

Monday 27th August 2012

Term 3 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Aug 27 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Aug 28 – CLC Concert, Parklands
- Aug 30 - Parent/Teacher Evening Y8,9 & 10
- Sept 6-14: Y11 Exams
- Sept 19 – T3 Gold & Silver Awards
- Sept 19 – Y12 Farewell Social
- Sept 20 – Y12 Rainbow Day
- Sept 21 – Y12 Presentation Day
- Sept 21 – Last Day Term 3

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to the talented students who have been selected to be a part of the State Wind Band. *Senior State Wind Band:* Lucy Cheetham, Ben Cheetham, Hamish McLennan & Tavis McLennan *Junior State Wind Band:* Talia McLennan

These ensembles – Senior State Wind Band and the Junior State Wind Band are formed by the selection of top musicians from across the state. There are 50 students from 38 schools in the State Junior Wind Band. There are 63 students from 40 High Schools in the State Senior Wind Band. The students will perform at the Opera House this week.

This week the CLC Gala concert will take place on Tuesday at 12 noon and 7 pm. Tickets are available at the door \$5 for the matinee and \$10 adults for the evening performance with \$5 for students and pensioners. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see so much talent from our region. Unfortunately Mudgee HS Band will not be performing due to the large number of students from our band who will be at the Opera House with the State Wind bands but who could complain about that.

We are looking forward to meeting with parents of students in Years 8, 9 and 10 at Parent Teacher Night on Thursday from 4 – 7 pm. If you haven't made your bookings it's not too late. This is the last formal opportunity to chat to teachers about what your child needs to do to meet their potential in all their subjects this year.

Last week saw the finalisation of major works for HSC Industrial Technology Wood and Media. The standard was once again exceptional. Well done to those students. In recent weeks we have had final works from Textiles students and tomorrow the Drama students have their performances marked. In coming weeks music students will also perform for their HSC marks and Visual Arts students' major works will be marked. Best wishes to all the hard working Year 12 students who have achieved this important first component of their HSC results.

Year 12 students are reminded that applications for Principal's Gold Awards are due on Wednesday 29th August. Information on a new scholarship 'The Bridge to the Future' is included with this newsletter.

Congratulations to our Recent Winners of the P&C Awards

Week 5: Year 7 – James Chamberlain; Year 8 – Shawnlee Featherbe; Year 9 – Heathcliffe Auchinachie; Year 10 – Theresa McColl; Year 11 – Sebastian Riley; Year 12 – Jesse Plant Kennedy

Week 6: Year 7 – Kaitlin Smith; Year 8 – Aaron Farrugia; Year 9 – Annalee Angel; Year 10 – Ben Lawry; Year 11 – Jayden Muir; Year 12 – Ryan Simone

An Email Received from a Parent

Last week a group of MHS Year 10 students, 7 in total, braved the terrible weather on Saturday and walked the 36km from the Honey Haven in Mudgee out to Windeyer to raise funds for the 40 Hour Famine. It was an amazing effort as it was freezing and drizzling rain the whole time and though there were many blisters and 7 extremely worn out kids, they made such a heroic effort, which they then topped off with a 12 hour famine. Much money was raised but it's still coming in so unsure of how much to date. There is a website that has been set up for anyone who may like to donate to their cause that would also be great, it is www.gofundme.com/smlag Congratulations to those fantastic and dedicated students please think about donating to the cause via the website.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Press Release: Two Local Principals Honoured

Today Gregory Prior Deputy Director-General, Schools Department of Education and Communities announced the recipients of the *2012–2013 Leadership Fellowships*. Two of our local principals Mrs Louise Manwaring principal of Mudgee High School and Mr Alan Kerr principal of Kandos Public School were selected as State recipients.

These prestigious fellowships provide a unique opportunity for principals to undertake research in key areas of leadership in Australia or overseas and to make a significant contribution to their continuous, life-long learning.

The principals will research leading professional learning communities and teams and virtual faculties as a leadership model in Western NSW. Findings from the fellowships will be published on the Department's website.

This opportunity will enhance the knowledge of best practice is professional learning for schools and communities of teachers. The research fellowships include a \$10,000 grant to fund the research and time to travel within Australia and overseas to conduct the research.

Only four State Fellowships are granted each year and to have two granted in our own community to our public school principals reflects the outstanding quality of the education provided within the Mid-Western area.

Recently published research shows that where teachers learn from each other and engage in learning communities the quality of their teaching is enhanced and students outcomes are improved. In our schools where achievement for all students is high this opportunity will ensure our public schools are lighting the way for 12th century learning for years to come.

MARINE STUDIES

Marine studies students have already had a busy time this year, with Eva Pibrovec and Jayme Muscat visiting the Philippines with Mr Willetts and other past students. In November, the class will be travelling to Nelson Bay for five days of studying the marine environment and to complete Open Water (learn to dive) and advanced diving courses.

We will be investigating the temperate marine environment and it's confluence with the tropical currents of the East Australian Current. Halifax Marine Park in Nelson Bay is rated in the top 10 shore dive sites in Australia!

Students will have the opportunity to experience the astonishing volume and variety of marine life that rivals anywhere in Australia. In fact 85% of the marine life in temperate Australia is unique and is found nowhere else on earth! We will investigate how to identify and categorise these marine life species.

Marine Studies Students Visit the Philippines



L-R Tom Reid, Tyler Lawson, Danielle Everest, Grant Willetts, Nigel Everest, Jamie Pinnock, Jayme Muscat, Eva Pibrovec and Bridget Harvey at El Galleon Resort, Puerto Galera.

In July, past and current marine studies students, family and friends embarked on an 18 day adventure to the Philippines, travelling first to Puerto Galera in Oriental Mindoro province and then flying to Malapascua Island on the tip of Cebu province. Escaping the winter chills of Mudgee, we enjoyed daily temperatures above 30°C, balmy nights and diving in water between 29-32°C with visibility up to 40m!

The Philippines is the apex of the Coral Triangle which stretches to Malaysia in the west and Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands in the east. It is the most biologically diverse area of the world and is far superior and diverse than our Great Barrier Reef. It contains three quarters of the world's known coral species, a third of the world's coral reefs, more than 3,000 species of fish and the world's richest mangrove forests. The trip provided an excellent complement to the Coral Reef Ecology unit of work.

Both destinations are famed for their rare and unique macro life, such as the frog fish (angler fish) opposite, the spiny leaf fish (there are two in the picture) and the 5-8mm Denise's pygmy seahorse discovered about 3 years ago.



In the past decade or so, Malapascua Island has become world famous as the only place where you can be guaranteed to see the thresher shark (9 in every 10 dives) on Monad Shoal. A beautiful, sleek and extremely shy shark, characterised by the long scythe shaped tail which contributes to half of their 6m length! They can only be seen at dawn when they come up from the dark depths of over 200m to the top of the shoal in 20 – 30m of water to be cleaned. Despite the 4:30am wake-up, the spectacular sunrises and the diving experience which included manta rays, was well worth the daily effort.



One of the many beautiful thresher sharks that we encountered, often coming to within a metre of us!

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 students in FT06 are currently studying the development of new food products. Utilising design skills and the steps used by manufacturers to develop a new product, students will be developing their own new food product.

The class have been given a realistic Design Situation and Brief for a well-known food manufacturer seeking to further their product range and to improve profitability.

Each student is to conduct their own market research, develop ideas and finally produce a product prototype to be tested on the target market. This evaluation by the target market will enable students to then modify the prototype to produce an improved version.

Students will be drawing upon their skills in food preparation, knowledge of the target market and product category and importantly, an understanding of food properties and how different food components behave in certain conditions. These skills and knowledge drawn from previous experiences will be crucial to the success of the prototype.

As teachers, we really enjoy this assessment too, because it provides an opportunity to see students apply years of experience into a creative and realistic food technology situation. Each year, students create a range of products that are very unique and could be quite successful if mass produced. We eagerly await the results of this years' creative minds!

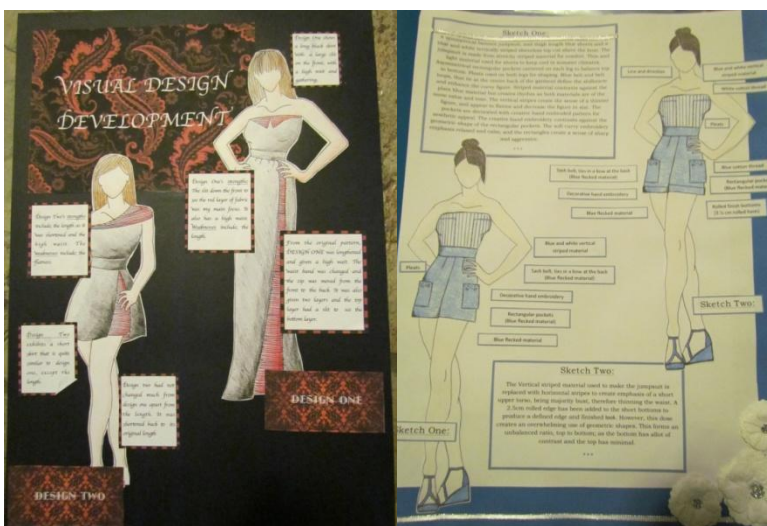
The Inner Quad Café

The IQ Café for seniors has been a huge success. The Hospitality students run the café at recess on chosen Fridays and this has given the Year 12 Hospitality students the opportunity to enhance their skills in customer service, coffee making, and point of sale handling procedures. Many seniors have taken the opportunity to have a chat while having a beverage and cake at the café in the courtyard outside the Hospitality Trade Training Centre. The students running the café have been doing an amazing job in keeping up with the demand. This batch of Year 12 will be running the café for the next couple of weeks before handing the duties over to next year's Year 12 Hospitality students in Term 4.

TX02 Felting Excursion to 'Spun Out'

On 21st August Mrs Bailey's TX02 class went to the 'spun out' workshop. When we arrived we were welcomed by Pat and her two dogs Suzie and Gemma. We were given our wool and started by dyeing our angora wool after we had cleaned it with soapy water. We measured food colouring into a plastic cup and then filled the cup with vinegar water. Once dyed we wrapped it in cling wrap, put it in the microwave for one minute, then laid it in the sun to dry.

After we had recess we cleaned and dyed silk using landscape dyes. We put dye powder in a plastic cup and filled it with warm water and vinegar. After we dyed it we wrapped it in cling wrap and microwaved it then after lunch it was time to do some felting and be creative. They got to make a 3D flower with a stem on it with any colour wool they wanted. The girls finished the flowers and after they packed up it was time to leave. It was a great day for everyone and it was enjoyable.
Kelly, Aimee, Cindy, Sophia & Ashley



The Year 11 Textiles and Design class has over the past term been working on their projects that require them to modify a commercial pattern for either pants or a skirt and make their new design. The students also had to document the processes they used to design and make their project. This resulted in 20 very unique projects that reflected the dedication and passion of the students. The overall quality of the products and folios was excellent.

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD

Yr 11 Exploring Early Childhood class are planning to conduct a play session with 10 toddlers at the school on Friday. The class are currently studying Growth and Development and the session will allow the students to observe the children and the milestones they have reached. The class are very appreciative of the effort the parents are putting in to bring their toddlers to the session.

The Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood class is studying the importance of Children's Literature to young children. They will be attending some sessions of 'Bookworms' over the coming weeks to witness the activities in the local area designed for parents to introduce and develop a love of books in children.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

- **The National Art School (Sydney)** offers Fine Arts degrees. Open Day is Saturday September 1. Details at www.nas.edu.au
- **Bluescope Steel** offers cadetships (where you earn while you learn) in Engineering eg: chemical, electrical and more. Applications close August 31. Details available.
- **SCU (Southern Cross University) Lismore** early entry online registration must occur by Thursday August 23
- **Apprenticeship** is available locally for 2013. See skillset.com or DEC email for details
- **An Environmental Science Scholarship** is available value \$6,000. Involves workshops in holidays. Closing date for application is September 30. Details at www.bayerboost.com.au
- **Essential Energy has Lineworking Apprenticeships** available for 2013. For details and to apply see www.essentialenergy.com.au/apprenticeships. Closing date for application is September 2.
- **A representative from the private provider 'Think Education'** (in Sydney) which offers courses in eg business, design, hospitality and more, will speak to interested students on Friday 31st August 2012 at lunchtime in the Careers Room. Topics will include courses, costs, scholarships etc. Bring your lunch.
- **The deadline for return of University Early Entry Applications** (to Mr Kempton) is Friday 31st August.

Community Notices

GEMKHANA 2012 – See the magic of Gemstone and Minerals

At the Annual Gem and Mineral Show and Competition – Mudgee Showground 29th, 30th Sept & 1st Oct

Admission – Families \$8, Adult \$3, Children \$1

Enquiries contact Una 02 4759 2440, Arthur 02 4572 5812 or Marilyn 02 9635 8218

Parenting Seminar for Women

Cudgong CWCI Committee invites women to 'Parenting from Birth to Teens' Seminar on Saturday 15th September, 9.45am at One Life Family Church, 17 Lewis Street, Mudgee. Cost of \$18 includes lunch. Free creche for preschoolers. RSVP – 7th September to Ruth Wilson 6372 3893 or 0428 723 893

Mudgee District Junior Cricket

Would like to invite you to come and trial for our representative teams in the

Under 12's, 14's and 16's for the 2012-2013 season

Under 12's are on Friday 7th and 21st September at the Mudgee Public school nets at 4pm and 14th Sept at Victoria Park at 4pm.

Contact Peter Sibley 0427549648 or email lisa.sibley@bigpond.com

Under 14's on Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th Sept at 4pm Victoria park, contact Greg Parker 0419697808

Under 16's on wed 5th, 12th and 19th Sept at 4pm at Victoria park. Contact Terry Ford 0468998374 or email

fords61@bigpond.com.au

Registration days are sat 8th Sept at Glenn Willow 9am-12noon. Friday 14th Sept 4pm Victoria park and Friday 21st Sept at Victoria Park at 4pm. Cost is \$80 per child. Season starts weekend of 13th Oct

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE

Choose from over 100 programs over 20 countries around the world to live and study for a summer, semester or year.

Applications are closing at the end of August for programs departing in Jan-Feb 2013.

WEP is also offering Early Bird Specials for programs departing in July-Sept 2013.

Find out more – visit www.wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733

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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Bridge to the Future Student Scholarship

Students in years 10-12 are invited to apply for a scholarship to support their transition from school to future education or work. Applicants must be students of Mudgee High School who will complete Year 10 as a minimum at the end of the year the scholarship is granted. A written application must be submitted to the principal by September 3. Applicants will then be short listed for interview. The successful applicant will receive a scholarship of \$1000 which may be used to support them in pursuing their future goals in education or employment.

- The criteria for the application must each be addressed in the written application and will then be further explored at interview.
- Applications should be a maximum of two typed A4 pages and respond to each of the criteria in no more than half a page each.
- A copy of the applicant's most recent school report should be included.
- Additional documents in support of the application may also be included. Some examples are: referees letters, copies of certificates from school or community achievements, copies of qualifications which demonstrate commitment to self-improvement or your goals.

A criterion for the scholarship is disadvantage or hardship which may prevent you achieving your goals for your future.

Criteria:

1. Outline the personal goals and the career or academic aspirations you have for the next two years.
2. In what ways have you suffered either disadvantage or hardship which may impact on you achieving your goals?
3. What steps have you taken to assist yourself to achieve your personal goals up to this time?
4. How would the scholarship support your future goals?
5. Anything else you wish to add in support of your application.