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Term 3 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Aug 22 – P&C Meeting, Library 7.30pm
- Aug 22 – Principal's Gold Medal Applications open
- Aug 22 – Formal Tickets open for sale
- Aug 31 – CLC Concert, Parklands, matinee 12.00 noon, evening 6pm
- Sep 1 – Y8,9,10 Parent Teacher Evening, 3.45 to 7.00pm
- Sep 7 – Y12 Principal's Gold Medal Interviews
- Sep 8 – 16 Y11Exams

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Principal's Message

The Principal's Report is a bit of a mixed bag this week.

On Tuesday, a group of Year 10 students – with a few scientifically motivated Year 9 ring-ins – are off to the *Newcastle University Science and Engineering Super Challenge Competition* under the stewardship of Mr Evans and Ms Howard to engage in a variety of contests and battles against other Stage 5 scientists from around the state. Yet another opportunity made available to students who attend Mudgee High.

There has been much talk in the media about branding in recent months, following the federal government's decision to ban all cigarette advertising including that which appears on the individual packets themselves. Big tobacco has been against the plan because, it argues, the ban makes it hard for others to distinguish one brand from another.

I am no advocate of cigarette smoking – far from it – but the tobacco industry has a point. Branding is important. Coke's white "dynamic ribbon" on a red background, the blue oval of Ford, the huge yellow 'M' on a stick that is McDonalds all distinguish their respective products from those of their rivals. The students attending the *Science and Engineering Super Challenge* in Newcastle will wear the Mudgee High brand when they represent our community in Newcastle this week in full school uniform and I am sure they will do so with pride and a sense of place.

This week we welcome Mr Brendan Cox to Mudgee High. Mr Cox is the latest addition to the English faculty and he replaces Mrs Di Bowes who has retired from the teaching service. Mr Cox completed his training at Southern Cross University, Lismore, and we trust that the tail end of our Central Western winter does not take him by too much surprise. Of course, Mr Cox' arrival means that Mr Johnson, who has been relieving in the position vacated, can once again return to a retirement that is almost guaranteed to be short-lived.

Finally, Year 12 Trial examinations are now at an end. Results should begin to flow this week. All Year 12 students are encouraged to look over their results and, where applicable, seek advice from their respective teachers on where and how they can make improvement prior to the HSC.

*Wayne Eade
Relieving Principal*

COMPUTING 2011 NCSS CHALLENGE

A dozen of our students are participating in the NCSS Challenge for 2011! The Challenge is run by the School of Information Technologies at the University of Sydney as part of the National Computer Science School (NCSS).

The Challenge is a computer programming competition where students are taught to program in the Python computer language as they progress through the challenge. It runs for five weeks. Over 2000 students from around Australia are participating this year. We have students enrolled in the Beginners, Intermediate and Advance streams. They are all progressing well and learning a lot along the way.

Students in Computing are currently working on composite images in Photo shop. Here a teacher's car has been transformed by students in the class.



NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK 2011

National Literacy & Numeracy Week 2011 is from 29th August – 4th September. The address for the NSW National Literacy & Numeracy Week is www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

The two ambassadors for 2011 National Literacy & Numeracy Week are Simon Pampena the *Maths Man*, National Numeracy Ambassador and Jackie French award winning Australian children's author and National Literacy Ambassador.

K.Gooley - STLA

YEAR 12 – FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

- Macquarie University Open Day is Saturday September 10.
- Students considering the Joint Medical Program at UNE (Armidale) or Newcastle Uni must apply by September 30 at www.newcastle.edu.au/jmp or www.une.edu.au/jmp
- Final HSC exam preparation lectures are on at the University of Sydney on Sunday September 11. See www.tsfx.com.au/nsw or forms available. Lectures are also on in Week 1 of the school holidays.
- The University of Notre Dame is Saturday Aug 27. Details at www.nd.edu.au
- Teaching Scholarships (worth up to \$28,000 over 5 years) in eg maths, science, english are available. See www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships. Closing date for application is Oct 7
- Deakin University (Geelong or Melbourne) Vic. Open day is Aug 28
- Cadetships (where you are paid to study and work) are available in Information/Communication/Tech. Details at www.dbcde.gov.au/grads (or careers room)
- The New York Film Academy (with campuses in Australia) offer courses in film making and acting for film and see www.NYFA.EDU
- The Universities Charles Sturt, New England (Armidale), Southern Cross (Lismore) and Wollongong early entry applications are available.
- The closing date for UAC (University Admissions) preferences is Sept 30.
- An Avionics apprenticeship is available locally for 2012. 2 Unit Maths and Physics is required. Great opportunity
- Universities NSW and Newcastle have meritorious scholarships available for students who are aiming for a ATAR in the 80's – 90's and are applying for a course at Uni for 2012. Nominations close Fri 26/8
- A QTAC Guide, giving details of tertiary education courses in Queensland for 2012 is available.
- The University of Sydney open day is Saturday Aug 27
- James Cook University (Townsville Qld) offers a range of science, business, health, veterinary sciences and more. 2012 Prospectus and application form or see www.jcu.edu.au
- UTS (University of Technology Sydney) has early entry (as an alternative pathway into Uni) available. Further details and application forms available.
- If you consider you have suffered long term educational disadvantage during the HSC year, then the EAS (Educational Access Scheme) is available to provide consideration for this. Forms available.
- If you need help with money to go to university in 2012 (and are eligible) there are Equity Scholarships available.
- Southern Cross University (Lismore) Early Entry application closing date is Wed Aug 24.
- UOW (The University of Wollongong) offers an alternate pathway to university via UOW College for students who may experience eg in school, home and/or financial environments. See www.uowcollege.edu.au or prospectus available.
- The University of New England (Armidale) Early Entry and Scholarships prospectus is available.
- Closing date for UNE, CSU and SCU Early Entry applications is Wed Sept 7 (return and completed forms to Careers Adviser)
- UNSW Faculty of Built Environment prospectus is available.
- Hotel Management Courses are available at Le Cordon Bleu.College Scholarships available. See www.lecordonbleu.com.au/scholarships
- The Australian College of Natural Therapies (www.acnt.edu.au) is offering workshops ie 'A Day in the Life of' – Massage Therapist, Personal Trainer and Natural Therapy Practitioner. Event on Saturday Sept 3 – details available or see website.
- The University of Sydney Undergraduate Prospectus is available.

THE TAS IA COMPUTING FACULTY



The TAS IA Computing Faculty has had a number of exciting things happening this semester. We applied for and received a \$2000 grant from the NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC). This was used with a \$2000 grant from the school P and C to purchase an industrial quality Roland Vinyl Cutter. This has been put into good use to start to produce Safety signs for the workshops and Trade centre at Mudgee High.



The Cutter in action



A finished sign ready for Year 12

HSC major works have been completed and handed in For Industrial Technology Timber. There are some excellent works and Mr Smith is waiting in anticipation for the marking to commence. Congratulations to Mr Smith and his class for the fine projects they have produced.

These projects will be displayed at the end of year Stables exhibition. The Timber projects will also go on display at Mitre 10 after marking. Thanks to Mitre 10 for the privilege of doing this.

The Design and Technology Major projects are nearing completion. The due date is the end of August. There are some innovative designs being worked on and they should score well.

Throughout the faculty there are some excellent projects being completed. A sample is shown below.



Brett Downey: Bedside table



Alex Ringsing: Construction tool box



Mallets made in construction



Model cars from toy making



Tianna Murkins: Pencil Box



Josh Thurlow: Wood burning Pencil Box

A selection of pencil boxes, Utilising wood burning and CNC routing to decorate them.

BELL TIMES AT MUDGEES HIGH

Below you will find tables of bell times which may be of assistance to parents when collecting students. For example, if your child has a medical appointment at 11am on a Tuesday, the most obvious time to collect him or her would be at 10.32am

MONDAY ,TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY			
TIME SLOT	START	FINISH	LENGTH
Roll call	9:00am	9:16am	16 min
Period 1	9:16am	9:54 am	38 min
Period 2	9:54 am	10:32am	38 min
Recess	10:32am	10:52am	20 min
Period 3	10:52am	11:30am	38 min
Period 4	11:30am	12:08pm	38 min
Break	12:08pm	12:18pm	10 min
Period 5	12:18pm	12:56pm	38 min
Period 6	12:56pm	1:34pm	38 min
Lunch	1:34pm	2:09pm	35 min
Period 7	2:09pm	2:47pm	38 min
Period 8	2:47pm	3:25pm	38 min
FRIDAY			
TIME SLOT	START	FINISH	LENGTH
Roll call	9:00am	9:12am	12 min
Period 1	9:12am	9:50 am	38 min
Period 2	9:50 am	10:28am	38 min
Recess	10:28am	10:52am	24 min
Period 3	10:52am	11:30am	38 min
Period 4	11:30am	12:08pm	38 min
Break	12:08pm	12:18pm	10 min
Period 5	12:18pm	12:56pm	38 min
Period 6	12:56pm	1:34pm	38 min
Lunch	1:34pm	2:09pm	35 min
Period 7	2:09pm	2:47pm	38 min
Period 8	2:47pm	3:25pm	38 min

Community Announcement

Mudgee Cancer Support and Friends Will be holding their annual Daffodil Day Stall
 In Byron Place Laneway near St George On Friday August 26th 2011 From 9am.
 Fresh Daffodils \$7, Dougal Bears \$10, And other items from \$3.
 All proceeds go to the Cancer Council

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