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MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- Dec 8 – Year 10 Presentation Assembly 12.30pm
- Dec 8 - Year 7, 8, 9 & 11 Presentation Evening – Gym
- Dec 13-16 – Year 11 Camp
- Dec 15 – Year 7, 8 & 9 Gold, Silver & Report Assembly
- Dec 15 – Year 7 Concert

Principal's Message

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of all in the school community on Thursday December 8. Our first ceremony will be to acknowledge the achievements of Year 10 students in the School Certificate this year. Students will be presented with their School Certificates and other school awards commencing at 12.30pm. On Thursday evening commencing at 7.00 pm we will celebrate the achievements of all students, staff and community from 2011. This ceremony will include for the first time community awards which thank those including staff and parents who have volunteered to provide extra support for our varied programs for students. All parents are invited to attend.

Congratulations to Katelyn Kurtz who has been nominated as an ambassador for an international mathematics competition. This follows her success in gaining 3rd place in the state wide mathematics competition earlier in the year. This week we are also celebrating the achievements of Lucy O'Connell, Jonathan Harris, Madelaine Blackman and Veronica Rosso who are in the finals of a national film competition. On Friday the students will travel to Sydney to see their film exhibited along with other finalists and will have the chance to meet Cate Blanchet and other industry notables. We look forward to reading how they went in the finals next week.

Parents are reminded that the last day of school for all students is Friday 16th December. Reports for Year 7 - 9 students will be handed out on 15th December along with their Silver and Gold awards. Again parents will be invited to attend. Look out for a note and/or letter coming home soon. Any students who have family commitments in that last week (including Year 10 students) which make it impossible to attend school will need to provide a note from a parent as soon as possible. Reports will not be issued early and will have to be collected from the office by a parent if the student is not present at school on the day they are issued.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Thank You Coates Hire Service

Mudgee High School would like to publicly acknowledge the free loan of a generator by Coates Hire Service during a recent scheduled power outage at the school. The Agriculture staff currently has several hundred eggs incubating, including some from one rare breed of fowl. This unconditional donation was invaluable to keep the poultry enterprise functional and the generosity of Coates Hire is gratefully received.

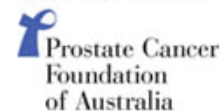
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Mudgee High School Movember

Mudgee High School's Movember Campaign was a great success! All through the month Miss McCann's PD17 Youth Matters class worked hard to improve their understanding of health promotion and men's health matters. They signed up staff and students, raised awareness on school assemblies, took photos, ran quizzes and created posters and presentations.

Movember's Beneficiary Partners



On Wednesday the 30th of Movember (*the month formerly known as November*) the students raised awareness about Men's Health (prostate cancer and depression) through running an assembly/concert.

The school held an assembly to parade the hard work of those who had grown mos or hairy legs! The PD17 students collected donations, announced the participants and organised entertainment from a group of Year 9 students. Everyone did a great job and it would not have been a success without them.

The contestants came in separately and everyone cheered as they paraded their mos and hairy legs.

Also a big thank you to Mr Holleman for the exceptional management of the sound and band. To Mr Murdoch, Mrs Manwaring and Rebecca Spinner for judging.

A big thanks you to all who got behind Movember. The total amount raised and sent to the Movember Foundation was \$320. This money will be greatly received and will be given to the Prostate Cancer Foundation and Beyond Blue to improve Men's Health.

Lastly a BIG THANK YOU all to those who grew and put up with the itching, funny looks and comments!

Participants from the parade:

Lamest Mo

Mr Tooney, Mr Wilson and Mr Cox

Sports star

Mr Plummer

Mexican Bandit

Mr Eade

1972 French Canadian hockey player

Mr Mills

Rock star

Mr Rae

Fake Mo

Mr Gianmarco and Mr Hatch

Villain

Mr Bradshaw

Negative Mo

Mr Lynn

Mo sisters

Mrs Bennett, Mrs Johnson and Mrs McGonigle with weirdest mo.



The judges decided that the Winners were for:

Best overall Mr Lynn (originality)

Best act Mr Cox (for his Cartwheel)

Mr Wilson (Glad he stopped when he did)

A special award was given to:

Best sista

Mrs Johnson (Always outrageous)

Lamest

Mr Tooney

Fake

Mr Gianmarco



And the Winner is.....
Mr Lynn with his "Negative Mo"

Mudgee High School's MAD Concert 2011

Tuesday 6th December will be the Annual MAD concert.

Tickets cost \$5 and will be available from the door.

Concert goers are encouraged to come at 6:30 so that they can visit the art exhibition and the concert will start at 7pm.

Students performing in this year's concert feature:-

Heathcliffe Auchinachie, Chris Perring, Maddison Watson, Lucy Cheetham, Maddison Quinn, Emily Rayner, Jesse Bantock, Jessica Hinchliffe, Alex Murphy, Emily Carter, Meghan Adams, Harrison Ross, Caleb Cotterill, Jake Fahy, Nicholas Chapman, Eric Harris, Jordan Addley, Paudrey Hickey, Emma Rapley, Callum Sutherland, Robert Oakley, Molly Hartfield, Bec Spinner, Jacob Scobell, Isabella Bud-McAuliff and Kirstie Bain.

Also performing will be the Mudgee High School Band, and the Mudgee High School Choir.

HSC Geography Fieldtrip

From Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th October the Mudgee High School HSC Geography class participated in a fieldtrip to Sydney. We left Mudgee at 8am on the Wednesday and headed for Collaroy Beach at Narrabeen on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Here we were met by a teacher from the Narrabeen Environmental Education Centre. We climbed to the top of the headland at the northern end of Collaroy Beach to get a good perspective of both the beach and the lagoon. After learning about the geography of this site, and drawing excellent site sketches, we made our way down to the actual beach. Here we conducted transect studies of the various elements on the beach – temperature of the air and sand, light exposure, wind speed and direction, sand sampling, and vegetation observations. This site study will support students in their HSC Geography course on the topic Ecosystems at Risk – Coastal Sand Dunes.



Day two of our fieldtrip took us into the heart of Sydney's CBD. We were met at Customs House by a teacher from the Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre. From here we learnt about the changing urban dynamics of Sydney as a World City. We then caught a ferry from Circular Quay around to Darling Harbour. From the ferry we gained an excellent vantage point of significant areas of influence and change in this urban space. The ferry journey ultimately took us

past the Pymont Peninsula where we gained some perspective on the changing uses of this particular urban space. Once off the ferry, we proceeded to take a walk through the streets of Pymont. We observed pictures and land-use maps from 150 years ago, 100 years ago and 20 years ago. Observation and comparison was able to be made with today's uses for Pymont. This site study will support students in their study of the topic Urban Places.

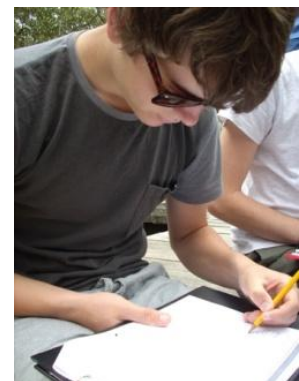


The final day of the fieldtrip took us to Homebush Bay to the Badu wetlands. Students had the opportunity to walk along the boardwalks deep into the actual wetlands environment. From this outdoor classroom students drew diagrams of the vegetation structures and took notes on the intricate details of this ecosystem. This site study will support students in their study of the topic Ecosystems at Risk – Intertidal Wetlands.



The fieldtrip was a successful and enjoyable experience for all the students involved and for Miss Windeyer, their teacher and Mr Jones who drove the bus. All students can be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and co-operation throughout the fieldtrip.

They were a wonderful group of young people who displayed great maturity. They were positive ambassadors for Mudgee High School.



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.



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

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