

Monday 28th October 2013

Term 4 – Week 4



MHS Newsletter



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Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Oct 28 - P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Oct 30 – Transition visit MPS & CVPS
- Nov 8 – HSC concludes
- Nov 13 – Y12 Sign out Day
- Nov 14 – Y7 2014 Orientation Day
Y7 2014 Parent Info Night and
Tour 6.30pm
- Y12 Formal

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Principal's Message

Persistence

Although not a big fan of quoting others, much less American presidents, I enjoyed the following quote provided by a colleague this week. It comes from Calvin Coolidge, who served as US president from 1923 until 1929:

Nothing in the world will take the place of persistence.
Talent will not. Nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent.
Genius will not. Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
Education will not. The world is full of educated derelicts.
Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Persistence is an excellent character trait. The determination to do better, combined with the resilience to look beyond the inevitable setbacks that will almost assuredly befall those who possess the tenacity to see a thing through, are the characteristics of the truly worthy.

As an educator, little feels better than to see persistence rewarded; to see a student who has struggled with a concept finally "get it" – the epiphany moment – and have that persistence rewarded.

Talent unused or genius not realised are challenges for educators. They are things to be cultivated; things to be nurtured. But like the proverbial horse led to water, those gifts rely on the owner realising and acting upon his or her obligations. The skills and knowledge can be developed at school but only with the co-operation, determination and persistence of those with talent or those possessing potential genius.

As teachers, we too persist even when the situation seems somewhat arid. We do this because sometimes our persistence is rewarded. We lead that horse time and again to the watering hole and sometimes that horse drinks!

Finally, as parents we persist. What adolescent would achieve their 'P's if not for the persistence of parents? As a parent of three quite dissimilar boys, I take a great deal of pleasure from the successes met by my children but especially my middle child. The talents he possesses have not all been suited to school, but as the last of his HSC exams roll around in these next weeks, I am heartened by the approach he has taken to his studies. He possesses persistence and determination by the bucket load and has applied himself to the best of his ability.

What more can we ask of our children?

W Eade
Deputy Principal

P & C AWARDS – T4 Week 3 - Congratulations to: Year 7 - Gabby York; Year 8 – Nicholas McDonald; Year 9 – Body McDermott; Year 10 – Rachael Byrne; Year 11 – Brandon Butler

HSIE FACULTY NEWS

Business Studies: Business Plans

During the early part of term 3 the students in year Eleven Business Studies completed a group assessment task. This task required them to prepare a plan for a business that they would be interested in running. They were required to complete financial statements for this business, develop a marketing plan and identify the main operational functions of the business. The students then ran stalls where they sold their products to students from Mudgee Public School and staff at Mudgee High School. These stalls were very successful selling a range of beautifully presented cup cakes, popcorn, milkshakes and coffee.



The best three written components of this course were sent to the University of Newcastle's School of Business Business Planning Competition. This competition had 420 students submit 333 Business Plans. The following summarises the results achieved by Mudgee High School:

Gerard Tioseco, Brandon Butler, Taylah Messenger, and Chloe Devine: "Top 20" High Distinctions

Laura Fergus, Jake Hawkins, Monique Cremona and Madeline Timson: Certificates of Distinction

Renee Wensemius, Emily Degoumois, and James Fittler: Certificates of Credit.



ST MATTHEW'S EQUESTRIAN DAY



On 14th October, eight students from Mudgee High School competed at the St Matthews Equestrian Day. They were Nicole Coubrough, Adelle Beer, Chloe Staub, Ryan Martin, Annalise Wilson, Brooke Munro, Cody Nemec and Maddison Nemec. The students achieved amazing results with an outstanding total of 62 ribbons between the students in 10 different events (5 hacking and 5 sporting). The team was awarded 'Best Presented' on the day along with 'Highest Average Point score'. These results stem from the excellent riding ability of the students and the care they take when preparing their horses for such an event. Individually, Chloe Staub received Champion for the thirteen's age group, Adelle Beer received Champion for the fourteen's age group, Ryan Martin received Champion for the fifteen's age group, Annalise Wilson received Reserve Champion for the fifteen's age group, and Brooke Munro received Reserve Champion for the sixteen's age group. Annalise Wilson also received the Citizenship award for the fifteen's age group. The students are to be congratulated on their results, and a thank you to the parents for their efforts before and during the event.
Emma Kurtz

Community Notices

Teaching Someone to Drive can be a Happy Experience
You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver
at a FREE two hour workshop
Thursday 28th November at Club Mudgee
To book for the Workshop please phone 0434 964764 or email
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