

Monday 26th March 2012

Term 1– Week 10



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community*

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- TONIGHT Mar 26
P&C AGM 7.30pm
in Library
- Mar 28 – Y7 2013
Prospective
Students, Parent
Info Evening 7pm
Performance Centre
- Mar 29 – Apr 5 Y12
Half Yearly Exams
- Apr 5 – Last Day of
Term 1
- Apr 23 – Staff
Development Day
- Apr 24 – Day 1 T2
- Apr 25 – Anzac Day
Public Holiday

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Principal's Message

Students and teachers have been having some fun with learning new words this week. In some cases the word of the day has been relatively common such as liable. Other words such as erudite or defenestrate have create some talk and sent many running for dictionaries. The word has now spread and we are being offered suggestions from Regional office. To date these have included edupreneur which we rejected because it was a neologism. The School Education Director then suggested floccinaucinihilification which definitely had me scurrying to Google. This is a part of our focus on literacy and on shared learning. The teachers and students are all learning together and we want to share the fun with our parents. Mr Eade is open to suggestions but the idea is not obscurity rather expanding students' capacity to use our language for a range of purposes.

Next week we will be hosting a number of PhD students from Sydney University. They will be running a Girls Programming Network for us and other local high schools to encourage girls to get involved with IT. The day should be a mix of learning, challenge and fun. Just meeting these inspiration young people will I am sure open up students' eyes to wider possibilities for their future. Interested girls who have not yet handed in their notes should do so urgently to Mr Wheeler or Ms Dziura.

Our Term 1 social is on Tuesday night. Students have to be in attendance on Tuesday to purchase a ticket. All students need their I.D. card (except year 7 and other new enrolments). Students must arrive between 6.45 – 7.15 pm and cannot leave before 10.00 pm unless a parent is picking them up. The theme is Fluoro (but please no fluoro bands as they damage the gym floor). The SRC put a lot of effort in to organising our socials each term and we thank them for this. It is important that our young people have a chance to have this sort of supervised fun as such events are limited in our district. We hope to see as many students as can make it. Unfortunately anyone on level 3 or 4 or the uniform list is ineligible to attend. Parents should contact either Mr Eade or Mr Jones if they have any questions about their child's attendance. Year 12 exams start this week. We know all students have put in time preparing for these assessment tasks. Anyone needing extra support during the exams should contact their subject teacher for a tutorial or their year advisor. Any absences must be explained by a medical certificate and a phone call to the school on the day of the exam or prior if possible. We wish all students the best and hope they are able to identify areas of strength and areas for development during these two weeks.

We look forward this week to meeting prospective Year 7 parents and students for 2013 to our information night on Wednesday 28 March commencing at 7.00pm in the performance centre.

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

CANTEEN NEWS

We are starting to make plans for our next Staff Development Day when Mudgee High School will host all staff from district schools, this year's numbers are set to peak at 500 people, a huge number to cater for morning tea and lunch, but we look forward as always to the challenge. This year we are hoping to get extra help from some students (Senior) in Hospitality.

Of course that sets us on our winter way, when we offer daily homemade soups, and a variety of hot dishes which include pasta, curries, casseroles etc.

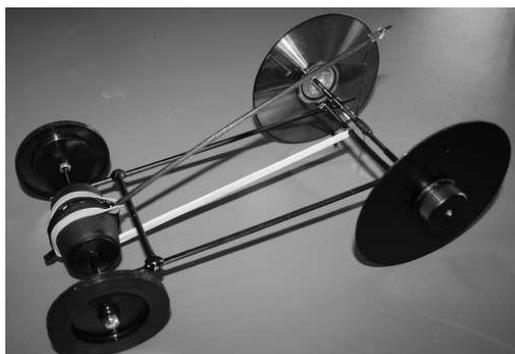
As always we still require volunteers to help run the Canteen. We have 1100 children at this school and so far in 2012 have only had one call. We are especially short on Tuesdays and Fridays. The current two ladies who come every week their children left school over seven years ago. We would greatly appreciate any help. Profits from the Canteen are the only P & C fundraising undertaken. The direct line to the Canteen is 6372 3276.

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SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

Term 1 has brought exciting times to Mudgee High's Science Faculty. The senior Physics and Chemistry students have enjoyed a trip to Australia's nuclear science facility at Lucas Heights in Sydney. They all returned with glowing reports of the trip. Some of our year 10 students have visited our local coal mines and seen first hand the scale of our mining industry.



One of the highlights of the term has been the year 8 forces assignment where students had to submit a self-propelled vehicle that travelled a set distance. Some of the vehicles were truly outstanding and a testimony to the budding engineers and inventors in this very talented group of students.

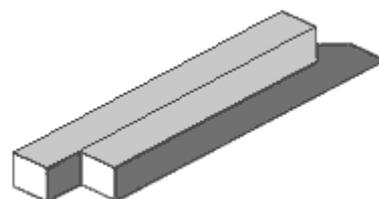
Year 10 students have their research project due at the end of the term. They should all be well into this investigation project which requires a logbook to be kept up to date. This logbook should be signed by their teacher. Our Science and Engineering Team are up and running and preparing to improve on their great results from last year. The successes the High School has had in the Science and Engineering Challenge is a direct result of the dedication of both staff and students, who spend many hours of their own preparing and

participating in these events.

I often get asked about study and how to actually do it. To assist students there will shortly be a 'study site' in the Science section on Moodle. If your students do not know how to access Moodle all they need to do is ask their teacher who will assist them in this matter. There are a large number of resources available to students on Moodle that will greatly assist them in their learning.

Our trivia items for this term are

What did Einstein receive his Nobel Prize for? The first correct answer to Mr McLennan will receive a free chicken burger. (And no, the answer is not $E=mc^2$)



Can you make this stick?

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN AN ONLINE PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

THE University of NSW is conducting some research on whether websites can positively impact on young people's attitudes toward themselves and others. The university are seeking students to participate in the online program as part of the research.

Positive psychology is the science behind optimal functioning and life satisfaction. Using scientifically validated strategies, positive psychology seeks to bring about lasting change to people's happiness and wellbeing. The goal of this program is to provide online tools to increase young people's sense of happiness and wellbeing in the real world. Participation is free and completed online in their own time. It requires participants to get parental permission and use an allocated website for a period of 6 weeks.

Apart from the chance to win an iPod2, students may well find this an interesting and informative experience. For more information go to www.uviewtheworld.org.au

STATE BAND CAMPS

Mr McNamara has information concerning applications to junior and senior State Band Camps. Interested students should contact Mr McNamara | Creative Arts, who will be able to email a link to the application forms

PERSUASIVE WRITING

For the second consecutive year the Naplan Tests (Years 7 and 9) will feature Persuasive writing, how it is constructed, the language and grammar. There are a number of excellent websites on this genre, in particular www.readwritethink.org. The following framework is from The Northern Territory Department of Education and give a succinct summary.

Persuasive Genre and Language Structures and Features Framework

Purpose: Convince or influence others about an idea or point of view on an issue

How: Take a stand and give reasons, examples, facts and evidence to support your argument by carefully examining your own and others' ideas.

Structure: State an idea or point of view (first paragraph).

Give reasons behind your belief. Tell the reader what supports or backs up your argument. Elaborate, expand, explain, justify, compare, contrast, give examples and persuade your audience (2 or more middle paragraphs).

Restate your belief in a different way, summarise and tie the arguments together clearly. Recommend a course of action, give a warning or call for future change (last paragraph). The last statement can be catchy or dramatic!

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SRC SOCIAL

SRC Social on Tuesday 27nd of March, 2012, 7-10 pm in the Gym.

Theme: FLUORO"

Music: BAZALLICIOUS

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.

(All students except year 7 must bring ID cards)

For Sale White Suffolk Rams

- Immediate sale
- All Brucellosis free
- 1 x 4 tooth. \$550 incl GST
- 3 x 1 year. \$330 each incl GST

Details from the Agriculture Staff

Community Notices

IRONFEST



The 13th annual Lithgow District Ironfest will take place on the last weekend of these school holidays. Learn about history from before medieval times up to the present. See real jousting on horseback. Footfighting re-enactment with swords. Accurate historical displays. Hear the crack of muskets & the thunder of colonial era canons & wander through the Napoleonic encampment. See World War II uniforms & equipment. Blacksmithing demonstrations. And lots more. And all the while having a great time while you learn! Ironfest is on April 21 & 22 at the Lithgow Showground. Don't miss it!

For more info visit: www.ironfest.net

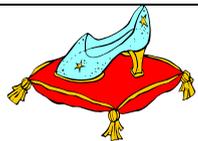
Mudgee Junior Rugby League Training times for 2012

Mini League U6-U9 Friday 4.30pm, U10 Thurs 4.30pm, U11 Tues & Fri 5pm, U12 Thurs 4.30pm, U13 Tues & Thur 5pm, U14 Wed & Fri 5pm, U15 Mon & Fri 5pm, U16 Tues & Thurs 6pm.

Still taking registrations, any enquiries 0427 495 472

ANGLICARE

Anglicare offer a No Interest Loan for people who cannot access mainstream credit. Small loans of up to \$1200 are available for new household items, such as white goods and furniture. Loans will also be approved for essential services such as dental care and optical care. There are no charges, no setup fees, no interest on loans. You only repay what you've borrowed. Repayments are tailored to suit individual circumstances. For more information about the No Interest Loans Scheme please call Anglicare on 1800 644 556.



CINDERELLA

A magical pantomime for all ages! Ugly sisters, a good fairy and a pantomime horse – the perfect recipe for a wonderful theatrical experience! Featuring Dance Unlimited at Club Mudgee Auditorium, Perry Street
Friday 30th March 7pm and Saturday 31st March 2pm and 7pm
Tickets on sale at Visual Expanse, 28 Church Street

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL - 2012 Youth Week Competitions

Categories for Photography, Short Film, Short Story, Poetry and Art –First prize \$75, Second \$25 in each category
All entries must be received by 4.30pm on 30th March 2012 - Entry forms are available at MHS front office.
Please email to youthweek@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or mail to PO Box 156, Mudgee
They can be delivered to Carmel Croan Community Centre, Cnr Market and Douro Streets
For more information please visit www.facebook.com/midwesternyouthcouncil

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Parent/Carer Email Address _____ (please print email address)

Name _____ parent/carers of (please print full name)

Student Name _____ Year _____

Student Name _____ Year _____

Student Name _____ Year _____

I would like to receive the Newsletter by email Please tick

_____ (signature) _____ (telephone) _____ (date)

Student absence booklets are available from the School Office, please see sample below

MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTE

Student

Student First Name _____ Surname
_____ Roll Class _____

Year _____

Year _____

Full or Part Day
(s)

Full Day(s) (Date) from _____ to

Date/Time

Part Day (Date) _____ Time From
_____ to _____

From _____ to

Reason (tick one) Sick Family Emergency
 Medical appointment

Reason

Doctor's Certificate Attached Other Appointment (Please Specify) _____

Sick

Other Reason (Please Specify)

Family
Emergency

Parent Name _____ Signature

Other

_____ Contact No: _____