

Monday 6th February 2012

Term 1– Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Feb 7 – Day 1
School Photos
- Feb 8 – Day 2
School Photos
- Feb 14 – Uni
Roadshow P1&2
- Feb 17 – Swimming
Carnival
- Feb 23 – Y7/11/12
Parent/Teacher
Evening 4-7pm -
Gym
- Feb 23 – Y9 Laptop
Parent Info– 6.30pm
Performance Centre
- Feb 27 – P&C
Meeting 7.30pm
Library

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Principal's Message

Welcome to all parents and carers for 2012. The year certainly started on a high note with two of our students, Mary Sparkes and Aiden Toovey receiving Australia Day Awards. Our congratulations to them both and to former student Jacob Mackenzie.

A special welcome to parents of Year 7 and other new students. For this first week we are publishing the newsletter in paper form. After this week it should be accessed through our website. Parents can also receive an emailed copy by providing their email address to the office. See the form at the end of the newsletter. All students also receive an emailed copy.

We would like to congratulate the HSC students from 2011. Close to 60% have received an offer of a university place due to their outstanding results. Many students have also won a place at TAFE or been offered apprenticeships and traineeships in a competitive process. We will be contacting students to conduct an exit survey over the next few weeks. Any news of what you are doing is always welcome for the teachers who worked so hard to help you through the years – so keep in touch!

Our first P&C Meeting will be held on February 27 in the school library. Come along and see how you can support your child through this friendly group. We meet from 7.30 – 8.30pm on the fourth Monday of the month during term.

Enclosed in this newsletter is some information about coverage when students have accidents at school. I hope this clarifies and dispels the myth that students are insured for accidents at school.

Parents are encouraged to seek assistance in getting students outfitted and equipped for school. The Student Assistance Scheme can provide necessary equipment, cover subject fees and purchase some items of uniform where there is financial hardship. Forms are available from the office and are dealt with confidentially.

We have now moved to logos being required on shorts and skirts. Correct uniform is available from Mudgee Embroidery, Langswear and Grace's Uniforms who have the rights to use our logo. Items purchased from other stores can be embroidered if they meet uniform requirements, after obtaining a form from the office signed by the principal or a deputy. Please contact me if you have any concerns I can help you with. Often a note or a phone call can solve seemingly impossible problems.

Reminder – Swimming Carnival 17th February. Compulsory for Years 7-9, nominations Years 10-12. Normal classes for students 10-12 not attending the carnival.

Reminder – School Photos Tuesday 7th February. All students in full school uniform. Photo packs should be brought on the day with the correct money. Any problems contact Mrs Davies.

Accident Insurance for Students

From time to time there are media stories about whether children are insured for injuries they sustain during school-related activities, both at school and at events outside of school, such as excursions, sporting or other events. The NSW Department of Education and Communities however does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. If an accident occurs at a school and it is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department's insurance does not cover the students.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides insurance so that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme and not by parents.

Louise Manwaring - Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day is early this year so we need to be on the ball. Photos will be taken tomorrow Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February. Your child should have brought home an envelope from the photographic company explaining the packages of photos available. If you want to order photos, complete the order form on the envelope and seal the correct money in it. Neither the school office nor the photographic company can give change. Students are to bring the envelopes with them on Tuesday. Students are photographed in full school uniform. We have some items of uniform for students to change into should they be needed. Students wearing excessive jewellery or make-up may need to remove it before their photo is taken. Students may like to bring a comb to tidy their hair. Family shots will be taken on Wednesday. If you have two or more students at Mudgee High and you would like a shot of them together this can be arranged by collecting a family photo envelope from the office. These photos will be taken on Wednesday.

PEHPD News

Very soon a number of the CHS competitions will begin and many students will be trialling for representative sporting teams. If a student is selected, they will be required to attend training and compete at various times. If your child is representing the school in a team please ensure you and your child are aware of who the coach is, the team training times and competition dates, this will ensure that sporting excursions are well organised and that students gain maximum enjoyment and benefit from participating. Important Sporting Dates to remember: Some dates may change, however, you can check the following website to keep up to date.

http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/trial_chp_info/index.htm

SPORTING EVENT	DATE (please note that some dates may change)
MHS Swimming Carnival (compulsory for years 7,8 and 9 and competitors only from years 10-12)	Friday 17 th February
Western Area Swimming Carnival (students will need to attend the school carnival to be eligible)	2 nd March
Western Area Lawn Bowls	26 th March (venue to be confirmed)
Boys Soccer Trials	5 th March
All Schools Triathlon (nomination forms to be collected from the PDHPE staffroom)	6 th and 7 th March (Penrith)
Boys Softball (Knockout and Trials)	7 th March (Mudgee)
Secondary Golf	19 th March (Cowra)
Year 9/10 All schools touch	
Boys Basketball (Trials)	22 nd March
Girls Soccer Trials	7 th March
Girls Basketball (Trials)	20 th March
Rugby League (U15's and Opens)	29 th March (ZONE TRIALS) 4 th April (2 nd selection day)
Boys Hockey	28 th March
Girls Hockey	9 th March
Girls Netball (Divisional Day)	22 nd March
Rugby Union	5 th April
Girls and Boys Touch	27 th
Girls Netball Trials	12 th May

Please note there will be other trials and knockout games being played throughout the year. It is imperative that students listen to announcements and see the coach responsible for each sport.

SUPPLEMENTARY SPORTING INJURIES BENEFITS SCHEME

The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme. The Supplementary Scheme covers all students should they be permanently injured or die while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities such as school lessons, training and competitions. The Supplementary Scheme provides a capital benefit for particular permanent injuries meeting the minimum disability threshold or death. Benefits are paid regardless of pre-existing conditions or negligence. You do not need legal representation in order to make a claim for benefit.

The Supplementary Scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs.

For more information on the benefits paid and how to make a claim please visit the website www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au or call 4321 5392

In addition, there are various forms of private insurance for parents wishing to insure their child against accident. These include:

Student Accident Insurance – A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to government schools through the Federation of Parents and Citizen's Association of NSW. Parents are unable to insure children individually. Each school (either through the principal or the school's parents and citizens association) is able to participate on a whole-school basis with the cost calculated on a set fee per student. All students must pay to belong to this scheme.

The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts. Importantly, the policy partially covers injuries (such as neck, pelvic and back injuries) that are not covered by the sporting injury benefit scheme mentioned above although the levels of compensation are limited.

While the Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme is limited to injuries that occurred during defined sporting activities, Student Accident Insurance typically covers a broader range of possible injuries. For example, where a student is injured falling down stairs, accident insurance coverage would be relevant, but sporting injuries insurance would not.

Private Health Insurance – Parents have the option of taking private health coverage for their children. This is usually limited to the reimbursement of medical expenses and will not generally provide the breadth of cover provided by a specific student accident insurance policy. There are other private providers who offer accident insurance at reasonable cost. Use your search engine to find these options.

MIRRI

We still have some Mirri magazines on sale at the front office for \$10 if you missed out purchasing one at the end of last year. They are an excellent production, well worth a look.

VISUAL ART STUDENTS

Please collect all Art books and artworks from last year as they will be recycled if not collected.

PHOTOGRAPY

SLR Cameras wanted. If you still own an SLR camera which uses film, the Creative Arts Department could put it to good use. We are asking that those unwanted "old" film cameras be donated for use at school, as we still teach wet photography and dark-room techniques. We are asking for cameras that still function properly. Donations may be left at the school's office, or delivered to the Creative Arts staffroom.

MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

The Canteen is desperate for Volunteer helpers on Tuesdays and Fridays, if there is anyone who is available on either of these days, even if it is only once a month, to come in and give us a hand for the day could you please contact Jacqui and Mel at the Canteen on 63723276. Thankyou

Community Notices

Mudgee Junior Golf Development Program 2012

Registration Day – Tuesday 7th Feb from 4pm with a free coaching clinic. Fees are: New Junior Members \$10 joining fee (receive a Junior cap); Existing Juniors - \$10 annual subscription; Annual membership \$10.

If you are unable to attend on 7th Feb please ring the Pro Shop and register your child's interest. Also to make any other enquiries.

Mudgee Show Society

There will be a billy cart race at the show on 3rd March – so build a billy cart if you don't already have one and compete on the day for great family fun.

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