

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Term 2 – Week 4



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- May 14 - World of Maths Roadshow
- May 15 – 17 Year 7/9 NAPLAN

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## Principal's Message

Students at Mudgee High School certainly couldn't complain of boredom. Last week we hosted a wonderful guest speaker who had the students laughing and almost crying for an hour and a half. It was a credit to their compassion and understanding that they were able to empathise with John Coutis and get so much from his talk.

We also had White Card training for students interested in the building industry, Mendooran Horse Sports, debating and public speaking competitions, a tour of the police station, blood donations and the Buckley Shield rugby league. In the midst of that we hosted a visit from over 300 students from the CLC schools for a leadership forum and welcomed our Regional Director and School Education Director.

Throughout the week various year groups undertook the challenging cross country and our Mock Trial team were at the court house for round 3. Our senior Agriculture students took on the district in the annual Property Planning competition. Winners are usually announced at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days.

Finally, but by no means lastly, we held our annual athletics carnival. There were over fifty events for all ages in field and track. We enjoyed the feast provided by Year 12 for breakfast and lunch and were entertained by race calls and music to get us going. Many thanks for the PDHPE faculty's organisation and particularly the work of Mrs Gallen. Great house spirit was fostered by Mr Hatch and the House Captains. We found Mr Hatch has a talent for movie making, particularly of the ham style melodrama as well as his sporting expertise.

Particular congratulations go to Macy Morley for her gold, silver and bronze medals at All Schools swimming. She is a talent to look out for in future. Congratulations again to Tobias Stewart for his State award for Harmony Day.

To top all that of course we had over 1200 challenging and high quality lessons where students were encouraged to always do their best, to help each other learn and to be good citizens. Well done to Mudgee High students, staff and parents for the work you do each week to ensure Mudgee High School is the best school for all of us to learn.

This week Years 7 & 9 students will sit the NAPLAN which gives us a snapshot of individual and school wide skills in reading, writing, grammar, spelling and numeracy. Any students absent on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday can complete a make-up test on Friday. Parents should phone the office to let us know of any absence.

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal

## From the Ag Plot

Thank you to everyone who supported the Agriculture Faculty's recent Plant and Poultry sale. The funds raised will be spent by the Agriculture teachers to improve the learning conditions for students and for the maintenance of plants and animals.

The Ag staff is always seeking used pots, especially those up to 20cm diameter. There is often a need for used plastic shopping bags also. Please deliver these to the school if you have any to spare.

## From the English Department

### **Debating and Public Speaking**

Congratulations to students in our debating and public speaking teams. Both the senior and junior debating teams have made the finals of the Gulgong Eisteddfod. Students will be heading to the Prince of Wales Opera House on 24th May for that competition. Our juniors will argue that "Manners and respect are still important" in their debate with St Matthew's while later in the day the senior team will argue that "Our future does not depend on science" when they face the Dunedoo team. We wish both teams luck in this final phase of the competition.

The Premier's Debating Challenge has just begun. On Tuesday the Yr 7 & 8 team had a win against Kandos High School debating the topic "That learning of a second language should be compulsory in schools". The year 9 & 10 team's first debate was on Thursday against Canobolas High School. We have been fortunate to start the competition with home debates which allow our students the confidence boost of a familiar audience. It is terrific too for our students to be the audience for debates. This provides opportunity to enjoy the speaking and the argument, as well as hearing the elements of persuasive argument.

Kate Millar from Year 11 will represent the school in the Premier's Challenge Public speaking competition held in Bathurst. Coming up soon (May 22<sup>nd</sup>) is the Lithgow Festival of Speech. We have entered 3 debating teams and 4 public speakers. This is a highly regarded competition and it is always a great day of learning for our students.

To enter all of these competitions takes commitment to learning and excellence from the students, but also from the teachers who give up hours of their time to organise, prepare and travel with these teams to competitions. The school would like to thank Mrs Daniels, Miss Eslick and Mr Cox for their efforts.

### **Excursions**

On Friday next week Year 12 Advanced students will travel to Sydney to see *Hamlet* as part of their HSC preparation. These students have already had the advantage of the Bell Shakespeare workshops but being able to see a live production of the whole play will be a boost for their HSC preparation..

Over a hundred students have expressed interest in the proposed excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum. This excursion is open to students in Years 9 and 10 who have studied texts and topics linked to the Holocaust and to prejudice and social justice. More details will be sent home in coming weeks. At this stage there will be one bus – about 50 places. The date will most likely be 15<sup>th</sup> June. Permission notes will be issued to the students who brought back their expression of interest and the places will be filled on a first in basis. If there is a lot of demand we will have a waiting list and will look at the possibility of a second bus.

NAPLAN is next week! Students who have done their work in class and completed their assignments should feel confident about their preparation.

### **State All Schools Swimming Championships**

Macy Morley performed extremely well at the recent All Schools Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre last Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Reports back from the pool on the day indicated Macy was quite nervous for her first swim, the 12yrs 50 Freestyle. Macy overcame her nerves to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in a time of 30.54 and receive the first of her medal haul. Next was the 12yrs 50 Fly where she missed first place by only .01 of a second, finishing in a time of 32.38 and receiving the silver medal. Her next race was the 12yrs 100 Freestyle where Macy placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Macy completed the day with a gold medal in the 12yrs 50 Backstroke. Macy now has a complete set of State All Schools medals. Congratulations to Macy and also Mick O'Sullivan her coach on these outstanding results. We look forward to seeing more from Macy next season.

Peter Smith  
Mudgee High School Swim Team Manager



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**ROTARY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE  
 2013 PROGRAM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN**

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (in Year 9 or 10 in 2013) to experience a true 'exchange' with a family in New Zealand. Local students are matched with a New Zealand student and the New Zealand student will attend school in Australia during Term 2 2013. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3 2013.

The students' family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life. This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary. More information and expression of interest forms can be found at [www.ranzse.org](http://www.ranzse.org)

**Expressions of interest close 30 June 2012**



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

**Find out more!**

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

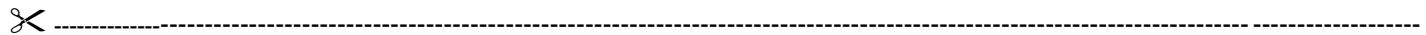
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