

Monday: 5th September 2011

Term 3 – Week 8



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Sept 7 – Y12
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Medal Interviews
- 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
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Students

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to the performers at last week's CLC Concert. The Mudgee High School Band was a highlight with a very high standard of performance reached under Mr McNamara's conducting and leadership. Jacob Jones and Tamara Fleming's solo performances were also outstanding. With Mr Holleman in charge our stage crew and sound and lighting technicians kept the show flowing and enhanced each performer. The excellent involvement from Mudgee High School students was continued with the masters of ceremony Mary Sparkes and Ben Cheetham. It was great to see so many students taking the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful production either on stage or behind the scenes.

Last week parents of Years 8, 9 and 10 students had an opportunity to speak to teachers about their child's progress and second semester courses. As this second parent teacher meeting is an innovation begun this year I would like any feedback from parents. Do you feel it is worthwhile to have this second afternoon and should we continue it in 2012? We will also be looking at attendance rates and seeking teacher and student views as part of our evaluation.

Don't forget to give us your email address if you want a personal copy of the newsletter. All students are still receiving a copy and it will continue to be available on our website. A limited number of printed copies are always available from the office.

This Friday will be the final working day of one of our long term staff members, Mrs Christine Smith. Mrs Smith, our School Administration Manager, has been a highly valued member of staff for over 30 years. She will be taking leave pending her official retirement in 2012. Farewell Mrs Smith, we will miss you.

Louise Manwaring - Principal

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

The English faculty welcomed a new member of staff last week. Mr Brendan Cox started at Mudgee High on 22nd August as the permanent replacement for Ms Di Bowes. Mr Cox is a young teacher and a scholarship holder. He comes very highly recommended from his previous school, Southern Cross, at Ballina. Mr Cox's specialist subjects are English, History and Society and Culture. He is settling into both the school and town very well, and is looking forward to pursuing his interests in rugby, cricket and golf. We are particularly grateful for the work of Paul Johnson who has taught Di's load while we were waiting for her replacement to be appointed. It is one of the great strengths of the school that we can call on experienced teachers to work in these situations. Thank you, Paul. Another new face in the English staff is Mrs Amy Goodworth. Amy is completing her teacher training through the University of New England and is prac teaching in English for the rest of the term. She is working with Mr McNeill's Year 9 boys' class, Ms Fellows' Year 7 Windamere and Mrs Davies' Year 8 Redbank and Year 11 Advanced English classes. She may be teaching your son or daughters so please make her welcome.

Congratulations to Lily Jones on the successful completion of her major work in Extension 2 English. Lily has been an exemplary student in this course and has shown extraordinary self discipline in her work. Her novella, The Price, has been sent to Sydney for the marking process. Well done Lily.

Year 11 exams are approaching rapidly. All students have been issued with guidelines to help them prepare for their English papers. We expect to hand the papers back on Monday 19th September. Students will need to be in class on that day. In that week we collect Year 11 texts and do some foundation work for the HSC course. Students begin their HSC course on day one of Term 4 which has significant implications for some Advanced students. Students intending to change to Standard English will need to have made their decision before the end of term to allow placement in an appropriate class. Students intending to take up Extension 2 English, the major work, will need to have discussed their choice with Mrs Davies.

CLC EXTRATA BAND CONCERTS

Concerts will be held on 14th September from 2.30 to 3pm in Gulgong Public School Hall and from 4.30 to 5pm at Club Mudgee. The concerts are free and thanks go to CLC Schools, Extrata Coal, Mark Walton & Outreach Music and Gavin Staines and students from Chatswood High School.

SUPER CYCLISTS

The State Cycling Championships were held recently in Armidale and Aiden Toovey achieved a bronze medal in the road race and 11th in the time trial. He has also been invited to train with the NSW State Squad. Jordan Payne finished 6th in the individual time trial and 10th in the road race.

Community Announcements

DRIVER PROGRAM FOR YOUNG DRIVERS AGED 16 to 25

Free 'Dare to be Aware Young Driver Program'

At Mudgee Airport on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th September - 9am to 4pm

Lunch Provided – Drivers supply your own vehicle

Bookings Mudgee PCYC – Telephone 63721367 – email mudgee@pcycnsw.org.au – web www.pcycnsw.org.au

MUDGEE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Registration Days: Saturday 10.9.11 and Saturday 17.9.11 from 10am to 2pm at Glen Willow Sporting Complex;

Friday 23.9.11 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Victoria Park - \$65 per child

Includes IN2 Cricket and all age groups, Players registering on the days will receive a Cricket NSW promotional show bag.

Contact Person is Kiley Golden – telephone 6372 0709; Find your local club at in2cricket.com.au

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY DISASTER

BEYOND BLUE: The national depression initiative is working with communities affected by disaster to provide free Community Support Training on mental health and wellbeing. Community leaders, local business owners and other interested community members are invited to take part. Training is free and there are 25 places on Thursday 15th September from 6.30 to 9.30pm at the CWA Rooms, 48A Market Street, Mudgee.

Please RSVP with Di Gill on 0427 460430

MUDGEE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

It's on again, so pull out those trunks, and dust off your goggles. Swim for fun, swim to improve technique or swim competitively. In the 2011-2012 seasons Mudgee Amateur swim club is offering the opportunity to compete in weekly club nights, regional carnivals, development squads, as well as Saturday learn to swim classes.

So if you would like to join a club with a great family atmosphere, then come along to Mudgee Pool Clubhouse to register your family 13th and 20th September 4.30 to 6pm

MUDGEE SOFTBALL – Registration Days

Gulgong – in the High School Gym - 14th and 21st September, 3.30pm to 4pm

Mudgee – at Westend Fields – 3rd September 10am – 12noon. Final registration day 1st October 10am to 12 noon.

Sunday 18th September from 9am to 3pm is a come and try day. The Diamond Sports Van will be in Mudgee on that day with a range of softball goods available to purchase. Season commences 15th October.

Any inquiries phone 63740288 or email mudgeesoftball@gmail.com

FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSION

Fostering isn't always easy, but if you have what it takes to make a difference to a child's life come along to the NSW Community Services information session on

21st September 2011 at the Community Service Centre, 108-110 Market Street, Mudgee

Either at 11am or 6pm – Contact Marian Imrie on 6372 5700

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