committed to realising this production shows that what they have gained from their experiences as students of Mudgee High is invaluable. These are the kinds of immeasurable gains which aren't easily quantified, but are real and important. Many of these students had also been involved in the production of the Crucible last year. The school has a long tradition in drama.

All involved deserve the highest of praise, especially Ms Rushton. No one in the audience could fail to be impressed by the legacy of excellence on display. It spoke volumes for the calibre of this school. Sharelle Fellows

Yr 11 Parent Information Night

On Tuesday 30th March we 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;

- tour of the school
- 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

CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

I am working with Leanne Besant at Kandos High School to develop a joint program for Year 11 and 12 Geography. The opportunity to work with a younger teacher with fresh new ideas and the enthusiasm of youth is great for me and I am sure that the teaching programs at Mudgee High School will be significantly enhanced by the input of Leanne. Adding her students to our virtual classroom will also be great for our students. All of our senior lessons, study guides, homework and assessment tasks are loaded onto our Moodle site. The Kandos students have been made members of this site.

On Friday 5th March Leanne and I attended a field work seminar at Homebush Bay. During this day we both learnt a lot about the type of field work that the students can complete at this facility and were able to begin the planning process for the Year 12 field work at the end of the year. Travelling to Sydney and back in the car provided us with an excellent opportunity to discuss the Year 11 Field work that Leanne is organising at Dunn's Swamp,. As part of this trip the Kandos students will come to Mudgee to spend time using our GIS software to generate maps of the region. This software is expensive and is much better utilised if used by a wide range of students. We are also working on developing field work in the junior school and will provide her with the resources that we have developed for the Year 9 Dunn's swamp excursion. Hopefully with these small beginnings, both schools will continue to develop excellent teaching resources. *Sue Spinner*

Photographs/Video of Students

The back page of the Newsletter contains an explanation letter and permission note regarding photographs or videos of students. When you have read the Newsletter please take the time to fill it out and return it to the front office as we need one of these forms for each student.

CAREERS INFORMATION

Charles Sturt University – Parent's Information Session

Friday 30th April 2010 from 9.30am to 12noon at info.csu (opposite carpark 1) Panorama Avenue, Bathurst.
Aim of the Day – Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Parents' Information session provides the opportunity for parents/carers to talk to CSU staff and current students about issues regarding life after Year 12 and attending university.

Topics to be discussed:

- work, travel and study options beyond Year 12
- the benefits of going to university
- different pathways into university
- HECS, financial assistance and scholarships
- CSU student support services
- the benefits of studying at a regional university
- overseas study experience opportunities
- current students' perspective of life at university

Campus tours will also be conducted on the day. To find out more about the session and to register contact:
Judy Walsh on 6338 6010 or email infoevents@csu.edu.au

YEAR 12 CHARITY GOLF DAY & AUCTION – Starting at approximately 3.30pm

Don't forget that Year 12 are holding a fundraising golf day in the holidays with all proceeds going to the Rural Fire Service.

When: Sun 11th April 11.00am shotgun start
What: 4 person ambrose
Details: \$25 per player/\$15 for juniors. Lunch provided



Presents

A Free Parent Workshop

by

Celia Lashlie

Author of 'He'll be OK – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'

Boys – They seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations. Will they survive to become good men?

Celia Lashlie has some answers. After years working in the prison service, she knows what can happen when boys make the wrong choices.

Celia will present a talk with clarity and insight as to what makes boys tick – offering reassuring advice on raising boys to become good, loving articulate men.

Where: Mudgee High School Gymnasium
[Enter from Denison Street]

When: Monday 19th April 7:00pm – 8:30pm


Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten–Year 9. Participation by schools and students is voluntary. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Student efforts are acknowledged by participation certificates and there are additional rewards for participation over a number of years.

Students register in March and read until late August. The registration and entering of reading records is done online on the website at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> The site has the rules for the challenge and a Frequently Asked Questions section which gives all the information required to be part of the challenge.

We have approximately 380 of the books on the Premier's Reading Challenge list and a great selection of free choice reading books. Students can see which of the books on the challenge list are held in our library, by clicking on the *My Library* link on the portal page, then going to *Reading Lists* and selecting the Premiers' Reading Challenge list.

The *My Library* link takes students to the library catalog. This is a great facility which allows students to see what is available in our library from home. These can then be borrowed during school hours. A graphic of the My Library site is shown here.







NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING  **Mudgee High School LIBRARY ENQUIRY**

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Search for resources at Mudgee Library
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Many Aztec resources

My Library

Welcome to Web Enquiry

Staff and students can access the MHS catalog from the My Library link on the portal page at school and home. Staff will find the link in Applications. Students will find it on Search. Portal URL is <https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au>

My Library Links

The links that appear on the school web Enquiry home page can be changed in the H3 OASIS option. These can be selected by the teacher-librarian and a short description may be added.

Students who want more information about the challenge can see Mrs Smith in the Library.

LANGUAGES

All Year 7 and junior elective classes and have been working their way through the programmed topics and the majority of students are applying themselves in a positive manner. Students have completed close to fifty percent of their assessment for this semester. Those that have shown a thorough understanding of the language presented have consistently applied themselves in class and have also revised their work regularly.

A great study tip for language learners is to create revision cards for the topics covered. This is particularly good for learning vocabulary and kanji/hiragana (script) characters. On one side of the card write the Japanese word and on the other write the English meaning; or the kanji/hiragana character on one side and pronunciation on the other. Punch a hole in the corner and put them on curtain rings based on themes. For example: greetings, food, activities, time etc. Students can study their cards anytime, anywhere. In fact, as little as five minutes, four times a week can make a huge difference. Parents can also help with this technique by testing their child every once and awhile. Encourage your child to help you learn the Japanese words. Teaching someone else is the best way to remember something!

Imaginations Visit

In week 7 of this term the students in Ja04/05 went on a visit to Imaginations Early Learning Centre to introduce some Japanese culture to some of the centre's children. They taught some simple classroom instructions in Japanese and reinforced these through song. Our students also took along items of clothing and traditional Japanese toys, explaining what they were called and how they were used. The group spent about an hour interacting with the pre-schoolers and providing an insight into Japanese life.

I was very proud of the way all Mudgee High students engaged in this experience and the way in which they conducted themselves.



Stuart Fredericks teaches "Daruma Tower" game.



Ashlea Statham plays dress ups with "Happi Coat".

Japan Visit 2011

The information evening held in week 7 was extremely well attended and provided further details on the trip and the process involved for securing a position with the tour group. The office staff were overwhelmed first thing the following morning with many students keen to submit their deposit. As a result we have now reached our total number of 30 students and are currently recording names on a waiting list. The deadline for deposits is next week and anyone still wishing to register their interest needs to see Miss Hutchins or Ms Date to add their name. No deposit is necessary for those going on the waiting list at the moment. Final decisions on the make-up of the group will be made at the beginning of term 2.

This is an amazing opportunity for students and all those who embark on this unique learning experience will not only gain a far better understanding and awareness of cultural differences, but also empathy for citizens of a different culture. The cultural benefits of this experience can never be replicated in the classroom and will be translated into a far greater understanding of the nuances of the Japanese discourse and cultural heritage. Students will not only improve their language skills, but they will also learn many interpersonal skills that come with travelling with a group. They will learn to budget their spending money and demonstrate a high level of personal responsibility.

This will possibly be the first overseas experience for many of the students and most certainly the first visit to Japan for all of them. It will also be Mr Fitzgerald's first trip to Japan and, while he may be a little concerned about being left standing at the train station, he can be assured that he too will have the time of his life! *Ms Date Miss Hutchins*

Congratulations to students from Mudgee High School who have been successful in sport this term: SPORT RESULTS – UP TO WEEK 9 TERM 1

9/10 BOYS TOUCH – REACHED FINALS OF WESTERN AREA ALL SCHOOL CARNIVAL IN DUBBO. LOST AGAINST PARKES HIGH.

9/10 GIRLS TOUCH – WON WESTERN AREA ALL SCHOOL CARNIVAL IN DUBBO AGAINST RED BEND. GO ON TO STATE ALL SCHOOLS **FINAL 16** IN PENRITH. (MAY 28TH)

OPEN BOYS AND GIRLS NETBALL – BOTH TEAMS THROUGH TO **FINAL 4** IN WESTERN AREA IN ORANGE ON THURSDAY

STATE SWIMMING IN WEEK 10 – 11 MUDGEE HIGH STUDENTS REPRESENTING WESTERN AREA – JORDAN ADDLEY, ANDY LEATHEM, HAMISH McLENNAN, TAVIS McLENNAN, JAYMIE MUSCAT, MADDIE PARSONS, AUSTIN SANDERS, DYLAN SANDERS, TAYLOR SANDERS, THOMAS SMITH, JOCK WHITESIDE.

BOYS SOFTBALL – WON WESTERN AREA, THROUGH TO PLAY IN NEWCASTLE IN **FINAL 16**. 5 SELECTED IN WESTERN AREA TEAM: KUMAR BOLLER, TROY KENNY, MITCHELL STAIT, RHYS TIGGERMAN AND MITCHELL O'GORMAN

GIRLS SOFTBALL – MADE THE FINAL OF WESTERN AREA BUT WERE BEATEN. WESTERN AREA REPRESENTATIVES: CLAIRE GIBBS, ANDRE JEWELL, KELSEY JOHNSON, TAHNEE MARSH, KELSEY JOHNSON AND GABBY STAIT

BOYS OPEN CRICKET – **WON WESTERN AREA** AND WERE BEATEN BY ENDEVOUR SPORTS HIGH IN THE FINAL 8.

WESTERN AREA REPS: DANIEL HIEP, ANDREW BEST, MITCHELL HEARN AND CAMERON COX

JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET – STARTED LISA KEIGHTLEY SHIELD. PLAYED 2 GAMES – WON AGAINST DUBBO HIGH AND LOST AGAINST WELLINGTON

JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET – WON 1ST ROUND AGAINST ST MATTHEWS IN THE ING CUP

BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS – THROUGH TO 2ND ROUND AFTER DEFEATING KANDO HIGH

BASKETBALL – BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WON 2 AND LOST 2 GAMES IN BATHURST.

LAWN BOWLS – LOST IN SEMI-FINALS IN WESTERN AREA. WESTERN AREA REPS: JAE MARSKELL AND JESSE HENRY

BOYS HOCKEY – LOST 1ST ROUND AGAINST CANOBOLAS HIGH

LEAGUE WESTERN AREA TRYOUTS – POSSIBLE V PROBABLES TRIALS TODAY. NICK O'HARA AND THOMAS SHEARMAN.

GOLF – ANDREW BEST 3RD IN WESTERN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS (COWRA) JAC DELANEY – **SEMI FINALS** OF WESTERN AREA MATCHPLAY

ALL SCHOOL TRIATHLON – 10 MUDGEE HIGH STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN PENRITH EITHER IN TEAMS OR INDIVIDUAL EVENT. ADAM KASTELEIN 10TH IN 17 YEARS, OTHER RESULTS UNKNOWN BUT SEVERAL IN TOP 20 IN THEIR AGE GROUPS.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUDGEE WOLVES – Soccer Registration-Last Chance to Register for the 2010 Season

You can register by going to Ross Granata Motors, Mudgee or by contacting Julie Shearer, Gulgong on 0438 453685 Or by contacting Merylyn Stokes, Rylstone on 0429 956 802. Cost per Registration is \$100. Comp begins on 1st May

2010 JUNIOR JACK CLASSIC

The Junior Jack Classic will be held at Mudgee on 18th April 2010 at 9am for all golfers under 14 years.

No Handicap is required to compete in this day – all welcome. There will be 3 competitions.

18 Holes - \$15: 10 Holes - \$10: 7 Holes Modified - \$5

Includes lunch and a drink – Please contact Mark or Sharon at the Pro Shop 63722686

MUDGEE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Sport and Recreation are holding their holiday activity programs again these Autumn school holidays. The program runs from Monday 12th to Friday 16th April 2010, for children aged 7-13 years. The program runs from 9am – 4pm and includes heaps of great activities such as Netball, Touch football, Cricket, Tennis, Soccer, Mini Olympics, Frisbee, T-ball, a trip to the pool and much more. There are options to attend for the whole week for only \$120 or individual days for \$30 per day. So if your children enjoy being active, making new friends and having fun, call the Sport and Recreation office on 6362 6623 to enrol your child.

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/anzyep/ - Expressions of interest close 30th June 2010

YOUTH WEEK – 10th to 18th April

Events Happening in the Mudgee area

Short Film Exhibition – 9th April – short films from talented young local film makers – 6 to 8pm at Mudgee Stables – free event – refreshments provided

Hip Hop Workshop – 11th April – Learn to beatbox, DJ, rap and rhyme with the Fresh Red Earth Crew from Melbourne. Stables Meeting Room – 2.30 to 5.30pm – for ages 8 years and over – free workshop, bookings required – call Orana Arts on 6817 8705

Youth Rocks the Church – 15th April – young musicians perform during the service – 7 to 9pm – St John the Baptist Church Mudgee – free event – refreshments provided

Survivor in the Library – 16th April – can you survive the jungle of books, traps, twists and turns? Mudgee Library – 7 to 9pm – no entry fee – numbers limited

Mudgee PCYC Dance Party – 16th April – 7 to 10pm – Video DJ, U18s only - \$2 entry fee

Youthfest – 17th April – 11am to 5pm – Victoria Park – live music, free rides, skate comp, stall, entertainment, free sample bags. Music lineup – Oscar Aitchison, SMS, Dead Modern and more. Free circus skills and hip hop dance workshops as well as food and market stalls. Free return bus service runs from Gulgong and Rylstone/Kandos.

*Information Sheets available from the front office OR for more information call
Cathy Leisfield – 0408 635933 or email cathy.leisfield@midwestern.nsw.gov.au*

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



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CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO OF STUDENTS

Mudgee High School has been named as a Centre for Excellence. Mudgee High School has been acknowledged as a school that has consistently been able to produce outstanding teaching practices and outcomes for students.

This is an honour of which Mudgee High School is extremely proud and will enable sound teaching practices to be shared not only with Mudgee High School staff but also staff in outlying schools. In some sessions we will link with Charles Sturt University for teaching analysis, in particular to support student teachers. The development of good teaching practices for current and prospective teachers will enable all students to benefit from these developing skills.

As part of the Centre for Excellence, lessons will be recorded, often live, to help develop good teaching practices and as a resource for other teaching staff to access. This could mean that your child/ward may be identified in this process. Parents with concerns regarding the participation of their child in this process should contact the school directly to discuss the matter.

I give permission, as parent or caregiver, for my child/ward to be recorded and possibly identified in the process of developing teaching skills and/or photographs published by schools and CSU in any newsletter, magazine, digital image or report produced for public perusal.

I also give permission for my child/ward to be identified in name and in photo in the process of using connected classrooms with Charles Sturt University.

Agree

Disagree

Student Name: _____ year: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____



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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