

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Term 4 – Week 11



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudjiegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Dec 16-19 Y11 Camp
- Dec 18 – Year 7 concert 12.15pm – 1.30pm Performance Centre
- Dec 18 – Y7,8,9 & 10 Assembly
- Dec 19 – Final Day for Students
- Dec 21 – Final Day for Staff
- Jan 29 – Pupil Free Day
- Jan 30 – Y7, 11 & 12 Commence Term 1 2013
- Jan 31 – Y8, 9 & 10 Commence Term 1 2013

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## Principal's Message

To all our parents and community members a big thank you for making 2012 such a successful year. Particularly the staff and students would like to thank our P&C and other volunteers for their untiring efforts. I hope all parents have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year enjoying time with family and friends.

Staff have worked hard to make this year one which students will remember. I am sure the students currently on the Year 11 camp will come back with memories they will treasure for the rest of their lives. Similarly the Year 10 students who travelled to Sydney and had such fun on their day at Luna Park will see this as a highlight of their time with their Year 10 friends. Such events only happen because the teachers and other staff give up a lot of their own time to make sure that every student has the best possible opportunities at school both within the classroom and outside it on excursions.

Congratulations to all the student award winners for 2012. Many awards were presented last Thursday evening and more will be handed out on Tuesday this week. We appreciate the time many parents take to join us for these ceremonies. Your presence enables us to share with you the best of your child's education and the achievements of all students which we hope will inspire others to strive to do their best.

Mudgee High School is also celebrating the achievement of an ex-student Shayne Player. Mrs Player is principal of Tumbi Umbi High School and was last week named **Australian Secondary Principal of the Year**. She was presented with her award by the Hon. Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth. Shayne attended Mudgee High School and Mudgee Public School. Shayne still has family in Mudgee, visits every holiday and commented recently: "it is so good to see Mudgee High School powering ahead and enjoying so much success too."



Shane Player and Minister Garrett

Reports will be presented to students in Years 7-10 on Tuesday. We will also give out silver and gold awards and many other recognition certificates for classwork and extracurricular activities. We present reports in this way because it allows us to acknowledge the achievements of all students not just those lucky enough to be receiving a certificate for extra effort. Every student no matter whether he/she has come first in a course, made significant improvement or represented the school has achievements of which they should be proud – we certainly are and we hope parents are as well. So when you see your child's report find the positives, look for the successes and improvements and celebrate those first. If there are areas for further development support your child in identifying them and setting goals for themselves. Now is not the time for criticism but for celebration because success builds further success.

The last day of school for all students is Wednesday 19 December. Staff will be working until Friday 21 December and for most of those last two days the office will be open for enquiries. To be sure please phone ahead if you need to speak to someone

School resumes for staff on Tuesday 29 January 2013.

Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Wednesday 30 January 2013.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Thursday 31 January 2013.

Enjoy the coming break and we look forward to sharing the joy of educating the young people of Mudgee in the best school in the state – Mudgee High School.

Louise Manwaring  
Principal

## WIRADJURI WORD OF THE WEEK: NGANHA

This word means **that's**, as in "That's good". So, now we can say: Yamandhu marang? (Are you well?) Ngawa baladhu marang. (Yes, I'm well) Marang nganha. (That's good).

**P & C AWARDS Week 10:** Year 7 – Robert Burzynski, Year 8 – Rosemary Huggins, Year 9 – Josh Thurlow, Year 10 – Jake Hawkins, Year 11 – Megan Holden

## YEAR 7 CONCERT

Tuesday 18 December in Performance Centre 12.15pm – 1.30pm

## EPIPEN

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student. A student required a further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

## SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS AND BIKES: SECURITY

Be aware that the school provides a cage for scooters, skateboards and rip sticks, as well as racks for bicycles. These are places where these types of transport can be stored. They are NOT, however, secure places of storage. If your child chooses to use a bike or scooter, etc., to get to school, then your child is responsible for its security.

A simple bicycle security chain with combination lock or padlock should ensure all but the most hardened of criminals is kept at bay.

The school cannot replace stolen personal items. Each of us at school, students and staff alike, needs to be responsible for our own security.

## Community Notices

### MUDGEE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Online Registrations for 2013 are now available.

Registration is easy just go to [www.sportingpulse.com](http://www.sportingpulse.com) – then get to the Mudgee JRL website and follow the prompts.

Fees are \$85 for seniors and \$65 for juniors with a \$10 discount on each child thereafter.

Email Mudgee Junior Rugby League on [mudgeejrl@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeejrl@gmail.com)

### Mudgee Basketball Association – Mudgee Lakers

Registration Day – Boys and Girls from Year 7 (2013) and including Year 10 (2013)

PCYC on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb from 3.30 to 5.30

Players are invited to nominate for teams when they register.

Fees for Junior competition and those turning 12 in 2013 \$75 plus \$2 per game

For players 11 years of age or younger in 2013 \$55 (no game fee) – all girls under 12 will receive a free pink ball.

*Office of Communities – Sport and Recreation*

### HOLIDAY CAMPS – Lake Burrendong – Girls Empowerment Camp

Explore issues such as self esteem, body image, relationship building and personal safety.

14-18 January : 13-16 years : \$289

For more information or to enrol call 13 13 02 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps)

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