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MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- Dec 13-16 – Year 11 Camp
- Dec 15 – Year 7, 8 & 9 Gold, Silver & Report Assembly
- Dec 15 – Year 7 Concert
- Dec 16 – Final day for Students
- Dec 19&20 – Staff Development Days
- Jan 27 – Staff return for Term 1 2012
- Jan 30 – Yr 7,11 & 12 return
- Jan 31 – Yr 8, 9 & 10 return

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to all our award winners from Thursday's presentation ceremonies. It is certainly a proud moment to watch so many fine young people being recognised for such a wide range of achievements. Thank you to all the parents and family who attended. I am sure the students appreciated your involvement as much as the staff.

This week sees Year 11 students attend their annual camp to Morrisett. This is a time when many important bonds are formed which support students undertaking their tough HSC year. We hope you all enjoy it and gain much from your experiences. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will attend this week and have lessons in all their courses as normal. Students should not be absent without a written note from a parent until that date.

2011 has been a most successful year for Mudgee High School in many ways. The award presented to the school on Thursday night by Mr Cronk on behalf of the Director General of Education is a reflection of that success. It is also a reflection of our learning community and the support of many outstanding individuals who go that extra mile to give our students and students in our partner schools enhanced opportunities. On Thursday evening we also showcased those efforts by presenting Mudgee High School Awards of Excellence. Nominations for these awards came from staff, parents and the community.

A full list of award recipients for the Mudgee HS Awards of Excellence is included with this newsletter.

The 2011 Mirri magazine is now on sale at the office.

➤ \$10.00 each

But you need to be quick; they are selling fast!

Help yourself and others

Young adulthood is an exciting time, but it can also be a time of emotional confusion and stress.

The Reachout website, www.reachout.com, has information on everything from family relationships, bullying, sexuality, to drugs and alcohol, grief and loss. There's also a helpline and live chat help.

Reachout has an internship program for students who are interested in working in the social services sector.

Flexible intern opportunities include the areas of marketing, IT, psychology, multimedia and more. Email nikki@inspire.org.au if you're interested.

Also check out the 'get involved' page for more ways young people 14-25 can help others:

<http://au.reachout.com/get-involved>

2012 MINERALS EDUCATION BURSARY SCHEME

The NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) invites eligible upcoming Year 11 and 12 students to apply for a 2012 Minerals Education Bursary (MEBS). This exciting initiative is due to be bigger than ever before with more sponsoring companies and available bursaries. Please collect an application form from Mr Kempton for the opportunity to win a bursary. Application forms can also be found at the website www.nswmin.com.au

Bursary recipients will receive a cash grant of \$500 for successful completion of Year 11 and \$1000 for successful completion of Year 12. \$2000 is then granted to those bursary students who go on to successfully complete their first year in an undergraduate minerals related tertiary course in NSW within 12 months of completing their secondary schooling.

All applications must be received by 21st December. The winners will be notified in February and the awards ceremonies will follow in March.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Student Representative Council are organising a contribution from our school to assist Barnardos with gifts for Christmas. The contributions that students and their families have made in the past have been greatly appreciated. We are asking for donations of any items that may go into food hampers (non-perishable), think about items that may be useful for teenagers and wish cards are great. Donations can be delivered to the Library and parents can leave donations at the School Office. All donations will be placed under the Giving Tree in the Library. Thank you for your assistance.

Community Notices

ANGLICARE Western NSW – No Interest Loan Scheme

Anglicare is offering a No Interest Loan Scheme here in Mudgee (NILS) which is an alternate form of credit, not emergency relief, with no fees or charges. The aim is to provide low income earners the means to purchase essential household items. Loans are provided to people who have the ability to repay the loan in small fortnightly repayments.

You are eligible to access a loan from us if you live in the Mid Western Regional Council area and are on a Centrelink benefit or are a low income earner. The money can be used to purchase things like electrical goods, furniture, baby items, medical equipment, mobility aids or something else that will improve the quality of life for you. It cannot be used for living expenses, rent and bond money or debt repayment.

If you are interested please phone 1800 644 556 (Anglicare Western, Dubbo) to check your eligibility and receive the information pack. If you wish to proceed with your application it will then be dealt with locally.

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL'S FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Thurs 5 Jan: REAL FM GULGONG POOL PARTY, 2-6pm, Music, Games, Giveaways - normal pool entry fees apply

Mon 9 Jan: MURAL CONSULTATION, Jubilee Oval, 4-5pm. Come and talk to an artist about your ideas for a mural before painting begins next week!

Tues 10 Jan: DRUMMING WORKSHOP, Charbon Park, 10am-12pm
DRUMMING WORKSHOP, Kandos Community Hall, 1-2.30pm

Wed 11 Jan: DRUMMING WORKSHOP, Gulgong Skate Park, 2-3.30pm
DRUMMING WORKSHOP, Mudgee Skate Park, 4.30-6pm

Thurs 12 Jan: REAL FM MUDGEES POOL PARTY, 2-6pm, Music, Games, Giveaways - normal pool entry fees apply

Mon 16 Jan: TSHIRT DECORATING, Gulgong Memorial Hall, 10-11.30am. Bring your own tshirt or fabric item & we'll provide the paint and techniques!

Tues 17 to Fri 20 Jan: DRAMARAMA WORKSHOP, Kandos Community Hall, 10am to 3pm each day, bring your own lunch, for 10-15yrs, bookings required

Tues 17 Jan: MUDGEES SKATE PARK DESIGN SESSION, 3.30-5.30pm, talk to a professional skate park designer about your ideas for a possible skate park upgrade

Wed 18 Jan: SKATEBOARD CLINICS, Mudgee Skate Park, 9am - Girls Only aged 8+, 10am - Open Clinic aged 8+ BYO skateboard & helmet, bookings required

Thurs 19 & Fri 20 Jan: PAINT IT UP - MURAL AT JUBILEE OVAL, 2.30-6.30pm each day followed by a BBQ for participants, wear old clothes & bring a hat

Mon 23 Jan: TSHIRT DECORATING, Kandos Community Hall, 1.30-3pm. Bring your own tshirt or fabric item & we'll provide the paint and techniques!

Tues 24 Jan: REAL FM KANDOS POOL PARTY, 2-6pm, Music, Games, Giveaways - normal pool entry fees apply

Wed 25 Jan: TSHIRT DECORATING, Mudgee Skate Park, 10-11.30am. Bring your own tshirt or fabric item & we'll provide the paint and techniques!

AUSTRALIA DAY WARM UP, Gulgong Skate Park, 4-6pm, music, thong throwing comp, stickers, games

For further information or to book, contact Cathy Leisfield, Youth Services Officer 0408 635 933 or go to www.facebook.com/midwesternyouthcouncil

Mudgee High School Awards of Excellence 2011

Greg Bartrim	Contribution to Rugby Union in the school
Michael Boller	Dedication to regional sport and students with disabilities
Paul Bradshaw	Commitment to technology for learning
Emma O'Neill	Initiatives in equestrian team building
Peter Smith	Leadership of technology and dedicated teaching
Christine Smith	Leadership of administration
Jenny Szloch	Contribution to the P&C and school planning
Simon Jones	Contribution to the P&C and school planning
Cathy Winsper	Athletics coaching
Suzanne Zell	Efficiency and dedication
Carol Broadley	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Robyn Burke	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Melissa Date	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Michelle Hutchins	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Bill Kempton	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Greg Murdoch	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Karen Quinn	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Penny Smith	Supporting the wellbeing of students
Ruth Egan	Work in fostering connections with our Aboriginal community
Aleshia Lonsdale	Work in fostering connections with our Aboriginal community
Michele McFarlane	Work in fostering connections with our Aboriginal community
Nigel White	Sponsoring the steer showing program
John Laidlaw	Enthusiastic commitment to agriculture
Graham Wilson	Enthusiastic commitment to agriculture
Michael O'Sullivan	Outstanding school magazine
Anka Peters	Outstanding school magazine
Fiona Brown	Long Term Commitment to Max Potential
Carol Cockerill-Wright	Long Term Commitment to Max Potential
Ross Ellis	Teaching brass and bass students and performing over many years
Antony Featherby	Teaching woodwind students and performing over many years
Carl Holleman	Support for staff in isolated rural areas
Ronya Maynard	Paraprofessionals for the C4E
Marina Segal	Paraprofessionals for the C4E
David Roach	Support for staff in isolated rural areas
Susan Spinner	Support for staff in isolated rural areas
David McLennan	Support for staff in isolated rural areas

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY

Anka Peters	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Carl Holleman	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Cath McNeill	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Helen McLennan	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Josh Hayward	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Martin McNamara	Providing Performance opportunities for students
Jennifer Davies	Warm and caring mentoring of teachers and other executive
Michelle McQuiggin	Innovative commitment to Vocational Education
Monica Howard	Science and Engineering Challenge
Greg Evans	Science and Engineering Challenge
Wayne Eade	Outstanding School Leadership
Steve Jones	Outstanding School Leadership

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