

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Term 4 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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## Coming Events:

- Nov 15 to 26 – HSC Major Works Exhibition at Fairview
- 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

Week Eight! It's starting to look a lot like Christmas. Even the weather is doing its bit. That said, this is no time to switch off! Courses continue to run for all years and as for the students of the Year 12 class of 2013, they are eight school weeks into the HSC with a mere 32 to go before they sit the HSC exams – no pressure at all!

Last Tuesday, Year 6 students from our various feeder schools spent the day up at the big school on their Orientation Day. From all accounts, the day was a positive one and the students as a whole enjoyed the lessons learnt and the time spent with us. A day like Tuesday would not be possible except for the volume of work put in by people like Mrs Broadley, Mrs Rohr, Mr Giammarco and all of the staff who donated their time between their regular classes to make it happen. It should also be mentioned that following a request from our current Year 11 students, we are trialling a mentoring role that pivots on the involvement of several of next year's Year 12 students as guides to support the transition of our newest students from primary to high school. Those students too made a significant and what some described as exhausting contribution to the day in their role as senior school sages.

On the following Thursday evening, 22/11, parents of next year's Year 7 were invited to an information evening that began with a tour of what is for many of our parents their *alma mater*. Some of those parents were amazed by the changes that have been wrought on the place since their respective departures. Seemingly, some were just as amazed to know that several of the teachers who had guided them through their formative years are still at Mudgee High, providing educational guidance and wise counsel to children, along with a crop of newer staff, all of whom are specialists in their areas.

The purpose of the night was to demonstrate what Mudgee High offers its students. The best response heard at the conclusion of the evening was that having seen the school and some of its staff up close, the place has a real air of approachability about it.

The schooling of children should be a partnership between teachers, parents and, of course, students. That parents on the night went away feeling their kids are coming to a place that is affable, accessible and open is an excellent way to begin a relationship that will, in all likelihood, continue for another six years.

So what's on this week? Well, the Marine Studies excursion that began last week continues for another two days. Legal Studies students are off to the courthouse and the police station on Monday. Textiles students are off on Wednesday to experience "Frock Stars" – an exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum. Support Students are off to the Ilford PS Christmas Party on Thursday, all staff are staying back late on Thursday afternoon after school to review 2012's achievements at the end of the first year of the current three year planning cycle, Design students are off to the V8 Supercars at Homebush on Friday, and the Cudgegong Learning Community staff and community awards will be held that same evening at Parklands. In addition, more than 1000 lessons will be delivered at school and there is a P&C meeting on Monday night!

As stated at the beginning, this is no time to switch off!

Wayne Eade  
Relieving Principal

## P&C Awards

**Week 6:** Year 7 - Jason Dickinson, Year 8 – Bernadette King, Year 9 – Bailey McKeown-Unicomb, Year 10 - Eli Harvey, Year 11 – Rachel Cooksley

**Week 7:** Year 7 – Talia McLennan, Year 8 – Tom Swords, Year 9 – Jayden Scobell, Year 10 – Jordan Addley, Year 11 Nathan Sharp.

**WIRADJURI WORD OF THE WEEK: baladhu**

This word means I'm, as in "I'm well"

We are building up to a sentence.

**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2012**

The Student Representative Council are organising a contribution from our school to assist Barnardos with gifts for Christmas. The contributions that students and their families have made in the past have been greatly appreciated. We are asking for donations of any items that may go into food hampers (non-perishable), think about items that may be useful for teenagers and wish cards are great. Donations can be delivered to the Library and parents can leave donations at the School Office. All donations will be placed under the Giving Tree in the Library. Thank you for your assistance.

**BLASTS FROM THE PAST**

Earlier in Term 4, Year 10 students subjected each other and their teachers to a blast from the past. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, they held a 'Decade Day' at Mudgee High School. Students separated into groups to study aspects of decades in the post World War II era from the 1950s to the 1980s. Each group researched cultural and social "fads" to do with fashion, music, entertainment and sport, then used their research to put together a stall in the Performance Centre highlighting aspects from each decade.

They also dressed up in the fashion of their selected decade, which led to some wonderful and weird costumes. There was a certain flash of purple velvet, and many boys' outfits that made some wonder if men really wore dresses in the 1950s and '60s. There were tutus, skinny ties, hi-top shoes and denim jackets – not to mention the fire hazard created by all the hairspray used to fashion the girls' 1980s big hair. Audrey Hepburn, Dipper, Sid Vicious and even that hippy from 'That 70s show' made appearances.

There was an arrangement of knick-knacks and gadgets from many different eras. Some standouts of the day included the amazing collection of authentic 1950s memorabilia; and the 1960s stall which featured a mini-movie theatre (including popcorn) showing TV shows from that decade. They also had an impressive assortment of vinyl records playing in the background. This, to a generation more accustomed to MP3s and iPods, seemed almost like witchcraft.

Aside from setting up stalls, groups also had to prepare a song from their respective decade to be performed. Even the teachers got involved and performed "I Got You Babe" by Sonny and Cher. There were many great performances - and then the teachers' performance, which gave the year insight into why they teach HSIE and not Music.

The students also got to witness "Brylcreem in action," with willing (or unwilling) volunteers being pulled from the audience to receive their 1950s makeover. Needless to say, our hearts went out to those who would be later trying for weeks to remove the Brylcreem from their hair.

Mrs Parnell had everyone laughing with her demonstration of how to use a powder compact in a flirtation ritual of the 1950s, in which the compact and Brylcreem were the main ingredients. As MC for the day, Mr Finter did a wonderful job and conducted many inspiring interviews with notables from the various decades.

Overall the day was a huge success and received critical acclaim from the student body of Year 10. All kudos to the HSIE staff for pulling off such an amazing and fun day and thanks to all of them for the effort that was put into organising the event.

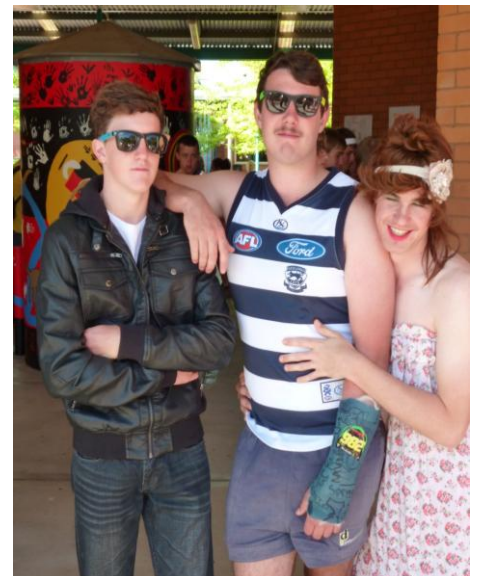
*Jonathon Harris, Year 10*



*Kia Morgan and Jake Benson*



*Jake Smith and Mrs Sue Parnell at the 1950s stand*



*Nick Rosamond, Bligh Angel & Cody Draper*



Jayson Brakel, Veronica Rosso and Juliette McRae at the 1960s stand



Annabell Hanthorn, Hannah Gricks, Emily Degoumois, Madeleine McRae and Georgia Williams at the 1980s stand



Makayla Lillyst, Theresa McColl and Meghan Adam

**SRC SOCIAL – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

7pm to 10pm in the Gym

**Theme** – Disney **Music** – Ethan Marsh

**Cost** - \$4 Tickets will be sold from F01 on the day at recess and lunch

**ID Cards** need to be presented when buying tickets and on the night

**MOVEMBER**

Be aware that our teachers are taking part in Movember to raise awareness for men's mental health and prostate cancer. Please check out the Movember website [www.movember.com.au](http://www.movember.com.au) and donate to the Mudgee High School team. All donations are tax deductible and we appreciate your support. Check out the pictures on the website of the teachers and their fancy moustaches.

## INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES ABOUT MEASLES

Sydney has experienced an outbreak of measles which began in April 2012 and has been centred in the South Western and Western Sydney regions. Many of the cases have been high school students, with a smaller number in primary school. There is potential for a measles outbreak to spread further given young people have large social networks both within and outside the school.

NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air. Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. In Australia, infants and young children are vaccinated with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine at 12 months and 4 years of age. People who are at risk of measles include:

- Infants under 12 months who are too young to have been routinely vaccinated
- Older children who have not received two doses of measles-containing vaccine
- Adults born during or after 1966 who have not received two doses of measles-containing vaccine and haven't had measles infection in the past

Immunising older siblings and non-immune adults will help prevent the spread of infection to infants who are too young to be vaccinated and who are at risk of severe disease.

The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7-18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. If you have had contact with someone who has had measles and develop a fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, it may be measles and seek medical advice.

If you suspect measles, see your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to ring before your consultation so you can be seen as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to avoid contact with other patients in the waiting room who may be susceptible to measles.

A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people. Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/meales.html>

**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.*

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