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Term 4 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter

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## Coming Events:

- 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

## Principal's Message

Mudgee High School students continue to excel in the wide range of extra curricular activities offered by the staff at our school. In recent days:

- Our equestrian team achieved excellent results at the Coolah Horse Sports Day
- Year 11 student Mary Sparkes won an award in a state wide writing competition
- A group of talented computing students from Year 8 were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for their entry to a computing animation competition.

Last Friday night marked the last official school function for our Year 12 class of 2011. Over 500 students, staff, parents and friends gathered at Parklands for the Year 12 Farewell. As always this was a wonderful night of celebration, touched with a little sadness as Year 12 realised that this would be their final time together as a whole group.

Many positions on the staff at schools these days are filled by a merit selection process involving an application, CV and interview. Parent and community members are an important part of these selection panels. A short session of training is required before a volunteer can participate in a staff selection panel. Interested parents are invited to undergo that training process in the School Library tonight from 6:00pm to 7:15pm.

The final few weeks of the school year are always a very busy time. Behind the scenes a great deal of work is being done on: timetables, staffing, purchase of resources, budgeting and other preparations for 2012. However the main task of the school – delivering high quality lessons – remains our No 1 priority. Students in all classes will be engaged in meaningful work right up until the last day for student attendance (Friday Dec 16). Student reports will be issued on Thursday Dec 15.

One of the many strengths of our school is the effort made by the staff to welcome new students to our school. This applies equally to single new enrolments or to the large group influx that we have every year from local primary schools to Year 7 or from St Matthews School to Year 11. In recent days our Year Advisers for Year 7 (Josh Haywood) and Year 11 (Melissa Date) have hosted functions at Mudgee High to welcome the new members of our school community.

*Steve Jones - Relieving Principal*

## AGRICULTURE

Mudgee High School would like to gratefully acknowledge the Cheetham family for their generous unconditional donation of several round bales of lucerne hay. This will be used by the cattle program to prepare show steers and represents a saving of several hundred dollars. Donations such as this help to make this program possible as income generated does not cover the high costs of preparation and showing.

We are also indebted to Nigel White of Coffin Creek Angus Stud who has donated three steers to be prepared for the Sydney Royal. These animals are well muscled and growing well. Students have been involved in the early stages of preparation and developing invaluable skills in animal handling. Once again, this generous unconditional donation has eased the burden of bringing a rewarding experience to Mudgee High.

## CAREERS NEWS

**Choosing a Career** – Times have changed. A career is now seen as the sum of the learning and work roles people choose to undertake in order to construct the lives they want to live – lives which take into account important priorities such as family, social and community responsibilities.

The notion of having one job for life is a thing of the past for most people. With jobs changing constantly, people now need to keep learning throughout their lives and take charge of their own futures.

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Careers News Cont. - Importantly, most of the career choices that will be available to young people will require them to have completed some post-secondary education or training. With this in mind, they will be better placed to move smoothly through school and on to further education or training if they start exploring their options sooner rather than later.

**Your Career Pathway** – Your career pathway is the unique route you choose, from the many routes available, to reach your career goals. Your career pathway will involve you completing formal and informal learning, developing your skills and experiencing education and training, community and personal life.

**Education and training pathways** – In Australia, the qualifications you gain at schools, vocational education and training providers and universities can be linked up in different ways, so that you can reach your career goal by many different pathways. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to get credit for your existing knowledge and skills, such as your:

- life experience (e.g. voluntary work, hobbies, sport)
- work experience (including unpaid work)
- previous study (e.g. courses at school or college, adult education classes, training and professional development programs at work).

Following your career pathway means making some choices. Ask yourself these questions:

- What have I learnt from my life experiences that I want to use in my career?
- What career fields am I interested in?
- What pathways could I take to get to those career fields?
- Do I need to take a course at a tertiary institution (a private college, TAFE or university)?
- What are the entry requirements for those institutions?
- When I finish the course, what jobs will I qualify for?
- Who do I know who can help me?
- What resources and networks does my community have to offer?
- How can I use my personal networks of family, friends and associates to build my career?

Base your career and educational choices on who you are today. You can always change the course of your pathway in the future, as you yourself, and your desires, change.

**Personal pathways** – To play a personal pathway, you need to know:

- what you like
- what's important to you
- what you're good at
- who the people in your personal network are.

You need to consider your past decisions and experiences, your existing skills, your ambitions for the future and any information or advice you've discovered about your desired career.

*The above information has been obtained from [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) For further information please go to this website.*

**Give them Five** – A team of experienced career development practitioners has come up with five key messages that will help you to support your child's career learning. Known as the "High Five" of Career Development, these messages will help if your child doesn't yet have an answer to the question: What are you going to be when you grow up?

**One: Change is Constant** – Taking a flexible approach when planning a new career can greatly assist when unexpected changes happen. Making plans is great – adjusting them along the way can also assist in creating new opportunities.

**Two: Follow your Heart** – Encourage your child to dream of a future full of different types of career choices enables them to explore and expand their career possibilities. What may appear to be an unconventional or unrealistic choice may just be the very thing that materialises into a career for your child.

**Three: Focus on the Journey** – Enjoying the journey to your child's career destination is vital. Whilst outcomes are important, remembering to explore and experiment with different career paths can be productive and lots of fun for both of you.

**Four: Keep Learning** – Keeping up to date and adapting to change is important in today's environment. Learning comes from many experiences not only workplace training but also from everyday activities such as using social network sites on your PC, being part of a community group, sporting teams and family members.

**Five: Be an Ally** – While wanting young people to be self directed we also want them to feel part of a community that cares for them. Being a career "ally" is part of being a support network for those who are exploring career paths. These support networks can consist of parents, neighbours, family, friends and employers and can be a terrific support for your child when making career choices.

*(Acknowledgement: 'The High Five of Career Development' which was developed by Dave Redekopp and others)*

**SRC Hawaiian Social**

Thursday 1/12/11, 7-10pm

**Music:** Adam Barzilay

**Cost:** \$4 Tickets will be sold from F01 on Thursday 1/12/11 at recess and lunch.  
Shoes and appropriate clothing must be worn.

**Paid Advertisement**

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<p><b>DANCE WITH ATTITUDE</b> DANCE STUDIOS Mudgee, Kandos &amp; Coolah</p> <p>ACTIVE WEAR FROM <b>DANCE WITH ATTITUDE</b> MUDGEE DANCE SHOP 02 6372 9675 Mon - Fri 1pm -5pm Sat 11am -2pm <a href="http://www.mudgeedance.com">www.mudgeedance.com</a></p> <p><b>DANCE - FUN - FITNESS - CONFIDENCE</b> We are now taking new enrolments for 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R.A.D Classical Ballet - Exams</li><li>• G.W Tap Syllabus - Exams<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jazz Dance</li></ul></li><li>• Hip Hop / Acro Dance</li><li>• Modern Expressive / Contemporary</li><li>• Musical Theatre - Song Dance &amp; Drama</li><li>• Gulgong Elsteddfod- Performance class!</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holiday School programs held in July at the Mudgee studio. See our website for details.</li><li>• Interstate Camps in January.</li><li>• 5% Discount at Dance Shop for enrolled students</li></ul>	 <p><b>ANNUAL CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE NOW</b></p> <p><b>10th Dec. Mudgee</b> (Parklands Quality Resort)</p> <p><b>17th Dec. KANDOS</b> (Community Hall Kandos)</p> <p><b>18th Dec. Coolah</b> (Central School Hall)</p>
	
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