

Monday: 21st March 2011

Term 1 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter



A member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community

Coming Events:

- Mar 28 –P&C AGM
7.30pm - Library
- Mar 31 to Apr 8 – Y12
Half Yearly Exams
- Mar 30 – Yr 11 Parent
Info Evening –
Assessment in the
Preliminary HSC
- Mar 29 – SRC Induction
11.30 – 12.30
Performance Centre

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Principal's Message

A large number of students achieved success so far this term in sport. Some details are given below of success in western area softball.

Last Wednesday five softball teams travelled to Mudjee for the Western Area Boys softball knockout. Mudjee defeated Cowra in their first round and then moved on to play Blayney in the Western Area final. The final was an extremely close game, however, Mudjee came out victorious. This means we now travel to Newcastle in Term three to participate in the final 16 state knockout. The Western softball team was selected after the finals and the following seven Mudjee boys gained a place in this team: Troy Kenny, Mitchell O'Gorman, Richard Sargent, Hayden Cox, Jacob Christofis, Jahymi Dowell and Nathan Sharp. These boys will travel to Sydney in term three to participate in the CHS championships.



Year 12 students are completing their last assessment tasks before the start of mid-course exams on 31st March. All students are encouraged to develop a study timetable for the next four weeks. Help with this is available from mentors, year adviser and your class teachers.

The Study Skills Days for Year 11 held last week was designed to assist students in setting goals for the future. It also began a year long process of developing specific skills such as essay writing, time management and memory. This work is continued in each course but a key is for each student to work as part of a team. Peers, family, friends and teachers all form an individual students study team. The most effective outcomes are achieved when that team is organised to support the students efforts.

Last week we farewelled one of our Year 12 students from 2010 at a very moving memorial service. Staff were impressed with the maturity and respect shown by students who attended. Ex-students who spoke demonstrated their capacity to care for others which is the key to us all in getting through times in our lives when tragedy can feel overwhelming. The Black Dog Institute is delivering seminars on navigating depression over the next few weeks which we hope many parents and older students will be able to attend. (See flyer below).

Free Community Education Seminar – Navigating Teenage DEPRESSION

What is depression? How to spot early warning signs; how to build resilience; what to do.

For parents, teenagers and people who work with young people.

Presented at Club Mudjee on 30th March from 6.30 to 8.30pm

Building Personal RESILIENCE

What is resilience? Strategies for building resilience to combat stress.

Presented at Winning Post Motor Inn

31st March from 10am to 12 noon

Please RSVP for either or both by 25th March

By going to the website www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

For more information contact Chris Rule on 02 93828203 or c.rule@blackdog.org.au

Louise Manwaring
Principal

NSW INTERSCHOOLS EQUESTRIAN EVENT

Mimi Tym recently represented Mudgee High School at the NSW Interschool Equestrian event held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park.

The interschools was held over four days and consisted of different Equestrian competitions, Eventing, Showjumping, Showman, Combined Training (this is the same as Eventing but without the Cross Country component and you can only do this or Eventing not both), Vaulting and Dressage.

Mimi competed on three horses on Thursday 3rd March for the Eventing Section of the event and she competed on three horse on Saturday 5th in 100cm (1 metre) showjumping on three horses (one horse was retired after the second event) and on Sunday 6th in the 110cm (1.10 metre) showjumping on two horses.

Her results include one first place, three seconds, a third and six places in the top ten. With these results Mimi was awarded the overall Showjumping Champion for the Interschools Event (this was over all Senior, Intermediate and Junior competitors).

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Australian Mathematics competition

This years Australian Mathematics Competition is on the 4th August. Students can enter by paying \$5 at the front office. Payments will be taken up until end of week 1 next term. If students are not familiar with the format or types of questions asked they should see their Maths teacher to look at some past competition papers.

With so many good Mathematicians at Mudgee High all are encouraged to enter.

Past HSC Booklets

Past HSC Booklets will be available again this year. The booklets contain past HSC exams with full solutions. The cost will be \$20 and must be paid to the front office by the end of term. For further information ask your maths teacher.

Super Rule

The HSC is a demanding time for students and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the right equipment. Students who are completing the HSC this year must have an approved scientific calculator. Students are asked to check with their teacher in case their calculator is not approved. Those students sitting the General Mathematics examinations can also take in an approved graphics calculator and we ask that students notify their teacher if they are intending to take such a calculator into the examination. Being unfamiliar with a calculator can severely affect a students result.

Besides a rule students in the Mathematics and Extension Mathematics courses can purchase a mathematics template which has been approved for use in their examinations. The template is referred to as a Super Rule and can be purchased for \$8.00

Calculators

All students in years 7 to 12 need to use calculators in their Mathematics classes. The Mathematics courses are designed to make use of calculator technology to assist students to develop more difficult concepts without becoming bogged down in manual calculations. Mental calculations skills are also practiced as part of the course.

It is important for students to have a calculator of the type approved by the Board of Studies. In the past some students have disadvantaged themselves by not practicing their skills on a calculator that they can use in their final exams. Students are advised to check with their Maths teacher that their calculator is an approved model. Approved calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$17.00 which is cost price to us. If families have calculators which are no longer needed by ex-students they can be used. It is not necessary to buy the latest model. If students look after their calculator it will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation is intended to take place over 3 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2011 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8128>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Thank you for assisting us. *Wayne Eade, Deputy Principal*

SNAKE TAILS – FRIDAY 1 APRIL – \$6.00 PER STUDENT

Bob Withey, an expert in reptiles from Australian Reptile Displays will be visiting the school with his collection of snakes, lizards and turtles. His presentation will cover how reptiles fit into the environment and how we can avoid being injured by them. Students will see venomous snakes in tamper proof boxes and will have the opportunity to handle turtles, lizards and pythons. Some volunteers may be selected to handle some of the non-venomous reptiles during the presentation. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 need to pay \$6 to the office by 25th March. If any parents have a concern with these arrangements please contact G Evans HT Science.

Community Announcements

GRANT HACKETT SWIMMING CLINIC

Mudgee Outdoor Pool

Saturday 26th March 2011 – 1pm to 2pm

Register your interest with the Swimming Club

Talk to Rachel Brown or Laveina if you want to register to be assessed – 6372 1804

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL Youth Week

Fri 1 April: LOCAL, LOUD, LIVE - band night, 7.30-10.30pm, Club Mudgee Auditorium, 13-19yrs, drug & alcohol free. Free return buses: 6.30pm Kandos Hall, 6.40pm Rylstone Council, 7pm Gulgong Library

Sat 2 April: STREET ART, MUDGEE - paint the wall at the Salvos, Perry St from 10am-4pm, wear old clothes, bring sun protection. BBQ lunch provided

Sun 3 April: STREET ART, GULGONG - paint the blocks at the Gulgong Skate Park 10am-3pm, wear old clothes, bring sun protection, lunch provided

Mon 4 April: CROSS-GENERATION - young teach old how to use mobiles, facebook and the Wii. 4-5.30pm at the Mudgee Library, refreshments provided

Tues 5 April: RSPCA DOG DAY AFTERNOON - BYO friendly dogs to the off-leash area at Glen Willow, 4-5.30pm. Learn basic obedience and grooming, bring a gold coin for Yr 12 fundraising

Wed 6 April: YOUTH ROCKS THE CHURCH - an ecumenical service featuring young local musicians, 7-9pm St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee. Refreshments provided

Thurs 7 April: COPS v KIDS TOUCH FOOTBALL - a fun afternoon of mixed touch against local police and community workers, Billy Dunn Oval Gulgong, 4-5pm followed by free BBQ

Fri 8 April: KRR YOUTH RADIO - want to be a DJ or radio presenter? Program music and have your say 4.15-5.15pm KRR in Kandos

Fri 8 April: SHORT FILM NIGHT - see the competition entries from young local film makers, from 6.30pm at The Stables, Mudgee, refreshments provided

Sat 9 April: PARKOUR WORKSHOP KANDOS - introduction to parkour, 2-4pm at the Kandos Hall, followed by free BBQ. Places limited - book now!

Sun 10 April: PARKOUR WORKSHOP MUDGEE - introduction to parkour, 10am-12pm at Mudgee Skate Park, followed by free BBQ. Places limited - book now!

Remember to get your competition entries in by 25 March!

*All events are free! For further information or to book contact Cathy Leisfield, Youth Services Officer
cathy.leisfield@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or 0408 635 933*

ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE 2012 Program Expressions of Interest Open

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (in Year 9 or 10 in 2012) to experience a true 'exchange' with a family in New Zealand. Local students are matched with a New Zealand student and travel to New Zealand to attend school during Term 2, 2012. Both students then return to Australia and attend school here for Term 3, 2012. The students' family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life. This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary. More information and expression of interest forms can be found at www.ranzse.com.au Expressions of Interest close on 30th June 2011.

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!

<http://library.midwestern.nsw.gov.au>

Click on Your Tutor on left hand menu!

Call the Library on 6378 2740 or drop in for more information.

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THE BEAUTY ROOM

Spend \$100 on Napoleon Perdis makeup and receive a FREE spray tan in the Versaspa Automatic Tan Booth
 Also your makeup done for your Special Night for an extra \$25!
 Valid until Saturday 26th March 2011
 Bookings limited, please call Nicole at The Beauty Room – 0408 405 929
 80 Church Street (near Just Jeans)



DANCE WITH ATTITUDE – DANCE STUDIOS
 15 Lewis Street, Mudgee & Kandos Community Hall
DWA Active Wear – Mudgee Dance Shop – 15 Lewis Street, Mudgee
 Shop Hours: Mon-Fri 12 to 5pm; Sat 11am to 2pm

For the first time DWA will be holding separate annual concerts in Kandos and Mudgee this year.
 Free Dance trial – Book now by calling the principal Ms Naomi Bishop A.R.A.D. 0413 998232
 Or contact the Mudgee Dance Shop for a timetable – 0263729675.
 Website: www.mudgeedance.com Email: mudgeedance@bigpond.com

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Student absence booklets are available from the School Office, please see sample below

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTE	
Student _____	Student First Name _____ Surname _____
Year _____	Roll Class _____
Full or Part Day (s)	Year _____
Date/Time _____	Full Day(s) (Date) from _____ to _____
From _____ to _____	Part Day (Date) _____ Time From _____ to _____
Reason	Reason (tick one) <input type="checkbox"/> Sick <input type="checkbox"/> Family Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Medical appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Sick	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's Certificate Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Other Appointment (Please Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Reason (Please Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Parent Name _____ Signature _____ Contact No: _____