

Monday 19th March 2012

Term 1– Week 9



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community**

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THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- 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 3 – Y11 Parent
Info Evening
- Apr 5 – Last Day of
Term 1
- Apr 23 – Staff
Development Day
- Apr 23 – P&C Meet
7.30pm Library
- Apr 24 – Day 1 T2
- Apr 25 – Anzac Day
Public Holiday

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Principal's Message

Many thanks to our parents who participated in the student laptop information evening and parent teacher afternoon. We appreciate the extra time you all took to support your children on these important occasions.

During last week I attended the Western NSW Regional Principal's conference. Michele Bruniges the Director General of the Department of Education gave a brief overview of the recent government announcement about local decision making in schools. The proposals are far reaching and will have an impact on the way schools are administered within the next five years.

Principals and other staff will be working to ensure that any changes have as their main focus, students and their learning. Changing how bills are paid, providing for more say in managing resources and staff are the major elements of the proposals. There are however, no additional resources as yet announced.

We here in Mudgee are privileged to have very accomplished and dedicated staff and a supportive community. This is why we have such exceptional student results. Finances and resources underpin effective learning but it is the quality of the teaching that makes the most difference. That is why at Mudgee High School we focus on the concept of shared learning. Students, teachers and parents all have to be learning so that we have continued improvement. Parents do this at home with students and by being involved in school initiatives such as parent teacher meetings. Teachers do this by engaging in opportunities for professional learning with other experts including their colleagues.

On March 26 our P&C AGM will be another important chance for parents to be involved. All welcome.

Some schools across the state will pilot the new processes. These 229 schools have elected to focus on implementing the changes immediately. At Mudgee High School we will take every opportunity to have input to final decisions without making their implementation our major focus. Each week a summary of one aspect will appear in the Newsletter. These summaries are available from the Department's website if you want to read ahead at www.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the link – local schools local decisions.

This weeks insert will be on Working Locally which appears on the following page.
Louise Manwaring, Principal

UNE OPEN DAYS – 4TH & 5TH MAY 2012 for Students and Parents

Friday 4th May is aimed at students currently studying Years 11 & 12 with an opportunity to check out courses, meet the lecturers and get a feel of campus life. Free breakfast and lunch, academic advice, college and campus tours, games and entertainment, library tours, demonstrations, course advice and information sessions.

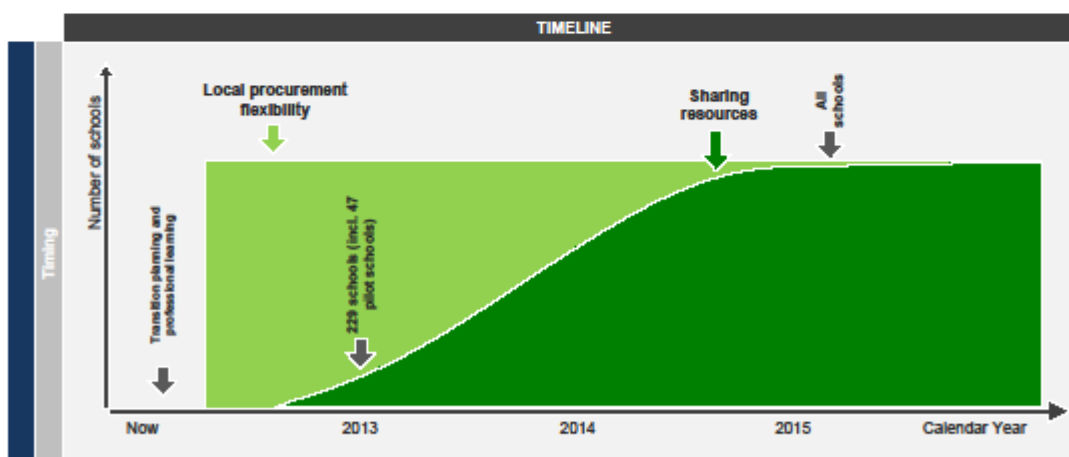
Saturday 5th May is aimed to cater for students who wish to study by distance education, postgraduate students, prospective students who can't make it to the Friday. Activities include distance education seminars, a parents question and answer session, postgraduate information sessions as well as a free morning tea and lunch.

More information is available at www.une.edu.au/openday

WORKING LOCALLY

DESCRIPTION	
CURRENT STATE	FUTURE STATE
<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Description</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictive central procurement policies make it difficult for schools to purchase from local businesses Schools have limited opportunities to share management structures and administrative work which leads to duplication of effort and unnecessary workload Schools have limited opportunities to share resources and facilities on a voluntary basis Local governance and engagement through P&Cs and school councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals will be free to make more local decisions for purchases up to \$5,000 Schools will have more opportunities to use local contractors Schools have opportunities to jointly create administrative, management, and leadership structures across schools New processes and templates make it easier for schools to share staff and resources Schools choose from a menu of community consultation strategies to suit their contexts

NEXT STEPS	
NOW	SOON
<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Description</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase local decisions for purchases up to \$5,000 from Day 1, Term 2, 2012 Increase opportunities for schools to use local contractors Simplify processes for schools that choose to share staff and resources Professional learning and transition support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New tools to simplify and support increased local decision making



MATHEMATICS NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

On the 2nd of August this year Mudgee High School students will once again be invited to attempt the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is a test of mathematical, logical and problem solving skills involving 30 multiple choice questions. All students are encouraged to enter this competition, especially those with talent in the subject or who enjoy a challenge. All entrants receive a certificate of participation, with higher credentials for different levels of success also on offer (great certificates for resumes and CV's). Exceptionally talented students may also be in line for some of the many cash prizes available.

Although the competition is on later in the year our school entry needs to be in early next term.

To enter this competition, students will need to pay \$5 to the front office by the end of term (Thursday 5th April). More information and sample papers can be obtained from any mathematics teacher at MHS or Mr Lynn.

World of Maths

Year 7 & 8 students at Mudgee High School have been given the opportunity to attend an exciting Mathematics presentation from the people at World of Maths. This opportunity will be offered to 60 students from Year 7 & 8. A small cost of \$6 per student will be incurred. Please keep your eyes open for notes coming home.

Super Rule

The HSC is a demanding time for students and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the right equipment. Students who are completing the HSC this year must have an approved scientific calculator. Students are asked to check with their teacher in case their calculator is not approved. Those students sitting the General Mathematics examinations can also take in an approved graphics calculator and we ask that students notify their teacher if they are intending to take such a calculator into the examination. Being unfamiliar with a calculator can severely affect a student result. Besides a rule students in the Mathematics and Extension Mathematics courses can purchase a mathematics template which has been approved for use in their examinations. The template is referred to as a Super Rule and can be purchased for \$8.00

Calculators

All students in years 7 to 12 need to use calculators in their Mathematics classes. The Mathematics courses are designed to make use of calculator technology to assist students to develop more difficult concepts without becoming bogged down in manual calculations. Mental calculations skills are also practiced as part of the course. It is important for students to have a calculator of the type approved by the Board of Studies. In the past some students have disadvantaged themselves by not practising their skills on a calculator that they can use in their final exams. Students are advised to check with your Maths teacher that your calculator is an approved model. Approved calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$17.00 which is cost price to us. If families have calculators which are no longer needed by ex-students they can be used. It is not necessary to buy the latest model. If students look after their calculator it will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

Year 9 Laptops in Mathematics

By now most Year 9 students should have received their DER laptops for use at MHS. In Mathematics the laptops will be used in a variety of different ways. Initially, and ongoing, the laptops can be used to access an electronic version of each of the text books used in the Year 9 courses. These textbooks can be downloaded from the school server (Subject Share folder). Students need to communicate with their maths teachers regarding access and use of this text. In the future, the laptops will be used extensively in some topics and sparingly in others. As with expectations across the school, all students should bring their laptops to all lessons and rely on teacher instructions regarding their possible use.

AG UPDATE

The Mudgee Agriculture faculty has been busy this term with more on the horizon.

Technology Mandatory have tidied up their gardens and begun to get their seeds and seedlings into the ground. In a few weeks, it should be a treat to the eye for anyone passing the Denison Street farm. The poultry have been growing in number at this farm also and, with the occasional horse or goat, provide some entertainment for passers-by. After prolonged trouble with the incubator, we hope the problems are behind us and we are hatching for our next sale.

On that note, the next plant and poultry sale is scheduled for early next term. Look out for advertisements closer to the date. However, we have 4 rams for immediate sale. All are accredited Brucellosis free. One is 4 tooth and a proven sire. Three are 12 months and show a willingness to work. For more information, contact the Ag teachers.

Meanwhile, at the Cox Street farm, it was a busy time leading up to the Mudgee Show as students prepared the sheep and steers for showing. It was a disappointment that the rain kept us at home on Show day but the experiences learned by students were not diminished.

The show was not without some successes though. Junior Judging continued under cover on the Friday and our students distinguished themselves again. Glenn Bridge was our most outstanding success, placing second in the Zone Final of the grain judging and winning a place to the Royal for the State finals. Other ribbon winners in the Zone Final division were:



Rachel Cooksley (3rd meat sheep), Gabrielle Saliba (3rd wool), Brooke Colley (3rd merino), Nicole Burns (3rd grain). Amongst the Juniors, we have Zachary Kelly (1st) and Samantha Perring (3rd) in meat sheep, Kelly Parkinson (1st), Swastika Nandini (2nd) and Monique Cremona (3rd) in wool. The merino placings were Bradley Golden (1st), Maxine Pocock (2nd) and Jamie Golden (3rd) while grain was Brooke Sewell (1st), Luke Michie (2nd) and Katelyn Kurtz (3rd). Congratulations



to these students and to all who participated enthusiastically. The emphasis on the day was learning and, for those who engaged in the activities, it was a great day.

Our steers are looking good for the Royal. Students in many classes have been involved in the washing, grooming, and training of the three Coffin Creek Angus and 10 students will accompany them to Sydney. We have high hopes for at least a little success and the experience of parading in such a prestigious venue will be a highlight for the students. Also at the Royal will be nearly 50 students on our annual pilgrimage to the city. We hope that at least a few will see the steers being auctioned at the end of the competition.

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION 2012

Round 1



On Friday 2nd March, Mudgee High travelled to Coonabarabran to compete against Coonabarabran High School in the first round of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. The team was made up of Kate Millar as the first barrister, Lucy O'Connell as the second barrister, Henry Van Laeren as the Solicitor with Frances Johns as his assistant solicitor. Libby Lawson and Lucy Cheetham were the witnesses for the defence. Maddy Fletcher played the role of Court Officer. Through excellent team work and cross questioning of the prosecution witnesses, Mudgee High was able to cast adequate doubt over the prosecution's evidence resulting in the Magistrate dismissing the charges against the defendant. Not only did Mudgee High School win the case, we also won the point score for the competition round. Mudgee High scored 273 points to Coonabarabran High's 254 points. Congratulations to the Mock Trial team for this excellent start to the competition.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FIELDTRIP 2012

On Thursday 8th March 2012, the entire Year 10 group embarked on a fieldtrip to further their studies and understanding of the Geography topic "Waste Management."

The students were divided into three groups which then rotated through the three site studies throughout the day. The sites were as follows:

Mudgee Sewage Treatment Plant This allowed for the students to see the process involved in the treatment of waste water. They learnt that the majority of the waste water which comes through the plant is actually stormwater, including drainage from gutters, houses and run-off. The students witnessed the extensive procedures followed to eliminate toxins from the waste water before it is eventually released back into the river system and continues its journey towards the sea.

Recycling Centre and Landfill Site Students were given a guided tour through the recycling plant. Here they saw how the products are divided into paper and cardboard, plastics, glass, steel and aluminium. Students were told of the annual quantities of each recyclable product and discovered that these figures have greatly increased over the past couple of years due to Mudgee's rapidly growing population. Students also learnt about where the products are transported to after they are sorted here in Mudgee.

Landfill Site Here students had an opportunity to climb to the top of the landfill mound and walk around on the top of it. With almost 30 years of landfill under their feet they were able to view the site of the new landfill area which will begin operation later this year. Students could also see from this vantage point the vegetation waste heap where lopped trees and garden waste is dumped.

Putta Bucca Wetlands Water testing along the river, just below the sewage treatment plant's release point, provided students with an excellent opportunity to learn about the importance of waste management systems being effective. Students conducted a range of water tests, including turbidity, temperature, salinity, pH and they also tested for the presence of macro-invertebrates, which could then provide an indication of the quality of the overall living space for various species of animals.

This fieldtrip provided students with an opportunity to enhance their learning and knowledge about the topic on Waste Management which they are studying as part of their mandatory Geography studies. Year 10 were excellent ambassadors for their school and can be congratulated for their behaviour and positive involvement in the day.



WESTERN REGION CHS SWIMMING SELECTION TRIALS



After a couple of false starts due to too much water, our swim team finally made it to Cowra for the Western selection trials. 16 students represented Mudgee High School and all of them were successful at gaining selection to represent Mudgee High and Western at NSW CHS Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush 1st – 3rd April. Almost all students achieved personal best times in 1 or more events on the day. Swimmers represented Mudgee High in 65 of the 92 events held at Cowra. Our 8 relay teams gained 5 first places and 3 second places.

The 2012 Mudgee High School Western Area Swim Team

L-R (Back Row) Hamish McLennan, Austin Sanders, Tavis McLennan, Alyisha Beckingham, Georgi York, Jayme Muscat, (Middle Row) Courtney Brackenrig, Jordan Addley, Thomas Smith, Luke Beckingham, Jackson Sievers, (Front Row), Talia McLennan, Macy Morley, Rebekah Rae, Wyatt Sanders and Olivia Haidle

(absent from photo).

The list below shows the events that the students have been selected to swim at Homebush, their entry time and place gained at the Western Selection Trials. Our representatives at the CHS State Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Homebush 1st – 3rd April will be:

Jordan Addley - 200 Freestyle 2:41.89(3rd), 100 Backstroke 1:24.84(3rd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:23.42(1st), 50 Freestyle 32.38(2nd), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:08.92(1st), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:30.92(1st), 400 Freestyle 5:39.16(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:10.12(2nd)

Alyisha Beckingham - 200 Freestyle 2:27.43(2nd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:23.42(1st), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:08.92(1st), 100 Breaststroke 1:25.51(1st), 400 Freestyle 4:56.00(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:06.55(2nd)

Luke Beckingham - 200 Freestyle 2:45.48(2nd), 100 Backstroke 1:31.01(3rd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:25.40(2nd), 50 Freestyle 31.60(2nd), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:06.98(1st), 100 Breaststroke 1:36.95(3rd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:09.63(2nd)

Courtney Brackenrig - 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:30.92(1st)

Olivia Haidle - 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:23.95(2nd)

Hamish McLennan - 800 Freestyle 12:12.51(2nd), 200 Freestyle 2:47.06(2nd), 100 Backstroke 1:38.06(2nd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:25.40(2nd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st), 400 Freestyle 5:37.90(1st)

Talia McLennan - 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:23.95(2nd)

Tavis McLennan - 200 Freestyle 2:32.72(3rd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:25.40(2nd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st), 200 Individual Medley 2:53.04(3rd)

Macy Morley - 200 Freestyle 2:47.07(1st), 100 Backstroke 1:22.78(1st), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:23.42(1st), 50 Freestyle 31.77(1st), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:23.95(2nd), 100 Breaststroke 1:43.97(1st), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:30.92(1st), 100 Butterfly 1:21.85(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:08.62(1st), 200 Individual Medley 3:02.29(2nd)

Jayme Muscat - 50 Freestyle 32.61(2nd), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:08.92(1st), 100 Breaststroke 1:36.19(2nd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:30.92(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:11.22(3rd)

Rebekah Rae - 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:23.95(2nd), 100 Breaststroke 1:29.97(2nd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay (2) 3:30.92(1st)

Austin Sanders - 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:06.98(1st), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st),

Wyatt Sanders - 50 Freestyle 36.99(2nd), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st)

Jackson Sievers - 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:06.98(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:14.13(3rd)

Thomas Smith - 200 Freestyle 2:29.60(2nd), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:25.40(2nd), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:06.98(1st), 100 Breaststroke 1:31.13(1st), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:15.71(1st), 400 Freestyle 5:27.32(1st), 100 Butterfly 1:13.79(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:07.65(2nd), 200 IM 2:48.71(2nd)

Georgi York - 200 Freestyle 2:21.86(1st), 100 Backstroke 1:13.16(1st), 4x50 Medley Relay 2:23.42(1st), 50 Freestyle 29.42(1st), 4x50 Freestyle Relay 2:08.92(1st), 6x50 Freestyle Relay 3:30.92(1st), 100 Freestyle 1:03.67(1st)

All the students represented their school with pride and were very supportive of their team mates. I would also like to thank the parents who transported and accommodated the students.

Peter Smith

MHS Swimming Team Coordinator

Community Notices

AFTERNOON ON THE GREEN

Club Mudgee presents

The Easter Bunny , The Sloanes, Jess Holland, Overdrive

Easter Saturday at Club Mudgee on the Bowling Greens

Sausage sizzle from 5.30pm, kids activities - jumping castle and face painting

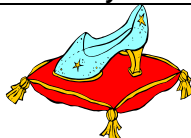
No BYO – any person under the age of 18 must be in the care of a responsible adult at all times

All club rules and regulations apply including dress codes

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.

Please note correction for days and times from last week



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

Community Notices cont.

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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