

Monday 22nd October 2012
Term 4 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Oct 22 – P&C Meeting 7pm Lib
- Nov 8 – HSC concludes
- Nov 14 – Y12 Sign out day
- Nov 16 – Y12 Farewell
- Dec 7 – Y10 Peer Support to Luna Park

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Principal's Message

Decade Day – A Great Success

Undoubtedly the highlight of last week was "Decade Day" organised by the HSIE staff. To learn more about their syllabus topic of Australia in the 20th century teachers and students worked hard together to portray to their classmates the essential fashion, music, foods and technology of their chosen decade. Both students and staff came dressed in the fashion of the 50's, 60's, 70's or 80's. They ran stalls and made presentations on stage. It was a wonderful event, sure to be repeated. Once again an event such as this demonstrated that when staff and students work in harmony learning can be a lot of fun and not all learning has to take place in a traditional classroom.

Gold and Silver Presentations

My congratulations to the very large number of recipients of Gold and Silver awards presented at a special ceremony last Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us to watch these wonderful students.

Uniform

The vast majority of students at Mudgee High wear their uniform every day and do so with pride. After last week's assembly the staff checked the uniform being worn by our 185 students in Year 8. Every student was wearing the correct school shirt and just 11 students had an issue with their shorts. A recent check of the uniform shops in town indicates that they are now well stocked with a range of sizes in shorts, including the styles designed by Tech. teacher Mrs Bailey and her team of student helpers.

All of the uniform shops know that Mudgee High is the legal copyright owner of our school logo. That logo cannot be applied to an item of clothing not approved by Mudgee High.

I would ask parents to please continue working with us as a school community and insisting that their children do not leave home wearing anything other than full school uniform.

Year 10

This year, for the first time since the mid 1960's, Year 10 students will not receive a School Certificate at the end of the year. Those students who do not proceed to Year 11 (because they are undertaking at least 25 hours a week of work and/or further training) will be issued with a ROSA (Record of School Achievement).

All other students who proceed to Year 11 will be awarded their ROSA when they leave school, whether that be during Year 11 or 12; or at the completion of their Higher School Certificate.

Mudgee High intends to award all of our Year 10 students a special credential to mark the formal end of their junior schooling.

With the demise of the School Certificate there will not be a formal, statewide set of examinations for Year 10. Instead Mudgee High will conduct our own Year 10 exams. We believe this to be part of the essential preparation process our students need to succeed in the senior school where long formal exams are very significant.

In previous years students in Year 10 were able to leave school before the final day for the rest of the students and staff. This will no longer be the case. The official last day of school for all students is Wednesday 19th December.

More details regarding end of year arrangements for presentation ceremonies, excursions, TAFE courses and work experience will be provided in the coming weeks.

Student Responsibility

Mudgee High is a very large school with a complex timetable catering for the needs of well over 1000 teenagers. To that timetable the staff add an amazing array of extra opportunities by way of excursions, sporting events, work experience, cultural events, alternate learning and the chance to choose elective subjects.

The teaching and non-teaching staff work tirelessly to provide these opportunities and ensure that they are available to all students.

Despite the best efforts of the staff though we rely heavily on students to take responsibility for themselves by listening when events are advertised, showing initiative in collecting information and then responding by the due date.

Unfortunately, at times, some students learn a lesson in life the hard way. They miss out on an opportunity to participate because they did not listen, did not show initiative and were caught out because events that require organisation do have closing dates.

School Sores – Impetigo

There have been several cases of impetigo or “school sores” reported in recent days. Impetigo is a highly contagious type of skin infection caused by the certain bacteria. The infection is characterised by inflamed blisters that pop, weep and form crusts. Treatment options include antibiotic cream, ointment, antibiotic syrup or tablets. A child with impetigo must be kept at home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing and, where necessary, a crepe bandage.

If you suspect impetigo and need help, obviously a visit to your doctor would be best, but a pharmacist too can be of great assistance with both diagnosis and treatment.

Student of the Week (Week 2 Term 4)

Year 7 – Chloe Hopson; Year 8 – Koby Baker; Year 9 – Roland Ma;
Year 10 – Jake Hohner; Year 11 – Rachel Walsh

Steve Jones (Relieving Principal)

HSC EXHIBITION 2012

Exhibition Times: 15th to 16th November from 10am to 4pm from Thursday to Monday.

You are cordially invited to the official opening at Fairview Art Space on Wednesday 14th November at 6pm. The exhibition celebrates the very high standard of works by Mudgee High School's Visual Art, Textile and Design, Industrial Technology and Society and Culture students of 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG 'DISCOVERY DAYS'

The University of Wollongong's 'Discovery Day' program is aimed at Year 12 2013 students interested in university study by providing them with a 'day in the life of a university student'. This will give an insight into student life including enrolment, subject selection and the experience of attending university classes in their areas of interest. A great opportunity for students considering university in 2014 or beyond.

Where: University of Wollongong

When: Tuesday 5th February 2013 or Wednesday 6th February 2013

Cost: Just \$55 per student (includes accommodation, transport and most meals)

Transport: School Bus



More information and/or permission notes available from the Careers Room.

V8 SUPERCARS

Ever wondered how, and why, V8 supercar teams create their colourful look? Mudgee High schools Technology Graphics classes got to find out first hand in the Skinning a Race Car project. This project gives students the opportunity to interact with a graphic designer, as well as Kim and Brad Jones from Brad Jones Racing, on this vital component of any race team. Brad Jones Racing is also allowing students to access the files needed to create their own car design.

Mudgee Baptist Church – 70 Bruce Road

Ginger Bread House Making Evening

Friday 16th November – 7pm

Ginger Bread Kit \$35 – includes icing, sweets for decoration, presentation board and cellophane wrap

Call Lydia - 6372 3592 for more info

Tickets can be purchased from Hannaford Cox (opposite Newsagent Market St) or Fire and Water (12 Sydney Rd.)

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Mudgee High School & Kandos High School

Year 12 Students will be displaying their work instore

Tuesday 16 October – Thursday 25 October 2012

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
A \$50 MITRE 10
GIFT VOUCHER***

**Vote for your
favourite piece to
go in the draw!**



Aaron Williams

Alex Karavas

Brett Downey

Cody Burns

Ethan Marsh

Jacob Hodges

Jake Harding

Mark Penfold

Matthew McGrath

Ryan Wilkinson

**AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT PETRIES MITRE 10
THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2012 6PM – 7PM**

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