

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Term 4 – Week1



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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## 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

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 4 for years 7-11. Please note the trial of student use of their own devices in breaks finished at the end of last term. We are evaluating the trial and will make a decision on any policy changes as soon as possible. Make sure you attend our first P&C meeting for this term on October 28 at 7 pm. We will discuss the trial and also make important decisions about future plans for 2014. New members are most welcome.

### Important HSC News

We wish year 12 students well in their final preparations for their Higher School Certificate Examinations. Please note most exams are being held at the Baptist Church on the corner of Bruce and Melton Rd Mudgee. The first exam is English which commences at 11.20 am.

**Students must arrive by 10.45 am so the examiners have time to arrange seating and give instructions.** Please don't be late your time can't be extended if you miss the start. All students have timetables which are also online at the Board of Studies. The Music exam will be held in F06 here at Mudgee HS. This is the only exam held here at school apart from one special provisions candidate. For all exams except the first one students should arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before the scheduled start.

### 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 after that date 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)

**P & C Awards – T3 Week 10 – Congratulations to:** Year 7: Amber Norris Year 8: Sam Bambrick Year 9: Thomas Doherty Year 10: Thomas Smith Year 11: Rachael Stait Year 12: Sheldon Roth

*Louise Manwaring – Principal*

## SCIENCE NEWS

As we enter the final term for the year, the Science Faculty has been going from strength to strength. For our HSC students make sure you avail yourselves of your teachers. They are all available for help in the critical days before the HSC exam.

2014 brings in a new Australian Curriculum. Years 7 and 9 will commence in 2014 with years 8 and 10 to follow in 2015. The Science staff is greatly looking forward to this new curriculum which is based on an inquiry learning. This will allow students greater opportunities to explore the way our world works through the different branches of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Geology.

Our year 11 students are just starting their HSC work. We are emphasising in class that the time to ensure they have consistent study habits is **now**. The work they are studying **now** is all examinable in the HSC. The cost of not studying is often to relearn the work. This tends to happen close to exam time which simply adds unnecessary pressure and stress. Students can talk to their teachers about their specific study needs, and parents should feel free to contact their teachers if they have any concerns.

Here is today's science trivia.



No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times. (I've never tested this but give it a go yourselves)

More germs are transferred shaking hands than kissing.

The cat parasite that causes Toxoplasmosis causes mice to lose their innate fear of cats - even long after the initial infection has passed, new research has found.

Our first female Nobel Prize winner Professor Elizabeth Blackburn and two colleagues won the Nobel Prize for their work investigating chromosomes and the discovery of an enzyme which they named Telomerase. Telomerase is critical to the regeneration of cells in the body and their discovery will aid learning about aging and the disease process. Advances in cancer treatments may also follow.



## Community Notices

### Mudgee and District Junior Cricket Association – First Game Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

U6s, U8s and U10s - Victoria Park at 8.45am. U12s – Walker's Field at 8.45am. U14s & U15s – Mudgee Racecourse  
U12s and above required to wear a helmet (can be borrowed from Club) Please be sunsmart with hat, sunscreen and water bottle. Registrations can still be made at Victoria Park from 8.30am on Saturday

### MUDGEE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Season commences **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013** concludes **5<sup>th</sup> April 2014**.

**Registration days at Westend Softball Fields Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10am to 1pm and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 5.30.** 9<sup>th</sup> October will also be a come and try afternoon – so if you

have any friends who are not sure bring them along and they can join in. If you would like more information or a registration pack sent through please contact Robyn Sharp on 0428 628 011 or email

[mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com)



### Mudgee Girl Guides is REOPENING

**After more than 10 years, Girl Guides is reopening in Mudgee in 2014 and we need a New Leader.**

Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life?

Mudgee Guide District is looking for women 18 years

and over interested in leadership.

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You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

**Please call Yvonne Macrae on 0412 736 700 or email [yvonne.macrae@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne.macrae@gmail.com)**

**To find out more about Guides visit our website: [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)**

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