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Term 2 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter



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- June 5 - CLC Artshow Opening @ Mudgee Public School 6:30pm

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Principal's Message

Our celebrations of Reconciliation Week highlighted for us all the diversity of our community. Indigenous students presented a slide show on assembly showing some of the activities they were involved in last week. A highlight for the students was the DJs workshop. Many thanks to Corey Lonsdale from the Aboriginal Lands Council and Nathan Weaver assisting who ran the workshop. It is wonderful for our students to have community members giving them opportunities to learn in new ways. During the assembly we considered ways we can ensure that reconciliation continues and the role of indigenous people in our Australian culture and society is recognised.

This week we hope many parents and students will take the time to visit the CLC Art Show. It is being held at Mudgee Public School hall. The opening night is on Tuesday 5 June at 6.30 pm. You will be amazed by the quality of the art on display from kindergarten to year 12 across the CLC. Also on display will be some selected musicians and the expertise of the Mudgee High School hospitality class who will provide refreshments for the opening night. The exhibition continues until Friday so there is plenty of time to see the works.

Also on Tuesday we will be welcoming some members of the Australian Rugby Union to our performance centre. Jim Williams and Mark Ella are coming to invite year 11 and 12 indigenous students to participate in a mentoring program. The students and their families have been invited but we would also like to invite any member of the community who is interested in finding out about the program and who may consider becoming a mentor. This is a fantastic opportunity to support indigenous students through to the HSC and beyond, sponsored and assisted by the Wallabies. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm just after the art show opening. This is a chance for the Mudgee community to get involved in making a difference to young peoples' futures. Come along and find out what it's all about.

We would like to thank Club Mudgee for their sponsorship of one Year 11 student to attempt the Kokoda Track as a Youth Leadership initiative. Judging by the quality of the applications we have received the future is in good hands. The selection process continues later this term when students on the short list will be interviewed by representatives of the RSL and Club Mudgee. We wish student well and want them to know how proud we are of the effort each student put into their application. To be short listed, students had to complete a written application, satisfy a panel at the high school of their suitability and understanding of the significance of Kokoda in Australia's history and undertake a fitness test by our PE staff. We wish the short listed students Taylor Sanders, Tavis McLennan and Braydon Palmer all the best in the next stage of the process.

Congratulations to our steer showing team who this week will receive an award from the Angus society. We will have more on this in the next newsletter. We would like once again to thank Nigel White of Coffin Creek Angus Stud for his ongoing sponsorship of our Steer Showing Program.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

LANGUAGES

Japan Trip – April 2012

At the end of Term 1, 28 students and 4 teachers finally left for twelve exciting days in Japan. After 3 years in the waiting, the adrenalin was overflowing and the anticipation was fever pitch! 26 hours of travel did its best to knock it down a notch but stepping off the bus at our ryokan accommodation in Tokyo certainly fixed that. The next 4 days were spent taking in the sights of Tokyo and becoming accustomed to a densely populated city. Some of the highlights were: Tokyo Disneyland, Tokyo Tower, The Imperial Palace, Harajuku, Shinjuku, Ginza and Ghibli Museum. All of our destinations involved a number of train trips and we certainly became very proficient at navigating our way through stations with thousands of other people. We also learned how to become comfortable with strangers on carriages that were packed like sardines in a can.

The following 3 days were spent in Kyoto where the weather wasn't always our friend! However, it didn't dampen our spirits and we enjoyed the vastly different culture



Sakura Matsuri – Ueno Park, Tokyo



Tokyo Disneyland

of the ancient capital. Kinkakuji (the Golden Temple), Ryoanji Temple and Kiyomizudera Temple were beautiful, especially as we timed it perfectly for the cherry blossoms. We also took short train rides to Himeji where we wandered the castle grounds, and Nara where we fed the freely roaming deer and explored Todaiji Temple, the largest wooden structure in the world. In Kyoto, we wandered through Gion hoping to see the famous Geisha and we took in a performance of traditional entertainment that included, Tea Ceremony, Ikebana, Bunraku (puppets), and Koto (stringed instruments). The Geisha dance was without a doubt the highlight of the show.

From Kyoto, we moved to Hiroshima for a night. The Peace Park, A-Dome, Children's Monument and Museum were amazing. Nothing can quite describe this humbling experience. The afternoon saw us travel by train and then ferry to Miyajima Island to see the big red Torii gate. Some of us hired bikes to take in more of the island while others enjoyed browsing through the traditional stores. Even in poor weather, this was a beautiful place, untouched by hurried modern society.

The final weekend saw us head to Osaka to meet up with our sister schools and host families. In spite of many nerves and extreme apprehension, "what happens if we don't understand each other?" – this was the highlight of the whole tour. Our students bonded immediately with their families and old friends hugged each other warmly and shed tears of pure delight. For the remainder of the weekend, we were treated to various experiences around Osaka, all new and inspiring. School was also a treat and a real eye opener! Each school hosted a full school assembly with everyone in attendance and we were made to feel like royalty. In some regards, we were somewhat of a novelty! Students attended lessons and after school club activities and were able to get a feel for the rigorous nature of Japanese schools.

You can't really describe an experience such as this. 32 people had the time of their lives and shared an opportunity that they will always remember. Our students were simply awesome! There were no dramas for the whole trip and their behaviour and attitudes were exemplary. They were exceptional ambassadors for Mudgee High and Australia, and we were incredibly proud to be their leaders. We would like to say thank you to all of our 'babies' for being such beautiful, funny, considerate and trustworthy people. They were so extraordinary that they were able to convince us that another trip in 2014 would be achievable. So keep your eyes and ears open for that opportunity!



Kinkakuji – Golden Temple

Japan Inbound Trip – July/August 2012

Thank you to the many families who have already returned a host package for this upcoming visit. Our sister schools return on the 24th July for 12 days of Aussie life. The students attend school and participate in various activities that are organised. Host students also have the opportunity to participate in some of these activities. This year there are 19 students and 3 teachers. We are currently looking for host families for this experience. If you are interested in being involved or would simply like some more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at school. This event is one of the highlights of the Mudgee High calendar and we are looking forward to catching up with our friends once again.

Japanese Culture

May 5th in Japan is a day celebrating children. It is called "Kodomo no Hi" or 'Children's Day'. It is one of the most popular national holidays. It actually started long ago as "Tango no Sekku" or 'Boy's Day', a holiday celebrating the male child. After World War II it was changed to celebrate the health and growth of all children, in hopes of uplifting the spirits of Japan. Many of the traditions and decorations related to Children's Day still reflect those of Boy's Day.

To bring good fortune to the boys in the home, 'Koinobori' (colourful carp streamers) are flown outside of houses to wish them luck for the future. Koinobori are believed to be strong, spirited fish that are known for their determination in fighting up streams and through powerful waterfalls. Families also display 'Kabuto' (samurai helmet) and samurai dolls representing Kintaro, Momotaro and others that symbolise courage.



Careers Capers

Moolarben Coal Careers Excursion

On Tuesday 1st May, interested Year 10 students visited Moolarben Coal Mine to discuss career opportunities in the minerals industry. After informative presentations by a range of personnel at the mine. The students were treated to a tour of the open cut site and work plant facilities. Overall, an 'eye opening' day.

"Try a Trade" Careers Day

"Try a Trade" was held in the Mudgee High School gymnasium on Tuesday 22nd May. Approximately 130 Years 9 – 11 students from Mudgee & Gulgong Highs and St Matthews participated in hands-on trades related activities. Students also had the opportunity to talk to local tradies and apprentices about their jobs.

Tertiary Information Day

On Wednesday 23rd May, interested Year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Day in Dubbo. There was an opportunity to speak with representatives from many tertiary training providers about courses, costs, scholarships, alternate entry and more. Students also toured the Charles Sturt University (Dubbo Campus) & listened to a presentation on goalsetting by Mr Ben Austin (Australian Swimming Para-olympian).

Defence Force Careers Presentation

On Friday 25th May interested Years 10, 11 and 12 students attended an entertaining talk by representatives from the Defence Force Recruiting team. Students learnt about the roles and responsibilities in vocations within the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Topics for discussion also included officer training, general entry and technical trades in the tri services.

Upcoming Career Events

- Year 12 Career Interviews (28/05/2012 - 29/06/2012). Students participate in a scheduled interview with the Careers Adviser to discuss post school options.
- CSU (Charles Sturt University) 'My Day' Events (Year's 11 and 12). Showcasing of the following CSU courses:
 - Dentistry, Physiotherapy & Pharmacy (Orange Campus) on Monday 4th June.
 - Policing and Psychology (Bathurst Campus) on Tuesday 19th June.
- Xstrata Coal Careers Presentation (Years 10, 11 and 12) on Tuesday 5th June. Representations discussing career opportunities in the mineral industry.
- Western Sydney Careers Expo (Homebush) Thursday 21st June – Sunday 24th June. Lots of tertiary training providers and employers offering further education and employment information.
- University of Newcastle Schools Visit Day Thursday 28th June. Year 12 excursion to UNCLE for lectures, tours and the opportunity to meet staff and students.
- Senior First Aid Certificate (Year 12) Monday 16th July to Wednesday 18th July. A useful credential as a lead into health and protective service careers and for everyday life.

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CLC Art Show Opening at Mudgee Public School Hall

6:30pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 5th June 2012

Come and see artworks by the
talented students of the CLC.

