

Monday: 1st August 2011

Term 3 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Aug 1-5 Education Week
- Aug 2 – Subject Market
Y10 to Y11 (2012) Gym
4 to 7pm
- Aug 4 – Aust Maths Comp
- Aug 6 – Japanese visit
concludes
- Aug 11-19 – Y12 Trial
Exams
- Aug 14-19 – Ski Trip
- Aug 22 – P&C Meeting,
Library 7.30pm
- Aug 31 – CLC Concert,
Parklands, matinee &
evening

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Principal's Message

At last week's school assembly we extended a very warm welcome to our friends from Osaka in Japan. This annual cultural exchange between our two countries is one of the highlights of our school year. We see the visit to be of great value to our students. My special thanks to parents who volunteer to host Japanese students and staff for eleven days. The visit is organized by our very enthusiastic Language teachers Mrs Date and Ms Hutchins.

Uniform

At their last monthly meeting the P&C was happy to respond to the school's request for funding support. These P&C funds, generated entirely from our school canteen, will be used to provide a range of items of equipment for use in classrooms and around the school generally. Mudgee High will be a safer, more attractive and more welcoming school as a result of this P&C support.

Year 11 2012

The process of senior subject selection for Year 10 students has begun. A very well attended Parent Information Briefing was held in Week 1 of term and students have been issued with their Senior Curriculum Booklets. The next stage of the process occurs tomorrow Tuesday 2nd August when a Subject Market will be held in the school gym from 4pm to 7pm.

Students and their parents should take advantage of this opportunity to spend time talking to teachers about the content and requirements for each course. The gym will be set up in a series of faculty clusters. Please call in between 4pm and 7pm. Our Careers Adviser, Mr Kempton and representatives of TAFE will also be in attendance.

Close Links Between Parents and Teachers

Students invariably do well at school when the communication between teachers and parents is open and regular. Last week two important events took place to promote such communication.

On Tuesday Mr Graham Wilson with the able assistance of our office staff conducted a series of presentation ceremonies to issue Semester 1 Reports as well as Silver Awards and Effort/Achievement Awards.

On Thursday evening the whole staff participated in a Parent-Teacher Evening for Years 7, 11 and 12. Thank you to those parents who attended and to the staff for giving up yet another evening to assist their classes.

Steve Jones
Deputy Principal

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Mudgee High School SRC is supporting Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 5th August 2011.

Wear your favourite jeans with your school top on Friday 5th August and donate a gold coin so that the Children's Medical Research Institute can fill the holes in our knowledge and improve the health of every child.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION

A prospective Student Adviser from Charles Sturt University will answer the following questions for Years 11 & 12 students and their parents/carers.

- What courses can I study?
- How do I get into Uni?
- What about HECS and other Uni costs?
- What's life like on Campus?
- What are my accommodation options?
- What about alternate entry pathways eg: the school recommendation scheme?
- Is financial assistance available eg: scholarships?

Come along on Friday 5th August at 1.30pm to find out the answers! Parents should please report to the school's front office (Douro St) to be shown to the Venue.

TVET OUTDOOR RECREATION

A group of brave Year 12 students participated in a 10 day TVET Outdoor Recreation program in the recent school holidays. The course commenced with rock climbing and abseiling activities in the Blue Mountains.

The group then headed to the ski fields around Jindabyne to undertake the cross country skiing component of the program. All was okay, except the blizzard weather conditions were some of the worst experienced in years with 100kph winds and three to four feet of snow being the order of the day. The student's accommodation was in tents though these had to be abandoned when the wind (gale) snapped the tent poles!

The students are to be congratulated for showing grit and determination to complete the course despite the challenging conditions.

The participating students were: Chris Spinner, John Rayner, Matthew Wood, Tamara Fleming, Gillian Harries, Emmett Karstrom, Jason Wheatley, Nathan Perroto, Rebecca Gould and Zac Hardy.



Footnote: Bear Grylls is considering including this expedition in his next 'Man vs Wild' series.

SCHOOL FEES

In order to further support the learning of our students, families are invoiced for fees and charges. To assist families the P&C has approved invoicing of all school fees by semester. We are pleased these fees and charges remain at relatively low levels in comparison to other public schools. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS to the school office.

School Resource Fees

- Payments cover costs associated with resources used by students including text books, library books, sporting equipment and other teaching resources
- Resource fees paid also assist with the costs associated with photocopying worksheets, reports, newsletters, sports equipment, grounds and bus maintenance
- Parents can make a donation to our Building Fund in lieu of paying the resource fee shown on the statement. This donation is tax deductible

Subject Fees

- Fees cover expendable items such as food, timber, metal, clay or paint used for practical work in elective subjects
- If subject fees are not paid students may be provided with alternative experiences and will not be able to take home/consume the finished product

Senior Textbook Deposits

- Approx \$30000 is spent each year on new and replacement text books for students
- To encourage textbooks to be returned upon the student leaving school senior students are asked to pay a \$50 deposit at the start of Year 11. This money is held in Trust at the school to be fully refunded at the end of Year 12

Support

Should your family experience difficulties meeting any of these payments please contact the school as financial support through Student Assistance is available. Requests remain confidential. A new application for Student Assistance must be submitted each year. Please contact the school if you wish to access this facility. Fees may be paid by instalments with the exception of donations to the building fund in lieu of paying the resource fee which should be made as full payment by semester. If you feel there are any errors on your statement or would like the statement explained, please contact the school. If you have paid the invoiced amount/s during the processing of this statement, please disregard the invoice or part thereof.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

SCIENCE NEWSLETTER

Science and Engineering Challenge

The Super Challenge regional final is upon us and 24 Mudgee High Year 10 Students are preparing themselves for the task. This competition will take place in Newcastle on 24th August and require students to work in small teams to solve science and engineering based problems. Each activity will be scored and then tallied to give a team score. If Mudgee High is successful in this challenge they will be invited to participate in the Grand Challenge later in the year. Students will also have the opportunity to have a guided tour of the science and engineering departments at the university and enjoy a Laser presentation by Dr Terry Burns. We wish these Year 10 students the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Kick Start Physics

Year 12 Physics recently attended a 'Kickstart Physics' program at Dubbo run by The University of Sydney. This day involved the students interacting with a lot of physics apparatus to reinforce the key concepts of the course. The students spoke very highly of the experience and demonstrated enough understanding on the day to receive a special mention from their University tutor on the day.

CVPS Science Show

Mr Rae and Year 11 student Tom Bambrick, were recently involved in judging some scientific investigations undertaken by students at Cudgegong Valley Public School. Mr Rae could not speak highly enough of the work that he appraised and looks forward to teaching these capable students in a few years time. Well done to the budding Scientists.

Assessment Calender

Term 3 is a very busy time for all students to complete assessments and in particular our Year 12 students preparing for their Trial HSC exams in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Primary Industries. We wish all of these students the best of luck with their studies and encourage them to engage their teachers with any questions or difficulties that they may have over the next little time. Below is a list of the assessment items and time frames:

Year	Task	Term 3 Due Date
7	Practical Skills Assessment Task	During Week 4
8	Open Ended Investigation	During Week 5
9	Practical Assessment Task	During Week 6
10	Technology Assignment	Friday Week 3

Parents are encouraged to review these tasks/assignments and discuss their child's ideas or progress with them.

Agriculture News

A farm excursion was held recently for Primary Industries students to develop sheep handling, lamb marking and mustering skills. This day formed a valuable part of the practical skills students need develop during this course and students should be congratulated for their participation on the day.

Animal News

The Stud ewes at Mudgee High School have started lambing. This is an exciting time for students who have been caring for these animals this year. So far one set of triplets have been produced. Eggs have been placed under incubation and all going well, Mr Laidlaw assures you that the new little chicks should be hatched out and ready for the spring sale.

Community Announcement

Mudgee Junior Golf

Go Go Golf and Two Person Ambrose which was to be held on 7th August has had to be changed to 14th August from 2.30 to 4.30pm

Mudgee Junior Classic – 28th August 2011

18 Holes (\$20); 10 Holes (\$10); 7 Holes Modified – *All include golf, lunch and a drink*

See Peter or Sharon in the pro shop to enter your names. Organisers would like to see everyone play.

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) _____

_____ (*signature*) _____ (*telephone*) _____ (*date*)

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