

Monday July 30th 2012

Term 3 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgong Learning
Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- July 30 to Aug 3 – Education Week
- July 31 – Yr 10 to 11 Subject Market Gym 4pm to 7pm
- Aug 2,3, 4 – School Play 'The Touch of Silk'
- Aug 8 to 10 - Goodooga Games
- Aug 9 to 17 – Y12 Trial Exams
- Aug 11 to 17 – Ski Trip
- Aug 27 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library

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Principal's Message

Education Week

Welcome to Education Week. Today we had a fantastic launch of this week's celebrations of the achievements of students in Western NSW Public Schools at Parklands. Special guests were treated to some wonderful musical and dance performances. They also heard from a high profile ex-student Lara Brett. The celebration was of all students in our region but particularly students in the Cudgong Learning Community and there is much to celebrate. Well done also to Monique Bremner who was one of three Masters of Ceremonies for the event and to our SRC who acted as ushers for the guests.

Congratulations to Henry van Laeren and Macy Morley who received Education Week Awards from the Relieving Regional Director Mr Michael Cronk. Many thanks also to Mr Holleman, and Mr McNamara who supported the organisers with their event expertise and to Mrs Burke who helped prepare students for the dance. I hope many of you were able to be part of the public performance of the dance in Mudjee at 12.30 today.

Junior Presentations

Last week's junior presentation ceremonies highlighted just how much we have to celebrate here at Mudjee High School. Having read the reports of the students the senior executive Mr Jones, Mr Eade and I were very impressed with the quality of the work of students throughout semester 1. Keep up the good work and there will be even more to gain. Thank you also to the special guests from the P&C who assisted with the presentation, to Mr Wilson for his organisation and the Year Advisors who make such a difference to all students in their year.

Year 10 Subject Market

This week we are holding the Year 10 subject market on Tuesday 31 August from 4 – 7 pm. Parents and students are urged to make the time to attend. Even if students already know what subjects they want to take they need to find out what their choices involve in commitment, costs and other requirements. For students who are not yet certain of all their choices this is the best time to explore the options and get some really sound advice.

Our annual 12 day visit by students from Japan commenced last Tuesday. Well done to Mrs Date and Miss Hutchins and the other staff who make this great cultural exchange happen every year.

In these first few weeks of Term 3 we have welcomed principals and teachers from England and Japan, and students from Spain, Japan, Turkey, Sweden and Mongolia. Mudjee High School is really connected with the world!

P&C Awards

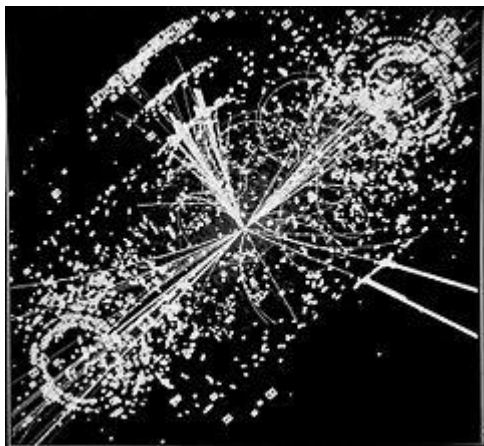
The P&C Awards for Week 2 were received by Ethan Spice – Year 7; Daniel Lowe – Year 8; Gabby Artery – Year 9; Caelan Wake – Year 10; James Eade – Year 11 and Joseph Leotta – Year 12. Congratulations for being hard working, caring and respectful students who help Mudjee High School be a positive place to learn

Louise Manwaring
Principal

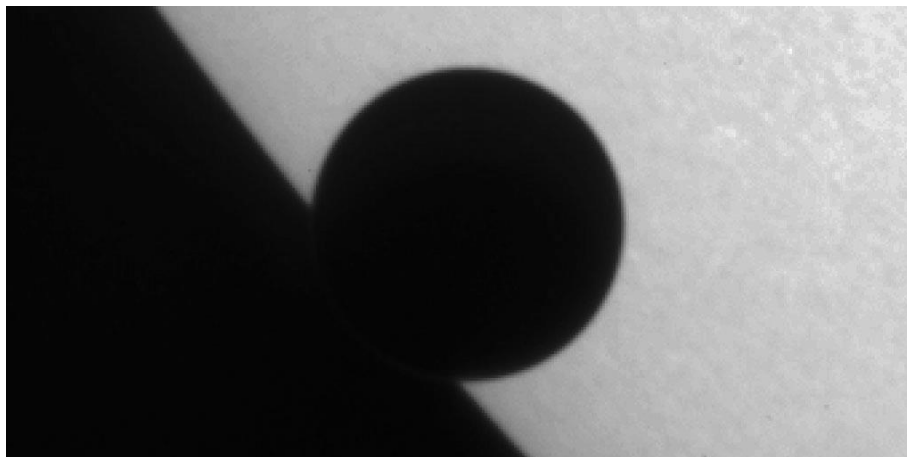
SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

In recent months the Science World has been dominated by the transit of Venus and discoveries to do with the Higgs boson particle. This is a sub atomic particle that has been searched for by scientists for fifty years, and provides scientists with more information about the nature of the universe.

Between the breaks in the clouds hundreds of Mudgee students managed to see the transit of Venus using the school telescope. This was the same event that sent the then Lieutenant Cook around the world prior to his visit to Australia.



The transit of Venus



The possible signature track of the Higgs boson

Meanwhile back at school our students in Year 7 are studying the nature of the universe in their space topic and Year 10, the nature of particles in their Chemistry Unit.

Year 9 is studying the exciting world of microbes, a world that is so important to us, but one we rarely think about. Yet it is from this world we get most of our diseases and many of our medicines such as penicillin. Through the action of microbes we make yogurt and alcoholic beverages. The behaviour of microbes was studied by famous people such as Louis Pasteur, who lends his name to the process of pasteurisation.

Year 8 is studying heat and temperature. As we deal with our cold winter nights and look forward to the warmth of the summer sun it is a topic that students certainly find interesting.

Our Science Trivia for this newsletter :

DID YOU KNOW?

...The world record for passing gas was set on Japanese television, 3,000 times in a row.

... that a cricket's ears are on its knees? That a fly has tastebuds on its feet.

....If all major forms of cardiovascular disease were eliminated, human life expectancy would increase by 9.78 years.

THE TOUCH OF SILK – School Performance

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 . Be quick they are selling fast.

Adults - \$15

Students - \$8

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

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

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The new Resource Allocation Model (RAM)

Fact sheet 2

Local Schools, Local Decisions is an education reform that puts students at the centre of all our decisions. We have developed a new resource allocation model (RAM) to allocate funding for public schools in the most equitable way.

This diagram summarises the three components that make up the RAM and the elements within each of these components.

