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Term 2 – Week 5



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
- June 27 – P&C/School Council Meeting 7.30pm Library
- June 28 – Gold & Silver Awards Year 1 & 12
- July 1 – Last day Term 2
- July 18 – Staff Development Term 3
- July 19 – Day 1 Term 3

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to students who participated in the Mini United Nations Competition. The Israel team won the Regional championships and now moves to the State competition. Many thanks to Miss Windeyer for providing this opportunity.

Well done also to Tom Bambrick who has been selected for the Harry Messel International Summer School. This is a very prestigious opportunity and will allow Tom to work with talented science students from across Australia and around the world. The school will be held at Sydney University during the July holidays. Tom will have the chance to work with scientists involved in research in quantum mechanics, genetics, astronomy and climate science.

Our Cross Country and Athletics Carnival once again enabled talented athletes from Years 7-12 to compete. We are still waiting on final results before zone teams are announced and age champions decided.

Read later in this newsletter about our recent good performances in Open Rugby Union. Thanks to Mr Stevens for his guidance and well done boys.

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY - 2011

On Friday 13th and Saturday 14th May 2011, four students from Mudgee High School travelled to Muswellbrook to compete in the Rotary District MUNA Competition. Tom Bambrick and Ellie Hawkins represented Japan, whilst Lily Jones and Brooke Thomas represented Israel. The teams were required to research the political perspectives of their chosen country, prior to the event, in order to learn how this country would respond to issues surrounding the environment, conflict, human rights and other international issues. The forum is a mock General Assembly of the United Nations. This provides students with the opportunity to participate in public speaking, debating and international diplomacy.

An example of one resolution discussed on the day was:

"This Assembly recommends that the Security Council be restricted to admit additional permanent members with due consideration to the admission of India, Germany and Japan and the privilege of the veto of permanent members be reviewed."

Both teams contributed to the debate on this resolution, with Japan obviously having much to say about the issue! To the excitement of the whole forum and after much discussion, debating and diplomacy, the resolution was passed.

Lily Jones and Brooke Thomas, representing Israel, were declared the overall winning team of the day. With this achievement they now travel to Canberra in August to participate in the National Rotary MUNA. This event will go for two days and gives teams the opportunity to secure a placement at the International MUNA. Congratulations to both teams for participating with great enthusiasm and interest. Both teams displayed professionalism and maturity, representing Mudgee High School with pride.



MUNA Israel - Brooke Thomas & Lily Jones



MUNA Japan – Ellie Hawkins & Tom Bambrick

NSW SCHOOL-BASED 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.

School based clinics will be held at Mudgee High school on Tuesday 31/5/11 offering the following vaccines:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) will be offered to all Year 7 and Year 10 students.

ALSO

- 2nd dose of HPV cervical cancer for Year 7 girls who have already received their first dose at school.

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 and return it to the school office. Please use Blue or black ink ONLY to complete consents. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

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 this Record of Vaccination.

If your daughter missed her first dose of HPV at school an appointment needs to be made with the clinic sister at any medical practice. The vaccines need to be ordered so let them know why you are coming. If your child is absent or unwell on the day we come to the school and does not receive a vaccine again they can receive the vaccine whilst they are a student in that current year free of charge from sister at practice.

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MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

This years Australian Mathematics Competition is on the 4th August. 33 students from Mudgee High have entered the competition from a range of years and courses. 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.

Good luck to all who have entered.

Super Rule

The HSC is a demanding time for students and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the correct 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 student's results.

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.

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 your Maths teacher that your 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.

Using Maths at Home

Involving your children in the use of Mathematics in everyday situations can improve their confidence and skills and help them to engage in learning. Some areas to consider are:

Car Travel calculations such as distance, budgeting for fuel costs, calculating the time needed for a journey and estimated time of arrival. Farm calculations such as costs, expenses and profit, labour costs, depreciation, fertilizer and seeding rates. Cooking calculations such as calculating the best buy by comparing purchasing costs, weekly planning of ingredients and adapting recipes for different numbers of people. Sports statistics such as batting averages, the graphs presented on TV, competition rankings and probabilities. Money issues such as income, taxation, budgeting, investment and loans. For a student to be aware of the significance of these applications in everyday life is a bonus to their understanding of these concepts when they are encountered in class.

LAPTOP TANC NEWS

You may have heard that some schools in Western Region have already received their laptop protection cases – aka “The TANC”. This is in fact a reality. Unfortunately, as the result of a clerical error, we have yet to receive our order. We have been assured by Lenovo – the suppliers of “The TANC” – that our shipment will arrive in the last week of May. Next week! Your patience in all of this is appreciated.

If your child has a damaged plastic case as originally supplied, please advise your child to see Mr Bradshaw for a replacement as a matter of urgency, as there are a limited number of spares available.

WARATAH CUP/SHIELD

Mudgee High School was invited to compete in the 2011 Waratah Cup/Shield which is a NSW school based opens Rugby tournament held since 1963, expanding in its current form to include eighty nine teams in the Cup and twenty six teams in the Shield. The finalists and the runners up in the Cup go through to the quarter finals of the Shield.

After three strong games Mudgee High School took out the final of the Dubbo pool with a hard fought win over their traditional rivals St Johns College 18-12. Mudgee High School had topped their pool after impressive wins against Narromine High 39-0, St Johns College 19-0 and Dubbo Senior College 17-7. All games were played on a warm day, with Mudgee High School being the only team who travelled any significant distance on the day of the tournament. This tournament was contested the day after five of our top players had endured testing representative trials, resulting in our top centre Beau Shipley being unavailable for the tournament due to an injury. The only tries scored against Mudgee High were from an opposing team's intercepts.

Try scorers on the day were: Tom Lord - 4 tries; Ben Cheetham - 3 tries; Dylan Sanders - 2 tries; Peter Heath - 2 tries; Cameron Rosomond -1 try; Cody Boness - 1 try; Jack Kempton - 1 try; Charlton Harvey -1 try Conversions: Josh Cookson – 6; Charlton Harvey – 2; Mitchell Devine -1.

This Mudgee High School team won the Wiburd Shield by defeating Farrer High School two years ago. Farrer was recently beaten narrowly by Stannies 10-0 in the 2011 University of New England Vice Chancellor's Cup during the first weekend of the last school holidays. The same Stannies 1st XV recently defeated Rugby heavyweights Barker College 37-17, on the 30/4/2011. Barker won the Waratah Shield in 2006. Therefore this Mudgee High School opens Rugby team have competed with and do compare with some of the top Rugby teams.

On the 28/4/2011 all applicants from Mudgee High School gained representative positions in Western Area CHS Open Boys Rugby Union. The representatives are: Joshua Cookson, Dylan Sanders, Jack Stanford, Mitchell Devine and Beau Shipley. Mudgee High School opens Rugby team has more representatives in Western Area CHS Open Boys Rugby Union than any other school. *Coach: Peter Stevens*

CAREERS INFO

University Open Days for 2011

Australian Catholic University – Canberra Campus 27th August; North Sydney Campus 3rd September; Strathfield Campus 10th September

Australian Maritime College – Beauty Point Campus 20th August; Newnham Campus 20th August, Campus tours can be arranged 1300 361 928

Australian National University 27th August, Campus tours 1800 620 032

Canberra Institute of Technology – Bruce and Reid Campuses 27th August

Charles Sturt University – Every Day, tours or appointments 1800 334 733

Griffith University – Gold Coast 14th August

La Trobe University – Aubury Wodonga Campus 21st August; Mildura Campus 14th August

Macquarie University 10th September

Southern Cross University tours and special events 1800 111 890

University of Canberra 27th August

University of New England 6th May, campus tours 1800 818 865

University of New South Wales 3rd September; Australian Defence Force Academy Canberra 27th August

University of Newcastle – Newcastle Campus (Callaghan) 27th August; Central Coast Campus (Ourimbah) 20th August; Port Macquarie Campus Info night 1st September

University of Sydney open day 27th August, campus tours 1300 362 006

University of Technology Sydney – Broadway Campus 27th August; UTS Information Evening Kuring-gai Campus 17th August

University of Western Sydney – Parramatta Campus 28th August

University of Wollongong campus tours and special events 1300 367 869

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

MACULAR DEGENERATION WEEK

Macular Degeneration (MD) is the leading cause of blindness in Australia, affecting central vision. MD is primarily age related and most frequently affects people over the age of 50. One in seven people over the age of 50 are affected by the disease and the incidence increases with age. Starting on 22nd May is Macular Degeneration Week. This week promotes awareness for over 50 year old people to get their macular checked. Please take this week to think about what it would be like to never see again.

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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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*)