

Monday: 28th March 2011

Term 1 – Week 10



MHS Newsletter



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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
- April 3 – Inspire Charity
Golf Day
- April 8 – Last Day Term 1
- April 27 – Staff
Development Day
- April 28 –Day 1 Term 2
students return to school

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Principal's Message

On Monday 28 March at 7.30 p.m. our annual general meeting for the Mudgee High School P&C will be held. All parents are welcome to attend but only current members will have voting rights. Parents can join on the night and will be able to stand for positions that are left vacant after the meeting.

Prior to the P&C meeting at 7.00 p.m. we will be holding a tour of our new trade training centre. All parents are invited to attend the tour even if they cannot stay on for the P&C meeting. For the tour we will meet near the school gymnasium. At the conclusion of the tour we will proceed to the library for the AGM.

Uniform

Over the past term we have been working on implementing our new uniform policy. My thanks to the families who have supported the changes and purchased logos and new uniforms. At our last P&C meeting a decision was made to give all parents more time to meet the new requirements as some have struggled to change over by the end of this term.

To assist all parents organise for students to be wearing shorts with school logos we have extended the deadline to the start of term 4 2011. From the beginning of term 2 students are not permitted to wear ruggers for everyday wear or for sport. All students must be wearing the styles of shorts approved by the P&C but do not have to have the logo until term 4. We hope this eases the pressure on families.

A reminder, however that if students need warmer items in the coming months, they must wear school trousers or slacks not track pants for everyday wear and only school jumpers or jackets. This requirement has not changed. Anyone experiencing difficulty meeting uniform requirements can make a confidential request for student assistance by obtaining a form from the office.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

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 Mudgee 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

ILLNESS AND MOBILE PHONES

In recent days we have had a number of students who, feeling ill, have made contact with home via mobile phone. This is often followed by the appearance of a parent or carer at the office, asking to see the sick child. A fair request, except no one other than the child and the carer know anything about the illness. In extreme cases following one of these distress-texts, some students have gone home with their parents/carers *without* notifying the school.

Schools everywhere have a duty of care to their students. Mudgee High is no different. The school is accountable for the well-being of everyone who attends and this accountability extends to illness and attendance. The vast majority of students will, if ill, let a teacher know. All staff are trained in First Aid. Depending on the nature of the illness, a student may be asked to take some time out in the sick bay where they will be monitored, or a parent may be contacted or, in more serious cases, an ambulance will be called. So please encourage your children to tell a teacher first.

YEAR 7 CLASS CHANGES

In Second Term, there will be some class changes in Year 7. As you may already be aware, there are at present two 'A' stream classes and six 'B' stream classes. From Thursday 28 April (the first day of the new term for all students) there will be two 'A' stream classes and **five** 'B' stream classes. This situation has come about because enrolments in Year 7 did not match the numbers predicted at the end of 2010.

Six students have been promoted from various 'B' stream classes into the 'A' stream, based on demonstrated academic performance across the range of their subjects.

7 Oakey will be disbanded. Those students currently in 7 Oakey who have not been promoted to 'A' stream will be accommodated in the remaining five 'B' stream classes, other than 7 Turon.

7 Turon will remain unchanged.

The changed class lists will be posted on the windows of the clinic, facing the main quad *before* the end of Term 1 to allow students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the new arrangements.

If you have any questions about the new arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

PARTNERSHIP FORGES SUCCESS

A partnership between a local Angus Stud and Mudgee High School has resulted in double victories in the recent Dubbo Beef Spectacular.

Owner of Coffin Creek Angus, Nigel White, approached Mudgee High School principal, Louise Manwaring late in 2010 to prepare 3 steers for the Sydney Royal. Students and staff took up the challenge with vigour and the animals were looking destined for great things when they first went on display at the Mudgee Show.



It was a crushing blow when an injury to 2 animals in transit forced their withdrawal from Sydney and a shadow fell over all concerned. "Fortunately the organisers of Dubbo's Beef Spectacular allowed a late entry into their 'Pen of 3 Steers' competition and the rest is history" said Mrs Manwaring. "While the students were not able to display their efforts in a led steer competition and felt extreme disappointment when told they could not compete in Sydney, this is the best possible outcome under the circumstances".

The steers took out champion pen of 3 in both the live and carcass competitions in a very competitive field. They showed good muscling and growth and finished uniformly with a comfortable margin to second place in the carcass section. On the hoof, the steers were like 'peas in a pod' and stood out from the rest for their finish and evenness.

Mudgee High had the animals for just over 100 days and throughout, the steers were fed a mixture of Rumevite pellets and barley with ad lib hay. Gratitude is extended to Mudgee CRT and Rumevite for another partnership that provided the pelleted ration at a discount rate.

Discussions are already underway for the students to again take up the challenge in 2012. "This is a partnership we are keen to continue" concluded Mrs Manwaring.

9/10 TOUCH – ORANGE ALL SCHOOLS

On Thursday 17th March the boys and girls 9/10 Mudgee High touch team embarked on another adventure to the All Schools carnival held in Orange. The boys were first to play and literally after jumping off the bus onto the field they were a little sluggish and were defeated by Canobolas, although there were flashes of hope for the remainder of the day.

The girls team had the luxury of playing second and were not as rushed in their preparation although the slippery conditions made it hard to control the ball to their liking. They were however too strong and won their first game against Canobolas High. Throughout the day both teams produced some solid games and were successful in getting through to the semi-finals. The boys game was a cracker with them playing Canobolas High again. After their defeat in the 1st round by them they needed to be on their games and they did not disappoint. It went down to a drop-off with only 3 players left on the field. Our fitness and skills shone through and the boys won in a thriller. The girls also had to play Canobolas again, although they had an easier game and won convincingly. After 5 tough matches both teams were starting to tire and both had to play a very strong Orange High team. Have previously been beaten by Orange high teams in the pool games they knew it would be tough. We put up a great showing, however, both teams were defeated 4-2 in the finals. The sportsmanship and skill displayed by all our players was a credit to them all.

Congratulations to all the players who participated on the day:

GIRLS: Helena Lawson, Zoe Butler, Annaleise Fekkes, Emily Hauvillee, Bec Bailey, Bec Spinner, Kristen Robison, Verity Morley, Grace Armstrong, Kelsie Sibley, Tahnee Marsh and Jaymie Muscat.

BOYS: Tom Armstrong, Harry Ottley, Brayden Palmer, Jamie Golden, Brandon Robinson-Smith, Jordan Payne, Stuart Fredericks, Reece Fisher, Darcy Croake and James Fittler

A big thank you to Cori Thompson and Josh Cookson for refereeing for the day, it was very much appreciated.
Penny Smith & Ivan Giammarco

Community Announcements

MUDGEE GOLF CLUB

Invites you to the "Inspire" Charity Golf Day

All monies raised will go to the Inspire Foundation – The young men's mental health fund
Show your support and help make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of many young people.

MUDGEE GOLF CLUB – Sunday 3rd April 2011 – 12 noon shotgun start

\$25 per person \$15 junior players – Entry fee includes Golf, BBQ Lunch & a whole lot of laughs

Call in now at the Pro Shop and put your name or team down

African Drumming Workshop

Free school holiday workshop for 8years and up

Wed 13th April 11am – 1pm at the Stables, Mudgee; 3 – 5pm at the CWA Hall, Gulgong

Thurs 14th April 11am – 1pm at the Kandos Hall; 3-5pm at Wollar Hall

Bookings essential – contact Orana Arts on 6817 8705 or kellen@oranaarts.com

HOST FAMILY REQUEST AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au

In June/July 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, please call our office on 1300 135 331.

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*

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