

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Term 4 – Week 2



# MHS Newsletter



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Community

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OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Oct 14 – HSC Exams Commence 10.45am Baptist Church, Cnr Bruce & Melton Roads
- Oct 15 – Y7 to Y8 Parent Info Evening
- Oct 18-24 – TVet Excursion
- Oct 28 - P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Nov 8 – HSC concludes

## This issue:

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## Principal's Message

Best wishes to Year 12 as they begin their Higher School Certificate Examinations this week. Today Monday 14<sup>th</sup> is English Paper 1, Tuesday is Design and Technology at 9.25am and English Paper 2 at 1.55pm. Wednesday is PDHPE at 9.25am, Automotove (VET) at 1.55pm and Indonesian at 2.00pm. Thursday is Legal Studies at 9.25am and Engineering Studies at 1.55pm. Friday is Retail Services (VET) at 9.25am and Ancient History at 1.55pm. For the full HSC Timetable see [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

This week the Welfare Review team continues their work on updating our approaches to Student Welfare. Thank you to all the parents who responded to our survey on the trial of student use of mobile devices in breaks. A full update on all the work of the review team will be presented to the P&C meeting on October 28. Come along to hear about the trial evaluation, an innovative approach to rewarding student positive efforts and PBL, positive behaviour and learning. Your students will appreciate you having your say on these important aspects of their life at school.

The latest news from the Antbullying Team appears below and also in this issue don't miss the information on how to make school payments online. No more writing cheques, no more sending students to school to queue up to pay for excursions and other costs. We think you will love \$ Make a payment. *Louise Manwaring – Principal*

## MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students, sport and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called **Other** to cover items not covered in the previous headings. **Other** can be used when you want to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. Payments must be made before 6pm to be counted for the next day. Payments made after 6pm will not be receipted by the school until the second day after they are made.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

This service will be available from 14 October 2013. Go onto the website and have a look. Mudgee High School website address is: [www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS**

Last week your child was given an invitation for both of you to attend an information evening this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 7pm in the Mudgee High School Performance Centre. The evening will be chaired by Mr Eade and he will outline the elective subject selection process that will need to be undertaken as your child selects subjects for next year. You are encouraged to attend and the presentation should last approximately 45 minutes.

*D Roach – Relieving Deputy Principal*

### **MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS**

#### **Australian Mathematics Competition**

In August, 30 students from Mudgee High School accepted the challenge offered by this long running competition. Each year group was represented, with students acquitting themselves well.

Results and certificates have recently arrived in the school and will be presented during Assembly in the coming weeks. All 30 students receive a certificate of participation with some reaching higher levels of achievement. In all, Mudgee High School students achieved 2 Distinction awards, 9 Credit awards, and 7 Proficiency awards.

All participants should be proud of their effort and are congratulated for 'having a go' at a competition devised for some mental gymnastics. By simply attempting such a task the students gain valuable exam experience as well as the variety and complexity of questions offered.

#### **HSC Holiday Workshops**

During the recent two week holiday period some of our eager Year 12 students accepted the offer of extra tutorial assistance with their respective HSC mathematics courses. Students were offered a number of sessions where they could come along and ask questions about some of the difficulties that they have encountered during their HSC preparation.

MHS Mathematics teachers were impressed with the attitude of the students in attendance and more than happy to assist such a fine group. Now that the finishing touches have been applied to their preparation it is hoped that all students can enter the exam room with confidence. The Mathematics (2 unit), General Mathematics, and Extension 2 Mathematics examinations are on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, with the Extension 1 exam on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Mathematics staff of Mudgee High School would like to extend their wishes of GOOD LUCK to all students as their exams continue over the next month.

#### **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 \$8.00.

#### **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.

## CAREERS

### Expressions of Interest

#### School Based Trainee – Cert II – Financial Services

GTES, in partnership with the Commonwealth Bank, are currently seeking expressions of interest from students starting Year 11 in 2014 who are interested in kick starting their careers in finance by commencing a traineeship as a senior school student.

Students complete the traineeship while studying for their HSC. They are required to undertake paid work one day per week at the bank during school term and also half of their school holidays.

Expressions of interest close on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Contact Mr Kempton in the Careers Room for more information.

## AB TEAM NEWS

### What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone or a group of people with more power repeatedly and intentionally causes hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults and will probably continue if no action is taken. Bullying isn't:

- single episodes of social rejection or dislike
- single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- random acts of aggression or intimidation
- mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.

These actions can cause great distress. However, they're not examples of bullying unless someone is **deliberately** and **repeatedly** doing them to you.

There are four kinds of bullying.

Bullying can take a number of different forms. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Building Respectful and Safe Schools (2010) identifies four types of bullying.

#### 1. Physical bullying

Physical bullying includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing or damaging property.

#### 2. Verbal bullying

Verbal bullying includes name calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse.

#### 3. Covert bullying

Covert bullying is often harder to recognise and can be carried out behind the bullied person's back. It is designed to harm someone's social reputation and/or cause humiliation. Covert bullying includes:

- lying and spreading rumours
- negative facial or physical gestures, menacing or contemptuous looks
- playing nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
- mimicking unkindly
- encouraging others to socially exclude someone
- damaging someone's social reputation or social acceptance.

#### 4. Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is overt or covert bullying behaviours using digital technologies. Examples include harassment via a mobile phone, setting up a defamatory personal website or deliberately excluding someone from social networking spaces.

Cyberbullying can happen at any time. It can be in public or in private and sometimes only known to the target and the person bullying.

## Community Notices

### WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP)

WEP is inviting you to experience another culture in your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Students from Switzerland, Finland, the Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Thailand are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia. It is easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

To help you make a decision, contact WEP – phone 1300 884 733 or email [wep@wep.org.au](mailto:wep@wep.org.au) or website [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

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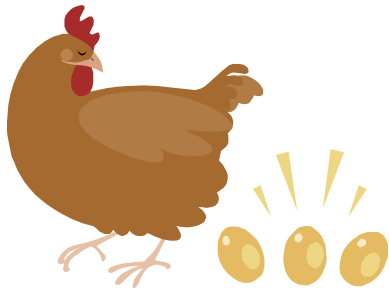
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# PLANT & POULTRY SALE

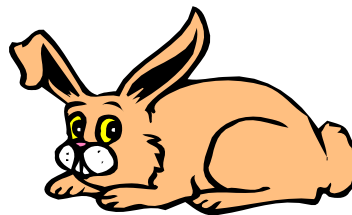
**MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL – Cnr Denison and Perry Streets  
SATURDAY October 19 – 8am to 12noon**



**A Huge Range of Plants:** Trees, Natives, Cottage, Perennials, Ground covers, Seedlings – tomato, cucumber, zucchini, basil.

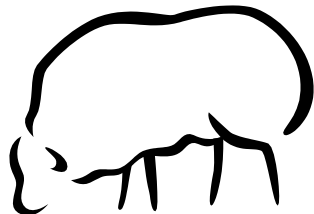


**Poultry:** 50 (30 week old) Isa Brown hens; Sussex x Rhode Island Red pullets (8-26 weeks); Light Sussex (large); Pekin; Silkie; Bantam Leghorn; Bantam Rhode Island Red; Indian Runner drake; Sussex rooster; Australorp rooster Fertile eggs – Pekin, Bantam Rhode Island Red, Leghorn Bantam



**Rabbits**

**White Suffolk rams:** 2 x 15 months (brucellosis free) + 1 x 3 years



**Poultry & Small Animals** accepted from quality vendors on commission basis. Phone 6271 1533 (school hours)