

Monday 12th November 2012
Term 4 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Nov 14 – Y12 Sign out day
- Nov 16 – Y12 Farewell
- Nov 20 – Y6 Orientation Day
- Nov 15 to 26 – HSC Major Works Exhibition at Fairview
- Nov 22 – Y6 Parent Info Evening
- Nov 26 – P&C Meeting 7pm (Lib)
- Dec 7 – Y10 Peer Support to Luna Park

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Principal's Message

This week sees the opening of the 2012 HSC Exhibition. Come along and enjoy the very high standard of work of students from Mudgee High School class of 2012.

We are looking forward to celebrating with Year 12 and their families at the Farewell on Friday 16. This is a time when students can reflect on the highs and lows they have shared in their journey through school together. Congratulations to the students who all completed their demanding HSC exams over the past week. We now look forward to the next steps of their transition beyond school.

This weeks newsletter also acknowledges students who were nominees for the 2013 SRC. With such a wonderful pool of student leaders our future is in good hands.

In this newsletter you can share with Brayden Palmer his extraordinary experiences on the Kokoda Trail. We hope this opportunity will be available next year to another student.

How's your language learning? You will be able to say Yes and No in Wiradjuri if you read the newsletter through to the end. This is the oldest language spoken in Mudgee and one that links us to our land in a way other languages cannot. Well done to our Buraaydyalang Roll Group.

Louise Manwaring - Principal

This week's P&C awards were given to:

Year 7 – Bethany Holmes; Year 8 – Samuel Maher; Year 9 – Brittany Thurlow;
Year 10 – Morgan Brown; Year 11 – Corey Tubnor

HSC EXHIBITION 2012

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.

Exhibition Times: Thursday 15th to Monday 26th November from 10am to 4pm

KOKODA YOUTH CHALLENGE

At the end of September, I left for Papua New Guinea with 24 strangers, about to embark upon the hardest challenge of my life; walking the Kokoda Trail. I was sponsored by Club Mudgee to be a part of the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge for 2012. It was the first time Club Mudgee had sponsored someone for the program which aims to stretch the physical and mental boundaries of the participants while developing their leadership skills and understanding of Australia's military history. The trip didn't get off to the best of starts. Before even taking off, an airhostess attempted to shove a laptop into one of the overhead compartments however failed and dropped it straight onto my head; the pain was a sign of things to come.

The trek was a 10 day hike through the Owen Stanley Ranges, starting from the village of Kokoda and finishing around 130km later at Ower's Corner. During that time I walked along the same track as the Australian soldiers did 70 years ago. The heat was unforgiving at times; some of the inclines seemed to be almost vertical; and with all the slippery mud it was a case of one step forward, two steps back. How the soldiers managed to fight their way through it back in World War 2, I'll never know. But walking the track does give a little understanding as to what they went through and the human qualities that they showed throughout the Campaign. There's a place where we stayed at on Day 2 called Isurava. It was there where the members of 39th and 2/14th Battalion managed to dramatically slow down the Japanese advance and allow Australian reinforcements enough time to make their way up the track to where the conflict was raging.

Had they not been successful, the outcome of the Campaign and the landscape of Australia would be very different to what it is today. Four black granite pillars with the words – courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice – engraved in them stand at the battle site as an enduring memorial to the diggers who fought along the track. It was these qualities which helped them make it through the unforgiving and indescribable terrain of the Kokoda Trail during wartime.

Along the track I got to see and do some pretty amazing things. I saw mountains that stretched up into the clouds, wartime ammunition dumps, villages hidden deep within the jungle and even machete-wielding babies. I got to swim across fast-flowing creeks, walk along the track in the darkness of the morning, meet a Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel and walk in the footsteps of the diggers. Though it was by far the toughest thing I have ever done, it was also the most rewarding. Walking the Kokoda Trail with people who, in the beginning, were strangers to me was difficult. For the first couple of days it felt like I was on my own, in extreme condition with only one way to go in order to get home. However as the days went by I learnt to open up and trust the people around me as I realised I wasn't alone in this and had plenty of support around me in the trek leader, the carriers and my fellow trekkers. Over the 10 days of trekking, I learnt to believe in myself and have faith in my ability to lead and work with other people to achieve something that only around 1% of Australians have had the opportunity to achieve. Having done that, I feel more confident within myself and have a greater appreciation for what I've got in my life. Something that I don't think would have happened without the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge. I encourage you all to apply for this program when the opportunity is presented to you because it is truly an amazing life-changing experience which very few people get the chance to have. *Brayden Palmer*

SRC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Year 9 SRC Candidates with Mrs McGonigle



Year 8 SRC Candidates with Mrs McGonigle

Years 7, 8 and 9 recently held elections for their 2013 SRC representatives. For the first time candidates were required to make a speech in front of their year group. In their speeches the candidates outlined the qualities they would bring to the SRC and what they saw as the role of the SRC within the school community.

The following students will be the Years 8 to 10 representatives for 2013.

Year 8: Macy Morley, Samuel Bambrick, Isobel Finter, Harry Beasley, Brodie Leeson

Year 9: Thomas Christofis, Madalyn Date, Ashley Whittington, Jack Beasley

Year 10: Jake Abend, Verity Morley, Lucy Finter, Ben Reinhard

They are joining the students who currently hold positions on the SRC from other years: Rebecca Bailey, Jacob Christofis, Madoc Fielding, Madeline Fletcher, Emily Hauville, Lauren Hodgetts, Connor Jones, Ryan Kurtz, Lucy O'Connell, Harry Ottley, Tiffany Riley, Kaylee Harradine and Henry Van Laeren



Year 7 SRC Candidates

All students who addressed their year group were highly impressive and their experience in speaking to a large gathering will hold them in good stead for the future. Congratulations to all!!!

BURAAVDYALANG STUDENT GROUP

The student group meets each morning in roll call. During the year, we have undertaken a range of activities. These have included selling Koori Kids Respect Bands, presenting at assembly for Harmony Day, NAIDOC, National Reconciliation Week and Remembrance Day. We have learnt about local indigenous plants and keep up to date with Deadly Vibe, a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, sport, music and lifestyle magazine that promotes Indigenous achievements. We have also increased our cultural awareness using information from a variety of sources. During Term Four, we have started on the long process of learning Wiradjuri words and phrases, with the goal of being able to hold simple conversations. Aleshia Lonsdale is helping us with pronunciation. As part of this, we have started having a 'Word/Phrase of the Week' which is displayed in our classroom, B14. Each week, we would like to publish this in the newsletter. Our first Word of the Week was **ngawa**, which corresponds to **Yes**.

WIRADJURI WORD OF THE WEEK: **Wiray**.
This would be used for a **No** answer.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Please contact the front office if you can make use of any of the following:

Printer Cartridges

Make		Compatible with/For Use In	Qty
HP LaserJet	78A		
HP LaserJet	36A	HP LaserJet M1120mfp.M1522 mfp.P1505	1
OfficeMax lasertone	TK17	Kyocera TK17	1
Kyocera	TK-65	Ecosys Printer 3820 & 3830 series	2
ReTone	TK 65	Kyocera-Mita FS-3820N & FS-3830N	1
Laser Toner	TK-65	Kyocera FS3820/3830	1
Kyocera	TK-110	Ecosys Printer 720 series, 820 series, 920 series	2
Toner Kit	TK-110	Kyocera Mita FS-720/820/920 Series	1
Kyocera	TK-120	Ecosys Printer 1030 series	1
Kyocera	TD-81K	Colour printer – 5900C – black toner	1

Staple Cartridges

Description	Quantity
Rexel Staple Cartridge No. 06308	2 x 5000
Toshiba Staple-100 660 84111 (3 pcs./pieces)	1

Community Notices

TAXI VOUCHER

Are you a school student aged 12 to 17 years old? A full-time TAFE student up to 24 years? Or a part-time TAFE student up to 24 years and holder of a health card? If you have answered yes to any of these questions you may be eligible for a Mudgee Community Transport Youth Taxi Voucher.

A Taxi Voucher entitles you to a \$3 subsidy per trip up to 10 times per month (conditions apply). Drop into the Carmel Croan Community Centre on the corner of Market and Douro Streets with your School/TAFE identification card (and health care card, if applicable) to complete an application form.

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE – Permits to Light a Fire

The Bush Fire Danger Period – runs from 1st Oct to 31st March. If you are planning to light a fire in the open during this time, you will need a permit.

To Obtain a Permit? Contact the NSW Rural Fire Service, Cudgegong District on 6372 4434 who will provide details of who to contact.

What Else Do I Need to Do? Before lighting the fire ensure that:

- you notify your neighbours at least 24 hours before burning;
- you notify Cudgegong Rural Fire District at least 24 hours before burning;
- it can be contained and controlled within the specified area;
- it does not contain toxic materials, such as rubber tyres, plastics, paint etc;
- it must not cause an air pollution problem by producing excessive amounts of smoke.
- **you must also check** whether a Total Fire Ban is in force as permits are cancelled if the fire danger level is Very High or above.

It is extremely important that you ensure that there is a good fire break around the burn area to avoid fire escaping.

From 1st April to 30th September (*outside the times when a paper permit is required*) you must notify Cudgegong Rural Fire District 24 hours before you wish to burn, also notify your neighbours of your intention to burn.

For more information – Cudgegong Rural Fire District – 02 6372 4434 or www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

World Education Program Australia Limited – Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family

Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you'll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP.

To find out more contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP for a free information pack. Phone 1300 884 733; Web www.wep.org.au; Email info@wep.org.au

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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