

Tuesday: 14th June 2011

Term 2 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- June 14– MAD Sampler Concert – Performance Centre – 6pm
- June 27 – P&C/School Council Meeting 7.30pm Library
- June 28 – Gold & Silver Awards Year 11 & 12
- July 1 – Last day Term 2
- July 18 – Staff Development Term 3
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## Principal's Message

We are looking forward to the first MAD Concert (Music, Art and Drama) for this year. Come along on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm to see some outstanding performances and displays. In particular you will see some of the work Year 12 students are preparing for their Higher School Certificates.

On the subject of Creative Arts all families are also welcome to the CLC Art Show from 20<sup>th</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Stables in Mudgee. You'll see art works of students of the schools in the CLC from Kandos to Dunedoo and towns in between.

Don't forget to give us your email address before the end of this term. From the start of Term 3 we will only print copies of this newsletter for parents who request them. Otherwise they will be emailed to all students and to parents who have given us their email address. Our newsletter will continue to be posted on the Mudgee High School website.

Congratulations to Jesse Henry who has achieved some great results in Lawn Bowls. Earlier in the year he represented Western Region at the CHS Carnival in Coffs Harbour and gained selection in the CHS team. He then travelled to Port Macquarie with the CHS team and they won the carnival. Jesse competed in the Open Singles CHS Lawn Bowls last week. He won his round games and his semi final which placed him in the grand final. Unfortunately Jesse was unsuccessful in defeating his last opponent, however he received a silver medal in the CHS singles. This achievement puts him in the top few nationally. Who knows perhaps one day we will cheer him on at a future Commonwealth Games?

## Swine Flu Alert

One case of swine flu has been diagnosed and another is under investigation among students at Mudgee High School. Medical advice is that all students who have flu like symptoms should stay home until they are well. Contact your doctor for specific advice. If you and your family have not yet had a flu vaccine in 2011 this is a good precaution against a range of influenzas.

*Louise Manwaring - Principal*

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Over the last term the Mudgee High Equestrian Team has attended three separate events. Mendooran Horse Sports Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, Dunedoo Horse Sports Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and the North West Equestrian Expo in Coonabarabran on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. The school has been represented by a number of different students, they include: Maddison Branks, Savannah Mealing, Samantha Perring, Brooke Munro, Billy-Jane Hoole, Ryan Martin, Mimi Tym, Claudia Hughes, Paige Theunissen, Skye Rochester, Laura Wurth and Annalise Wilson. The team has worked hard to keep their horses in regular work and have done a great job in presenting them at the different events. Some of the results include:

Mendooran: In the Sporting events the following students placed: Maddison two seconds and a third, Savannah a fourth, Samantha a third, Brooke a first, and second, two fourth's and a fifth, and Ryan a second. In Hacking Ryan received a first, and Savannah and Billy-Jane a fourth each. In Showjumping Savannah received a first and Ryan received a fourth.

Dunedoo: In the Sporting events the following students placed: Maddison a first, a second, two thirds and a fourth, Samantha a third and a fourth, Brooke a first, two seconds, a third and two fourths, Ryan three firsts a third and fourth, and Billy-Jane three thirds. In Hacking Maddison received a fourth, Samantha a first, Brooke a 1<sup>st</sup> and a second, Ryan and fourth and a second and Billy a third and a fourth. Ryan also received Age Champion for 13 years and Brooke Reserve Champion for 13 years.

Stay tuned next week for a report from the North West Expo and photos of the events.

### MAD SAMPLER CONCERT 2011

TONIGHT 14<sup>th</sup> June Mudgee High School will be holding its annual MAD sampler concert. This concert will feature:

- HSC performances from students preparing for their final exams.
- Performances from year 11 students.
- Performances from the Mudgee High School Community Band.
- Drama Performances.
- Exhibitions of students' artwork through the intermission.

Concert starts at 6pm in the School Performance Centre. Entry will be a gold coin donation.

### YEAR 11 AT MUDGEE HIGH 2012

The start of Term 3 is not far away. That time sees the beginning of the process of subject selection for students intending to undertake HSC study at MHS.

The creation of a timetable for our whole school begins with decisions about which courses will operate in Year 11. To that end prospective students, their parents and the school staff need to work together during Term 3 to ensure that appropriate subject choices are made by every student.

Important decisions will be made in the coming weeks. I encourage everyone involved to use the booklets and meetings provided to become familiar with what at times can appear to be a very complex system.

The HSC itself and the rules that relate to it are quite complicated. This world respected credential has evolved over a number of years to cater for the very diverse needs of its 80,000 annual candidates. An amazing array of courses and options have been designed to cater for the needs of all students. Mudgee High offers a very broad subject choice to our students. Our aim is to assist our students and their parents to take advantage of the options available and so provide access to a world class senior school education.

The table below sets out the key steps in the process that Year 10 students need to go through to select their senior subjects.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>21/07/11</b> Week 1 Of Term 3	<b>Parent Information Evening</b> – 7pm in the school's Performance Centre. Mudgee High School staff will outline procedures/policies in use at Mudgee High School. Students will be issued with the Year 11 Curriculum Handbook, this contains all relevant information that students and parents require to make informed subject choices. A survey sheet will be distributed with the booklet on the night – this survey will be used to guide construction of the Year 11 subject lines. <b>Please do not submit your subject selection survey sheet until after the Subject Market Evening. Your choices will be used to determine the Year 11 subject lines.</b>
<b>02/08/11</b> Week 3 Term 3	<b>Subject Market Evening</b> in the school gymnasium 4-7pm. Each subject will have an information stall. TAFE will also attend. Careers advice will also be available. <b>Please do not submit your subject selection survey sheet until after this evening.</b>
<b>16/08/11</b> Week 5 Term 3	Survey of subjects returned by this date. Please make sure you submit this sheet as it determines the development of the final subject lines.
<b>30/08/11</b> Week 7 Term 3	Final Selection sheets distributed to students
<b>06/09/08</b> Week 8 Term 3	Final Day to hand in Selection of Subjects to front office.

If at any stage you have questions or concerns regarding the transition from Year 10 to Year 11 please feel free to contact either the Year 10 Adviser (Mrs Date) or myself.

We look forward to working with you throughout the process of senior subject selection.

S Jones – Deputy Principal

## HSIE FACULTY NEWS



*Hannah Endacott, Elizabeth Fredericks, Emily Lowe with Ms Windeyer*

## MOOT COURT

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Mudgee High School competed in the Bond University School's Mooting Competition. The team was made up of Emily Lowe – Senior Council, Hannah Endacott – Junior Council and Elizabeth Fredericks – Solicitor. The team represented the appellant in an appeals case before the Supreme Court. The team challenged the convictions of looting and of grievous bodily harm. They argued with competence, conviction and confidence. They were judged by two university academics, who have previously been practicing solicitors, and one current practicing criminal lawyer. This competition gave students the opportunity to be involved in public speaking and persuasive argument. All three members of the team are to be congratulated for professionally representing their school in a very challenging and rewarding competition.

## PHOTOS FROM MUNA

*All Delegates*



*Dinner function the night before MUNA*



*Israel Winning Team*



*Japan – Ellie Hawkins and Tom Branbrick*

## YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO THE DRIP

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 11 Geography class travelled to Ulan Coal Mine and The Drip for their Senior Geography Project fieldwork.

The first stop was Ulan Coal Mine where we began with a short talk on the Ulan Coal Mine business operation. From this talk we learnt about the various processes involved in the mining of coal at Ulan Coal Mine. After the induction talk, we were taken for a drive around the mine to see the new open-cut operation, which is only recently in operation and, in parts, still under construction.

From an environmental perspective we learnt that water is a significant element in the mining process at Ulan as the geographical area is naturally a very wet area, with large quantities of groundwater flowing all the time. This has created a challenge for the coal mine to manage, in both an economic and an environmentally friendly manner.

From a cultural perspective we learnt that there exists a significant program of cataloguing and referencing of Aboriginal sacred sites and artefacts in the area, which are under threat of destruction from the mining process.

The process is comprehensive and involves many bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, to determine the significance and need for preservation.

Next we travelled on to The Drip, a natural area north of Mudgee along the Goulburn River. Here we met up with Julia Imrie, a local environmentalist and Catchment Management Authority contact for that area. Julia showed us how to conduct certain fieldwork techniques along the walk to The Drip, including map reading, water testing, flora and fauna observation and human impact assessment.



Aden Hodgkinson – Water Testing

It could be safely decided that all involved in this walk were impressed by the beauty of the area and especially the actual rock structure known as The Drip. This impressive natural process of seeping groundwater through rock is one of nature's treats.

Students will now take the material and notes gathered on the day and turn out their Senior Geography Project – The Impact of Mining in the Ulan Region on the Local Environment.

### WESTERN AREA ATHLETICS

The Western Area Carnival will be held at Bathurst Sportsground/Allan Morse Park, Bathurst on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Students have been asked to nominate if they wish to attend by putting their name down at the PDHPE staffroom. Students who meet the standards of qualification will be given a permission note this week. Notes need to be returned by the end of this term. The school bus will be taken for students who are unable to travel privately. Any parents willing to help with transport please contact Mrs Gallen. Any questions contact Mrs Gallen.

### WESTERN AREA CROSS COUNTRY

Western Area Cross Country will be held this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at Wellington Racecourse. Notes have been handed out and should have been returned to the office by today. Students will travel by private transport. Any questions see Mrs Gallen or Mr Giammarco. Good luck to all competitors. The results of the school and Western Area Cross Country will be printed in a future Newsletter.

### 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

#### PCYC SURVEY

Please participate in the PCYC online survey by clicking on the following link <http://www.pycnsw.org/mudgee> -on the club menu click on police programs and you will find the survey. Julie Canham, Senior Activity Officer  
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#### STUCK?

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