

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
Term 2 – Week 3



# MHS Newsletter



A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- May 8 John Coutis  
CLC Leadership Day  
Year 11 & 12
- May 9/10 MHS  
Cross Country
- May 10 John Coutis  
Year 7 - 10
- May 11 Athletics  
Carnival
- May 15 – 17 Year  
7/9 NAPALN

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## Principal's Message

Congratulations to Tobias Stewart from Year 7 who is to receive a highly commended award for his Harmony Day Poster. This is a state wide competition and Tobias and his family have been invited to the NSW Parliament House to receive the award. Year 11 are also to be congratulated for the standard they set in undertaking their first senior school exams. Those exams finished for most students on Friday with visual arts students concluding today.

On Tuesday we will welcome some very important visitors to our school. The student leaders from many of the Cudgegong Learning Community will be attending a forum held at Mudgee High School. Their guest speaker John Coutis will also address all our students this week. I expect parents will hear some astonishing feedback about his presentation.

We will also welcome the Regional Director for Western NSW Mrs Carole McDiarmid. She will be here to speak at the student leadership forum and to meet with staff. I am always proud to show important visitors around Mudgee High School. Students are very welcoming and present our school in a positive light. With her will be the School Education Director for Warrumbungles, Michael Cronk. He tells me he loves to come to Mudgee because the whole community is so welcoming and it's such a beautiful place to stay.

At the end of this week we will all participate in the annual athletics carnival. A lot of work goes into organising such a major event and many thanks go to the PE staff and other teachers involved. We also receive fantastic support from Mudgee Little Athletics who allow us to use some of their equipment and assist as judges on the day. Many thanks go to those volunteers.

Last Friday a very successful community event was organised by Mr Giammarco. Our Year 12 students played OZ Tag against a team of local police. The game was played in great spirit and did a lot to establish positive relationships between students and our local area command. Such events epitomise the value and privilege of living in the Mudgee community. It shows the students how we all have a part to play in ensuring this community continues to be a great one to live in. The final score was 8 – 7 to the Police in extra time. We may need a re-match in coming years!

All parents of Years 7 and 9 students should have received their notes about NAPLAN. These assessments will take place on May 15 – 17.

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal

## CREATIVE ARTS UPDATE

The Creative Arts Department has been very busy lately. From the start of Term 2 we have started rehearsal for a school production of the play "A Touch of Silk". Students attend rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons and Sundays.

The Mudgee High School Community band has been working towards a community concert. They have been helped by the likes of International musicians Mark Walton and Brian Buggy.

The Art Department have just finished two exhibits which were located at Pieter van Gent winery and the Mudgee Youthfest celebrations. They are now preparing for the CLC Art Show which will be at Mudgee Public School on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Music Department are preparing for the Western NSW HSC study day which will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. It will feature students from across Western NSW as well as the top experts in Aural, Composition, Musicology and Performance.

The whole Creative Arts Department is also working towards the MAD Sampler concert which will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

This will feature the HSC student works in Drama and Music. The Art Department will also be having an exhibition of student works. This concert is open to all students and we encourage all students who would like to perform to contact Mr. Holleman in the Creative Arts Department.

## ANZAC Day 2012

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Mudgee High School conducted our ANZAC Day Commemorations. The school was addressed by Ben Reinhard, Joanna Endacott, Mary Sparkes, and Christopher Tomasella whilst Caleb Cotterill played the Last Post.

These students addressed the whole school with great confidence and are to be commended on their efforts. Ben gave the ANZAC Requiem, Joanna read The Ode, Mary gave her perspective on the meaning of ANZAC Day and Christopher explained the significance of various parts of the ceremony.



*School Captains laying a wreath*

The whole student body is to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves for this solemn occasion.



*School Captains L to R: Ben Cheetham, Monique Bremner, Tom Bambrick and Jessie Bantock at the ANZAC Day March*

This ceremony was followed by the town's ANZAC Day Commemoration. It was great to see 65 students and 15 staff march behind the school banner. This was a fine turn out and all students marched with pride in their school uniform. The School Captains and Vice Captains Tom Bambrick, Monique Bremner, Ben Cheetham and Jessie Bantock laid a wreath at the Robinson Park Cenotaph.

*MHS ANZAC Day Presenters with Mrs Manwaring and RSL Representative Mr John Pond. L to R: Mrs Manwaring, Mary Sparkes, Ben Reinhard, Mr John Pond, Joanna Endacott and Caleb Cotterill*



## Year 9 Dunn's Swamp Fieldwork

Fieldwork is an essential part of the study of Geography. It is a geographical tool that leads to a greater understanding of the key concepts covered in class. With this in mind we are organising a whole day fieldtrip to Dunn's Swamp for all of Year 9 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2012.

It is imperative that your son/daughter attend this field work as it is an integral part of a major assessment task and the data gathered on the field trip will provide the basis for further learning in the classroom.

The day after the field work students will spend 4 periods in class participating in follow up activities. These activities will allow them to collate data collected on the day and assist them greatly in the completion of their major assessment task for semester 2.

This will be an enjoyable day where students will engage in educational activities which are not possible in the confines of a classroom. More details on this fieldtrip will be sent home via excursion notes in the coming weeks.

Your support of this initiative is appreciated.

Mr R. Finter  
Head Teacher HSIE

## WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW Attention Years 7 & 8

Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make numeracy fun and relevant to our students, we have arranged for the **World of Maths Roadshow** to visit our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations.

More importantly, students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

For more information, to view a video of a session in action, and read testimonials from schools who have participated, visit their website [www.worldofmaths.com](http://www.worldofmaths.com)

**DATE:** 21/05/12

**COST:** \$6.00

Please fill in the permission slip given to your son/daughter and return to school with the correct money by 16/05/12. More permission slips are available from Mr Plummer in the Maths staffroom.

## Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival is on this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 about 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, after the carnival. Students who wish to enter these events are 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 call the school on 63721533 to give your name and contact details to the PDHPE faculty.

### SPONSOR

#### **COFFIN CREEK ANGUS STUD**

Wollar Road, Mudgee

**Telephone 63733838 or 0414669494**

*Proud Sponsor of Mudgee High School Steer Showing Team*

### Community Notices

#### **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**

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### **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.

#### **Chantel Woods**

Inbound Exchange Administrator

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| <p><b>OPEN DAY</b></p> <p><i>Everything Alpaca</i></p> <p>20th May, 10am - 4pm @ Mudgee Racecourse</p> <p>Events include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Farm set up for Alpacas</li><li>Shearing</li><li>Felting</li><li>Spinning</li><li>Weaving</li><li>Ultrasounds and Xrays</li><li>Sausage Sizzle</li></ul> | <h1>National Alpaca Week</h1> <p>12th - 20th May 2012</p> <p>Celebrating alpaca events across Australia</p>    <p>Visit an alpaca farm or event in your area and get up close and personal with alpacas!</p> <p><a href="http://www.alpaca.asn.au">www.alpaca.asn.au</a></p> |
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 **Transport for NSW**

# Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

**To provide practical advice about:**

- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

**The next workshop in your area will be held:**

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| <b>Time and date:</b><br>Monday May 28<br>5.45pm to 7.30pm | <b>Venue:</b><br>Club Mudgee | <b>Book now on:</b><br>Phone 0411 718 198<br>or email:<br>parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au |
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# MINUTES OF THE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 2012

**The next meeting is 7:00pm, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May.  
Please note the change in starting time.**

**Minutes of Meeting:**

26 March 2012

**Attendance:**

Wayne Eade, Steven Jones, Louise Manwaring, Jenny Szloch, Simon Jones, Ann-Marie Kurtz, Michael and Deidre Hewitt, Judy Hickey, Angela Fittler, Melanie Double, Jackie Wakeley, John Laidlaw, Susan Reinhard

**Apologies:**

**Meeting Opened:**

8.10pm

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Moved: Judy

Seconded: Ann-Marie

**Business Arising:**

Further to inquiries regarding the canteen, policy and menu information has been placed in school newsletter.

**Correspondence:**

Nil

**Treasurers Report:**

Presented by Ann-Marie Kurtz, prepared by Lisa Hauville. See attached.

- Term Deposit 1 rolled over until August 2012.
- Term Deposit LSL rolled over until August 2012.

Moved: Ann-Marie

Seconded: Simon

**Principals Report:**

Presented by Louise Manwaring.

- Vote of thanks to Simon Jones, Jenny Szloch, Judy Hickey and Lyn Halpin for serving three years on P&C committee.
- Congratulations to new Executive.
- Request for Newsletter items to update format
  - Winter uniform reminder
  - Student of the week – from that week's featured faculty
  - List recipients of Principals Awards
  - More photos from excursions and practical classes
  - SRC submissions
- P&C Funding 2012
  - School PA for emergency responses, student radio, and outdoor cinema. Possibly \$10,000-20,000. Louise to investigate cost and joint funding options.
  - Outdoor amphitheatre
  - Seating
- Request that P&C continue funding the school bus (approximately \$12,000) and school awards (approximately \$5,000)
  - Moved: Jenny
  - Seconded: Ann-Marie
- Explore possibility of Credit Union grants.

**President's Report:**

Nil

**General Business:**

- Agriculture outdoor classroom/COLA. Quote received for \$6,000. P&C to pay half, and MHS to pay balance.

Moved: Susan

Seconded: Angela.

John Laidlaw abstained from the vote.

- Discussion regarding meeting starting time. Commencing May, meetings to start at 7pm.

Moved: Steven

Seconded: Wayne

**Meeting Closed:**

8.50pm

**Next P&C Meeting:**

28 May 2012