

Monday: 16th May 2011
Term 2– Week 4



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

Coming Events:

- May 23 – P&C/School Council Meeting 7.30pm Library
- May 24 – Y10 & 11 Try-aTrade Day
- June 13 – Public Holiday

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Tayla McCarthy for her results at the 31st Gulgong, Prince of Wales, Eisteddfod. Tayla was in the Junior, 12 years and under section and achieved six first places, four second places and one third place. She also achieved Junior Speech Champion; Best Art of Speech Overall Junior; Australian Verse Junior; Verse Speaking Overall Junior; Junior Henry Lawson Poetry Competition and Bible Reading. Well done for these exceptional results Tayla.

Congratulations also to Jesse Henry who has been selected in the Combined High Schools Lawn Bowls Team.

A great athletic carnival took place on Friday. Despite some people's superstitions about that date we were certainly luckier with the weather than last year. More details and results will appear in the next newsletter.

Nominations are called for the parent positions on the 2011 – 2012 Mudgee High School Council. Nominees must have a current child attending Mudgee High School and be willing to attend meetings on the fourth Monday of each month during school terms. The School Council's role is to provide advice and support to the school leadership team. Members sit on the school finance committee, on merit selection panels and participate as part of the school improvement team. If you are interested in nominating as a parent representative complete the nomination form at the end of the newsletter and return it to Mudgee High School office by Friday 20th May. The Principal is the returning officer. Voting will take place when nominations have closed.

Congratulations to Year 7 and 9 students for the mature way they approached the NAPLAN tests last week.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12

21st September – Year 12 Farewell Social

22nd September – Year 12 Rainbow Day

23rd September – Year 12 Presentation

YEAR 11 AND 12

"Mudgee Fine Foods" is looking for volunteer helpers at their kids cooking classes! The classes are on a Saturday morning, once a month at the Farmers Market from 9.30am – 11.30am and are for kids aged 8 – 12 years. If you would enjoy helping kids learn about and have fun with food, please ring Alison on 0423 053 325, or see Mrs McQuiggin in the TAS staffroom for more information.

U/15's BOYS CHS BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT

On Thursday the 5th of May, the mighty U/15 Boys Basketball team took on a much bigger and taller team from Oberon. The boys proved that skills, consistency, determination and teamwork were the key ingredients needed to outplay Oberon. Strong leadership and shooting from Hayden O'Reilly, in combination with consistent dribbling from Brandon Robinson-Smith and forceful rebounding from Chris Perring paved the way for the victory. A special mention to James Devonish, Hayden Knezevic and Matthew Perring, who provided solid defensive and attacking support for the team. Final score Mudgee 20 – Oberon 17. Coach – Mr.Giammarco



YEAR 12 CAFS EXCURSION 2011 WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY – FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2011

The topic we are currently studying is '**GROUPS IN CONTEXT**' and this excursion enhanced the understanding of the three groups we are analysing, namely The Aged, The Homeless and Youth.

Our first stop was -"**Meals Plus**" run by Parramatta Mission. They provide meals for approximately 100 people from a low socioeconomic group every day. They also have food nearing its use by date for people to take. We were fortunate to be taken to their new Homeless shelter, which had only been opened since December. It allows people to live with some dignity while being assisted to find long term housing. This hostel also had one family residing there.

The next stop for the day was **St Luke's retirement village at Little Bay**, where the differences were obvious. This is a village situated on the ocean front where people over 55 years of age can buy an apartment and enjoy different levels of interaction depending on their needs and wants. We didn't see the penthouse but we thought the three bedroom apartment with balconies priced at 1.6 million certainly met our needs. Charmaine the manager, with Kevin and Penny, two of the residents, gave us an excellent account of positive aspects of ageing in that environment. Penny even gave us a tour of her apartment. The yummy afternoon tea was a bonus.

That night we took in a movie at a Sydney cinema – something Mudgee kids sorely miss. Some were lucky to select a good movie but the rest regretted their choice and rated it pretty poorly. Some even tried to sleep through it!

Thursday saw us up early and spending the day at facilities run by the Salvation Army. **Foster House** is a hostel for homeless men and is for crisis accommodation, meaning that the men can stay for up to three months but many only stay night to night. It has a detox ward for intoxicated persons, and facilities for addicted men with nursing staff on hand 24 hours per day. The men are case managed in an attempt to solve their issues, not just their lack of shelter.

Streetlevel Café provides lunch for \$2 for people and this assistance can often prevent people becoming homeless. However, many of their clients are homeless people. They have a supermarket with all products marked at low prices. People in need get a voucher and have to spend it there, also getting assistance about budgeting, nutrition and food preparation. One customer was a single father of two children who said he couldn't exist without that supermarket. Another 38 year old lady told us her story of homelessness. We had lunch at Bourke St Bakery, and then we headed to **Oasis Youth Support Network**. This is a crisis accommodation hostel for homeless youth that assists the youth to restart their education, training or employment, depending on their needs. They also assist with trying to reconnect with family, and refer to other services to solve some of the problems of the youth, such as drug and alcohol addiction. Bee was a homeless girl who came to Oasis for shelter and talked to us about her journey to get employment and regain her self esteem. We also learnt that there are 44,500 homeless people in Australia, which is a national disgrace.

Later that day Mrs McQuiggin made us engage in some retail therapy to boost the economy, so we obliged.

Our last day saw us visit **Inner City Homeless**, an organisation that does street work. They walk the streets and build up trust with the homeless population then try and find long term shelter for them. **Wayside Chapel at Kings Cross** caters for many people but mostly those suffering homelessness, alcohol and drug problems. We really appreciated Kat talking to us amid massive renovations. Lastly we went to **Youth Off The Streets - Dunlea**. This is a non residential program for adolescents with drug and alcohol addictions. We met some amazing people who do some incredible work and we really appreciated their time.

In the end we couldn't wait to get home, have a shower and show our family that we do appreciate them. Finally thanks to Mrs McQuiggin, Mr Jones, Miss Wilson and Mrs Julius for making the whole trip possible.

FOR TENDER

1 Trailer – Sale as scrap or parts only. Not in working condition.

Tenders must be in a sealed envelope addressed to “The Principal”, Mudgee High School, Locked Bag 2004, Mudgee 2850 and marked “Tender on Trailer”

These must be received in the High School office by 3.30pm Friday 3rd June. The successful applicant will be notified within one week of the close.

At the Principal’s discretion, this may be advertised again if a suitable tender is not received. The Principal’s decision on the successful tender will be final and the amount will remain confidential.

Inspections can be arranged by telephoning Mudgee High School and asking for Graham Wilson. Inspection times will depend on lessons and other commitments.

Book Sale in the Library 15-17 June at lunchtimes

Non-fiction books that no longer meet curriculum requirements at school are being sold.

Books from \$1

Parents & students welcome

Community Announcements

MUDGEE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Mudgee Softball Association is holding a trial and selection day for the 2011 Girls and Boys Under 13’s Representative teams on Sunday 29th May and you are invited to trial. The trial will be held at the Westend grounds from 10am – 12pm. So if you are NOT turning 13 this year and born in the years 1999, 2000 or 2001, we would love to have you come along and have a go. On selection these teams will represent Mudgee in the Under 13’s State Championships in Campbelltown on the weekend of the 10th and 11th September.

For nominations or if you need any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 63740288.

Specialist Learning Difficulties Advice for Parents -Thursday 26th May 2011

Orange Ex-Services Club, 243 Anson Street, Orange – 7pm to 9pm (doors open at 6.30pm) - \$10
IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING AT SCHOOL

This forum is for those people who have concerns about a child’s progress at school:
(Parents and Carers, Teachers and Tutors)

Speakers: Chair – Paul Whiting, President SPELD NSW; Opening – Fiona Rossiter, Orange Council;
Panel – Lin Meeks, Ex University SLD Lecturer; Devon Barnes – Speech Therapist;
Rowen Harding-Smith, Education Consultant; Val Badham, Ex SPELD NSW Director
Bookings are essential – Register on line www.speldnsw.org.au or call (02) 9739 6277
Enter your questions online or bring them on the night.

BOOKS....BOOKS....BOOKS....BOOKS

Do you want to clear out your quality, good condition books suitable for 4-12 year olds

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is an independent charitable not-for-profit organisation established in 2003. The Foundation believes that positive and practical change to closing the gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous young people starts with literacy and numeracy.

The Foundation is in the process of introducing the Books for Learning program which encourages disadvantaged Indigenous youth to embrace a culture of reading. The program involves the distribution of Literacy Resource Packs to those indigenous children who have not had the privilege of owning their own books. Please support this program by donating second hand books to be included in the Literacy Packs!

Contact Cheryl Koop – Dubbo Schools Office – Closes 3rd June (National Reconciliation Week)

www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org

STUCK?

Homework for Years 4-12; Assignment Research; Study Skills and Essay Writing; HSC Study
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DANCE – FUN – FITNESS – CONFIDENC

We are still taking new enrollments - Gulgong Eisteddfod has finished!

We are commencing Term 2 with new routines.

Winter School will be held in July at the Mudgee studio, see our website for details.

Separate Dance Concerts Mudgee , Kandos & Coolah this year!

DANCE WITH ATTITUDE 15 Lewis ST Mudgee NSW 2850 **SHOP 02 63 729675**

Mon – Fri 11am -5pm Sat – 11am -2pm mudgeedance@bigpond.com

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Mudgee High School SCHOOL COUNCIL – Nomination Form

I _____ (*please print full name*) wish to nominate as a parent
representative on the School Council of Mudgee High School. Name(s) of my Mudgee High
School child(ren) _____

_____ (*signature*) _____ (*telephone*) _____ (*date*)