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Term 4 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter

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EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- Nov 25 – Y12
Farewell-Parklands
- Nov 28 – Merit
Selection Training
6.30pm - Library
- Nov 28 – P&C
Meeting – Library
7.30pm
- Dec 2 – CLC Dinner
- Dec 8 – Y10
Presentation
Assembly 12.30pm
- Dec 8 - Y7, 8, 9 &
11 Presentation
Evening – Gym
- Dec 13-16 – Y11
Camp
- Dec 15 – Y7, 8 & 9
Gold, Silver &
Report Assembly
- Dec 15 – Y7
Concert

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Principal's Message

We are very pleased with the announcement that we will continue as a Centre for Excellence in 2012 (see the Minister's Press Release overpage). Originally this program was for only two years. In that time we have supported inexperienced and isolated teachers in schools in Western NSW.

We have organised professional learning, mentoring and assisted with programs and assessment. Our partner schools are very excited that in 2012 they can continue to seek support from our expert teachers.

On 6th December the new Director General for Education Dr Michele Bruniges will visit Mudgee High School. This will be her first visit to our region and is for the purpose of presenting a Director General's Award of Excellence. At the ceremony we will also celebrate the contributions of our community to the excellent education at Mudgee High School.

I would like to extend an invitation to members of our P&C to attend training for merit selection panels. It will be held before the next P&C meeting at 6pm on 28th November. This allows you to be the parent representation on panels to select new staff.

On 8th December we are holding our Year 10 Presentation ceremony at 12.30pm and our Annual Presentation for Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. On that day we hope to have copies of our Mirri magazine for sale for \$10.

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Unfortunately we will not be able to process eftpos payments between 24th November and 5th December as it is our end of year financial roll over. We apologise for any inconvenience.

CAREERS NEWS University of Sydney Summer School – Head Start Lectures – For Students Studying Year 12 in 2012

The 'Summer School' program offers students the opportunity to obtain a significant head start into the 2012 HSC syllabus. Having a solid understanding of course content in advance of covering materials at school will enable students to absorb more information in the classroom, resulting in less time being spent on homework, improved confidence and higher HSC scores.

Each lecture will thoroughly review and then extend on the materials covered in Term 4 of 2011 as well as provide students with a comprehensive coverage of 2012 Term 1 materials in advance of school. Students will also receive comprehensive notes that include all of the relevant theory (transcribed into student friendly language), fully worked examples, take home questions, as well as advance exposure to exam style questions and analytical/problem solving strategies so as to maximise mid-year examination scores.

NOTE: The Summer School lectures are being prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practising HSC teachers and markers who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve the Band 6 scores.

Students who have attended the Summer School programs in past years agree that these programs strengthened understanding of course materials, decreased workloads and stress levels at school, increased confidence and motivation and greatly improved performance in tests, assignments and exams.

Copies of brochures are available in the Careers Room. Additional forms may be obtained by visiting website www.tsfx.com.au or telephone 1300 364 173.

FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Commitment to Improving Teacher Quality Boosted for 2012

Mudgee High School Centre for Excellence for One More Year

The NSW Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced today an expansion of the Government's commitment to improved teacher quality. Mr Piccoli said the investment will come through the extension of the Smarter Schools National Partnership on Improving Teacher Quality. "We will increase our commitment in an established program and a new one," Mr Piccoli said. "Extra funding support will be offered to NSW government schools already operating as Centres for Excellence, and another group of schools not already receiving National Partnership funding will be invited to participate in the new Teacher Quality Project."

"We are extending the reach of the Smarter Schools program, because nothing is as important in a child's school education as the quality of their teachers."

"NSW public schools have a wealth of teaching expertise and this expansion will enable schools participating in this initiative to better spread the knowledge of best teaching practice."

Thirty five NSW government schools currently operate as Centres for Excellence. One of the initiatives these schools have developed through the program is strengthened links to university teaching faculties which has increased support to teaching students.

The 13 schools that started as Centres of Excellence last year will now be invited to participate in a one-year transition program, with funding support of up to \$200,000 to further embed practices that improve teacher quality. This means that Mudgee High School will continue as a Centre for Excellence in 2012.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

BOYS:

- Grey shorts with the school badge OR grey trousers (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (no hoods).
- Navy weatherproof jacket with the school badge.
- Hats are recommended for protection from the sun and "bucket" hats with the school crest are the most preferable.
- Black or white shoes which must be enclosed and comply with Occupational Health and Safety Requirements which require that the upper toe section of the shoe be leather.
- Sport Uniform: all students to wear red polo shirt, navy blue shorts or navy track pants with MHS embroidery.

Senior Option

- Polo shirt may have blue/red stripes on collar. A navy jumper OR deep red jumper with embroidered badge for seniors OR navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (no hoods).

GIRLS:

- Navy skirt OR navy dress shorts with the school badge OR navy dress pants (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
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PDHPE and Sports Uniform

- Students are to wear sports uniform for all practical PE lessons – if this is not possible, students should wear clothes similar to the sports uniform and appropriate for a practical lesson and bring an explanatory note from home.

No commercial logos, stripes or other decorations are permitted.

Please make sure all articles of clothing are marked with student's name.

Where students are unable to wear full uniform a note must be brought to roll call and a uniform pass will be issued.

Community Notices

OneLife Family Church

The Church is screening the movie 'Soul Surfer' on 25th November at 6.30pm
Cost is \$5 student; \$10 adult and \$15 a family
Supper is provided – Everyone is welcome
Enquiries to 6372 6792 or 0439 045269

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING

Make a perfect Christmas table centrepiece or the ultimate in festive gifts!
At Mudgee Baptist Church, 70 Bruce Road. On Friday 25th November at 7pm
\$35 includes everything needed as well as a presentation board and cellophane wrap
Bookings: Please call Lydia Smith – 6372 3592 – only 30 places

CLUB MUDGEES MAX POTENTIAL PROGRAM

Needs community coaches from the Mudgee/Gulgong/Rylstone/Kandos areas.

If you have an interest in developing the leadership capacity of young people in your community, please consider becoming a coach with the Max Potential Program. Coaches can be sponsored by all organisation such as a business or community group, or by Club Mudgee. Approved applicants will receive training from accredited coaches and will progress their own personal and professional leadership success along the way. Want to know more, or want to get involved? Contact Fiona Brown, Max Potential Program Manager on 6272 7013

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