

Monday 11th June 2012

Term 2 – Week 8



MHS Newsletter



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Community

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Principal's Message

Last week we were thrilled to welcome Mr Peter Grieve from Angus Australia to our assembly. He came to present the Noel Williams trophy for best Angus in the schools competition at the Royal Easter Show. The award reflects the hard work put in by the staff and students in presenting the steers for the show. It also reflects the outstanding genetics of the donated steers from Coffin Creek Angus Stud. We thank our sponsor Nigel White once again for his generosity in supporting our steer Showing Team.

Our science teachers enjoyed the opportunity last Wednesday of showing the students some real world astronomy with the much publicised Transit of Venus. They set up a viewing telescope so students could safely witness this rare phenomenon which is so closely linked to the journey to eastern Australia undertaken by Captain James Cook in 1770. As you would know the Endeavour and its passengers who were well respected scientists of their day, originally set out to measure the transit of Venus in 1769 from Tahiti. We hope as many students as possible enjoyed this event either here at school or through the online feeds from Siding Springs Observatory or NASA. It is important for students to connect their learning with the wider world – in this case the universe!

Year 11 student reports were issued last Friday. Parents are encouraged to make contact with relevant staff if they have any concerns with the reports or need further information. The quality of the work currently being submitted by year 11 students is very good. There is an attitude of determination to make the most of their opportunities among the students with few exceptions. It is a steep learning curve coming in to senior school for most students and preparation for exams in a wide range of subjects is one of the elements in that curve. Parents can encourage students to remember that achieving the marks they want and deserve at the HSC is done in increments. If each time they sit exams students show a 5% improvement out of 100, by the HSC they will have improved their marks e.g. – a student who scored 55 on this exam can expect to score around 70 by the HSC if they improve by 5% each exam; a student who scored 70 on this exam can expect to score around 85 with 5% improvement each exam.

We would like to remind all parents that our next school social to be held on Thursday 14 June is from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. This is our winter social so it starts and finishes earlier. The theme is "pirates" Students will not be admitted late unless accompanied by a parent. Please note the earlier finishing time so no one has to wait in the cold. All students must buy tickets on Thursday 14 during breaks except where a parent has made prior arrangements with a Deputy Principal. Students must also bring their I.D. cards with them to swipe in. Many thanks to the organising SRC and to the supervising teachers who give up their own time to support this event.

Last Tuesday saw the opening of the CLC art show. Congratulations to the many students whose work was exhibited. The event was once again a highlight of our creative arts calendar. We also hosted Mr Jim Williams and Mr Mark Ella from the Waratahs Rugby Union to launch a wonderful opportunity for our Year 11 and 12 indigenous students. Congratulations to the students who have been nominated for this mentoring program. Many thanks also to the large number of community members who attended to support the initiative. Over the coming years, we expect this program will provide worthwhile contacts and pathways for indigenous students through to their HSC and into further education and work.

From time to time, outside organisations e.g. sporting teams, scouts, dance schools etc. hold fundraisers. If your child wishes to participate in any fundraising at school he/she must first speak to the principal. Unfortunately, the Department does not permit chocolate or sweets fundraisers at school. Please ensure students do not bring fundraising chocolates to school.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Pertssuis (Whooping Cough)

There has been a recent case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) diagnosed within the school. Parents are encouraged to visit their doctor if you detect possible symptoms in your child. See the Heath Fact sheet attached for more information.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was held in Week 3 and was an excellent day. All students participated very well and all enjoyed competing for their house.

Cunningham house were the overall winners.

Listed below are the age champions.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
12	Macey Morley	Tyrell Sharp
13	Jade Cooksley	Lachlan Henry
14	Courtney Brackenrig	Jaydon Orth
15	Cody Nemec	Isaac Smith
16	Rebecca Bailey	James Ford
17	Lauren Hodgetts	Tyler Joyce

Well done to all these students.

Thank you to Jenny and Rachel Johnson and Sarah Wisbey for assisting on the day along with various staff members who put in an extra effort. It was much appreciated. Students wishing to nominate for Western Area Athletics must ensure they listen in roll call for announcements on meeting times. It will be expected that students attend all meetings held as this is our best method of communication. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Gallen or Miss O'Neill at the high school in the PDHPE staffroom.

Steering Mudgee High to Success

Mudgee High School's recent success in the Royal Easter Show steer competition was recognised by the Angus Society this week with the presentation of the Noel William's Shield. This shield is awarded annually to the highest placed Angus carcass in the very competitive School Steer competition. The winning steer was, in fact, equal to the best Angus steer carcass in any section of the show.

Presenting the shield was local identity and past president of Angus Australia, Peter Grieve. Mr Grieve spoke briefly of the history of this prestigious award. He also paid tribute to the sponsors of the award, Reiland Angus Stud of Gundagai. The shield is named in recognition of a founder of the RAS School Steer competition, which started from humble beginnings over 30 years ago to be presently one of the most competitive in Australia.

Introducing Mr Grieve to the assembled students was Mudgee High School Steer show coordinator, Mr Graham Wilson. In his introduction, Mr Wilson paid credit to the many students and staff who contributed to the preparation of the steers. He also recognised the outstanding generosity of Mr Nigel White who sponsored the show team and the solid genetic base provided by the Coffin Creek Angus Stud.



Mr Peter Grieve presenting the Noel William's Shield to Mrs Manwaring.

In accepting the award, Principal of Mudgee High School, Mrs Louise Manwaring said that several hundred students are currently studying Agriculture and the steer showing program is an important part of the school curriculum.



*Back Row – Mr Graham Wilson, Mr James Stephens & Mr Peter Grieve
Middle Row – Gabrielle Mittermayer, Lucy Cheetham, Rachel Cooksley,
Leonie Laphorn & Louise Blackwell
Front Row – Kirstie Bain, Kellie Burgess, Katelyn Kurtz & Madison Nemec*

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting: 28 May 2012

Meeting Opened: 7.00pm

Acceptance of Minutes: Moved: John
Seconded: Angela

Business Arising: Louise will follow up Faculty Student of the Week for newsletters.
Shed construction has commenced at the agriculture plot.

Correspondence: Royal Far West School donation request
ATO Tax info
P&C Association Work Health & Safety Act
P&C Association Annual Conference and executive contact details
P&C Journal – Spring 2011
P&C Journal Term 1 2012
P&C Journal Term 2 2012
Education & Communities Report to Western NSW
Term Deposit, and Term Deposit LSL statements to March 2012
Education & Communities School Global Funding

Motion: MHS P&C should donate \$150 to Royal Far West School.

Moved: Angela

Seconded:

Suzanne

Treasurers Report: Presented by Susan Reinhard, prepared by Lisa Hauville. See attached.

Moved: Susan

Seconded: Suzanne

Principals Report: Presented by Louise Manwaring.

- This week's assemblies will feature Reconciliation Week items.
- The CLC Art Show will open on Tuesday 5 June at MPS Hall at 6.30pm. Our Hospitality class will be catering.
- Information night by Australian Wallabies for mentoring of senior indigenous students on 5 June at 7.30 in the performance centre. Potential mentors welcome.
- The school office and canteen were vandalised on 27 May. Mostly broken glass and mess. Office staff and cleaners should be commended for their quick response and team approach.
- Club Mudgee will sponsor a senior student to undertake the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge.

Presented by Wayne Eade

- Good performance reports from students attending Lithgow Festival of Speech.
- HSC Music students from around the area met at MHS for workshops last week.
- MHS/Community Band performed at new St Matthews hall.
- Twenty staff joined the MHS "future" team, to consider how the school will manage growth and change.
- Staff and students raised funds for cancer research – over \$3000

President's Report: Nil

General Business: **Uniforms** - Kay Bailey and student models presented a new option for girl's shorts. A drafted pattern will be presented to local uniform shops to see if a supplier can be found. Thank you to Courtney and Kristy from Year 9 for modelling the shorts on such a cold night. Variation to girls shorts approved.

Street Crossings - MPS is canvassing the RTA for a new crossing between the public school and high school, and for the Perry Street north crossing to be manned.

Motion: That MHS P&C support Mudgee Public School's application for new crossings.

Moved: Susan

Seconded: Wayne

John will ask MPS P&C to provide us with a copy of their letter, so we can draft our own.

School Web Page - John suggested that a P&C page be added to the school website, showing meeting minutes, executive members, and details of how the P&C supports the school. Louise will action this.

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm

Next P&C Meeting: 25 June 2012

Mudgee High School P&C

28/5/2012

Enclosed are the following: -

MHS P&C Account and Canteen Account statements and bank reconciliations for March and April 2012.

MYOB account balances as at 30/4/2012:

P&C Account	\$ 1640.06
Canteen Account	\$16794.58
Term Deposit – No1@ 5.50% due 22/8/12	\$16043.63
Term Deposit- LSL @ 5.50% due 26/8/12	\$12285.10

Funds Committed

Bus	\$12000.00
P&C Awards	\$ 5000.00
<u>Agriculture outdoor classroom/COLA (1/2 of quote)</u>	<u>\$ 3000.00</u>
Total	\$20000.00

Lisa

SRC Social

When : Thursday 14th of June

Time : 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

Where: In the Gym.

Theme: "Pirates"

Music: BAZA-LITTLE-BITTY

Food : Year 12 fundraisers will be selling Pizza!

Cost: \$4 Tickets will be sold from F01 on the day at recess and lunch.

ID cards - need to be presented when buying tickets and on the night.



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Wollar Road, Mudgee

Telephone 63733838 or 0414669494

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Community Notices

(Please note that Paid Advertisements and Community Notices do not carry the school's endorsement)

 HOME FIRE SAFETY

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moving towards a FireWise community

Is Your Home Fire Safe?

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR INSIDE YOUR HOME

Have you given your family the best chance of surviving a house fire?

- Have at least 1 installed and operating smoke alarm on each level of your house
- Know 2 safe ways out of every room in your house
- Have a written escape plan in case of fire, and practice it regularly with all household occupants
- Ensure that keys to all locked windows and doors are accessible in case you need to escape

DID YOU KNOW
It only takes 3 minutes for a fire to take hold!



House fires can cause serious injury or death, and can destroy your most cherished possessions and home. The area of the house in which most fires occur is the kitchen, followed by the lounge and bedrooms

Simple home fire safety tips you should follow are

- Test smoke alarms regularly and change the battery at least once every 12 months.
- Have a licensed electrician check your wiring and install a safety switch.
- Don't overload power points and switch off household appliances when not in use.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never leave open fires unattended and always screen with a proper fireguard.
- Heaters should be kept at least 1 metre from curtains, furniture and other flammable items.
- Never place clothing over heaters.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

  

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Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Pertussis affects people of all ages, but can be very serious in babies. It can be prevented by immunisation at two, four and six months of age. Booster shots are needed for four-year-olds and teenagers, and adults living or working with small children.

Last updated: 30 January 2008

What is the pertussis?

Pertussis (or whooping cough) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.

What are the symptoms?

- Pertussis usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Sometimes people vomit after coughing.
- Pertussis can be very serious in small children. They might go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to the hospital.
- Older children and adults may have a less serious illness, with bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks regardless of treatment.

How is it spread?

Pertussis is spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, a person with pertussis can spread it to other people for up to three weeks after onset of cough.

The time between exposure and getting sick is usually seven to ten days, but can be up to three weeks.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get pertussis.
- People living in the same household as someone with pertussis are more likely to catch it.
- Immunisation greatly reduces your risk of infection, but reinfection can occur.

How is it prevented?

Immunise your child on time

- The vaccine does not give lifelong protection against pertussis, and protection is sometimes incomplete.
- Children need to be immunised at two, four and six months.
- Boosters are needed at four years of age and again at 15 years of age.
- Immunisation is available through general practitioners and some local councils.

Keep your baby away from people who cough

- Babies need two or three vaccinations before they are protected. For this reason, it is very important to keep people with coughing illnesses away from your baby so they don't pass on pertussis or other germs.

Get immunised if you are an adult in close contact with small children

A vaccine for adults is available. It is recommended:

- For both parents when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born
- For adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with pertussis:

- Watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your doctor, take this factsheet with you and mention your contact with pertussis.
- Some close contacts at high risk (e.g., children under one year, children not fully vaccinated, and women at the end of their pregnancy) and others who live or work with high-risk people may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection.

If you have pertussis:

- Get treated early while infectious, avoid other people and stay away from young children, e.g., at child care centres, pre-school and school.

How is it diagnosed?

If a doctor thinks someone has pertussis, a swab from the back of the nose, or a blood test may be done to help confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

A special antibiotic - usually either azithromycin, erythromycin or clarithromycin is used to treat pertussis. These antibiotics can prevent the spread of the germ to other people.

Coughing often continues for many weeks despite treatment.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Further information - Public Health Units in NSW

For more information please contact your doctor, local public health unit or community health centre - look under NSW Government at the front of the White Pages

Metropolitan Areas	Location	Number	Rural Areas	Location	Number
Northern Sydney/Central Coast	Hornsby	02 9477 9400	Greater Southern	Goulburn	02 4824 1837
	Gosford	02 4349 4845		Albury	02 6080 8900
South Eastern Sydney/Illawarra	Randwick	02 9382 8333	Greater Western	Broken Hill	08 8080 1499
	Wollongong	02 4221 6700		Dubbo	02 6841 5569
Sydney South West	Camperdown	02 9515 9420		Bathurst	02 6339 5601
Sydney West	Penrith	02 4734 2022	Hunter/New England	Newcastle	02 4924 6477
	Parramatta	02 9840 3603		Tamworth	02 6767 8630
Justice Health Service	Marrville	02 9311 2707	North Coast	Port Macquarie	02 6588 2750
				Lismore	02 6620 7500