

Monday: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
Term 2– Week 3



# MHS Newsletter



A member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community

## Coming Events:

- May 10 – 13 NAPLAN  
Years 7 and 9
- May 13 – Athletics  
Carnival
- 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

The changes to school uniform implemented in 2010 are beginning to bear fruit. As old uniforms wear out and new ones are purchased, our students are looking ever more smart and, more particularly, like they belong to Mudgee High. A minority of boys continue to embrace their feminine side, struggling with the idea that blue shorts other than during sport or PDHPE are the preserve of girls, but that minority dwindles with each passing day.

This week, as you will read further in this newsletter, will conclude with the athletics carnival. All students from Years 7 to 12 are expected and encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity for kids to engage in physical competition with their peers, as well as participate in some of the more novelty events like sack races and tug-o-war. Some folk in the Mudgee community have been complaining of late that it has been a while since we had any decent rain. Wash your car, do two loads of washing and send your kids to the athletics carnival and the chances of rain should multiply significantly.

At the 'big-picture' level, it is worth noting that Chris Evans, the Federal Minister for Skills, issued a report on Tuesday of last week from Skills Australia. It was titled, *Skills for Prosperity*, a "road map for vocational education and training". The report states that Australia will need an additional 2.4 million skilled workers by 2015 if it is to meet the increasing needs of business. Significantly, the report acknowledges the imminent retirement of that generation known as the "baby boomers", stating further that by 2025, Australia will need 5.2 million skilled workers. Those who have an education behind them will be tomorrow's skilled workers. There is no time like the present to remind and remind again the young people in our midst of the need to be as well educated and credentialed as possible, to take advantage of every opportunity offered and aim to achieve their respective best, if they are to have a positive and prosperous role to play in Australia's future.

*Wayne Eade*  
Relieving Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12

21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 12 Farewell Social  
22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 12 Rainbow Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 12 Presentation Assembly and Reports  
25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 12 Formal at Parklands Resort

## UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Mudgee High School students from years 7-10 will have the opportunity to participate in the UNSW Science Competition. This is an international competition which gives the students a chance to demonstrate their logical thinking and problem solving skills.

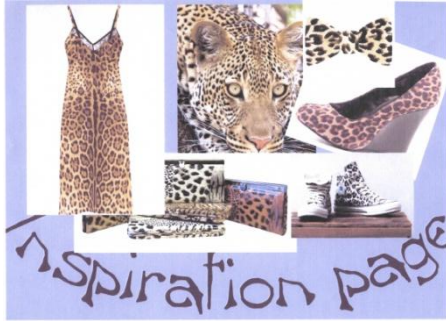
Each student receives an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses, and a certificate recognising their level of achievement.

**Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Cost: \$7.00 by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

## TEXTILES NEWS

### Semester 1



#### Textiles 01

This semester the students in Textiles 01 have been designing and making their own range of pyjamas. This begins with researching the designs and styles of a well known Australian fashion designer Peter Alexander. The students then work on their own design folio and then make and tie dye a pair of boxer shorts to start their collect. Tee shirts and other assorted items from home get a new lease on life when they are also tie dyed. The next project is the construction of long pyjama pants and assorted other bedroom accessories to complement the collection if time permits.

*Samples of students work*

#### Textiles 04

Dragon flies art quilts and patchwork bed runners abound. In Textiles 04 this semester, the students began the course experimenting with textile art techniques and they created a miniture Dragonfly art quilt with their new skills. We are now well under way with the construction of patchwork bed runners. This project teaches all the construction skills necessary for the creation of full size bed quilts. To end this semester, the final project will be a patchwork shoulder bag large enough to carry books and other school items.



Semester 2 we will be offering:  
Textiles 02



This is a very popular felting course. In this module, the students visit a wool studio where they dye their own merino fibre. This is bought back to school where the felting begins. Small items like mobile phone covers are made then journal and book covers are created. An assortment of other felted items are produced depending on the preferences of individual students

#### Textiles 06

This is a course where many creative textile techniques will be taught. Several mini projects will be produced during the course using a wide range of textile art techniques. The items constructed can then be assembled into a wall hanging or left as individual items.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea of the carnival is about participation, having fun and getting involved in the house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.

A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising.



## **GIRLS OPEN NETBALL**

Last Thursday Mudgee High competed in the first 3 rounds of the Western Area Netball. Our first game was against our old rivals Gulgong. This game was a tightly contested match and the end score was draw. This meant that we needed to win our next game against Wellington to make it into the finals. Fortunately the girls were able to do this and we came up against Nyngan in the final round. The girls played extremely well and defeated Nyngan quite convincingly. A very big thankyou goes to Coedy Metcraft for umpiring on the day. The girls now travel to Orange on Thursday to play in the final four of the Western Area knockout. Good luck girls!

Team members; Lucy Forrest, Gabby Stait, Sarah Fergus, Micalley Munro, Taylor Sanders, Grace Armstrong, Emily Hauville, Helena Lawson, Claudia Shearman, Hannah Endacott

## **YEAR 12 Parents/Carers: FROM THE CAREERS ROOM**

- **The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2011: Thursday 23, Friday 24, Saturday 25 & Sunday June 26, 10am- 4pm at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush**

The Western Sydney Careers Expo brings together organisations providing tertiary course, career, vocational, employment, HSC and gap year information and resources. The Expo also features over 120 seminars on topics including tertiary and training courses, career and study advice. HSC and VCAL subjects seminars will be presented by the NSW Board of Studies. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all 4 days of The Expo. Admission includes seminars and a comprehensive Visitor Guide. For more details go to [westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au](http://westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au)

- **OUT AND ABOUT WITH UAC**

We will be attending a number of careers events over the next few months. Come and see us at the UAC stand where we will be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you have about UAC:

May 10-11 Careers Market, Illawarra Credit Union Sports Stadium; May 13 Northern Beaches Careers Expo Terry Hills; May 18 Tamworth Careers Market; May 19 Newcastle Macquarie Career Expo; May 20 Hunter Valley Careers Expo; May 24 Forbes Tertiary Information Day; May 25 Dubbo Tertiary Information Day; May 26 Bathurst FACTS Day (Central West Tertiary Day); June 3-5 SMH HSC and Careers Expo – Royal Hall of Industries Moore Park; June 23-26 Western Sydney Careers Expo – Sydney Olympic Park

**Year 12 Survival Guide Online** – To help students, parents and teachers, CSU and DET provide NSW HSC Online – an extensive online learning tool with study resources such as comprehensive subject information and test papers for 51 HSC subjects including the recently added Automotive. Go to [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au)

**Looking for Direction** – Subscribe to UAC's online newsletter, Directions, and receive 12 updates a year on the latest UAC happenings. There will be information and links for a wide range of topics including undergraduate, postgraduate, international, Equity Scholarships and STAT.

- Charles Sturt University (Bathurst Campus) is offering a CSU 'Myday' event, in Early Childhood Primary and PE teaching on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. A great opportunity to find out about these courses and tour the campus See Mr Kempton and/or your DET email for details.
- UMAT registration must occur by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – test date is 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- The 2012 University of Sydney and University of Technology (Sydney) course guides are available.
- A tertiary Information Day will be held in Dubbo on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May. Representatives from all NSW/ACT universities will be present as well as TAFE, Police, Defence Force etc. recruitment personnel. A bus will travel from Mudgee High for this event at reasonable cost. Permission notes available.
- The University of New England Open Day is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May and/or Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May. Details including program available.
- Latest course, accommodation, scholarship etc information for 2012 for universities NSW, Sydney and UTS is available.
- A 'Health Careers Kit' giving course and career information for all allied health careers is available for loan and also available on line <http://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/>
- The latest scholarship inform for CSU (Charles Sturt Uni – Bathurst, Dubbo Campuses) is available.
- The program for the Western Sydney Career Expo (June 23-26 2011) is available.
- Latest course information for the Australian Catholic University (ACU) is available at [www.acu.edu.au](http://www.acu.edu.au) Early Entry available
- Charles Sturt University (Bathurst, Dubbo etc) has generous SCHOLARSHIPS available for 2012. Details available (or see your DET email)
- U.A.C (University Admissions Centre) News provides information on NSW/ACT universities eg: key dates for 2012 admissions, course requirements, University Open Day dates and more. Copy on your DET email or Careers Room

**Specialist Learning Difficulties Advice for Parents -Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 fro 4-12 year olds**

The Aboriginal Literacy Foundation is an independent charitable nor-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 Cheryll Koop – Dubbo Schools Office – Closes 3<sup>rd</sup> June (National Reconciliation Week) [www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org](http://www.aboriginalliteracyfoundation.org)

**STUCK?**

Homework for Years 4-12; Assignment Research; Study Skills and Essay Writing; HSC Study  
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