

Monday 15th October 2012

Term 4 – Week 2



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Oct 15 – HSC commences
- Oct 16 – Parent Info Evening: Y7 to Y8 2013
- Oct 18 – 12.30pm Gold/Silver Awards, Gym  
**Change of date for this event from Oct 17**
- 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

## This issue:

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## Principal's Message

The timely and unselfish actions of two of our Year 11 students have brought great credit to our school. Jack Peterson and Sam Knott recently helped treat an injured member of the public at Dunns Swamp and then carried that adult 500 metres to her car. The thank you letter sent to the school was glowing in the praise of these two boys and of Mudgee High in general. As we explained to students at this week's assembly, their actions, both positive and negative wherever they occur always reflect on the whole school.

The school was pleased to welcome two special guests last Friday. Local Federal Member for Parkes Mark Coulton arranged for former NSW Opposition Leader John Brogden to talk to our Year 11 students on the topic of mental health. John delivered a very personal and interesting perspective on the subject. His message was very well received by a most attentive audience.

Mudgee High is well known throughout the state for its unique combination of vertical integration and semesterisation. Students in the junior school have available to them an amazing array of elective courses. It is a complex system, but one our students take great responsibility for. To assist parents, particularly those of students in Year 7, to understand the elective choice process, an information evening will be held tomorrow (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October) in the school's Performance Centre starting at 7pm. I urge all parents of students new to the elective selection process to attend that important briefing.

The HSC Examination period begins today. The majority of exams will be held at the AREC. English starts the program on Monday afternoon. Students and staff alike have worked very hard indeed over a number of years to prepare for these exams. We wish all students the very best and look forward to hearing of their results on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Gold and Silver Awards are presented to students who have received multiple Recognition Certificates from their teachers. A ceremony to present these awards will be conducted by our Student Welfare team this week. My congratulations to every recipient and thank you for the role you are playing in making our classrooms positive and productive.

For quite a number of years most people involved in education across Australia have questioned why our nation's children should follow a different English or Maths syllabus in each different state. Why should History or Science or indeed any subject be so vastly different if you live in Sydney or Perth or Melbourne. Australians are a very mobile population. Students move from state to state and find very different teaching programs when they try to settle into their new school. The past five years has seen a concerted push from all states to develop a more unified national curriculum. Known as the "Australian Curriculum", the first syllabus documents were released to schools this week. We have received History and Science. English and Maths will follow in a few weeks. Schools will analyse these new documents and spend 2013 revising their teaching programs and undertaking extensive professional learning before the syllabuses are implemented in 2014. Over the next few years the national consultative groups will finalise their work and release national syllabuses in all subject areas

Steve Jones (*Relieving Principal*)

## Student of the Week (Week 1 Term 4)

Year 7 – Sam Bambrick; Year 8 – Adam Callaghan; Year 9 – Tianna Murkins;  
Year 10 – Tanya Rowilson; Year 11 – Jon Zulueta

## AN INVITATION TO PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS...

Students in Year 7 will soon be moving into Year 8. This week, they begin the process of subject selection for Semester 1, 2013.

Parents, you are invited to a **Parents' Information Evening** this **Tuesday 16/10**, commencing at **7pm in the Performance Centre**.

At this meeting you will:

- have outlined for you the way in which the junior curriculum is structured at Mudgee High
- be taken through the process of junior subject selection
- be shown the place of Year 8 subjects in a pattern of study that results in the award of a School Certificate, and
- have explained the operation of Vertical Integration and Semesterisation.

An understanding of the processes and rules that underlie the junior curriculum better prepares parents to be able to help their children plan a pattern of study over the next three years.

The staff of Mudgee High is very proud of the amount of subject choice available to its students. To take full advantage of what is on offer, both students and parents need to have a clear understanding of the system.

Please take this opportunity to discover what Mudgee High has to offer your child.

*Mr D Tooney*

*Relieving Deputy Principal*

### SPRING PLANT AND POULTRY SALE

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012

8am – noon

Mudgee High Ag Plot – Corner of Denison and Perry Streets

For Sale will be a large number of Isa Brown pullets ready to lay, Indian Runner ducks, purebred chickens – over 300 birds

2 White Suffolk Ewes with lambs – One White Suffolk Ewe, has been running with ram

Lots of vegetable seedlings including tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini and herbs

Aswell as groundcovers, natives, cottage plants

1000's plants to choose from, all locally grown and reasonably priced

*Come along and support your local High School*

*All monies raised go towards the maintenance and improvement of the school Ag Plot*

### WOMEN FOR WOMEN – CLOTHING SALE

**Mudgee Baptist Church – 70 Bruce Road**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 10am to 2pm

Entry fee \$5 which covers morning tea

*Presentation on A21 Campaign (helping to abolish the injustices of human trafficking)*

*Enquiries – Loretta 6373 3817*

*Any donations of good quality, clean, pressed clothing would be much appreciated*

### MUDGEE JUNIOR GOLF DAY – Pizza Registration Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October is the registration day for Term 4 Golf starting at 4.15pm

New 8 years and under Sports hour with Fabian; 9 years and over My Golf with Peter

Sunday Go Go Golf dates for Term 4 are Oct 28 – Nov 18; 9.30 for 10am at Golf Club

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party for all junior golf players

Enquiries phone Mudgee Golf Pro Shop – 62722686 or email – [mudgeegolfshop@hotmail.com](mailto:mudgeegolfshop@hotmail.com)

### PINK RIBBON DAY STALL - Mudgee Cancer Support

Mudgee Cancer Support and Friends will be holding their Pink Ribbon Day Stall

In Byron Place Laneway near St George on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from 9am

*Pins \$5, Pens \$6, Pyjama Bears \$10, lots of other items – All Proceeds to the Cancer Council*

### ANGLICARE

Anglicare are offering a No Interest Loan for people who cannot access mainstream credit, eligibility criteria exists.

Small loans of up to \$1200 are available for new household items, such as white goods and furniture.

Loans will also be approved for essential services such as dental care and optical care.

There are NO charges. NO setup fees. NO interest on loans.

You only repay what you've borrowed.

Repayments are tailored to suit individual circumstances.

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