



MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS - Term 1

08/03/10 Yr 10 Parent Information Night 7pm -Gym

18/03/10 Business Concierge Yrs 10-11

19/03/10 Business Concierge Yrs 10-11

22/03/10 P&C/School Council Meeting

24/03/10 Yr 7 2011 Prospective Parent Info
Night

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CERTIFICATE BRIEFING FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 & THEIR PARENTS

The School Certificate year is a very important one for every student.

Obtaining the best possible School Certificate credential is an essential stepping stone to further education and / or employment.

To assist our students and their parents to fully understand the requirements imposed by this state wide exam we will hold a parent/student information evening in the school Gym at **7.00pm TONIGHT Monday March 8.**

Topics to be discussed include –

- Important dates, deadlines and events for Year 10 2010
- How the Yr 10 Adviser can help in the path to the School Certificate
- New regulations regarding the school leaving age
- Work expectations for a Year 10 student
- School Certificate rules / hours / courses / exams
- Career planning information

This is sure to be a very interesting, valuable and informative evening. It is essential that **every Year 10 student AND their parents** attend.

S Jones – Deputy Principal

STLA NEWS

Mudgee High School will be continuing with the Peer Tutoring program which began in 2006. The school thanks the students who have volunteered to train as Peer Tutors in 2010. This involves 20 Year 10 students being trained on Tuesday 16th February in literacy skills useful in assisting students with their reading. This program results in the Yr10 tutors gaining a certificate at the end of the year. Following this training two separate Roll Calls have been created with 20 tutors from Year 10 and 20 tutees from Year 7.

Mrs Smith and Mrs K. Gooley with assistance from Miss S. Smith will be looking after these Peer Tutor Reading Roll Calls. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year with this group.

K Gooley - Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA)

2011 JAPAN TRIP

There will be an information evening for parents/caregivers and students who returned an expression of interest note for the 2011 Japan trip. This will be held in the school Performance Centre starting at 7pm on Wednesday 10th March. Details regarding organisation for the trip and how to secure your position will be provided. No money will be required on the night. We will also be discussing ideas and organisation for fundraising, so please come armed with any suggestions you may have to help in this area. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Date & Miss Hutchins

FARAWAY FILMS

Faraway Films have again delivered their highly successful workshop for students in Years 9-12.

Linda Hays, a professional based in Los Angeles ran the workshop. Linda has worked in the film industry and has experience in conducting both professional and school-based workshops. The responses from students were very positive; most said they felt much more confident to approach studying and writing about film in the HSC as a result.

The workshop was in two sections. **The Language of the Script** examines in detail the role and characterisation of hero characters as well as defining the worlds of the film. It then focused on the supporting characters; identifying them, their roles, relationships and functions on the plot and subplots. **The Language of the Screen** taught students how the director's concept is developed from the initial idea to the finished product. Topics included cinematography, sound, production design and the editing process.

Thanks to Mrs Bowes for organising this.

EXTRA-CURRICULA OPPORTUNITIES

There are many extra-curricula opportunities for our students. The 'Write Now' competition is open to students with ideas about making the world a better place. The NAIDOC week competition is also just starting. Details of both are on the noticeboard outside the English Staffroom. Information about the state-wide Public Speaking Competition for juniors and seniors has just arrived: see Mrs Davies if you're interested. Another opportunity for public speakers and debaters is the Lithgow Festival of Speech coming up next term. Let your English teacher know if you'd like to be involved.

NEW STAFF

Mrs Boller retired at the end of 2009 and we welcome Miss Heckendorf as her replacement. Miss Heckendorf comes to us from Inverell and she is a young teacher in the early years of her career. She was very highly recommended by her university and is right up to date with many of the newer ideas about English teaching. We are looking forward to poaching some of the best ones!

CLASS STRUCTURES 8-10

Parents may like to know that classes in English are streamed rather than graded in years 8-10. Our experience is that this gives the best of both mixed ability and graded structures. In years there are two or three parallel A stream classes and the remaining classes are parallel B stream. Because of this our classes use names rather than numbers. We do review class placements at the end of each semester.

BOOK AMNESTY

Its time to have a look under those beds again!! Every year lots of students forget to return textbooks. This has a huge impact on the choices we can offer our students. We have a limited pot of money so if books don't come back we have to use that money to replace them and that means we can't buy new and different texts. If you have a novel at home that belongs to the school, please bring it back. We are always happy to have them and there might even be a reward!

FROM PAGE TO STAGE

A group of ex-students from Mudgee High is currently rehearsing the play which was one of their HSC texts. Last year, as Year 12 Extension English students, they studied Crime Writing texts including Tom Stoppard's 'The Real Inspector Hound'. The students' enthusiasm for the play has led to the upcoming Mudgee Performing Arts Society production of the play.

A required component of their study was to imagine how the play could be staged.

'We came up with plenty of ideas and that led us to think about doing our own production', said Alex Faber, one of the performers. 'We didn't have time last year due to the HSC but once the exams were over we began rehearsing.'

'The Real Inspector Hound' is a one act whodunit with a twist. While there are strong echoes of Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' in the play, 'The Real Inspector Hound' is more than a traditional country house weekend mystery. The distinction between reality and fantasy becomes blurred as Stoppard wittily challenges conventions.

The original group has been joined by other students most of whom were in Mudgee High School's powerful production of 'The Crucible' last year.

Directed by Heather Rushton, the performances will take place at Mudgee's Town Hall Theatre on Friday 19th March at 8pm, and Saturday 20th March at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets \$12 with \$8 concession (children and pensioners) will be available at the door.

TRIP TO BINNAWAY

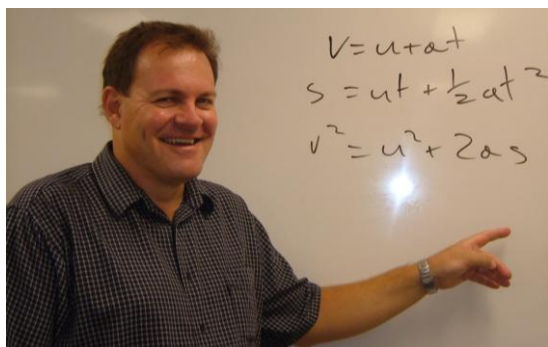
Recently a science team travelled to Binnaway to participate in the joint development of quality teaching resources. Part of this development was to monitor chemical safety and to examine successful teaching methodologies and strategies. Binnaway is a central school located less than half an hour from Coonabarabran and is one of the spoke schools for Mudgee High School as a Centre for Excellence. It has a dedicated staff that is focusing on maximising student achievement through quality teaching.

Mudgee High School has been able to contribute through a day spent developing resources such as effective programs, innovative experiments, quality assessment tasks and high quality classroom teaching practises.

Tracey Bell, Mudgee High School's science laboratory assistant, assisted through the monitoring of, and the use and storage of chemicals.

Mr Tollhurst the science teacher from Binnaway paid a return trip to Mudgee High School to examine a variety of high quality teaching practises including both practical and theoretical lessons. Additionally time was spent looking at the variety of ways in which assessment is done such as the OEI, the Open Ended Investigation for both stage 4 and stage 5 science.

Both schools greatly benefit from the exchange of ideas and the development of resources, which ultimately is reflected in improved quality teaching practises in the classroom. A benefit to students in both schools.



David McLennan Head Teacher Science Mudgee High



Tracey Bell Assistant Mudgee High School

WESTERN CHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mudgee High School has again excelled in the pool at the Western Swimming Championships held at Cowra on the 24th February. Eleven of the twelve swimmers have made it through to the State Championships in various events. Most swimmers achieved personal best times in one or more events on the day.

The Girls Medley relay team also made it through picking up 3rd place. The Girls 15yr Freestyle relay team dominated every lap to take 1st place by about 3 body lengths. The Boys 14yr Freestyle relay team will also represent the school, picking up 2nd place. Sammy Leathem narrowly missed out on selection in the 100m Backstroke event due to a controversial turn.

Our representatives at the CHS State Championships to be held at Homebush 28th – 30th March will be:

Jordan Addley	100 Butterfly, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, Medley Relay, Freestyle Relay
Andy Leathem	100 Breaststroke, Freestyle Relay
Hamish McLennan	400 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, Freestyle Relay
Tavis McLennan	400 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 100 Backstroke
Jayme Muscat	100 Butterfly, Medley Relay, Freestyle Relay
Madeleine Parsons	Medley Relay, Freestyle Relay
Austin Sanders	100 Backstroke, Freestyle Relay
Dylan Sanders	200 Individual Medley
Taylor Sanders	400 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, Medley Relay, Freestyle Relay
Thomas Smith	100 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 200 Freestyle
Jock Whiteside	Freestyle Relay

All the students represented their school with pride and were an absolute pleasure to be involved with. I would also like to thank the parents who transported and accommodated the students.

Peter Smith -MHS Western Swimming Coordinator

Community Announcements



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

MUDGEE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Fun Footy Friday will be held again on Friday 12th and 19th March for boys and girls aged between 5 and 9 years.

Registration days for 2010 season will also be held on Friday and 12th and 19th March 2010 at the Clubhouse, Cahill Park (near the Hospital) from 4.30pm.

Registration fees for 2010 are U/7 to U/9 \$50 : U/10 to U/16 \$75

(This fee includes a pair of shorts and socks for each registered player)

New players must preset identification (Birth Certificate or Passport) to complete registration.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Registrar, Sue Streat on 6372 4669

MUDGEE DISTRICT HOCKEY

Interested in playing a fun winter team sport? Do you like the challenge of running while controlling a ball at the end of your stick? Keen on the big hits? Do you play cricket in the summer and want to keep up your skills?

Well hockey is the game for you!

The Mudgee District Hockey Association is preparing for the 2010 season. There are registration days scheduled for Saturday 13th March and 20th March from 9am to 11am down at the Westend Fields. If you can't make it then registration will continue as the season gets underway.

If you haven't played before there is loan equipment so you can give it a go! Fun is guaranteed and the best of all the games are in Mudgee every week, so there's no need to travel away!

Even the cost is reasonable with Juniors starting from \$40 for the season.

Parents often read the newsletter too and of course we are always looking for senior players. Have you played when you were younger? Need to get back into shape? Too hot in Summer to play sport?

Well dust off your stick and shin pads and come and join us.

For more information telephone 6372 6630 a/h or 6374 1130 a/h

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