

Monday 17th September 2012

Term 3 – Week 10



MHS Newsletter



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Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Sept 19 – T3 Gold & Silver Awards – Change of date for this event to Wed October 17
- 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

This week we say farewell from school attendance to our Year 12 group of 2012. I currently have the pleasure of reading every one of their final school reports. Such a task fills any teacher with pride. To think that you have had even a very small part in the development of such a wonderful group of young Australian citizens is why teachers come to work every day.

Glancing at the reports I see teachers using words such as – mature, dedicated, team leader, problem solver, determined and responsible. Our Year 12 of 2012 is indeed a fine group. The school is proud of them as should be the community that nurtured them.

The last week for Year 12 is always a busy and exciting time. Teachers are using those last few minutes like the coach in the dressing room before the grand final. The student themselves are finding it hard to concentrate as their minds turn to Staff vs Student Soccer, Year 12 Farewell Social, Rainbow Day and Final Day Presentation Ceremony.

Rainbow Day is a well established Mudgee High tradition. The students are well aware of the esteem which the rest of the community holds this annual event. They understand the enormous responsibility that falls on them. Not try to outdo other groups in terms of a fund raising, but rather to act in a mature and responsible manner and to look after each other. This applies whether at school or in the general community.

Parents are asked to monitor their children's movements closely over this time. An impulsive act can lead to tragic consequences.

I am sure that the very generous Mudgee community will once again support the efforts of our Year 12 students. Their charity this year is the very worthy Mudgee Resue Squad.

Learner Drivers

On Tuesday of this week (Sept 18) the Roads and Maritime Authority (formerly the RTA) will be conducting an important information session for parents of learner drivers.

The briefing will be held in our school library from 7pm – 8.30pm. All parents of teenage potential drivers are urged to attend. *(See information on the back page)*

Term Closes

As Term 3 draws to an end this week can I thank the wider Mudgee community for your constant support of the many initiatives that we put in place to enhance the learning of our students.

In particular can I thank the hardworking and dedicated staff at the high school who work in our offices and classrooms. It is their work that provides our students with a world class educational experience.

Term 4 commences for all students on Monday October 8. At that time Year 11 become Year 12 and the march to the HSC of 2013 begins anew.

Please enjoy a happy and safe Spring break.

Steve Jones
Relieving Principal

P & C Awards Week 9

Year 7 – Andrea Holden; Year 8 – Brenton Chapman; Year 9 – Trent McDonnell;
Year 10 – Richard Impey; Year 11 – Travis Cockerill-Wright; Year 12 – Codey Metcraft.

NAPLAN RESULTS 2012

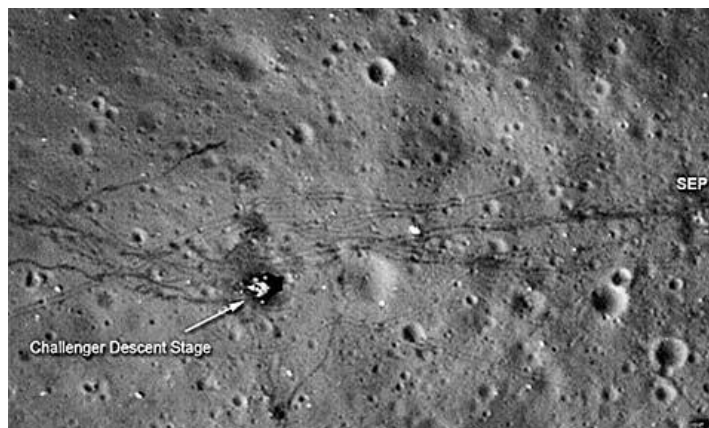
Parents and caregivers are advised that Mudgee High will be issuing report envelopes to students at school between Monday 17th and Friday 21st September 2012.

If there are any concerns or issues, please contact Mrs Best at the school.

SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS



Science in the last few months has been dominated by the amazing Curiosity Mars Mission which has provided us with incredible pictures and information about Mars. Many people think Mars is our closest neighbour, but in fact that is not true as it is actually Venus. Venus is our sister planet being close to the same size as Earth. However unlike Earth, Venus has no water. It is the hottest planet in the solar system, due to a runaway greenhouse effect.



Curiosity Mission on Mars

Also significant is the passing of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on a body other than the Earth. It is interesting to note that last year one of the satellites circling the moon has detected the tracks left by the lunar rover. As there is no weather on the moon, the tracks will last for some time.

The other important discovery is that of genetic switches in the human DNA code. This discovery will allow scientists to understand more of how genes are switched on and off. This has great potential in understanding how to deal with genetically linked diseases.

On School Science, Year 7 have their Endangered Animals assignment, which allows the students to study in depth the reasons why a species of animal have been recognised as endangered. As Australia has a very high rate of mammal extinction this assignment is very pertinent.

Early next term Year 10 will be sitting their yearly exam. This means it is time to make sure that some effective study is done. Good study habits developed now will make the transition to year 11 easier.

The Science Trivia item for this newsletter is:

Did you know Mosquitoes like the scent of oestrogen, a female sex hormone. This means that women get bitten by mosquitoes more than men do.

FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING - LAST ONE FOR 2012

Scholarships Available to Mudgee High School Students

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Mudgee High School students and their families to attend our next LIVE Online information session being held on Thursday 18th October. The session starts at 6:30pm (AEST) and will be the last LIVE Online session held in 2012.

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. Further details are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded in either [Word](#) format, as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF](#) format. We would be most grateful if you would place this notice in your school newsletter, on a notice board or website, or mention it in an assembly.

Scholarships and Early Bird Discount – Deadline 31st October 2012

Each year we also offer 12 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 each.
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Creative Arts Scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$3,500 each.

The deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between April - September 2013 is Wednesday 31st October, 2012.

"I'm having a great time, school is going really well and I like my host family. I will be going to Turkey soon with my class :) and I also have my birthday next week. My family have arranged a small dinner outing and a party for my friends which will be cool :). It's sad to realise I have only 3 month left. " **Grace Casey, New South Wales, Denmark (2011 Indigenous Scholarship Winner)** *continued overpage*

"Throughout my trip I made many amazing friendships and bonds that ill keep for life. My exchange was definitely the most tough, fun and exciting thing I have ever done and it has given me so much more confidence and hunger for life and travel." **Georgia Bryers, New Zealand, Canada (2010 Indigenous Scholarship Winner)**. Click [here](#) to watch a video of Georgia talking about here exchange in Canada or click [here](#) to read her essay.

More information on our scholarships and early bird discounts are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded in either [Word](#) format, as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF](#) format. Alternatively, please visit our [website](#).

Community Announcements



Mudgee Indoor Swimming Club is now taking registrations for the 2012/2013 swimming season. Swimming Club is an ideal way to prepare for school swimming carnivals. At Mudgee Indoor Club nights are held every 2nd Tuesday night and include handicap events periodically which are fun for all ages and abilities. During the 2012/2013 season club members will also have the opportunity to compete at various interclub meets throughout the western region. **Mudgee Indoor Swmming Club Registration**- Wednesday 19th September 4pm – 6pm at the pool 87 Short st, Mudgee. Cost is \$65 per child for the season. Phone 63722138 for more information.

Mudgee Softball Association Registration Days

This year all rego days will be held at Westend Softball fields Crn Lang and Menchin Sts Mudgee on Saturday day time and Wednesday evenings for the following dates: Wed 19th Sept- 6pm - 7pm. Final Rego day Saturday 22nd Sept - 9am - 2pm. Divisions for all ages turning of age before December 2012: Benny Ball 4 - 6 years; T-Ball 7 - 10 years; Junior B grade 9 - 11 years (Modified Softball) Junior A Grade 12 - 14 years; Youth 14 - 18 years; Opens 16+ All inquiries mudgeesoftball@gmail.com or ph 63740288

MUDGEE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Do you want to join a club with a great family atmsphere?

The 2112-2013 season is offering the opportunity to compete in weekly club nights, regional carnivals, development sqads and learn to swim classes.

Come along to Mudgee Pool Clubhouse to register your children on Wednesday 19th September 4-6pm.

ANGLICARE

Anglicare are offering a No Interest Loan for people who cannot access mainstream credit, eligibility criteria exists.

Small loans of up to \$1200 are available for new household items, such as white goods and furniture.

Loans will also be approved for essential services such as dental care and optical care.

There are NO charges. NO setup fees. NO interest on loans.

You only repay what you've borrowed.

Repayments are tailored to suit individual circumstances.

For more information about the No Interst Loans Scheme please call Anglicare on 1800 644 556

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request a selection of international student profiles to check out, , and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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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Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Parents of Learner Drivers

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services and Mudgee High School has set up a FREE one & a half hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

The session will be conducted by David Riches on Tuesday September 18 in the Mudgee High School Library from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. (entry via Horatio St)

Please phone the school office on 6372 1533 or email mudgee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au to indicate your interest in attending.



Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

To provide practical advice about:

- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

Time and date: Tuesday September 18 7.00 pm to 8.30pm	Venue: Mudgee High School Library	Book now on: Phone School Office: 6372 1533
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