

Monday: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Term 1 – Week 4



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- Feb 16 – Swimming Carnival
- Feb 24 – 7/11/12 Parent Teacher Evening 4-7pm
- Feb 28 – P&C/School Council Meeting 7.30pm Library
- Mar 8 – Uni Roadshow – Year 12

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## Principal's Message

We have now settled into a good routine at school with classes buzzing and great learning happening all around the years. This week's swimming carnival is a great chance for students to interact in a more casual setting and for every student in years 7-9 to participate in a fun day. Students in years 10-12 who have nominated for events will provide great leadership to the junior students. It is hoped that we see some new records set and good effort from all students but most important of all we are looking forward to students participating enthusiastically throughout the day. The carnival is designed so every student no matter how good or how inexperienced a swimmer, has the opportunity to swim with others of their level and to enjoy the water in a safe manner.

**Vale Sam Bateman** Last week saw the sad news of one of our former student's accidental death. Sam Bateman left Mudgee High School in 2006, held in high esteem by staff and his peers. In his time at Mudgee High School he showed a desire to take up many of the opportunities available at school both academically and in sport. Sam's friendly nature and his ability to show respect for others even those who had different ideas, was an example all students could follow. The whole Mudgee High School community would like to acknowledge the Bateman family's support over the years for Mudgee High School and express our deepest condolences at this heartbreaking time.

A special invitation is extended to parents of year 7 students and other newly enrolled students to attend our first P&C meeting for this year. Come along and meet other parents who like you, desire to have a greater say in their children's education. We meet at 7.30 p.m. on 28 February in the school library. Bring a friend or come with a current member and see what happens at our meetings. We'd love to see you there.

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR LIBRARY?

Welcome to 2011.

We would like to welcome all new students into the school and invite them to come up to the Library and check out the facilities that we offer, including:

- A great selection of resources for assessment work and assignments
- Support for assessment and assignment work
- Non-Fiction books
- Fiction books
- Computers (available to use at Lunchtime or study periods)
- Technology support
- A selection of games to use at Lunchtime to relax and escape the heat

*Mrs B Smith – Teacher Librarian*

## CAREERS CAPERS!

Twenty three Year 12 students participated in the University of Wollongong Discovery Days held on Monday and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February. The event involved students touring the campus, inspecting facilities, talking to students and staff and attending lectures. Issues such as accommodation, early entry, scholarships and more were also discussed.

Overall, a great opportunity for some of MHS prospective university students to cement their tertiary study goals for next year.

## **Regional University Roadshow – Year 12**

For your diary – on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (9.20 – 10.30am) representatives from Charles Sturt University, UNE (Armidale) and Southern Cross University will talk to all Year 12 in the School Gymnasium. This activity helps students decide if university is for them as well as providing relevant information. Topics covered will include courses, costs, accommodation, alternative entry, university life and more. Students will also be able to have 1 to 1 contact with student advisers. Parents/Carers of Year 12 are welcome (encouraged) to attend if possible.

## **Defence Technical Scholarships (Years 11 & 12)**

Scholarships worth \$2,000 (Y11) and \$3,000 (Y12) are available to eligible students considering a trade in the Defence Forces. Students must be studying Maths (any level) and one technical subject eg a VET course, to be able to apply. The DTA support students who are serious about trade careers in the Army, Navy or Air Force in the future. Applications close on 11<sup>th</sup> March. See Mr Kempton for applications.

## **MHS Work Experience – Year 10**

Year 10 are currently undertaking preparation activities in readiness for their involvement in the school's work experience program. Students are required to complete at least 3 days to 1 week (some students choose to do more!) of work experience during 2011. The timing of work experience is negotiable and students should be discussing their options with parents, employers, teachers etc. All Year 10 have been given information for parents/carers regarding the organisation of the program. It must be noted that work experience is THE BEST WAY to assist young people make informed choices about future career options.

## **VACCINATION PROGRAM**

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based program. In 2011 the following vaccines will be offered:

- **Hepatitis B and Varicella** (chicken pox) vaccines will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who may have not previously received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby, or, had chicken pox disease.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** vaccine will be offered to Year 7 girls only as a 3-dose course over a six month period.
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough)** vaccine will be offered to all Year 7 and Year 10 students.

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form (**in black or blue pen**) and return it to their child's school. If the consent form is not returned to the school the student will not be vaccinated.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents are required to record their Medicare Number (including the last digit) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's health information to the National HPV Vaccination Program Register and the National Cervical Screening Program.

A record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive the Record of Vaccination.

## **LANGUAGES**

All classes studying Japanese have made a pleasing start to 2011 and are settling into the task of learning a second language. We particularly welcome all Year 7 students and look forward to seeing their skills develop throughout their year of mandatory study. We are also thrilled to see the continuing support for the inclusion of Japanese into the V.I. curriculum with J03, J05 and J06/07 classes running in years 8-10. We are especially excited to also have a combined Continuers/Beginners course running in Year 11.

## **Course Information**

Some very important documentation has been handed out to all language students and should have been pasted into their books. These sheets include:-

- 📁 Course Information for Year 7 students, outlining a rationale for studying languages, outcomes and content
- 📁 Responsibilities and Rights in the Language classroom.

We encourage all parents/caregivers to read these documents and to contact us at school if they have any questions. All students will have also received an assessment schedule that will outline the timing and types of assessment tasks that will be completed and used to determine the standard students have reached this semester. This is a very important information sheet and students need to use it to plan their revision and to ensure they complete tasks on time. It is hoped that parents/caregivers will help in this planning process and they will be duly contacted if their student fails to meet the minimum requirements.



## Year 10 Sport – Term 1

Group	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>BLUE</b>	Lacrosse/Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball
<b>RED</b>	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ
<b>YELLOW</b>	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron
<b>ORANGE</b>	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis
<b>GREEN</b>	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness
<b>PURPLE</b>	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games	Fitness	Oz tag/kick tennis	Lacrosse/ Gridiron	BDZ	Volleyball	Indoor Games
<b>SWIMMING</b>	(Walking)	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Mudgee Basketball will hold a registration day for all Junior basketball players in Year 7 to 11 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Mudgee PCYC from 4pm until 5.30pm

### MUDGEE JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION DAY

Would you like to play with the Junior Wombats this season?

We can provide opportunity for you to: Play in a Central West competition for U/13, U/15, U/17; Trial for Representative Teams- Central West, NSW Country and NSW Waratahs as well as Western Academy; Play against visiting club and international sides; Participate in a Wombat trip to New Zealand every second year;

Learn a great name with the best rugby club in Country NSW

Rego fees for 2011 are \$75 and Registration Days are Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 4 – 8pm at the Rugby Clubhouse – Jubilee Oval; Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10 – 2pm at the Rugby Clubhouse

NB U/12 and U/13 players will need birth certificates

Players going for Central West selection trials shortly, must be registered and insured through their local club.

### MUDGEE WOLVES –REGISTRATION DATES

Mudgee/Glen Willow – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – 11am to 2pm

Gulgong- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011 – 5pm to 6pm

Rylstone – Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – 5pm to 6pm

Check newspaper and website for confirmation dates – [www.mudgeewolvesfc.com.au](http://www.mudgeewolvesfc.com.au)

### Mudgee Gulgong Wolves FC – Rep training – Glen Willow

**Boys** U/10s Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30pm contact Ian Jones 0416 239 748; U/11s Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30pm contact Michael Sandry 0419 481 003; U/13s Tuesday and Thursday 4.30pm to 6pm contact Robert Tomasella 0419 206 875; U/14s&15s Sunday 9am to 10am contact James Hickey 0448 982 881; U16&17s No Rep team join the Seniors Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 8pm contact Craig Mitchell 0410 532 662

**Girls** U/12s Thursday 4.30pm to 5.30pm contact Ian Jones 0416 239 748

Other ages Thursday 4.30pm to 5.30pm contact Ian Jones

### STUCK?

Homework for Years 4-12; Assignment Research; Study Skills and Essay Writing; HSC Study Mid-Western Regional Council Library offers a FREE online homework help service!

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