

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

Term 3 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community*

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OF EVENTS**

## **Coming Events:**

- 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 – Captains Elections 2013**

Captains: Rebecca Bailey & Harry Ottley; Vice Captains: Lauren Hodgetts & Connor Jones

### **New girls uniform shorts**

New girls' shorts designs have been given to the uniform shops. They all agreed to try and source a manufacturer for the summer supplies. These designs were developed by Mrs Bailey through consultation with a number of students. The initiative was originally through one of our parents Mrs Colley, who felt the shorts available did not provide for the full range of students. Mrs Bailey then put together a pattern and it went from there. Please start asking the uniform shops for the new shorts. That will encourage them to feel the purchase is going to be viable and not cause them losses. These new designs are similar to the CCC shorts many of the girls wanted to wear but which did not meet our requirements. They have an elasticised waist and two pockets and are not as tight fitting as some of the other styles. In order to meet the demand uniform suppliers need an idea of how many students will want to purchase some for this summer so please let them know. Students are welcome to talk to Mrs Bailey for more information about the new shorts.

### **Relieving Executive**

For the next few weeks I will be on leave. Mr Jones will be relieving Principal until Week 3 Term 4. Mr Tooney will replace Mr Jones as Deputy Principal until the last week of Term 4. During Term 4 Mr Eade will be marking the HSC English examinations and will be replaced by Mr Finter for about three weeks. My thanks to these willing head teachers who step in to make sure all staff, students and parents have expert support at all times. As part of my leave I will be completing some research on supporting beginning teachers in rural and remote schools. This fits very well with what we have been doing through the Centre for Excellence. I look forward to completing and publishing my research this year.

### **CLC Concert**

Congratulations to all the students and staff from our school and other CLC schools. The 2012 Gala Concert was fantastic. We saw some outstanding music, drama and dance. The initiative to film interviews with performers and show them on the night made it even more entertaining than usual. Schools will have copies of those filmed interviews later this term – so if your child performed you should be able to get the interview to share with friends and family. We will let you know when they are available.

### **Year 12 end of school activities**

Now that the Trial HSC exams are over Year 12 can begin the last steps in their transition to post school options. The first stage is engaging in revision and completion of courses. This means all students must be in attendance every day. These last few weeks can add between five and ten marks to students' final result with steady participation in class. Students who have performances of course will be focused on them as their priority but they must not neglect other preparation. Parents should have received a letter about end of year arrangements including dates for sale of formal tickets. Please remember these always sell out so get your tickets in the first round to avoid disappointment.

### **HSC Exams**

This year the HSC exams will be held out at AREC with the exception of the Music Aural exam. Any student who has transport issues needs to let their year advisor or Mr Eade know before the end of this term. We can help with arranging car-pooling and lifts but only if we know there is a concern. Please check the HSC exam timetable all students have been given and make your travel arrangements early. Remember the exams begin in the morning by 9.30. Some afternoon exams do not conclude until after 5.00pm.

-The first exam for all students is English Paper 1. Students need to arrive by 1.30pm at the latest.

-This first exam requires supervisors to seat students well in advance of the starting time of 1.50 so be there by 1.30 please.

### **P & C Awards week 7** (These will be handed out in Week 8)

Congratulations to: Year 7 – Sam Brennan; Year 8 – Renae Schwebel; Year 9 – Rhyen McNair; Year 10 – Emily Degoumois; Year 11 – Stuart Fredericks; Year 12 – Keely Latimore  
*Louise Manwaring - Principal*

## TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012, seventeen students travelled to Orange to compete in the Western Region Tournament of



the Minds Challenge. The competition requires students to complete challenges in the areas of Maths/ Engineering or Language Literature. Students are required to think laterally and express their thoughts in an innovative fashion , incorporating any aspects of the dramatic arts. Mudjee High was represented by three teams. One participated in Maths/Engineering and two in Language Literature. All teams represented their school with great pride and one team consisting of Madalyn Date, Ashley Whittington, Jonica Rooke, Josie Ager McConnell, Chloe Staub and Isobel Finter won their division and will now travel to the University of NSW on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September to compete in the State Titles. All students gave up many hours of their time on Sunday and after school to prepare for this challenge and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

*L Finter, J Endacott, R Rae, E Endacott*



*R Van Laeren, C Barlow, C Impey, T Cheetham, J Thomas*



*Mrs Manwaring, C Staub, M Date, J Ager-McConnell, A Whittington, Mr Finter, I Finter & J Rooke*

### YEAR 12 PARENTS – From the Careers Room

- **A representative from the private provider 'Think Education'** (in Sydney) which offers courses in business, design, hospitality and more, spoke to interested students on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. Topics included courses, costs and scholarships.
  - **Macquarie University 'Uni in a Day'** (Open Day) is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Lectures, tours of campus, accommodation etc available. Details at [mq.edu.au/uniinaday](http://mq.edu.au/uniinaday) or brochures available.
  - **Cultural Care Au Pair** ([culturalcare.com.au](http://culturalcare.com.au)) enables you to work in childcare and live, travel in the US for up to 12 months.
  - **Final HSC Exam Revision** lectures will commence thru tsfx) Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at the University of Sydney. Efficient studying, stalls and tips for exams and more will be covered. Details at [tsfx.com.au](http://tsfx.com.au) or brochures available.
  - **The Sydney Institute of TAFE** (Design Centre Enmore) offers courses in graphic design, interior design, illustration, digital media and more. DCE Open Day is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Details at [sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore/dce](http://sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore/dce) DCE does not enrol students on the basis of ATAR.
  - **Educational Access Schemes 2013** booklets which provide assistance to students to gain university entry if they have suffered long term educational disadvantage in Year 12 are available.
  - **The University of Sydney 'Women's College'** (Accommodation) information available.
  - **Macquarie University Open Day** is Sat Sept 8. Details at [openday.mq.edu.au](http://openday.mq.edu.au)
  - **APM College (in Sydney)** offers courses in Business Event Management, Marketing and more. Scholarships available. Visit [apm.edu.au](http://apm.edu.au)
  - **The Fashion Institute (Sydney)** offers courses in styling, PR, buying and more. See [thefashioninstitute.com.au](http://thefashioninstitute.com.au)
- CSU (Charles Sturt University) Foundation Scholarships provide financial assistance for study/living costs etc. Details and applications at [csu.edu.au/scholarship/foundation](http://csu.edu.au/scholarship/foundation). Applications close Feb 10 2013.

### Community Notices

#### Mudjee Softball Association Registration Days

This year all rego days will be held at Westend Softball fields Crn Lang and Menchin Sts Mudjee on Saturday day time and Wednesday evenings for the following dates; Sat 1st Sept - 9am - 12 noon  
Wed 12th Sept - 6pm - 7pm; Sat 15th Sept - 9am - 12 noon; 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 [mudjeesoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mudjeesoftball@gmail.com) or ph 63740288

**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ADVISES**

**There is a Grass Fire Threat**

An abundance of grass growth from last summer's rains have now dried out and has created a very real risk of damaging grass fires. Grass fires run very quickly generating large amounts of heat.

They can destroy homes and can kill.

**PREPARE – ACT – SURVIVE**

- keep grass short around houses and sheds -slash or plough fire breaks around boundary fences
- clear to bare earth around any pile burns – don't burn off if conditions are windy
- undertake slashing or mowing in the cool of the morning or evening – don't drive through long dry grass
- only use angle grinders and welders in mild conditions with the area damped down

**For more information contact: NSW Rural Fire Service on 6372 4434; [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)**

**GEMKHANA 2012 – See the magic of Gemstone and Minerals**

At the Annual Gem and Mineral Show and Competition – Mudgee Showground 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept & 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Cudgegong CWCI Committee invites women to 'Parenting from Birth to Teens' Seminar on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 9.45am at One Life Family Church, 17 Lewis Street, Mudgee. Cost of \$18 includes lunch. Free creche for preschoolers. RSVP – 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Mudgee Public school nets at 4pm and 14<sup>th</sup> Sept at Victoria Park at 4pm.

Contact Peter Sibley 0427549648 or email [lisa.sibley@bigpond.com](mailto:lisa.sibley@bigpond.com)

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

Under 16's on wed 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 4pm at Victoria park. Contact Terry Ford 0468998374 or email [fords61@bigpond.com.au](mailto:fords61@bigpond.com.au)

Registration days are sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at Glenn Willow 9am-12noon. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 4pm Victoria park and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at Victoria Park at 4pm. Cost is \$80 per child. Season starts weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wep.org.au) or call 1300 884 733

**MUDGEES PCYC – Dare to be Aware Young Driver Program**

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

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

Booking of limited places Mudgee PCYC 63721367 or [mudgee@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:mudgee@pcycnsw.org.au)

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Monday 7th – Thursday 10th January, 2013

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Faculty of Engineering

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“well organised and engaging”  
“**awesome!!**” “loved it - learnt a lot”  
“experience to remember”  
“**10 out of 10**”  
“enriching”

Unique opportunity to get inside the Minerals industry as part of the 4 day residential UNSW Minerals Summer School (UMSS). Learn about study, careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the Australian minerals industry from professionals, current students and recent graduates.

Start at the UNSW campus in Sydney to experience university life including lectures, labs & the School's 3D virtual reality simulator. Then travel to the Hunter Valley for 3 nights to visit underground & surface mines, learn how coal and minerals are extracted and processed, view mine rehabilitation sites, dine with industry reps and Alumni and have fun with an awesome bunch of new friends with similar interests.

**when:** Monday 7th – Thursday 10th January, 2013

**eligibility:** Students currently in Year 10 or 11, interested in Science or Engineering and studying/planning to study subjects such as physics, mathematics (advanced), engineering, earth & environmental studies

**cost:** \$200 **closing date:** 14th September, 2012



For more information, and to apply, go to [www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS2013](http://www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS2013)

