

Monday: 25th July 2011

Term 3 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- July 25 – P&C Meeting
Library 7.30pm
- July 26 – Junior Awards
Year 9 – 9.30am
Year 10 – 11.00am
Year 7 – 12.30pm
Year 8 – 2.20pm
- July 26 – Japanese
Exchange Visit commences
- July 28 – Parent/Teacher
Evening Y7, 11 & 12 –
Gym 3.45 to 7pm
- Aug 1-5 Education Week
- Aug 2 – Subject Market
Y10 to Y11 (2012) Gym
4 to 7pm

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Principal's Message

This week we are celebrating the achievements of all our junior students for their Semester 1 work. Assemblies will be held in the school gymnasium for Year 7 at 12.30 pm, Year 8 at 2.20 pm, Year 9 at 9.30 am and Year 10 at 11.00 am. All students will receive their reports and awards for achievement and effort will also be presented. In each year group students who have shown consistent attitude and progress will receive their silver and gold awards. Please come along and help us celebrate how wonderful your children can be.

Congratulations to the senior boys Rugby Team who last week were runners up in the state wide Waratah Cup. The boys showed exceptional ability and commitment in their long road to the finals. We thank Mr Greg Bartrim and the Mudgee Wombats club for their never tiring support. Thanks also to Mr Eade who assisted with the driving and supervision and to Mr Stevens, and Mrs Daniels for in school support.

Next week is Education week and two of our Year 11 students have been selected to participate in the NSW Department of Education celebrations. Mary Sparkes will accompany the Regional Director to Bourke for the regional launch and Tom Bambrick will be flown to Sydney to shadow the Director of Student Welfare and meet other senior department officers. Well done to both those students who were selected for their leadership here at Mudgee High School and commitment to their region as members of the regional SRC.

Tonight is our P&C meeting for July. All parents are encouraged to actively participate through attending meetings and providing feedback to the P&C executive. Just a reminder to enter through the Horatio Street entrance of the library. We start at 7.30 and usually conclude around 8.30. One hour per month can make a big difference to your children. There is a lot of evidence that parent active involvement helps students know how to be successful at school.

Well done also to our girls who were members of the Regional Touch Team. In atrocious weather they performed to the highest levels of sportsmanship and teamwork. The students from Mudgee who were members of this team were Brielle Croake, Helena Lawson and Jess Winsper.

Parents are reminded to make bookings for this week's Parent Teacher Meetings for Years 7, 11 and 12. The meetings will be from 3.45 pm to 7.00 pm on Thursday. This is an important time for feedback and follow up on your child's progress. For senior students particularly it is important to consider making this a three way meeting by bringing the student with you.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

THE LATEST FROM MATHS

HSC Holiday workshops - During the July school holidays a number of students from Extension Mathematics, Mathematics and General Mathematics attended workshops targeting designated areas of study in order to strengthen student skills.

Extension Mathematics and Mathematics students were able to catch up on work from term 2 and also to practise exam skills for the upcoming trials and HSC exams.

General Mathematics students were given the opportunity to review Preliminary course work, develop their algebraic modelling skills (graphing) and practise their Spherical Geometry.

HSC workshops Term 3 - Students studying Mathematics courses will be offered a one hour work session every Monday afternoon during Term 3 from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. The session has been created in order to strengthen their skills in the lead up to the HSC. It also provides students with assistance with more difficult work. It is hoped that students from all courses will take advantage of this extra time provided by the Mathematics staff.

Future HSC Holiday Workshops - During the September/October school holidays workshops will again be run for each Mathematics course. Students are encouraged to keep an ear out for when these sessions will be run. This is a great opportunity to further strengthen skills in the build up to the final exam and again it is hoped that students from all courses will take advantage of the extra assistance provided.

Australian Mathematics Competition - Mudgee High School once again has a strong contingent of students entered for this prestigious competition. Held on Thursday August 4th, this competition gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves with some higher order thinking and logic skills.

This year we have a number of students over three different levels who have accepted the challenge. Students are reminded to pick up an information sheet from Mr. Lynn in the Mathematics staffroom well before the day of the competition. This sheet gives details regarding equipment needed for the day of the competition and some general ideas about the nature of the content. Any student who wishes to test themselves with a similar past competition paper should see Mr. Lynn beforehand.

The Mathematics department of Mudgee High School is proud of those who have accepted the challenge and wish them well.

Super Rule - The HSC is a demanding time and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the right 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 \$11.60

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.

Community Announcement

THE ARCHER STUDY

Mental Health and Education working together

The University of Sydney needs young people in Years 5, 6 or 7 to participate in a longitudinal research study.

This project is a major long term study of adolescent health and well being.

ARCHER stands for Adolescent Rural Cohort – Hormones, Health, Education, Environment & Relationships

The study is funded by the Sydney Medical School Medical Foundation and will investigate the role of hormones and the effect on the behavior, physical and mental wellbeing of rural Australian teenagers.

The research will be conducted in Dubbo and Orange this year.

Please contact Dr Catherine Hawke or Mrs Karen Paxton – Dubbo 68820288 or 68821486: Orange 63607900:

if you wish your child to participate

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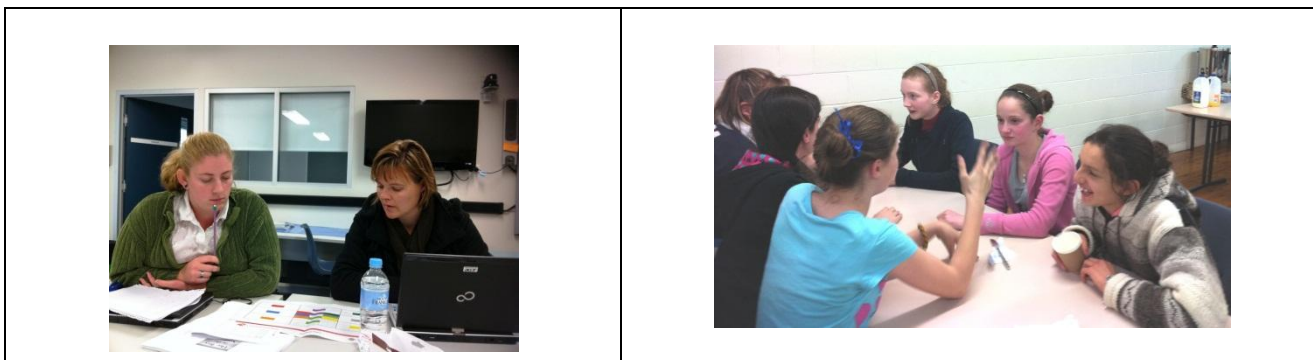
XSEL JUNE RESIDENTIAL

Xsel, the virtual selective high school provision, held its Term 2 residential in Dubbo in the last week of the Semester, June 28-30. Teachers and students from Years 7 and 8, eighty people in total, from across Western NSW gathered to have rare face-to-face lessons and some fun and games.

Students had no easy task leaving their cabins in the frosty mornings to begin lessons at 8:30. Classes were conducted at the Dubbo College campuses of Delroy and South Dubbo High Schools and English, Maths and Science lessons ran until 4 o'clock each afternoon in a type of academic reverse excursion. The value of these opportunities for a virtual school cannot be overstated in allowing teachers and students to build connections with each other, allow for the observation of practical skills and grow our learning community. Teachers too, have the chance to work collaboratively in the classroom and, more importantly, to plan for future learning.

Of course, after hours students were eager to chat among their rarely-seen classmates about life in their home towns and base schools, too. The xsel cup, a hotly contested but friendly competition involving sport and parlour games, was also held after hours and was won narrowly by the student side. Surprisingly, the limerick writing competition was the deciding factor!

By Thursday afternoon students were happy to begin their homeward journeys feeling that being both rewarding and challenging, an xsel residential is a fitting end to the 2011 academic semester.



Mudgee High School SCHOOL COUNCIL – Nomination Form New Closing Date July 30 2011

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) _____

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