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Coming Events:

- May 28th - P & C Meeting 7:00pm
NB – new earlier starting time!

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to all who attended the Cancer Research fundraiser last Wednesday evening. Over \$3,000.00 was raised thanks to the efforts of Mrs Johnson and her team.

With the change in weather at the end of last week, many students were caught out without warm uniform. Please let me know if there are any issues with obtaining correct winter uniform, we don't want students to be cold but they need to wear correct uniform year round. A reminder to send students with a note of explanation anytime they are unable to be in full uniform.

From time to time parents wish to take their children out of school for a few days for significant family events. These may include holidays, weddings or visiting relatives. Please ensure there is a written request, where possible in advance, to the office. Longer absences, over 5 days, need the principal's endorsement and except in emergencies, this must be in advance.

Well done to our Mock Mediation team, Kelleigh Allport, Lucy Finter, Juliette McRae, Ben Reinhard, Matilda Russell and Brooke Sewell who completed their third round on Thursday. All the students demonstrated exceptional skills. Our teams at the Lithgow Festival of Speech also made us proud of their presentation and conduct. Of particular note was Kate Miller who won the public speaking. Also competing were Samara Carmondy, Lucy Cheetham, Tim Cheetham, Ashleigh Dellaway, Hannah Gricks, Annabell Hanthorn, Lucy Hawkins, Tayla McCarthy, Georgina Rosso, Veronica Rosso, Bryan Stapleton-Moller, Thomas Sutherland, Jacob Szloch, Russell Van Laeren, Vilja Werkmann and Georgia Williams.

The "Try a Trade" experience for students run by Mr Kempton gave students the opportunity to talk to a number of people in a variety of trades and find out about various occupations. The day was a great help for students in considering their future career paths.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Tennis Report

On Thursday May 10, the Mudgee High School girls and boys tennis teams travelled to Oberon to play in the second round of the Floris Conway and Stan Jones competitions.

The Mudgee High teams played against Oberon High School. The MHS girls teams consisted of Rachael Sharp, Emily O'Connor, Sarah Fergus & Kelsey Parrotta.

The girls played in singles and doubles matches, and the games were hard fought and entertaining. The MHS girls displayed skill and determination in their matches.

Despite the girls giving their best, the Oberon girls team was victorious on the day.

The boys team consisting of Nathan Sharp, Chris Tomasella, Brent Glawson-Connell and Ryan O'Connor enjoyed a win in their round of the competition.

The boys combined well in their double matches with lots of long rallies and excellent shots.

The singles matches also yielded a high standard of tennis.

In typical fashion, the Mudgee High School students all played in a friendly, competitive manner and were excellent ambassadors for Mudgee High School.

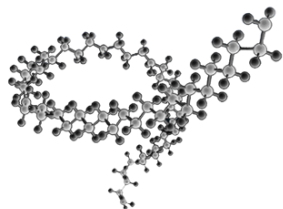
Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport for the students on the day.

Mr Kempton



FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The last few months have brought some exciting times for the Science Faculty. Our senior chemistry students have been playing with polymers, one of the more interesting aspects of carbon chemistry. Polymers are long chains of carbon atoms attached to each other, and depending what else is added we get chemicals such as Styrofoam and Nylon.



The senior physics and chemistry students visited ANSTO (Australia's nuclear facility) in Sydney and came back with glowing reports about their experiences. 85% of our nuclear medicines used in hospitals are made there. These are used in the detection and treatment of diseases such as cancer and heart disease. The Physics students will be visiting the Kickstart Physics presentation in Dubbo early next July and this will prove to be of great benefit as the HSC approaches.

Year 7 have been studying matter and what it is made of. They have been treated to some exciting practicals as have our Year 10 students who have finished up their Electricity topic. If you have a Year 10 student, ask them why their house is wired in parallel. Hopefully they will astound you with their knowledge. Year 9 students are developing their knowledge of the Earth Sciences. Very relevant considering the number of earthquakes and tsunamis that have affected so many people in recent years. They will certainly come to understand the forces that shape the planet. Year 8 have been learning about the insides of their bodies such as the digestive system, the skeletal system and other parts of their interesting bodies.



L to R, Peyton Ford, Talia McLennan, Azrun Paulson, Evangeline Endacott enjoying their Science experiment.

In Science Trivia this week did you know that:

- The star Alpha Herculis is so big that 25 of our entire solar system would have to be placed end to end to equal the star's diameter.
- The femur (thigh bone) is the largest and longest bone in the human body.
- A bucket full of water contains more atoms than there are bucketfuls of water in the Atlantic Ocean.
- An atom is over 99.9% empty space. As we are composed of atoms we are therefore mostly empty space.
- All 27 of Uranus moons are named after William Shakespeare and Alexander Pope characters.

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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.