

Monday July 23rd 2012

Term 3 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- July 23rd P&C Meeting 7:00pm Library
- July 24 – Award Presentation Yrs 7, 8, 9 & 10
- July 26 – Parent Teacher Info Evening Yrs 7, 11, 12 – 3.45 to 7pm
- July 31 – Yr 10 to 11 Subject Market Gym 4pm to 7pm
- Aug 2,3, 4 – School Play

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Principal's Message

Presentation: Tuesday 24 July: Years 7-10 will receive their reports and awards for Semester 1. Parents are most welcome to attend. Year 7 – 2.45 to 3.25pm; Year 8 - 11.10am to 12.10pm; Year 9 – 9.30 to 10.30am; Year 10 – 12.35 to 1.35pm.

Year 11 2013: Term 3 has started at a great pace. Last week we met with parents of students in Year 10 to discuss the subject selection process for their transition to Year 11 in 2013. Seems early but it is a process we do very carefully because of its significance to student's future goals. The next step is the subject market on July 31. All students and parents are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity to find out about courses for 2013 Year 11 and to talk to subject and careers teachers about future plans, student needs and how to make the most of the wide range of courses on offer.

P&C Awards: The P&C have initiated a new award to recognise students who make a positive contribution to the school community. One student from each Year will be recognised each week because they consistently show commitment to their studies, have a polite and respectful attitude to teachers and their fellow students and demonstrate they want to make the most of their opportunities both within and outside the classroom. The award carries with it recognition through a certificate presented on assembly and announced in the newsletter as well as a canteen voucher for a meal of their choice. This week's winners of the inaugural P&C Awards are: Isabella Tant, Georgia Guy, Isaac Smith, Maddie Harradine, and Jessica Degoumois. Congratulations to those students and many thanks to the P&C for this initiative.

Parent Teacher Meetings Years 7, 11, 12, Thursday 26 July 3.45 – 7.00pm: Parents of students in Years 7, 11, and 12 are encouraged to take this formal opportunity to find out more about their child's progress and to be part of the partnership with the teachers in their child's education. For Year 7 parents you will have the opportunity to reflect on first semester's progress and share ideas for ensuring your child meets his/her potential. For Years 11 and 12 parents this meeting is critical for identifying areas of strength and weakness which may impact on individual student's results in their final assessments and exams. Sharing strategies to ensure each student is able to make the most of the last term of course work, for year 11 in the transition to their HSC year is an important part of success. Students in Year 12 also need their parents to understand what will be needed in these last critical months even though many feel they can manage on their own – they need you.

Retirements: this week we will hold a function to acknowledge the contributions of two long serving staff members who have retired. Christine Smith has been the school Administrative Manager since 1992 and served our school for years before that appointment as an administrative officer. George Samanc made a significant contribution to the PE faculty, sport and first aid over many years. He also initiated our involvement in the Goodooga Indigenous games. We miss their hard work and talents but wish them both the best of health and enjoyment in their well earned retirements.

New Staff: This term we welcome Mrs Gina Kalaizis as our new School Administrative Manager. We also welcome Ellen Crewdson replacing Angela Rayner who welcomed the newest addition to her family this week and Erin Johnston who replaces Laurelle Stevens who has moved to Wagga Wagga with her family. We hope they all enjoy their new school and new homes in Mudgee.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

THE TOUCH OF SILK – School Performance

Mudgee High School's 2012 production, *The Touch of Silk* is coming along well. Students have been working hard to get their lines down and develop their characters. The story is about a young French girl who has married an Australian soldier and is living in western Victoria in the 1920's. As the play progresses, the stresses of drought and financial hardships take their toll. While there is still a lot of work to do, the production is coming together nicely and the students are becoming more enthusiastic daily.

The play will be held on 2nd, 3rd and 4th August at 7.30pm in the Performance Centre. A matinee will be held on Friday at 12.30pm. Tickets available from the school office from Wed July 25.

Adults - \$15

Students - \$8

Family ticket \$40 (2 adults + 2 children)

MATHEMATICS NEWS



HSC Holiday Workshops

Tom Brambrick, April Jewell & Nathan Chapman working on their Mathematics

During the July school holidays a number of students from Extension Mathematics attended workshops targeting designated areas of study in order to strengthen student skills.

Students were able to catch up on work from term 2 and also to practise exam skills for the upcoming trials and HSC exams.

HSC workshops Term 3

Students studying Mathematics courses will be offered a one hour work session every Monday afternoon during Term 3 from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm. The session has been created in order to strengthen their skills in the lead up to the HSC. It also provides students with assistance with more difficult work. It is hoped that students from all courses will take advantage of this extra time provided by the Mathematics staff.

Also, students who are struggling with homework or generally needing help with a particular problem are invited to come and get some assistance. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at lunch in B09, a Mathematics teacher will be available to help.

Future HSC Holiday Workshops

During the September/October school holidays workshops will again be run for each Mathematics course. Students are encouraged to keep an ear out for when these sessions will be run. This is a great opportunity to further strengthen skills in the build up to the final exam and again it is hoped that students from all courses will take advantage of the extra assistance provided.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Mudgee High School once again has a strong contingent of students entered for this prestigious competition. Held this year on Thursday August 2nd, this competition gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves with some higher order thinking and logic skills.

This year we have a number of students over three different levels who have accepted the challenge. Students are reminded to pick up an information sheet from Mr. Lynn in the Mathematics staffroom well before the day of the competition. This sheet gives detail regarding equipment needed for the day of the competition and some general ideas about the nature of the content. Any student who wishes to test themselves with a similar past competition paper should see Mr. Lynn beforehand.

The Mathematics department of Mudgee High School is proud of those who have accepted the challenge and wish them well.

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 results.

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 \$11.60

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.

Community Notices

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Aider Program – Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents

Aider is a once off **free** service supporting residents to live safely and confidently in areas where bush fires may start. The property must be bush fire prone, meaning an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack.

Aged residents and residents with disabling conditions who have limited domestic support from family, relatives, friends or other services are eligible to access Aider.

Aider services include: thinning vegetation, removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches, trimming branches from around and overhanging the home, mowing or slashing long grass, cleaning gutters.

The contact telephone number for Aider is 02 8741 4955

MUDGEE PCYC – Dare to be Aware Young Driver Program

Free Program for Young Drivers aged 16 to 25 at Mudgee Airport

On Saturday 22nd Sept or Sunday 23rd Sept 9am to 4pm – Lunch provided

Booking of limited places Mudgee PCYC 63721367 or mudgee@pcycnsw.org.au

HEALTHY KIDS ASSOCIATION



Our school cares about your child's health and nutrition! Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That's right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen and teachers. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen. Healthy Kids Association also provides a free parent e-newsletter with important nutrition information and great recipes that can help you stay on top of what is going on in the world of nutrition. To sign up, simply visit www.healthy-kids.com.au

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