

Monday: 12th September 2011

Term 3 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Sept 8 – 16
Y11 Exams
- Sept 19-20 – Y10
Trial School
Certificate
- Sept 21 – Gold and
Silver Presentation
- Sept 21 – Y12
Farewell Social
- Sept 22 – Rainbow
Day
- Sept 23 – Y12
Presentation Day
- Sept 23 – Last Day
of Term 3
- Oct 10 First day
Term 4 – Staff &
Students
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Principal's Message

Farewell Christine Smith

Christine Smith – our Senior Administration Manager – has served Mudgee High and Public Education for 32 years. Last Friday Christine began a period of long service leave prior to retirement in 2012.

Christine has been one of the most valuable members of staff in the history of Mudgee High. Her contributions to the smooth operation of one of the largest "businesses" and employers in our region has been outstanding. The quality education provided to the thousands of students that have passed through Mudgee High in the last 32 years is in no small part due to the leadership and expertise of Christine Smith.

School Leaders – 2012

Congratulations to Tom Bambrick, Monique Bremner, Ben Cheetham and Jessie Bantock who have been elected as our Captains and Vice Captains for 2012.

These four outstanding students will take up their duties as school leaders in Term 4 when Year 12 leave to complete their HSC exams.

Year 12 – Final Few Days

Just ten days at school remain for our Year 12 students. These final days are full of last minute classwork and organisation for the upcoming staff student soccer match, Rainbow Day, concert, School Social and Final Presentation Ceremony. It is very important that everyone involved with Year 12 – staff, parents and the students themselves remain aware of the following:

- The end of school is a time of enjoyment and celebration. It is not a time for foolish or dangerous behaviour
- The HSC is the main prize. Significant improvements can be made to individual and group results in the final weeks before the HSC exam itself
- Mudgee High's Rainbow Day is the envy of all other schools in the State. Every student in Year 12 needs to focus on positive community service activities over these last few days.

Year 10 – Senior Subject Selections

Our Year 10 students are currently nominating their choice of senior courses that will carry them through to the HSC in 2013. These choices are due in tomorrow Tuesday 13th September. Every student – even those not returning to MHS in 2012 needs to complete a signed form.

Steve Jones

Deputy Principal

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION SURVEY

As part of Mudgee High School's self-evaluation process we are seeking your support by completing a survey designed to give feedback so that we can refine our educational priorities in the next phase of our school management plan.

The link to this survey can be found by following these instructions on your computer:

- Google: Mudgee High School
- Click on the link: Mudgee High School | Home
- Click on the heading under Latest News Parent Survey
- This will then take you to an article where the survey link is embedded
- Please click on the SurveyMonkey link to commence the survey

Your support is valued and we ask that you complete this survey at your earliest convenience. The link will remain active until 8th October 2011.

If you are unable to access a computer you will be able to access a hard copy from the front office. Please complete and return to the office at your earliest convenience no later than the end of week 1 next term. Thank you.

David Roach
Highly Accomplished Teacher

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS

A reminder that orders are currently being taken for Year 10 shirts. The shirts will have navy blue trim on the sleeves and collar and Adam Tompsett's fabulous design will border the names on the back.

Shirts cost \$35 each and orders close on Wednesday 14th September. Payments cannot be accepted after this date. Students will need to see Ms Date with their receipt and register their required shirt size.

Melissa Date
Yr 10 Adviser

MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

Year 12 2012

Later this term year 11 students will be planning their courses for next year. They will actually start their HSC courses at the start of next term. Some students, who find the tougher General Mathematics course very demanding, can choose Applied Mathematics. It is a course designed to allow students to develop skills for use in future employment and everyday life situations. The students do not sit for an external exam but are assessed internally based on the outcomes approved by the Board of Studies. All students attempting Applied Mathematics must have six units of Board Developed course in other subjects to qualify for the award of a HSC.

Those students doing well in Extension 1 also have the option of doing an extra unit of Mathematics and studying the Extension 2 course. The topics studied include harder Extension 1 topics, Complex Numbers, Conics and Mechanics. If parents or students want more information on these courses they can contact Mr Tooney at school.

Year 11 2012

Year 10 are also choosing their courses for the next two years. They are encouraged to discuss their choice of course with their current Mathematics teacher. For students who have successfully completed the Advanced Mathematics course in Years 9 & 10 the Mathematics Course is recommended for senior study. This will give them the background for further studies that have mathematical components such as engineering. The Extension course is also available and is suitable for students with strong mathematical ability particularly in Algebra. Students who have struggled at the Advanced Mathematics level or who have studied a lower level of Mathematics with good results should choose General Mathematics. This course gives students a strong foundation of mathematical skills. The Applied Mathematics course is also being offered as a two Year course starting in Year 11 2012. This course is available to students who may have struggled with Mathematics in junior school but wish to continue to develop their skills and understanding of the mathematics that is used in everyday life and required in many employment situations.

Year 10

The School Certificate Yearly Exams are on next term with Trial examinations in Week 10 this term. It is very important that students prepare as well as possible for these exams. We will be assisting students in class but they must also aim to prepare by doing extra work at home. All equipment for these exams **must** be supplied by the student, including calculators and mathematical instruments. To get in some practice on School Certificate questions, students can go to the Board of Studies website. This site provides multiple choice questions from past School Certificate exams and the answers.

Year 12 2011

Our current Year 12 are either finishing their coursework or revising in preparation for the HSC exams. They are reminded that a strong effort during the lead up to the HSC exam will enable students to gain the best possible results.

We wish them every success for their exams.

Community Announcements

GULGONG AMATURER SWIMMING CLUB

Registration days 12th, 16th, 19th and 23rd September at Gulgong Swimming Pool
From 4pm to 6pm

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