

Monday 25th November 2013

Term 4 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Nov 25 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Nov 27 to 29 – Dunns Swamp Camp
- Dec 3 – MAD concert – Gym 7pm
- Dec 12 – Y7,8,9,19 & 11 Presentation Evening – Gym – 7pm
- Dec 15 to 18- Y11 Camp
- Dec 17 – Y7,8,9 & 10 Assembly – Reports, Gold/Silver
- Dec 18 – Final Day for Students

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## Principal's Message

Week Eight! Sleigh bells ringing, large, bearded men suiting up in red and the mercury – or at least the figures at the top of the Elders' Weather Page – increasingly pushing into the 30s. Christmas is indeed coming, but that is no excuse to switch off! Learning opportunities continue to happen each and every school day for each and every student at Mudgee High. The Year 12 class of 2014 may have already realised that they are seven weeks into a courses that only goes for 40 weeks with Trial examinations a mere 28 weeks away! This week there are interviews for Principal's Gold Medals, a process that requires students sell their accomplishments in an interview situation. They need to demonstrate themselves as being well-rounded individuals who not only achieve their best academically, but also contribute to the extra-curricula life of the school. On Friday there will be interviews for The Bridge scholarship. This scholarship was instituted last year by a local benefactor and awards \$1000 to a student in their final year at school, whether that be Year 10, 11 or 12, who has demonstrated career aspirations but needs a financial boost to get them going. Tonight the final P&C meeting of the year will be held in the West Wing of the library, beginning at 7pm. The school's P&C is a collegial group of people who, using profits made through sales at the canteen, make a not insubstantial difference to the opportunities offered to our students. The P&C also acts as an excellent sounding board and source of counsel on a variety of issues and proposals put up by both teachers and parents. You're more than welcome to attend and membership costs the princely sum of \$1 a year!

So what else is on? PD08 students are off to Dunns Swamp for three days at the end of this week. PD08 is a PDHPE module that deals with both risk taking and leadership, seeking to build participation and initiative through personal and group challenge. Dunns Swamp will provide each student with the opportunity to consider and assess ways of reducing and managing risk when out and about, being active. Not a time to switch off!

Next week there will be a MAD (Music/Art/Drama) concert on Tuesday evening, then a school social on Wednesday evening – a great way for Year 11 to wind down after a day of driver education at the PCYC with Ms Windeyer.

Reports have yet to be released for the junior years, Year 11 have yet to head off on their bonding camp at Morisset, which begins on Sunday 15/12 – just 10 days shy of Christmas – and HSC results won't be released until Wednesday 18/12, followed by ATARs on Thursday 19/12. That Thursday is a day our Year 12, 2013 cohort is invited to the school for one final time for a barbecue and share.

As I said at the beginning of this message, Christmas is coming quickly. But this is, as you can see from above and as already stated, certainly no time to switch off!

*Wayne Eade*  
*Relieving Principal*

**P & C AWARDS Term 4 Week 7 - Congratulations to: Year 7 – Ella Hannay; Year 8 – Nicholas Dziura; Year 9 – Thomas Brown; Year 10 – Brooke Sewell; Year 11 – Sally Byrne**

## FRIENDS OF THE BAND MEETING

There will be an expression of interest meeting in F06 at 4.30 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013. At the meeting we will discuss **new directions** for our school band. All welcome, we are keen to hear a wide range of views. Contact Mr McNamara for more information.

## CAREERS NEWS – TSFS HSC Summer School

Between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 The University of Sydney (Camperdown) will hold a 'summer school' which offers students the opportunity to get ahead in their studies for 2014. For information regarding lecture days and times as well as costs, or to register please visit [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au) Leaflets are available from Mr Kempton in the Careers Room.

## MATHEMATICS NEWS

### 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 practised 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 practising 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.

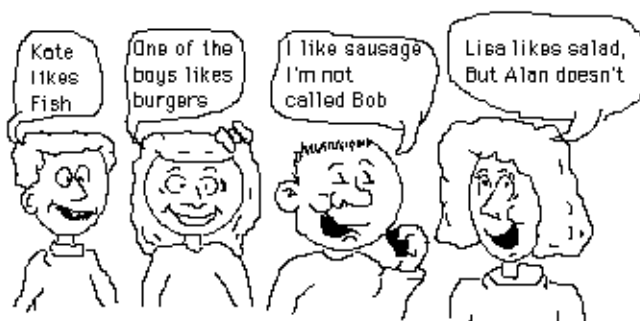
Approved calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$17.00 which is cost price to us.

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 calculators, they will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

### Mathematics Problems

What follows are some mathematics problems to try your hand at.

- 1) Four children are talking about their favourite food. Can you work out who's who, and who likes what?



- 2) If one and half hens lay one and a half eggs in one day, how many eggs will three hens lay in eight days?
- 3) A clock chimes every hour on the hour and once every quarter hour in between. If you hear it chime once, what is the longest you may have to wait to be sure what time it is?
- 4) Divide the following figure into four equal parts, each the same size and shape. See your Mathematics teacher for possible solutions.



### Community Announcements

#### HELPING YOU TO SAVE!



Hi I'm Kel, Savings Specialist at the Commonwealth Bank in Mudgee.  
Here are some tips to help you make the most of your money!  
Set yourself a goal, whether it be a new phone, a bike or that pair of shoes you have been eyeing off. Break down the cost to a weekly or fortnightly amount, this will make it easier to save. Keep it separate from your 'spending money'.  
Take pleasure in knowing the value of your item.  
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