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Term 3 - Week 2



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- 26th July – P&C/School Council – 7.30pm
- 3rd August – Gold/Silver Awards & Semester 1 Awards
- 3rd August – Y10 to Y11 Subject Market
- 12th Aug – 20th Aug HSC Trial Exams
- 15th – 20th Aug Ski Excursion
- 23rd August – P&C/School Council Meeting – 7.30pm

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to all those who relieved for me while I was on extended leave. The school continued to operate at a high level of achievement. Particular thanks to Mr Jones for his work as relieving principal. Year 12 students are currently working hard to complete the last few topics of their HSC courses. The recent information night for parents highlighted issues for students and parents to consider in the transition to work, TAFE or University. While that is an exciting thing to consider, students need to remain focussed this term on making their pathway as smooth as possible by successful completion of all their courses. Please don't hesitate to contact staff for support and advice as you make this often stressful journey with your students.

Well done to the Enviro Inspire team for their state award. Also to Jessie Bantock and Emily Lowe who will be Directors for a day during Education Week. Mudgee High students continue to push the boundaries of their own achievement seeking excellence. This term will see the CLC Gala concert take place. The proposed date is 26 August so keep that Thursday free to see some great live performances.

Our student anti bullying team will meet again early this term to look at plans to keep students aware of this vital issue. Over one-third of all students have so far completed the bullying survey. If your child has not yet taken this opportunity he/she just needs to log in to Moodle to do so. The results will be published once they have been finalised.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Agriculture News

Winter can be a slow time in agriculture, with the nursery looking dull without flowers and new growth and the poultry off the lay. However, winter provides an opportunity to clear the weeds from pots, take hardwood cuttings and divide perennials.

In recent weeks we purchased 2 small pigs to introduce students to another form of intensive agriculture. Year 11 Agriculture will be taking measurements of weight and size to support their study of growth and development. Their friendly, playful and inquisitive nature make them a favourite with students.

The show steers have also arrived and have had their nose rings inserted. At present they are being accustomed to their ration and prepared for the intensive work leading up to and during a show. We are pleased to announce that Mudgee CRT and Ridley AgriProducts, makers of Rumevite pellets, have combined to provide a very generous discount on our cattle feed. With each animal eating nearly 1 tonne of pellets, this is a very important saving for us and we are extremely grateful.

Winter provides an opportunity to perform maintenance. One long term project has been the fixing of belting to the yards to hold lambs. Reliable Conveyer Belting of Mudgee has once again donated belting toward this project and we take this opportunity to publicly thank them.

Moving into Semester 2, we have a full complement of courses running and has again proved the popularity of Agriculture. During this semester we offer an excursion to the Australian National Field Days in Orange and the Dubbo Steer show, both in Term 4. Modules require assignments to be completed during Term 3. Failure to complete these could result in a Year 9 or 10 students not receiving School Certificate credit for the Agriculture module.

Meanwhile, on other news, Mudgee High has recently installed solar panels to the roof of K-Block. This is the final chapter in a Federal Government environmental grant that initially financed a water tank at the small Ag Plot. The panels should generate up to 4 kW during peak sunshine that will offset our power bill and save many tonnes of greenhouse gasses.



Sponsors of Agriculture at Mudgee High



Career Information for Parents of Year 12

- Charles Sturt University (Dubbo Campus) will hold a “My Day” event focussing on Nursing, Social Work and Education (Early Childhood and Primary) on Tues 10th August. Topics will include course information career paths etc. Registration forms available.
- Students who have not had a Career Interview please see (or email) Mr Kempton to arrange a time/day.
- The Canberra Tertiary Open Day (involving ANU, Uni Canberra, ACU, Canberra Institute of Technology and ADFA/UNSW) is on Saturday 28th August. Details from www.tertiaryopenday.com
- Raffles College of Design and Commerce in Sydney offers degree courses in Design, Visual Communication and Commerce. Flexible entry arrangements. Details available or see www.raffles.edu.au Scholarships available.
- A “Boating” Industry Careers Day will be held in Sydney on 2nd August. Career pathways in all aspects of Marine Studies/Boating etc on offer. Registration forms available.
- Country Energy has CADETSHIPS in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING available. For details visit www.countryenergy.com.au/cadetships or phone 1800255777. Application closing date is Friday 30th July.



MAD Concert June 2010

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.

HEADSPACE

Connecting you to the HSC – HSC Winter Seminary Series

Practical, inspiring seminars from HSC specialists featuring exam tips and lots of down to earth advice.

Mathematics – 2 unit Sunday 25th July 2-5pm

Mathematics – General Sunday 25th July 2-5pm

English Paper 1 (Belonging) Tuesday 27th July 7-9pm

Places are limited and will fill quickly – register now – only \$20 per seminar

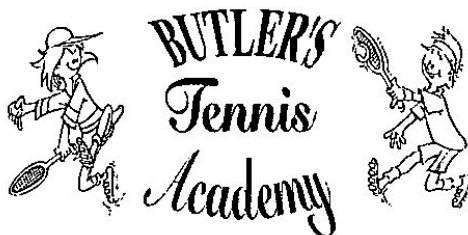
Cost includes workbooks, handouts, snacks and ticket in prize draw!

Registration forms and more information available from all branches of

Mid-Western Regional Council Library or ring 6378 2740

PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

(Please note that paid advertisements do not carry the school's endorsement)



BUTLERS TENNIS ACADEMY IS NOW CONDUCTING
LESSONS FROM THE MUDGEES DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB
PRIVATE, SHARED AND GROUP LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR
BOOKINGS PHONE TONIA 0417233466

Code of Behaviour for Students

The Mudgee High School Student Welfare philosophy provides the foundation for a code of behaviour that applies to all students and staff.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every member of the school is entitled to LEARN

- Students should support others in the learning environment
- Individual students should not interfere with the learning of others
- Students should be ready to learn
 - Bring the right equipment
 - Have a positive attitude to learning
- Students should take responsibility for their learning

Teachers have the right to TEACH

- No individual or group should interfere with the teaching and learning of others
- Students should ensure that they arrive at class on time and leave the room only when permitted by the teacher

Every member of the school is entitled to BE SAFE

- Wear school uniform
- Do not threaten others verbally, physically or by harassment
- Avoid unsafe or dangerous behaviour
- Follow safety guidelines in all classes
- Move carefully around the school
- Care for others

Every member of the school is entitled to BE HEARD

- Listen when spoken to by others and do not interrupt
- Avoid interrupting during class discussion
- Put your hand up and wait for your turn to speak
- Follow class rules in relation to discussion

The school and its members have the right to BE RESPECTED

- Respect every member of the school's community by
 - Being polite
 - Avoiding bad language and verbal abuse
 - Not engaging in unwanted physical contact
- Respect the property of the school and its members by not engaging in
 - Theft
 - Vandalism
 - Littering
- Respect individual differences – gender, religion, race, feelings, abilities

Restricted Items

Prescription drugs and medication must be handed to the office (see School Drug Policy)
Mobile Phones and CD or MP3s must be turned off during class

Banned items

Cigarettes

Weapons or replicas

Laser Pointers

Alcohol

Illegal drugs

Dangerous goods

Matches and lighters