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Term 2 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- 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
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Principal's Message

Well done to Zoe Wells who received a Defence Force Technical Scholarship valued at \$3000. Zoe can use this scholarship for any purpose for her education. She will also be taken on a tour of a Defence establishment. We all wish Zoe the best in making the most of this fantastic opportunity.

Congratulations to Verity Morley on her acceptance to the State Dance Camp from 27 July – 29 July at the Sydney Dance Company Studios Walsh Bay. These camps provide an opportunity for talented students to be involved in a challenging and stimulating dance education. Tuition will be provided by professional tutors and school teachers with specialised skills. Workshops will focus on developing students' technical and performance abilities, dance composition and other aspects such as Safe Dance Practice.

As the weather is turning colder students will need to update their winter uniform. I would like to remind parents and students that Mudgee High School is a uniform school. The decision to make uniform compulsory was first made in 1999 and has been renewed every year since then. This decision is made by the parents. Teachers at school are required to follow the parents' decision. Any changes to uniform must be made by the P & C. At the moment the most significant issues are the wearing of non school uniform jumpers (particularly those not in Mudgee High colours) and track pants for everyday wear. Track pants in particular were discussed at length by the P & C earlier. They voted unanimously to include them only for sport. When making decisions about uniform, as parents themselves, the P & C consider issues such as durability, safety in science labs and technology workshops, the image of the school and equity.

At Mudgee High School we wear uniform because it demonstrates pride in our school. It reinforces community expectations, is safer for all students and makes students part of a team.

The whole concept of uniform is that everyone wears the same items, no one stands out and no one is left out. As principal it is not the most important aspect of running an effective school, student learning fills that role. It is however, the most important public image issue. People judge us by how we look, whether we like it or not. In my experience the less formal the dress the more casual the student behaviour.

All parents understand the concept of "dressing for the occasion". I know of few more important occasions for young people than engaging in learning in high school. We very much appreciate the strong parent support we receive on this issue. You send your children to school dressed to be part of the Mudgee High Team and we take them from there.

If they are in full school uniform every day no student need waste their time on talking about uniform. If they are not, as teachers it is our duty to work on those basics, so please send them to school dressed for school and we can all focus on what's next to learn.

As discussed in the last Newsletter we agreed at our last P & C meeting to trial electronic newsletters to save costs. If you have an email address and would like to be part of our distribution list please complete the form at the end of the Newsletter so we can add your details. The newsletter will continue to be printed each week this term and will be published on our website. From the start of Term 3 it will be emailed to all students, parents on our distribution list and published on our website. Limited paper copies will be available at the office and to parents who request a paper copy. When you have completed the form return it to the school office.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

MAD SAMPLER CONCERT 2011

On Tuesday 14th 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. Students who wish to nominate to perform at the concert are encouraged to contact Mr Holleman as soon as possible.

CAREERS CAPERS!



'Try a Trade'

'Try a Trade' was held in the Mudgee High gymnasium on Tuesday 24th May. Students gained 'hands on' experience in many trade areas such as electrical, hairdressing, mechanical and more. Students were also able to find out about the latest trends in employment from local 'tradies' in a 'fun' practical way.



Tertiary Information Day

Year 12 students attended a tertiary information day in Dubbo on Wednesday 25th May. There was an opportunity to speak with university representatives from most NSW/ACT universities as well as collect relevant information. Students also attended a session on UAC applications and toured the Charles Sturt University (Dubbo Campus).

Moolarben Visit

Year 10 students participated in an excursion to Moolarben Coal mine on Wednesday 11th May. Employees from Moolarben representing environmental science, engineering, surveying and electrical spoke to the students, providing them with first hand information about their jobs. An interesting tour of the mine followed which also gave an indication of the scale of production and range of careers at Moolarben.

Careers Guest Speakers

A number of guest speakers have visited Careers classes in recent weeks. Some examples include Mr Howard Berridge representing Berridge/Gallagher Electrical gave aspiring apprentices an employer's perspective on life as an apprentice. A representative from Bedford College in Sydney provided students with another post school option in the form of a private provider.

A series of presentations by CWGA (Central West Group Apprentices) is providing students with yet another option at the completion of their secondary schooling.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

Year 12 Interviews

Year 12 students will be interviewed by the Careers Adviser over the next four weeks to discuss employment and/or training options for 2012. Topics for discussion will include university applications, TAFE courses, scholarships, taking a gap year seeking employment and more.

Xstrata/Moolarben Talks

Xstrata Coal will spoke to interested Years 10, 11 and 12 students and parents today during periods 5 and 6 (12.20 to 1.30pm) in the Performance Centre. Topics for discussion included apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities as well as other career possibilities at the mine. The Moolarben presentation will occur on Tuesday 14th May during periods 3 and 4 (10.50am to 12 noon). Parents are welcome to attend.

University of Wollongong Talk

Student ambassadors from the University of Wollongong (UOW) will speak to interest Year 11 and 12 students on Monday 27th June during periods 1 and 2 (9.20 to 10.30am). This is a follow up to a visit to UOW earlier in the year. The university students will speak on a range of issues related to choosing courses, early entry, scholarships, accommodation and more. Parents are invited to attend.

University of Newcastle Excursion

Year 12 students will travel to the University of Newcastle on Thursday 30th June. They will have an opportunity to attend lectures of choice, inspect facilities and speak to university staff and students about attending uni in 2012.

Senior First Aid Courses

Year 12 students will have the opportunity to complete a senior first aid course early in Term 3. Entry to protective services and health science careers often requires the completion of this credential. The course also provides useful skills which can at times be useful in everyday life.

If you have enquiries regarding any of the above careers related activities, please contact the school and ask for Mr Kempton.

TENNIS RESULTS JUNE 1ST 2011

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' tennis teams who won their matches against Dunedoo on Wednesday 1st June. The score was eight sets to love for both teams.



The girls' team was made up of Kelsey Johnson, Zoe Butler, Rachel Sharp and Emily O'Connor. They competed in the Floris Conway Cup and now travel to Orange to compete in the semi final and hopefully the final.

The boys' team consists of Jack Kempton, Douglas McRae, Nathan Chapman and Nathan Sharp. The next step is the semi finals and finals to be played in Orange on 17th June.

All students were excellent ambassadors for our school and played with great sporting spirit and resilience on the day. Mudgee High School would like to thank the parents who drove the players to their game and for support on the sideline during the day. Congratulations to all players. *Mr Kempton and Mrs Gooley*

Douglas McRae



Zoe Butler

OPEN GIRLS SOFTBALL

The Open Girls softball team travelled to Orange on Friday 20th May to compete in the Western Area finals against Orange High School. After a terrific match the end result went Orange's way 5-3. Bria Toohey pitched a great game to Gabby Stait. Great pick ups by Erika MacPherson at 3rd base and Andre Jewell at Short Stop. Some great batting by Christina Cooper, Kelsey Johnson and Erika. Overall it was a great team effort and everyone played really well. Thanks go to Mrs Burke, Mr Boller and Miss Wilson for putting up with us on the way to Orange and back. Also, thank you to Tracey Toohey for scoring the game.

Taylah Watters and Erika MacPherson

LANGUAGES

All Year 7, junior elective classes and senior Beginners and Continuers classes have been working their way through the programmed topics and most students are applying themselves in a positive manner. Students have completed the majority of their assessment for this semester. Those that have shown a thorough understanding of the language presented have consistently applied themselves in class and have also revised their work regularly.

A great study tip for language learners is to create revision cards for the topics covered. This is particularly good for learning vocabulary and kanji/hiragana (script) characters. Once upon a time we would have encouraged students to create sets of index cards where they would write the Japanese word on one side of the card and write the English meaning on the other. However, thanks to technology, this task of preparing study cards has become so much easier because the work has already been done! A great study tool website is <http://quizlet.com>. This site has an enormous collection of study flashcard sets for a wide range of subjects and topic areas. Using these flashcards for revision and playing the games that accompany some of the sets can have a positive effect on retention of information, something that is vital in language acquisition. As little as five minutes, four times a week can make a huge difference. Even better is the ability to download flashcard apps onto your IPOD or iPhone. Many of these apps are free and students have the option to create their own sets of study cards or to download the sets currently on quizlet. Sounds like a great way to kill time on that dull bus trip to school and home! Parents can also help by testing their child every once in a while – it's all there at the touch of a finger. Encourage your child to help you learn the Japanese words. Teaching someone else is the best way to remember something!

Exchange Visit

We recently received a request from our sister schools in Japan to make their usual exchange visit to Mudgee in Term 3. 23 students, 2 teachers and 3 accompanying adults from the OSA Kitasenri High School group will be visiting our school from July 26th until August 6th. This is an 11 night home stay and 7.5 days school program. The exchange program is being organised based on last year's itinerary with a few additional activities. We would like to thank those families who have already completed and returned their hosting packages. We were extremely thrilled with the response. We are currently finalising placements and will notify those families who have been successful in their application shortly.

Japanese Culture

May 5th in Japan is a day celebrating children called "Kodomo no Hi" or 'Children's Day'. It is one of the most popular national holidays. It actually started long ago as "Tango no Sekku" or 'Boy's Day', a holiday celebrating the male child. After World War II it was changed to celebrate the health and growth of all children, in hopes of uplifting the spirits of Japan. Many of the traditions and decorations related to Children's Day still reflect those of Boy's Day.



To bring good fortune to the boys in the home, 'Koinobori' (colourful carp streamers) are flown outside of houses to wish them luck for the future. Koinobori are believed to be strong, spirited fish that are known for their determination in fighting up streams and through powerful waterfalls. Families also display 'Kabuto' (samurai helmet) and samurai dolls representing Kintaro, Momotaro and others that symbolize courage.

Another tradition is the offering of kashiwa-mochi, a rice cake stuffed with bean paste and wrapped in an oak leaf, which is also a symbol of strength. Iris flowers also bloom during this time, and are placed in the home to ward off evil. *Ms Date and Miss Hutchins*

Koinobori flying on Children's Day

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival was held on Friday 13th May and despite some rainy conditions to start the day a successful and fun day was had by staff and students alike. The Year 12's BBQ breakfast of bacon and egg rolls were a popular choice on the cold morning. Well done Year 12 for your fantastic effort on the day raising funds for the RSPC!

The overall house points score for the carnival was Wentworth 1061, Blaxland 1041, Lawson 953 and winners on the day Cunningham, with 1541.

Students participated eagerly in a variety of track, field and novelty events; rotating around in their year groups. Some highlights of the day include the enthusiastic participation of our senior students, Mr Wilson's and Maddy McCarthy's speedy performance in the 100m sprint and the staff v student relays at the conclusion of the day.

Age Champions were finalised after the completion of the high jump events completed on Wednesday 18th May. The following students had the highest overall point score for their age groups:

	Girls:	Boys
12 Yr:	Rachel Hibberd	Brayden Lane
13 yr:	Zoe Da Roza	Jaydon Orth
14 yr:	Shai Ramien	Benjamin Reinhard
15 yr:	Rebecca Bailey	Bradley Golden
16 yr:	Frances Johns	Benjamin Wisse
17+ yr:	Rachel Johnson	Nathan Innes

I would like to thank the many staff and student helpers who were wonderful throughout the day. It was great to see parents and relatives turn up to spectate and a special thank you must go to Jenny Johnson for giving up her time to help throughout the day. I would also like to thank on behalf of the school, the Little Athletics Club for preparing the grounds and the use of their equipment. Once again, well done to all staff and students who made it a successful and enjoyable day. *Ms McCann*

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.

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A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF THE TRANSPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaving appropriately:

- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (eg. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission).
- Give seats to all adults and any disabled passengers.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses.
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (eg. where to sit or to remain in the bus).
- Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus.
- Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency.

Respecting property:

- Protect bus property.
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised.
- Report any vandalism, eg. graffiti and window etching.

Holding passes:

- Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested.
- Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose.
- 'Swipe' or 'Dip' passes in ticket readers if available when boarding.
- Keep your travel pass for your own use – you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

A full copy of the Code of Conduct can be found on the transport NSW web site at www.transport.nsw.gov.au