

Monday 21st May 2012
Term 2 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- May 28th P & C Meeting 7:00pm

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Year 7 and 9 students for the mature manner in which they completed NAPLAN. Thanks to Mrs Gooley and Mrs Best for their organisational expertise.

Currently Year 12 and Year 11 reports are being prepared. Year 12 students, for the most part, have demonstrated real commitment to improving their knowledge and skills. A small number of students will need to plan their preparation for exams further ahead. In Year 11, students are also on track to meet requirements. We have the resources to support students with additional tutorials. Students can access this help through their Year Advisor or directly from their class teacher.

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday 28 May at 7:00pm in the Library. Please note the new starting time. Every parent is welcome to attend any P & C meeting. You are automatically entitled to join the P & C when your child attends Mudgee High School. Coming to meetings when you can, means you are able to make a difference to your children's enjoyment and achievement at school. Every year, some parents have to drop out as their children leave so we need lots more parents to make the effort to come along. We need you!

A reminder to parents to let us know if your child is diagnosed with an illness or other condition which means he/she needs extra health care at school. Some examples include diabetes, moderate/severe allergies, moderate/severe asthma. Often these are diagnosed after enrolment so please let us know. Contact the Deputy Principals, the Head Teacher Welfare or the Principal to have a confidential conversation. If we need to put in place a health care plan you and your child's doctor will be involved in developing the plan.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Mendooran and Dunedoo Horse Sports Day

On the 7th and 8th of May the Mudgee High School Equestrian Team completed at the Mendooran and Dunedoo Horse Sports Days. The students that were involved in the two days of competition included: Adelle Beer, Chloe Staub, Ryan Martin, Cody Nemec, Madison Nemec and Samantha Perring. In addition Brooke Munro competed at the Dunedoo Horse Sports Day. The students competed in a number of sporting, jumping and hacking classes over the two days and achieved some outstanding results...too many to individually mention! As a school, Mudgee High won the prestigious best presented trophy in a very tough competition. A big thank you to all the students and their families who put in a great deal of time and effort to attend such events.



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FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Past HSC Booklets

Past HSC Booklets will be available again this year. The booklets contain past HSC exams with full solutions. The cost will be \$20 and must be paid to the front office by the end of term. For further information ask your maths teacher.

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's 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 practicing 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.

Using Maths at Home

Involving your children in the use of Mathematics in everyday situations can improve their confidence and skills and help them to engage in learning.

Some areas to consider are:

Car Travel calculations such as distance, budgeting for fuel costs, calculating the time needed for a journey and estimated time of arrival.

Farm calculations such as costs, expenses and profit, labour costs, depreciation, fertilizer and seeding rates.

Cooking calculations such as calculating the best buy by comparing purchasing costs, weekly planning of ingredients and adapting recipes for different numbers of people.

Sports statistics such as batting averages, the graphs presented on TV, competition rankings and probabilities.

Money issues such as income, taxation, budgeting, investment and loans.

For a student to be aware of the significance of these applications in everyday life is a bonus to their understanding of these concepts when they are encountered in class.

Mock Mediation Competition 2012

Round 2

On Friday 27th April, Mudgee High competed in Round 2 of the New South Wales Law Society Mock Mediation Competition. The team was made up of Ben Reinhard and Juliette McRae as the Mediators, Brooke Sewell and Matilda Russell as Team A, Lucy Finter and Kelleigh Allport as Team B.

The mediation was to resolve a dispute between the Student Council of the Local High School and the School Environmental Team. The Student Council had made arrangements for a famous rock band to perform at a school concert. The band was made up of ex-students of the high school and would bring lots of positive publicity to the school. However, the school's Environmental Team was worried about the noise pollution and potential damage to student's hearing as the band had a reputation for being excessively loud with their musical performances. As a result of this conflict of interests, a serious altercation broke out at the gates of the school when the band arrived for discussions about the concert. The Environmental Team had gathered at the gates as a protest and the protest got out of hand. The principal had instructed that representatives from the School Council and the Environmental Team were to meet for a mediation to resolve the conflict and reach a satisfactory resolution for all parties involved.

Once again, the Mock Mediation Team rose to the challenge before them and participated with great enthusiasm. Great team work and communication skills were again present. With expert prompting and support, Ben and Juliette 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 round.



Round 3

On Friday 11th May, Mudgee High competed in Mudgee against Lithgow High School third round of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. The team was made up of Juliette McRae as the first barrister, Lucy O'Connell as the second barrister, Lucy Cheetham as the Solicitor. Libby Lawson and Maddy Blackman were the witnesses for the prosecution. Vilja Werkmann played the role of Magistrate's Clerk. In this third round, Mudgee represented the police who were charging Jamie Douglas with offences under the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW), namely Section 61 – Common assault, Section 59 – Assault occasioning actual bodily harm and Section 195 – Destroying or damaging property. The defendant was claiming self-defence as per the definition within the Crimes Act Section 418.

It had been alleged that Ms Douglas had assaulted Ashley Manning and Vic Vaughn by punching them both in the face, causing actual bodily harm. It was also alleged that Ms Douglas had knowingly and intentionally damaged Vic Vaughn's car. The Mudgee team displayed excellent maturity throughout the trial. They cross questioned the defence witnesses well. As the prosecution, Mudgee High was able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Jamie Douglas did commit assault and that the defence of self-defence was not applicable in this case. In a real court of law, Douglas would now be sentenced by the Magistrate. Unfortunately, Mudgee High School did not win the point score for this round of the competition. Mudgee High scored 233 points to Lithgow High's 237 points. Well done to the team for an excellent round.



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Mudgee Baptist Church Women's Fellowship

Dr Patricia Weerakoon presents two fascinating seminars

"Empowering Eve" Friday 1 June, 7.30pm

An interactive women's-only seminar exploring the female sexual response, and how it differs from the male response. Relevant to women in all stages of life, but most appropriate for women in a relationship.

"Beyond the Birds and the Bees" Saturday 2 June 2.30pm

For parents of children and teens of all ages, this interactive seminar discusses practical ways to teach children about healthy sexuality & looks at where children get information about sex.

Patricia is an honorary lecturer at Sydney University, an award winning academic, a well known sexologist and a noted writer and speaker. Her latest book is on teens and sex. She is a delightful presenter who puts audiences at ease and encourages questions and comments.

Venue: Mudgee Baptist Church , 70 Bruce Rd

Tickets: \$10. Please book ahead by calling Lydia on 63723592 or Lorraine on 63726983.

Community Notices

Expressions of interest are requested for intending debutantes and their partners, for the 18th Annual Mudgee Basketball Ball to be held on the 21 July, 2012 at the Parklands Resort.

Please phone or text Helen on 0427 220 776 before Friday 25 May. Thank you.