

Monday 30th April 2012
Term 2 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



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Community

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Year 11 & 12
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Principal's Message

Noble Sacrifice

Thank you to all students and staff who represented Mudgee High School at the ANZAC Day march. It was a fantastic testament to the respect students show for those who served our country.

I would also like to congratulate the students who conducted our ANZAC commemoration on Tuesday 24th April: Joanna Endacott, Ben Reinhard, Caleb Cotterill, Christopher Tomasella and Mary Sparkes. They were led by Mr Finter and assisted by Peter Napper on the projector.

Best Wishes Year 11

This week Year 11 students will be undertaking their first formal senior exams. These exams are designed to assist students, teachers and parents to identify areas of strength and weakness so future learning can be refined and focussed. Remember it is not too late to make that extra effort in preparation and study that can gain marks on the day.

Easter Show Success

A big congratulations to our Steer Showing Team who demonstrated high levels of skills and dedication at the Royal Easter Show. To come home with a ribbon and highly placed results against national competition is fantastic. A big thank you to Mr Wilson also who gave up Easter with his family to provide students with this opportunity.

World Travellers

Our tour to Japan over the holidays was a great success. Those of you who kept track of the blog will know how much the students gained from this experience. Thank you to Miss Hutchins, Ms Date and Mr & Mrs Fitzgerald for opening the wider world to our students.

An Inspirational Speaker – John Coutis

Born with a severe disability that rendered his legs useless, John defied medical opinion by refusing to die. Today John speaks all around the world to tens of thousands of very enthusiastic and eager people, whom he leaves breathless.

He will be the guest speaker at the upcoming CLC student leadership forum with over 300 students and leaders from the Cudgegong Learning Community.

John plays a significant role in Australian schools and youth leadership programs. John has been invited into more than 700 schools throughout Australia & speaks on topics such as; Anti-Bullying, Life Topics, Treating People The Way You Wish To Be Treated, Goal Setting, Over Coming Challenges & Getting The Best Out of Life. There are many Youth Forums held around Australia these days & John is the most sought after speaker to join these forums. John works in assisting Australia's youth to reach their full potential.

We have also booked him to inspire all our students to reach their personal best.

On Tuesday 8th May, 2012 at 11:30-12:30pm in the Performance Centre John Coutis will be giving a presentation to Year 11 and 12 students. The cost is a gold coin donation and will be collected at the door.

On Thursday he will address Years 7-10 students. Again, the cost is only a gold coin donation. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our students to be inspired by a young man who reaches for the stars against all odds

Louise Manwaring
Principal

NAPLAN TESTS 2012

From 15th – 17th May 2012 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

A letter providing parents and guardians with information regarding NAPLAN 2012 will be sent home with students in Week 2 of Term 2.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Dates

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 15 – 17 May 2012. TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing- persuasive writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Students will require a lead pencil, an eraser and a pencil sharpener.

On Thursday the 17th May **students will require a calculator for the Numeracy section** of the NAPLAN test. Students are required to sit a Non-Calculator and a Calculator section.

Friday 18 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed any tests.

Please make an appointment with Mrs Gooley or Mrs Best at Mudgee High School if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN. For more information about the tests, please visit the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au or the Mudgee HS website: www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 11th May (Week 3) at Walkers Oval. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea of the carnival is participation, having fun and getting involved in the house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.



The longer track events (800m, 1500m) and Triple Jump will be held on a separate date, prior to the carnival. Students who wish to enter these events will be asked to nominate at the PDHPE staffroom. They will be advised of the date when they nominate.

It is very important that students listen to announcements in Roll Call and Assembly for any messages regarding the carnival

A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising

If you have some experience in Athletics and would like to help out on the day of the carnival please contact the school on 63721533 and let Miss Wilson know.

Evans Crown Horse Sports Day

On the 26th of March five members of the Mudgee High School Equestrian Team competed at the Evans Crown Horse Sports Day at Lithgow.

The riders included Madison Nemece, Samantha Perring, Brooke Munro, Cody Nemece & Ryan Martin.

Mudgee High School was judged runners up in the "Best Presented School".



The students individual results included:

Madison – 2nd Rider Class, 3rd in Pairs, 3rd Barrel race, 3rd Flag Race, 2nd Diamond Flag, 3rd Running Tee, 3rd Bending.

Sam – 3rd Pairs, 1st Key Hole and 4th Rider in Action.

Brooke – 4th Pony Club Mount, 1st Pairs, 2nd Barrels and 3rd Flag Race.

Cody – 3rd Pairs with Sam, 1st Diamond Flag and 3rd Key Hole

Ryan – 1st Pairs with Brooke, 2nd Flag Race, 3rd Diamond Flag, 2nd Key Hole, 1st Rider in Action and then went on to win RESERVE CHAMPION in his age group.

All riders rode well and were great ambassadors of Mudgee High School.

Mock Mediation Competition – Round 1

On Thursday 22nd March, Mudgee High competed in Round 1 of the New South Wales Mock Mediation competition. The team was made up of Ben Reinhard and Kelleigh Allport as the Mediators, Brooke Sewell and Juliette McRae as Team A, Lucy Finter and Matilda Russell as Team B.

The focus of the mediation was on a dispute between the parties about the creation of a small internet programming business. As a group of four friends they had discussed starting the business. Two of the friends had gone off without the other two and had already begun doing programming jobs for clients and were making money without consulting the other two friends.

In addition to this issue, there were two Rotary scholarships available through a school programming competition. Each of the four friends had originally shown interest in these scholarships, and would have probably shared the benefits of the two scholarships between the four friends. However, with the tensions of the business dispute at hand, this idea would probably not come to fruition.

On a steep learning curve, all participants played their parts very well and showed excellent team work and consultation skills. With expert prompting and support, Ben and Kelleigh were able to guide the disputing parties to a reasonable resolution and conclusion to the conflict.

Mediation is a process used to settle relatively small disputes. It is an alternative to going through the court system. Courts and litigation is very expensive and time consuming. Mediation is a cheaper, faster and more satisfying alternative. All parties to the dispute are given adequate opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions. Congratulations to the team for an excellent start to the competition.



Mock Trial Competition – Round 2

On Monday 2nd April, Mudgee High students travelled to Bathurst to compete against Kelso High School in the second



round of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. The team was made up of Kate Millar as the first barrister, Henry van Laeren as the second barrister, Frances Johns as the Solicitor. Georgia Williams and Maddy Blackman were the witnesses for the defence. Vilja Werkmann played the role of Court Officer. In this second round Mudgee represented Ms George who had been charged with an offence under Section 19(3) of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW). It had been alleged that Ms George had possession of a protected fish being an Elegant Wrasse *Anampses Elegans*. 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 247 points to Kelso High's 231 points. Congratulations to the Mock Trial team for an excellent round.

Steer Showing

Mudgee High School's close association with Nigel White's Coffin Creek Angus stud has once again brought rewards.

This time it was in the Royal Easter Show Steer competitions. While the awards may be considered meagre when compared to previous competitions, this is their first foray into the tough competition of the Royal and any award gives credibility to the genetics and preparation that goes into these animals.

The School Steer section is arguably the toughest for steers to win awards and this year's Grand Champion steer came from this competition. Mudgee's number 1 steer failed to impress the judge on the hoof but, once in the chiller, the objective measurement system elevated the carcass to a bronze medal, with just 1 point separating this beast from a much sought after silver. With the skin off, this steer surpassed the Grand Champion in all categories and defeated many of the steers that took home ribbons on the hoof with the added distinction of equalling the top Angus carcass.

Mudgee's number 2 steer was not without recognition either with a 4th place on the hoof and a 3rd place for "eating quality" in its lightweight class. The 3rd steer, while unrewarded, was a mere point from a bronze medal.

Mr Graham Wilson, coordinator of the High School Steer team said "while awards are always welcome, competitions provide invaluable information to the producer and experiences to the students. For the grower, the data provided on muscling and fat deposition is useful to evaluate sires. Temperament is important and these steers were remarkably relaxed amidst the crowds and noise of the Royal.

While 10 students accompanied the steers to Sydney, for more than 100 who had some involvement throughout the preparation, the lessons learned in nutrition and close animal handling skills cannot carry a price tag."

Seven days at the Royal may sound glamorous but it took only a few days for the students to find that the constant noise from living on site and the routines of animal care can tarnish even the brightest prospects. Mr Wilson said "it was a tough time keeping the animals in peak condition. The animals were at risk of heat stress and boredom for much of their stay and students were kept busy ensuring the steers left the site in the best possible condition."

Both parties are currently planning the next competition, which is in Scone at the end of this year.



Plant & Poultry Sale

A huge range of plants – trees, natives, cottage, perennials, groundcovers etc.

PLUS

- 45 x 1 year old Isa browns hens, laying at the moment
- 35 x 14 week old Isa brown pullets
- 30 point of lay Isa brown pullets
- 18 light Sussex x RIR pullets 10 weeks old
- 40 light Sussex x RIR pullets 5-7 weeks old
- light Sussex large pair
- light Sussex bantam pair
- Australoro trio
- Australorp large – 4 pullets
- 4 Hamburg pullets
- Pekin pair
- Silkie pair
- 30 light Sussex unsexed
- 15 large unsexed Wyandottes
- 12 unsexed large Australorps (6 weeks)
- 100 chicks – various breeds and unsexed – Pekin, leghorn, Silkie, bantam RIR
- white Leghorn trio
- white Leghorn pair
- Araucana bantam, lavender pullets x 2
- frizzle pair
- 2 x crossbred bantam pullets
- silver pencil bantam Wyandotte pair x 3
- bantam partridge Wyandotte pair
- 2x OE game hens
- large Wyandotte laced pair x2
- 2 x Australorp pullets
- 2x buff Orpington bantam hens
- 2x buff bantam Wyandotte cockerels
- large Rhode Island Red rooster – great breeder, very fertile
- 1 pair of call ducks
- 2 male lop rabbits

Plus more on the day – outside entries may also be accepted

Mudgee High School
Corner Denison and Perry Streets.
Saturday May 5th, 8am – noon.

Mudgee High CHS Swim Campaign Report

Mudgee High has had continued success in the pool at NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Sunday 1st to Tuesday 3rd April. Mudgee High School represented the Western Region in 42 individual events and 5 relay events.

The first day of competition started with Hamish McLennan (16) in the Open 800m Freestyle where he placed 13th with a time of 12:02:29 and an 11 second PB.

Macy Morley was up next in the 12yrs 200m Freestyle where she placed 7th with a 10 second PB and gained a place in the final. Her position moved up to 5th in the final with a time of 2:31:45, knocking a further 5 seconds off her PB. Luke Beckingham took to the pool in the 13yrs 200m Freestyle where he placed 22nd with a time of 2:33:68 and a 12 second PB.

Thomas Smith was next to take a splash in the 14yrs 200m Freestyle where he placed 21st with a PB time of 2:29:58

Jordan Addley was next on the blocks for the 15yrs 200m Freestyle where she placed 23rd with a PB time of 2:39:05

Hamish McLennan placed 24th in the 16yrs 200m Freestyle with a PB time of 2:46:27

Alysha Beckingham and Georgi York were next up in the 17-19yrs 200m Freestyle where they both gained finals places of 7th and 9th. Alysha placed 6th in the final with a PB time of 2:17:70. Georgi placed 7th in the final with a time of 2:21:92. This was the first time in many years that we had two swimmers make it into the finals in the same event.

Tavis McLennan completed the 17-19yrs 200m Freestyle campaign in a place of 20th with a PB time of 2:25:49

Macy Morley was back in action this time leading the 12yrs 100m Backstroke charge for Mudgee High. Macy placed 3rd in the prelims and gained a place in the final where she was just touched out for third, gaining 4th place in a PB time of 1:18:03

Luke Beckingham was next up in the 13yrs 100m Backstroke where he placed 24th in a PB time of 1:26:11

Jordan Addley placed 25th in the 15yrs 100m Backstroke in a PB time of 1:23:11



Hamish McLennan placed 21st in 16yrs 100m Backstroke in a PB time of 1:24:11

Georgi York powered down the pool to claim 10th place in the prelims of the 17-19yrs 100m Backstroke and secured 7th place in the final in a PB time of 1:11:27

Our Open Girls Medley Relay team consisting of Georgi York, Alyisha Beckingham, Jordan Addley and Macy Morley took 8 seconds off their entry time and placed 14th.

Our Open Boys Medley Relay team consisting of Hamish McLennan, Luke Beckingham, Thomas Smith and Tavis McLennan took 6 seconds off their entry time and placed 19th.

Day 2 of competition started with Macy Morley in the 12yrs 50m Freestyle where she placed 2nd in the prelims. Macy powered down the pool in the final to place 2nd in a PB time of 29:79. Not only did she get to stand on the podium to receive her silver medal but achieved a sub 30 second time. This is quite an achievement, especially for a 12 year old.

Wyatt Sanders was next off the blocks in the 12yrs 50m Freestyle where he placed 26th in a PB time of 36:65

Luke Beckingham was next up in the 13yrs 50m Freestyle where he placed 23rd in a PB time of 30:90

Jordan Addley was next off the blocks in the 15yrs 50m Freestyle where she placed 26th in a time of 32:92

Jayme Muscat had her first swim of the meet in the 16yrs 50m Freestyle. Jayme placed 25th with a PB time of 31:59
Georgi York completed the 17-19yrs 50m Freestyle events in 17th place in a sub 30 PB time of 29:26

The first of our 4 x 50 Freestyle relay teams to take to the water were the 13 years girls. The team consisted of Olivia Haidle (13), Talia McLennan (13), Rebekah Rae (13) and Macy Morley (12). The girls placed 23rd and beat their entry time by 3 seconds.

Next into the pool were the 15 years boys. The team consisted of Austin Sanders (15), Jackson Sievers(13), Luke Beckingham (13) and Thomas Smith(14). The boys placed 18th and beat their entry time by 3 seconds.

The open girls' team of Jordan Addley (15), Jayme Muscat (16), Alyisha Beckingham (17) and Georgi York (17) were to finish the 4 x 50 events. The team was seeded in the top ten and expectations were high to make the finals. The girls swam brilliantly and placed 6th in the prelims. They went on to maintain this position in the final with a time of 2:01:93 beating their entry time by a massive 7 seconds. This will be a team to watch next year.

Macy Morley led the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke charge placing 9th in the prelims and then maintaining this position in the finals with a PB time of 1:37:14

Rebekah Rae placed 8th in the 100 Breaststroke prelim and went on to finish 9th in the final with a PB time of 1:27:71

Luke Beckingham was next up in the 13yrs 100m Breaststroke where he placed 18th in a PB time of 1:33:42

Thomas Smith placed 20th in the 14yrs 100m Breaststroke in a PB time of 1:29:62

Jayme Muscat was back in action in the 16yrs 100m Breaststroke where she placed 23rd in a PB time of 1:34:70

Alyisha Beckingham, the queen of Breaststroke, hit the water and placed 7th in the 17-19yrs 100m Breaststroke prelims giving her a finals swim. Alyisha placed 8th in the final and gained a PB time of 1:21:42

The 6 x 50 Freestyle All Age Girls Relay team consisting of Macy Morley (12), Rebekah Rae (13), Tamika Muscat (14), Jordan Addley (15), Jayme Muscat (16) and Georgi York (17) placed 18th and sliced 12 seconds off their entry time.
The 6 x 50 Freestyle All Age Boys Relay team consisting of Wyatt Sanders (12), Luke Beckingham (13), Thomas Smith (14), Austin Sanders (15), Hamish McLennan (16) and Tavis McLennan (17) placed 17th and sliced 8 seconds off their entry time.

Thomas Smith led the charge on day 3 with the 12-14yrs 400m Freestyle where he placed 16th knocking 4 seconds of his PB to achieve a time of 5:23:43

Hamish McLennan was next up in the 15-16yrs 400m Freestyle where he placed 23rd in a time of 5:45:28
Alyisha Beckingham completed the 17-19yrs 400m Freestyle where she powered home to place 7th in a cracking PB time of 4:55:14

Macy Morley was first up in the 12yrs 100m Fly where she literally flew through the water to place 2nd in the prelims and placing 3rd in the finals in a PB time of 1:16:92



Thomas Smith was next up in his favourite event the 14yrs 100m Fly where he placed 16th in a PB time of 1:13:15

Macy Morley was first off the blocks in the 12yrs 100m Freestyle event where she placed 2nd in the prelims and went on to place 3rd in the final with a PB time of 1:06:37

Luke Beckingham was next up in the 13yrs 100m Freestyle where he placed 21st with a PB time of 1:08:39

Jackson Sievers hit the pool in the first of his individual events the 13yrs 100m Freestyle where he placed 29th in a time of 1:18:28

Thomas Smith placed 23rd in the 14yrs 100m Freestyle in a time of 1:07:78

Jordan Addley placed 27th in the 15yrs 100m Freestyle in a time of 1:11:02

Jayme Muscat placed 27th in the 16yrs 100m Freestyle in a time of 1:14:37

Alysha Beckingham placed 15th in the 17-19yrs 100m Freestyle in a PB time of 1:04:68

Georgi York completed the 17-19yrs 100m Freestyle charge to finish 10th in the prelim and to secure a spot in the final. Georgi moved up to 7th place in the final in a PB time of 1:20:40

Macy Morley started the 12-14yrs 200m Individual Medley with a solid performance placing 23rd in a field of older swimmers, knocking 8 seconds off her PB time and finishing with a time of 2:54:03

Thomas finished his campaign with his pet event the 12-14yrs 200m Individual Medley. Thomas placed 20th in a PB time of 2:46:91

Tavis McLennan completed the 17-19yrs 200m Individual Medley in 21st position in a PB time of 2:44:46

As you can see from the results shown all swimmers performed well and swam Personal Best times more often than not.

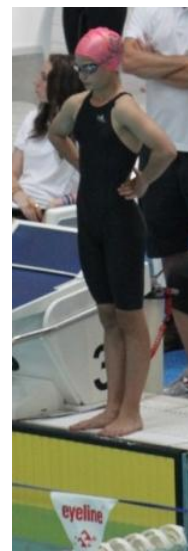
It was a real pleasure to watch this team, not only perform in the pool but support each other for the 3 days of competition. I would like to thank the parents of all swimmers for support over the 3 days and also the many months of transporting students to and from training.

I would like to thank Tamika Muscat for filling in for Courtney Brackenrig who was out with injury at short notice. 2012 saw more students in finals than any year that I can remember. This is an indication of the level of commitment and dedication these students have toward swimming training and the level of coaching that they receive in their respective swimming clubs.

Macy is now off to NSW CHS All Schools Swimming Championships, to be held 7th May at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre where she will contest 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 50 Fly and 50 Backstroke. We wish Macy all the best for this next level of competition.

I am looking forward to seeing this team and possibly a few more swimmers competing in 2013.

Peter Smith - Mudgee High Swim Team Manager



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Community Notices

13 year old Stephen Aveling-Rowe
accomplished Cellist and Organist




presents



An Afternoon of Music

that will be
fun and inspiring



St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee
Sunday May 6 at 2.30 p.m.
Entry by Donation

Stephen's visit to Mudgee is being organized in collaboration with the Mudgee Christian Education Association supporting a Special Religious Education Teacher at Mudgee High School. Proceeds from the concert will be divided between this local project and fund-raising for Stephen to go and play pipe organs in Europe.

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