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Term 1 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter



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Community

Coming Events:

- 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

Our swimming carnival held on Wednesday last week was a great success. Students from Year 7-12 participated with enthusiasm and some fantastic times were achieved. A full report with age champions and high achievers acknowledged will appear in a later newsletter. A big thank you goes to Ms O'Neill for her organisation on the day and to all the staff and parents who attended to ensure its success.

This week sees our first parent teacher evening for years 7, 11 and 12 on Thursday 24 February from 3.45 – 7.00 pm in the school gym. Students in other years will have their meeting later this term. Your students should by now have given you a booking sheet to make appointments for the first meeting.

Following the parent teacher meeting parents of year 9 will be able to find out more about the laptops their children will receive in the near future. This meeting is essential for all parents of year 9 students. It will be held in the performance centre commencing at 6.30 and finishing by 7.30 pm.

A reminder to all parents that the first P&C meeting for 2011 will be held on Monday 28 February commencing at 7.30 pm. We meet in the school library. Those attending are asked to enter via Horatio St. Come along, bring a friend and find out how your child's school works with parents to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Last week our SRC supported the Director General's fundraiser for the victims of the Queensland Floods. The students willingness to put in the extra effort needed to help others is to be commended. Equally representatives from Mudgee High School who attended the funeral for Sam Bateman were very moved by the support shown by the community following his tragic death. My thanks to the student volunteers who showed such respect and care.

All students should by now have their essential equipment which includes a diary. The diary is a useful way for parents to keep tabs on when homework and assignments are due for their students. Please encourage your child to use their diary to record all those important things they need to remember. This can include things such as bringing back permission notes, dates of major events for their year or class as well as due dates for homework.

Senior students need to ensure they have a system set up at home where their notes can be filed for later reference. Many students use a folder for each subject with dividers for each topic. That means that as a topic is completed the notes and assessment tasks can be taken out of the folder they bring to school and placed in logical sequence within the subject folder. This will help with studying for exams and revision for tests. It also helps by reducing the amount that needs to be carried to and from school each day. Those in Year 11 with laptops can use them as a place to store notes but must remember to back everything up. A thumb drive of at least 4gb should be sufficient for word documents. For larger files students will need to consider an external hard drive as back up. Remember late submission of work due to technology failures is not acceptable as an excuse by the Board of Studies so Back Your Work Up!

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Please look at the advertisement for our Plant & Poultry sale on the back page of this Newsletter



HSIE HAPPENINGS

Welcome to another year of study with HSIE. For new parents, our faculty teaches subjects that fall under the umbrella of Human Society and its Environment. In the Junior school, this encompasses mandatory History and Geography, along with Elective History and various Commerce modules. We also offer Aboriginal Studies. In the Senior school, we cover a wide range of subjects: Geography, Modern and Ancient History, Economics, Legal Studies, Business Studies and Society and Culture.

We are lucky to have a highly qualified and passionate staff, who seek constantly to find new and innovative ways to engage students in their learning. In our staff room you will find Mrs Spinner, Miss Windeyer, Mrs Mort, Mr Scognamiglio and Mr Fitzgerald. You will also find two new staff this year, Mrs Rayner (who has worked with us before) and Mr Mills. Mr Mills is joining us this year on an exchange program. He is at Mudgee High, while Mr Finter is in Canada at Queen Elizabeth High School in Calgary, Alberta. Mr Finter promises to send us regular photos of a geographical nature which we can share with everyone. Look forward to that for next time! Meantime, Mrs McFarlane will be filling in as Acting Head Teacher in Mr Finter's absence.

As a guide for students and parents, we are including an overview of the assessment tasks planned for semester one in our faculty. This should assist students to organise their time, and also allow parents to provide verbal encouragement to work on tasks prior to the 'last minute panic'. It is sometimes a good idea to mark relevant dates onto the family calendar.

School Environment Management Plan

On Wednesday 9th February, Year 11 Geography students conducted an energy and waste audit of Mudgee High School. The results of this audit were used to create a School Environment Management Plan (SEMP).

The group was split into four smaller groups. Each group was given a portion of the school grounds and buildings to audit. Students took photos and notated detail of the energy usage in each room, including lighting, audio-visual equipment, heating and cooling capacities, and water usage in toilet/bathroom areas and outside areas.

After gathering their primary data, the groups came back together. The information gathered was then discussed, collated, and analysed. The beginnings of the SEMP started to form.



Through discussions and consultation with each other, the students were able to identify where Mudgee High School is having success with environmental management and where the school is falling short of the desired goals. From this assessment, ideas were created and developed to address these shortfalls and to improve the environmental focus of Mudgee High School.

Students have now created a SEMP – a three year plan to improve student and staff awareness of the importance of environmental management through tangible and active participation. The plan is a progressive project which will be addressed on a regular basis through student meetings once a month. These meetings will encourage students to take steps to change the future of our school's environmental management.

HSIE ~ Junior Assessment Program ~ Sem 1 2011

Students in Years 7 & 8 are currently studying a History **or** Geography course. All students in Years 9 & 10 are currently studying a History **&** Geography course. Some students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have elected to study a Commerce **& / or** Elective History course.

Year & Subject	Assessment Task & Dates <i>Please note that the dates below refer to the Monday of the relevant week. The exact due date for each task will vary within that week depending on which day the student has that class.</i>
Year 7 Geography	Not applicable Semester 1 2011
Year 7 History	Egypt Assingment – issued week 6, due week 8 term 1 Mini Test No 1 – What Is History? - week 8 term 1 ICT Task Ancient Greece – at teacher discretion Topic Test No 2 – week 4 term 2 Regular Homework – as set.
Year 8 Geography	In-class task Global Inequalities – week 6 term 1 Test one Global Change – week 8 term 1 Test Two Access to Fresh Water – week 4 term 2 Assessment task one Water for Life – due week 11 term 1 Assessment task two Access to Fresh Water – due week 3 term 2 Regular Homework – moodle and excess in-class work
Year 8 History	Not applicable Semester 1 2011
Year 9 Geography	Unique Australia Assignment – Issued week 4 term 1 due week 6 term 1 Class Test One – Week 10 term 1 Class Test Two - Week 3 term 2 Regular Homework – Moodle homework
Year 9 History	Test No 1 Federation/Constitution - term 1 week 9 Federation Source Study – term 1 week 9 WW1 Assignment Digger Legend – Issued Week 9 term 1. Due week 2 term 2. Australia in the 1900s Writing task term 1 week 5 or 7 Test No 2 (WWI) – Week 4 term 2 Homework – excess classwork and tasks set by teacher or moodle content when online
Year 10 Geography	Australia in its Global Context task – due week 10 term 1 Test No 1 – week 11 Term 1 Half Yearly Formal Exam – 24 th June Geography Competition – when held Regular Homework – School Certificate Skills on Moodle
Year 10 History	Source Analysis Technology Test - week 6 term 1 Anti-communism & Vietnam War Assignment - issued week 6, due week 11 term 1 Test on Vietnam War & Decade Study – week 4 term 2 Chifley & Migration Test - week 8 term2 Half Yearly Formal Exam – week 10 Term 2
Commerce 1	Buying a Car Assignment – Issued week 8 term 1.due week 1 term 2 Mini Test No 1 – week 8 term 1 Mini Test No 2 – week 2/3 term 2
Commerce 3	Crime Assignment – Issued week 5 term 1 Due week 8 term 1. Mini Test No 1 – week 8 term 1 Mini Test No 2 – week 3 term 2
Commerce 5A	Not applicable 2011
Elective History	Research Assignment – Issued week 7 term 1. Due week 10 term 1 Test No 1 – week 10 term 1 Test No 2 – week 3 term 2

END OF SUMMER PLANT & POULTRY SALE

Mudgee High School – Corner Denison and Perry Streets

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 8AM – 12NOON

- Wide variety of plants. New varieties available, including natives
- Wide variety of poultry breeds
 - Light Sussex – large & bantam
 - Blue Leghorn Bantam
 - Pekin – range of colours: blue, black splash buff & more
 - Silkie – blacks & whites
 - Wyandotte – silver & gold laced
 - Young Isa Brown layers
 - Ducks – Indian Runners
 - Day old chicks – in most of these breeds
 - Young & older birds
 - Trios, pairs and single

Community Announcements

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL Youth Week Competitions

Sections for Photography, Short Film, Writing and Art

Entrants to be aged between 12 and 25 years and live in the MWRC area

Entries must be received by Cathy Leisfield by 4.30pm on 25th March 2011

All entries must be accompanied by an entry form which can be downloaded from

www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au/community_services/youth_services.html or

contact cathy.leisfield@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or 0408 635 933

Keep up to date with other Youth Week events become a fan of the Mid-Western Youth Council on facebook!

RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING DAY

Registration will be held at a training evening of Mudgee Junior and Senior League on 25th February at Cahill Park beginning at 6pm. The event is open to anyone who is interested. Fees are \$50 for Under 6 to Under 9 and \$75 for Under 10 to Under 16. Any players not registered with Mudgee Club in 2010 will be required to provide ID such as birth certificate or passport.

MUDGEE DISTRICT NETBALL – Registration Day

Saturday 12th March 11am to 3pm -New Glen Willow Clubhouse

Please refer to website for all relevant information, fees and application forms

www.mudgee.netball.asn.au Click on '2011 competition' Enquiries to Jodie on 0424 743988

Want to be an energy and climate change leader in your Community? Get involved in Energymark

Volunteers are needed to lead discussions on energy, climate change, water and waste.

Help create a sustainable future – reduce your carbon footprint and save power at home.

You don't need to know a lot about energy and climate change to participate.

Gather a small group of people (family, friends, neighbours or workmates)

for discussions and receive support and discussion material from CSIRO.

To register or for more information visit www.energymark.com.au or call 1300 119 003

MUDGEE GRASSROOTS RUGBY FESTIVAL 18th – 20th March 2011

Website details are: Grassroots Rugby Festival 2011 – Rugby Unicorn – Mudgee – Silver Foxes

With less than 6 weeks to go, now is the time to get your registration form in – they can be downloaded at

MGRF 2011 Registration Form and fax to 6374 0212 or email to

secretary@grassrootsrugbyfestival.com.au or post to PO Box 1217, Mudgee 2850

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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