

Monday: 19th September 2011

Term 3 – Week 10



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Sept 19-20 – Year 10 Trial School Certificate
- Sept 21 – Gold and Silver Presentation Commences 9:30am
- Sept 21 – Staff v's Students Soccer Match 2:15pm
- Sept 21 – Year 12 Farewell Social 7:00pm – 10:00pm
- Sept 22 – Rainbow Day
- Sept 23 – Y12 Presentation Day 11:30am
- Sept 23 – Last Day of Term 3
- Oct 10 First day Term 4 – Staff & Students

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Principal's Message

The year is flying by – they seem to do that more frequently as we get older! This week we celebrate and commemorate the achievements of our Year 12 students. On Wednesday from 2.15pm students will no doubt demonstrate their outstanding athleticism when they take on the staff in the annual soccer match. Year 11 have been working hard to make the farewell social that evening as memorable as possible.

On Thursday Rainbow Day is the culmination of Year 12 fundraising efforts for their charity the RSPCA. We hope that the wonderful Mudgee community will once again dig deep for the roadside collection. During Rainbow Day Year 6 students have an opportunity to be part of their school for 2012 by attending the fete. All other high school students can also enjoy the day by spending their money at the fete and donating at the Year 12 concert that afternoon.

All these events require real team work with students, staff and parents making the week very successful. The formal part of the week is the final Presentation on Friday. We hope all parents and families of Year 12 will join us to congratulate Year 12 on their achievements.

With such a windup to the term I am sure all students will ensure they behave responsibly and that students in other years continue their efforts in class. Best wishes to all Year 12 for their upcoming exams. I believe all the hard work will bring you rewards.

NAPLAN results for students in Years 7 and 9 were handed out last week. Any parent who wishes to discuss their student's results is welcome to contact Mrs Gooley to make an appointment. In general our results show high levels of skill in reading, spelling and grammar and the range of numeracy areas. Students were challenged by the change to the persuasive writing task right across the State and this is an area where we will continue to focus in 2012.

Our percentages of students in the higher bands 9 and 10 were better than the numbers across our region and in similar schools. Particularly in the areas of reading and numeracy many of our students are achieving at the highest levels. The proportion of students who struggle with literacy has fallen since the last NAPLAN results and there has been substantial growth for almost all students from tests taken two years ago.

All Year 7 and 9 students can be proud of their efforts. Parents can be confident we at Mudgee High School will use the results to guide our planning for 2012 in these areas.

Louise Manwaring - Principal

AGRICULTURE NEWS

As we move into spring, things are heating up at the School Farm also. In the school nursery, plants are putting out new growth and we are preparing for our BIG Spring Sale on October 15. More details will be published later but diary the date now. We will also have an extensive range of poultry with more hybrid laying hens than previous sales.

Our White Suffolk Stud ewes have lambed and it has been a very productive year to date. Students see this as part of the productive cycle and have been involved in the husbandry of sheep on the farm. We will have one flock ram for sale on October 15.

Our show cattle are looking superb and are responding to the training. Students have been involved in the whole process of taking unbroken steers from the paddock and transforming them into quiet, responsive show animals. They should now appreciate that it is time consuming and requires a degree of patience and some understanding of animal behaviour. Students will present their steers in Scone at the end of October. The preparation of Angus steers from our sponsoring stud, Coffin Creek, is expected to begin mid-October. If plans go as expected, these will parade at the Sydney Royal.

Year 8 Technology Mandatory students are seeing growth in their gardens and should be harvesting early vegetables shortly. This compulsory subject is a 'taster' for elective Agriculture, with an introduction to plants and the care of poultry and rabbits.

As this goes to print, Year 10 students will be making their subject choices for 2012. It is worth noting that Australia is not producing enough Agriculture graduates to meet industry needs and can be a richly rewarding vocation. For those who don't aspire to university, *Primary Industries* provides a sound practical background that can be used in employment and develops many skills that can also be used on small family farms and around the home.

CALENDAR FOR TERM 4

Date	Event	Time
Oct 10	First Day Term 4	
Oct 12-14	Y10 School Certificate Computer Skills Trial	
Oct 17	HSC Exams commence At AREC	
Oct 18	Y7 to 8 Parent Information Evening	
Oct 24	P&C Meeting – Library	7.30pm
Oct 26 -28	Y11 Geography Excursion – Sydney	
Nov 7-8	School Certificate Exams – Gym	
Nov 9-11	School Certificate Computing Skills Assessment	
Nov 11	HSC Exams conclude	
Nov 14	Y12 Sign out day	
Nov 15	Y6 – 7 Orientation day	
Nov 16	Y6 – 7 Parent Information Evening (School Tour)	7.00pm 6.00pm
Nov 25	Y12 Farewell Parklands	
Nov 28	P&C Meeting – Library	7.30pm
Nov 30	Principal's Gold Medal Applications close Years 7-11	
Dec 2	CLC Awards Dinner – Parklands	
Dec 8	Y7, 8, 9 & 11 Presentation Evening - Gym	7.00pm
Dec 13-16	Y11 Camp	
Dec 15	Gold, Silver & Report Assembly – Y7, 8 & 9	
Dec 15	Y7 Concert	
Dec 16	Final day for students	
Dec 19-20	School Development Days	

Community Announcements

Mid-Western Regional Council's Free School Holiday Activities

Monday 26th Sept: CHARBON GAMES DAY, 10.30AM – 12.30PM AT Charbon Park, followed by a free BBQ

Tuesday 27th Sept: GAMES, GAMES, GAMES GULGONG, 11AM – 12.30PM, Billy Dunn Oval, sports & games for ages 10+

Wednesday 28th Sept: NEWTON'S NATION ROAD TRIP, 10am – 2pm, Mudgee Skate Park, clinics, demos, comps, giveaways!

Thursday 29th Sept: PIZZA NIGHT AT THE LOFT, 6-8pm, Kandos Hall, pizza + music, for high schoolers only

Friday 30th Sept: OZTAG, 11am – 12pm at Victoria Oval, Mudgee ages 10+

Tuesday 4th Oct: CUPCAKE DECORATING, 10am – 12pm, Gulgong Memorial Hall, for ages 10+, bookings essential

Wednesday 5th Oct: FAMILY FUN DAY, 10am to 2pm, Rylstone Showground, live music & entertainment, free games and activities

Thursday 6th Oct: THE LOFT, 1-3pm, Kandos Hall, use the pool table, trampoline, Wii, plus games and activities, for ages 10+

Friday 7th Oct: CUPCAKE DECORATING, 10am to 12pm, The Stables, Mudgee for ages 10+, bookings essential

For further information or to book, contact Cathy Leisfield, Youth Services Officer 0408 635 933

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