

Monday: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Term 4 – Week 5



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Oct 17 to Nov 11  
HSC Exams
- Nov 7 to 8 - School  
Certificate Exams
- Nov 14 – Y12 Sign  
out day
- Nov 15 - Y6 to Y7  
Orientation Day
- Nov 16 – Y6 to Y7  
Parent Information  
Evening 7pm  
School Tour 6pm

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## Principal's Message

### Local Schools, Local Decisions Consultation

The Minister for Education has announced consultation regarding a strategy to allow greater decision making at the local level in schools. The consultation results from a commitment to give local schools and teachers more authority to adapt what they do and how they do it to meet the needs of their students. School Education Director, Peter Harvey has been given the brief of conducting consultation in Western NSW Region, he will be holding a consultation forum for parents at Mudgee High School Library on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm to 7.30pm. Parents from schools of the Cudgegong Learning Community interested in contributing to the discussion are encouraged to attend. Please enter via Horatio Street.

An online forum also has been set up at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/announcements/yr2011/aug/lslid/index.php>

for people unable to attend local forums. This link provides details regarding the various aspects of the consultation and elicits your thoughts and advice, there are also additional links to all the consultation materials.

If you would like to make a contribution to the discussion please do not hesitate to attend this meeting in Mudgee, engage in the online forum or both. If you do not have access to the internet yourself please contact your local school principal for assistance with access and/or copies of the documents.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at  
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*From NSW Department of Education & Communities – Bathurst Schools Office*

### ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Two wonderful opportunities for our students coming up this term . . .

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November a group of our Year 9 and Year 11 students will have a script writing workshop with Michaelaey O'Brien. Michaelaey is a professional script-writer who has worked extensively in television and has created the scripts for episodes of Underbelly Razor and McLeod's Daughters, among others. She has very kindly offered her time and expertise to our students without charge. The workshops involve discussion about the process of script-writing, examination of some script extracts and comparing them with the finished product. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. The timing of this visit coincides with the School Certificate exams preventing some students taking part but it may be possible to invite Michaelaey back to the school at a later date.

Beginning on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November the school is welcoming two educators from the Bell Shakespeare Company for a two week residency. This is an exciting opportunity for our students who will have the benefit of a series of free workshops with these highly qualified Shakespearean actor/educators. Each year there are only two of these residencies offered to schools so we are very privileged to be chosen.

Students from year 11 Advanced English will have a unique opportunity to explore their HSC Shakespeare text, Hamlet, from a performance perspective. We hope this will provide insight and raise awareness of different interpretations and issues within the texts.

Year 10 students will have opportunity to get a head start for year 11 through some workshops to introduce their year 11 text, Othello. All students who nominated Advanced English for 2012 will be expected to attend but all students are welcome.

Year 9 will all be following up their study of Romeo and Juliet and Year 8 students will have the chance to go to a workshop on Midsummer Night's Dream. The focus of both of these sets of workshops is on enjoying the texts, learning to read them and make sense of them. The Bell performers are very entertaining and we think that our students will all have a wonderful time.

English Faculty News continued: Students in Drama will also benefit from a series of acting workshops and performance skills. All students undertaking a Drama module in VI as well as the HSC group can expect to be involved. We urge our students to take the opportunity to take part in these learning experiences that don't come along every day

## BEEF BONANZA STEER SHOW



Eleven Mudgee High students recently attended the annual steer show in Scone, known as the Beef Bonanza, and came home with their best results ever. This caps an excellent year of steer showing with top awards going to steers in Dubbo during March.

The three steers we transported to Scone took out a first in class and two Highly Commended ribbons. The results got better with carcass results placing us 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> in classes and champion lightweight carcass. Students and staff did an exceptional job preparing the steers for parading and finishing them for sale. Over the 3 days of camping, they worked hard, supporting each other and the assisted staff throughout.

Congratulations are also due to Kaylee Harradine who was a finalist in the 16-17 Years parading competition. This is a hotly contested event and attests to the talent she possesses for showing the steer and presenting herself for the judge. The 6 other students who paraded performed admirably under difficult conditions, with torrential rain and delays due to storms.

Special thanks are due to Ms Wilson and James Stephens who made the weekend run smoothly and gave expert advice in the preparation and presentation of the steers. Acknowledgement must also go to the breeder, Mrs Margaret Reid and district livestock officer, Brett Littler, who assisted with the selection



## FROM THE LIBRARY

The library is in the process of accumulating some LEGO sets. We hope to encourage students to use their creative and engineering brilliance to make some structures. If you have some unused LEGO at home, and would like to donate it to the school Library it would be greatly appreciated. Excess LEGO will be donated to local charities. Please bring LEGO to Mr Francis or Mrs Wilkinson, in the Library.

### THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE – FOR HSC STUDENTS

#### Offers professional and impartial advice during the summer holidays

This free service is available by phone or through our website [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au)  
From Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012 careers advisers will be available  
On 1300 300 687 or via the Careers Advisory Service website to answer your enquiries.  
Parents and carers may also use this service if they are seeking advice on your behalf.  
The Careers Advisory Service website contains helpful information to assist you in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

## Community Notices

### McHAPPY DAY 2011

It's the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of McHappy Day and we would like you to come and join in the celebrations. From midday til 2pm we will have dancers, jelly bean guessing competition, colouring in competition, face painting and coloured hairspray, the Fire Brigade truck to have a look at and the Scouts will be coming to help. \$2 for every Big Mac sold will go towards helping Ronald McDonald House Charities. So come and help raise money for this wonderful cause.

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