

Tuesday 9th October 2012
Term 4 – Week 1



MHS Newsletter



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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

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. This will be an 11 week term and there is much to be done in every aspect of school life. All classes and their teachers will be hard at work to complete the scheduled program of work before year's end. Throughout this term teachers will take their classes through the assessment and reporting phase of each course. At the same time a school as large and complex as ours needs to spend considerable time preparing for the new year to come. 2013 subject selections have already been completed by our current Yr 10 students. Very shortly it will be the turn of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to make elective choices. At Mudgee High students have the opportunity, in consultation with their teachers, to choose almost one third of their courses each week. Our students appreciate this freedom and accept the responsibility for their own education by giving this process very careful thought. An information evening about subject choice will take place next week to assist parents of Yr 7 students to understand the unique semesterisation and vertical integration processes at Mudgee High.

I urge all students and parents to work closely with staff throughout the subject choice and timetable process. It is most important that deadlines be adhered to if students are to maximise their chances at being placed into all of their first choice classes.

The extensive and carefully planned transition process for our 2013 Yr 7 students will continue this term as well. Our Head Teacher Welfare Carol Broadley and Year Adviser Ivan Giammarco will continue their visits to local primary schools and Yr 6 students will visit for an orientation day later in the term. This day will be complemented with a parent information evening including a tour of the school's facilities.

My congratulations to our magnificent Yr 12 students who brought great credit to our school for the mature way they undertook the festivities of the last week of their school careers. The Final Presentation Assembly was a fitting end to a week of responsible celebration and community service. Their financial contribution to the Mudgee Rescue Squad will make a significant difference to the work of that most vital organisation.

Year 12 will begin their HSC Examinations at AREC next Monday (Oct 15th). We wish them all the best. A special thank you to the Year 12 teachers who conducted extra revision lessons at school during the recent holidays. It is that extra dedication from staff and students working together that leads to the brilliant HSC results that we see at this school every year.

Year 12 Rainbow Day is now a much anticipated event in the life of our town. Fittingly many ex-students who participated in their own Rainbow Day were the ones stopping to give a donation, report on the event for local media, provide assistance from the business that they now operate or supervise the students as teachers themselves. The term Rainbow Day was first coined by the Year 12 of 2002. That group will hold their 10 year reunion this coming weekend. They could have left our school and our community with no more fitting legacy than the wonderful source of pride, community spirit and fundraising that Rainbow Day has become. Over the past 11 years the students of Year 12 at Mudgee High have put back well over \$200,000 into much needed community organisations.

A change to the curriculum at Mudgee High for 2013 will be the inclusion of Scripture classes as an elective for Yr 8 students. Scripture will appear on Line 2 of the subject selection sheets. Parents who do not wish their son or daughter to be involved in these elective classes need to sign in the appropriate place at the bottom of Line 2.
Steve Jones (Relieving Principal)

Student of the Week (Week 10 Term 3)

Year 7 – Edward Rava; Year 8 – Cara Hickey; Year 9 – Callum Payne;
Year 10 – Holly Sandry; Year 11 – Sophie Little; Year 12 – Kevin Smith

MUDGEES RUGBY GIRLS MAKE IT TO THE BIG TIME

Local Mudgee girls Claudia Shearman and Rebecca Bailey have gained selection in the NSW Schoolgirls Rugby Sevens Squad to compete at this year's first-ever National Schoolgirls Rugby Sevens Championships on the Gold Coast on Saturday 13th October at The Southport School.

The selection came after fifty girls were identified and invited to attend the NSW selection day held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. The squad will undertake Rugby Sevens specific training in preparation for the National Schoolgirls Sevens Championships.

All girls under seventeen years of age at the Championships will be viewed for selection into the National Youth Women's Sevens program. An Australian Under 19 Women's Sevens team will also be selected in mid-November to compete at the 2013 Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney.

The Championships are a key component of ARU's Pathway to Gold program, which incorporates the National Schoolboy Rugby Sevens Championships.

Managed and coached by ARU High Performance coaching staff, the program includes national camps at the AIS in Canberra, providing the opportunity to train alongside the Qantas Men's and Women's Sevens teams.

The Pathway to Gold program aims to expose talented boys and girls to high levels of Rugby Sevens training and competition with the ultimate outcome being selection for the national Sevens teams at the 2016 Olympic Games.

Both girls are excited and honored to be part of the team. Claudia is a talented ball playing fly half (Quade Cooper like). This is her first year with rugby union however, she does have some fair rugby league pedigree in the family. Rebecca, an organisational scrum half who is a talent in all sports that she participates in has been playing for three years now. Both girls have been given strict training programs to adhere to by the ARU High performance coaching staff who have stated that both girls are extremely talented and great rugby prospects for the future.

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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

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

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Jacob Hodges

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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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