

Monday 19th November 2012
Term 4 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- 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
- St Matts Yr 10
orientation

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Principal's Message

Year 12 students once again showed their excellence at their formal. We were all very proud of how brilliant they looked, how warm their relationships with family and peers were and the very moving and amusing speeches of the captains. Thank you to all those teachers, parents and students who put so much into making Friday night a wonderful farewell for the class of 2012. A special thank you to Mr Murdoch. He will be sadly missed but we wish him all the best in his new school at Swansea. He has been a wonderful guide and role model as the students moved from Year 7 to 12. We thank him for his tireless efforts and contributions to student welfare throughout those years. We also thank him for his efforts on behalf of all students through his excellent teaching of Mathematics and sport coaching.

This week we welcome Year 6 students who will be joining us for Year 7 in 2013. One group leaves and another begins. This is an exciting time for those students and their families. All staff and students do their best to ensure that their transition to high school is full of the wonder of new learning and the supporting concern for their best interests which older students and experienced, caring staff can provide. Thank you to Mrs Rohr, Mrs Broadley and Mr Giammarco for their work to prepare for orientation.

The HSC exhibition at Fairview Art Space has so far been a resounding success. From its opening night on Wednesday 14 there was high praise for the work of the students. The exhibition showcases work by students from Visual Arts, Textiles and Design, Industrial Technology, Design and Technology and Society and Culture. A stand out on the opening night was once again the work of the Hospitality students and their teacher Mr Nicholls. An extraordinary range of work of the highest standard is on display. A big thank you to the teachers who put so much time in the organisation of this event, I know they feel so proud to have the wider community see the work of their students. If you haven't visited the exhibition yet, you still have a few days left.

The most significant community event recently held in Mudgee was Remembrance Day. Students from Mudgee High School made a contribution to this event at the memorial service. Other students presented a moving commemoration at our assembly the following Wednesday. Thank you to all those students and to Mr Finter who organised their work. By participating in such events students are able to give back to the community which nurtures them.

Another example of Mudgee High School students contributing to their community was the announcement at the formal of over \$22,000 in donation to the Mudgee Rescue Squad. Well done Year 12 for your efforts to support this important community volunteer organisation.

Louise Manwaring – Principal

HSC EXHIBITION 2012
Opening Times – Fairview Art Space
Thursday 15th to Monday 26th November from 10am to 4pm

WIRADJURI WORD OF THE WEEK: **Marang**
This means **Well** as in "I'm well".
More on this next week.

CAREERS NEWS

The Latest News From CSU: You + CSU = \$20,000

Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University 'You + CSU' competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win \$20,000 towards the cost of study at the University. All you need to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket \$20,000 and land a role as CSU's Digital Ambassador for 2013. Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year. More details are available at www.csu.edu.au/experience and entries are open until December 9, so grab your camera or smartphone and start shooting!

Facebook Information Session

And to hear about the CSU experience straight from the horse's mouth, the University's 'CSU Future Students' page will be hosting a forum on December 20. School leavers curious about what life on a CSU campus is really like can log in via www.facebook.com/csufuture and ask current students about their own experiences. All the information will remain on the page for others to read in future, so your questions could soon be helping other future students get a feel for the CSU experience too. Facebook is just one of the ways you can connect with CSU - you can find us on Twitter (@CharlesSturtUni) and the web (CSU.edu.au) or you can call us on 1800 334 733.

SCIENCE AT MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL

Another fascinating week in the world of Science. Year 8 have been doing their ESSA test which has been successfully completed. The data from the test will provide objective information that will allow teachers to be better informed about the learning needs of students doing Science.

This week also saw a partial solar eclipse. Solar eclipses occur when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth. As they are almost the same size when viewed from Earth it allows for one of the most spectacular events, the viewing of the corona when a total eclipse occurs. However, in a partial eclipse this is not seen due to the enormous amount of light the sun still puts out.

Visiting the NASA website will allow all you space buffs to keep track of the Mars Curiosity Mission. It is quite exciting following the car that is travelling over the surface of Mars taking spectacular photographs, such as the one below.



Historically November is an important month for Science. Amongst many things the first artificial snow was made by seeding clouds with dry ice in 1946. Darwin's famous book on the 'Origin of Species' was published, the first animal in space, a dog (Laika) was launched on Sputnik 2 and in 1952 the USA detonated its first thermonuclear device (fusion bomb). Now for this weeks Science Trivia. Did you know that the hardest part of the human body is its tooth enamel? It is impossible to lick your elbow. (Did you try?) Why do bubbles pop? They become too dry because of the surrounding air.

MUDGEES HIGH COMMEMORATES REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day on Sunday November 11th at 11.00am saw the Mudgees Community commemorate the sacrifices made by our Service men and women in conflict. The occasion was marked by a wreath laying ceremony where our School Vice-Captains Lauren Hodgetts and Connor Jones laid a wreath on behalf of the Mudgees High Community. Other students attended in school uniform whilst others played a role in the military cadets. All students who attended are to be congratulated.



On Wednesday 14th some Mudgees High students collaborated to conduct a Remembrance Day ceremony of their own at the school assembly. Jessica Buckman and Kathaleen Bray introduced the ceremony with an "Acknowledgement of Country" and a profile of an Indigenous serviceman. Kyia Jersovs and Tobias Stewart spoke very movingly about the origins of Remembrance Day whilst Hannah Webster and Kyhal Bartrim spoke about the significance of poppies. Isabella Budd-McAuliffe gave a beautiful reading of the poem "Flanders Field". These students are to be congratulated on their efforts as they put a great deal of work into the presentation. Likewise, the audience are to be commended on the respect they showed the speakers on this solemn occasion.

Left to Right: Tobias Stewart, Kyhal Bartrim, Kathaleen Bray, Hannah Webster, Isabella Bud-McAuliffe, Jessica Buckman and Kyia Jersovs

AGRICULTURE REPORT

The last month has been very busy for our Agriculture staff and students. VI selections are nearing completion and modules are full again. Year 11 have begun HSC work and appear to be ready for the challenging year ahead. The HSC Agriculture and Primary Industries exams are complete and we are confident of pleasing results.

We conducted our second plant and poultry sale for the year and were overwhelmed with the community support. With sales from local markets, along with the Spring Sale, we have banked over \$6000 that will be turned back into the maintenance of plants and livestock as well as upgrades to the Ag Plots.

At this stage we would like to thank the local community for their support of our Sales. Also to Mudgee CRT and Roth's Produce for their generous support of our programs. Brett Littler, the local Livestock Officer for the NSW DPI has provided invaluable advice for our cattle showing program while Nigel White of the Coffin Creek Angus Stud has been a sponsor of this activity. Unfortunately, Brett's position has been made redundant in Mudgee and we are unlikely to be able to call on his services in the future. Mudgee High wishes him well for his future endeavours.

The High School P & C voted to provide 50% funding toward a much needed extension to the Ag shed in the school grounds. This has already proved its worth by providing an outdoor learning space that is shaded and provides protection from rain.

The Steer Showing Team travelled to Scone for the annual Beef Bonanza. This is the largest steer show in NSW and, as such, is highly competitive. It also allows students to participate in parading and cattle judging competitions and engage in educational experiences. For many, the competitions were a learning opportunity that should hold them in good stead for the future. Tim Cheetham managed to bring home a second placing in his age of the judging while Maddison Branks placed second in her division of the parading. While the results for other judges are not available, our paraders performed well and several could consider themselves unfortunate not to have progressed to divisional finals.



The three Coffin Creek Angus steers were the main reason for being in Scone. In this open competition, these were not expected to excel against crossbred

animals of the same weight division so we were pleased to hear that we received a 4th and a 5th in the carcass competition. We wait expectantly for the comprehensive results to analyse our preparation for the carcass.

While away, our students were complimented by members of the public for their behaviour and the staff were impressed with the responsible way in which they cared for the steers. Our senior students took on leadership roles for their junior counterparts and we hope this leaves us with a legacy of experience in future competitions.



Thanks are extended to Geoff Cheetham who gave invaluable support to the students during competition and to Ms Wilson who wore the many hats of bus driver, supervising teacher and chef. These two people made the weekend possible for the 16 student participants.

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	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
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 24hours 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

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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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