

Monday 2nd December 2013
Term 4 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- 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

Once again Mudgee High School students have excelled in the creative and performing arts and technology areas. Three students from year 12 have had their HSC major works selected for exhibition at state level. Hopefully many of you will have had the chance to see work in Visual Arts by Justine McRae and Josie McCarroll as well as Textiles & Design student Frances Johns. Nicola Flynn has been nominated for Industrial Technology Multimedia in the first round of InTech. Industrial Technology Timber students took part in the Petrie's Mitre 10 Trade Awards. Jessica Tuck-Lee was the major prize winner and Todd Schneider was the people's choice. Congratulations to all these students for their fantastic efforts and skills.

Congratulations also go to the following athletes from Mudgee High who have been selected in 2014 WRAS squads: Makayla Austin – Netball; Hamish Burke – Cycling; Cindy Colley – Netball; Cassandra Plunkett – Softball; Nathan Sharp – Softball; Rachel Sharp – Softball and Joshua Toovey – Cycling.

This week will be a busy week starting with the MAD concert on Tuesday night. Hopefully many parents will be able to come along and see the range of work and talent from students in years 7-11 in Music, Art and Drama. It should be a wonderful night. The next night the gym will become the scene of students enjoying music and dancing at the school social. We thank all the generous teachers who give up their own time to make these events possible. On Friday night we will finish the week with the annual CLC Awards Dinner, this year held at the Golf club. Staff and community members are honoured at this dinner for their contributions to their schools. It is a chance for us to get together as a Cudgegong Learning Community and say thank you to the many people who have made 2014 such a great year.

As we enter the last few weeks of school, parents are reminded that students are expected to attend school until Wednesday 18 December. Reports are issued on 17 December and the school is open until 20 December as staff work till the end of the week. Year 11 will be enjoying their camp on 15-18 December but years 7-10 will work on throughout that time. There are many things teachers can do to help students prepare for the following year and tidy up loose ends in their learning before the holidays. If you are told "we aren't doing any work" please call your child's teacher and ask what they are doing. You may be surprised how much a student can miss in the last weeks and what a difference staying till the end can make to the following year's start.

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Last week we heard some disappointing news from the Federal Government. We were expecting significant extra funding to support students at Mudgee High School over the next four years. Our state Government had signed up to the Gonski Education reforms prior to the election and Mr Piccoli, our NSW Education Minister, believed the Coalition Government had promised to honour that agreement during the election campaign. We now know that the agreement will only last for one year and a new round of negotiations will begin for the rest of the time. Our local State member, Mr Gee, is fighting along with Mr O'Farrell and Mr Piccoli to protect the agreement which will benefit all students and especially students in rural areas who have often missed out on opportunities in the past. I would ask that parents support the moves to keep the equitable funding which would be delivered using the Gonski model. Our students' future will be affected if we don't have this promised injection of badly needed funds.

Last week the 30th Public School Spectacular was staged at the Sydney



Entertainment Centre. Four of our students were selected as dancers for this nationally recognised event.

Congratulations to Grace Jones, Verity Morley, Claudia Maher and Felicity Smith. Grace, Verity and Claudia appeared in the segment celebrating Our Sporting Spirit and in the Grand Finale, which featured all the performers on stage celebrating the performing arts and public schools.



It was a vibrant, fast paced and often thrilling show, this year featuring 3,600 students from public school across NSW. We are very proud of the talent and commitment of our students who spent many hours rehearsing in their own time and in the regional rehearsals at Dubbo. With the support of their families they attended rehearsals in Sydney and performed at both matinee and evening performances over three days. I hope many in Mudgee had the chance to see the broadcast on channel 9 on Saturday night.

Felicity has been working with the State Dance ensemble for the whole year, going down to rehearsals twice a term. She was in Sydney for over a week in preparing and performing for the School Spectacular. Her Ensemble took the lead in Segment 8, Vickie and Mr Valves and

Everybody Needs a Best Friend. Felicity has been party of State ensembles since primary school devoting many hours to working as part of a talented and highly committed team.

Our students involvement in such a professional show will be remembered by the students as a highlight of their schooling experience. They demonstrated they are motivated and engaged with their learning and this experience has challenged them and brought joy to the many thousands who saw the show live and the tens of thousands who watch it on television. A big thank you to Mrs Morley from Mudgee Public School who represented both our schools as the supervising teacher and to Mrs Burke for her support of the girls in the lead up to the final week.

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

P & C AWARDS Term 4 Week 8 - Congratulations to: Year 7 – Jacob Wyles; Year 8 – Issak Cottee; Year 9 – Ashtyne Palfreyman; Year 10 – Ben Tallant; Year 11 – James Fittler

SCIENCE NEWS

As we near the end of the year and prepare for 2014, changes will occur to some years to assist in this preparation. In particular, year 10 students. They have now been reorganised into different classes based on their subject choices for year 11. If they have chosen to not pursue Science next year, they will work on "Consumer Science". Amongst other things, this teaches students about the science used to produce, process and sell products. Given the healthy appetites of most 15 and 16 year olds, the focus for many classes will be food products.

Those students who have chosen Biology, Chemistry or Physics for 2014 will be in classes that deal specifically with these subjects. Their teachers will aim to ensure that prerequisite knowledge is understood and also ensure students are clear on the challenges of senior high school.

Water Rocket Competition

Those students who have built a water rocket either at home or at school will have a distinct advantage in the upcoming water rocket competition sponsored by the SRC and organised by the Science faculty. A model rocket with an electric ignition system and three rocket engines is the first prize and will be won by the competitor whose rocket remains in the air for the longest. Those students who are more into aesthetics have the chance to win a \$25 voucher to Express Hobbies for the most creative or original rocket. It still needs to fly for 2 seconds to be eligible! The competition will take place this Wednesday.

HSC TEXTILES & DESIGN



Congratulations to Frances Johns from Year 12. She has been notified that her Major Textiles Project has been selected for display in the Texstyle Exhibition program for 2014. The Texstyle Exhibition will spotlight stunning, unique fabric based design projects from the best of the best 2013 HSC students of Textiles & Design (NSW).

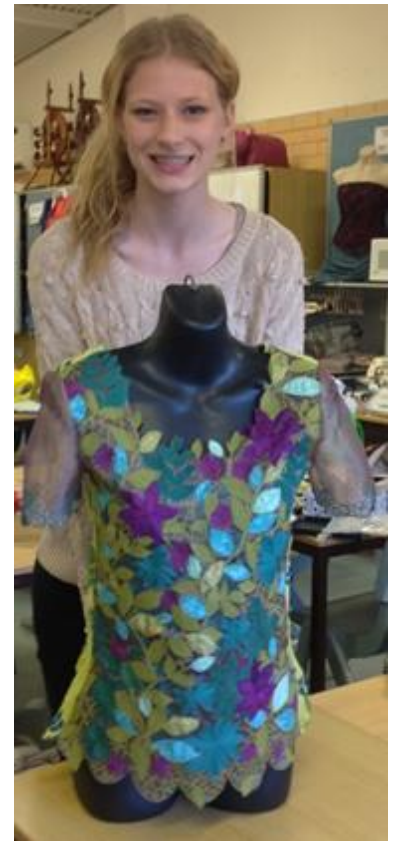
Frances designed and constructed a 2 piece outfit that consists of a machine embroidered shirt and a merino wool and silk felted skirt. The entire shirt front was constructed using freeform machine embroidery in the shapes of leaves and flowers, on a fabric that is washed away to leave only the embroidery. It was then embellished with 3 dimensional features and beading. The back of the shirt was hand dyed and screen printed with a complementary design.

The wrap skirt was made of layers of very fine merino felted wool and embedded in that was a layer of silk chiffon. The silk was used as a frill

that travelled from the waist and around the hemline. She also made flowers from silk cocoons and hand painted those to decorate the lower hemline area. She also used hand felted leaves that mirrored the shape of the machine embroidery and placed them around the waist section, thus tying in the overall theme and style. Frances used many technical and creative techniques that required patience and high skill level to achieve. The comprehensive portfolio documents the stages of Frances' design, from concept, manufacturing processes and experimental stages, through to her final evaluation. Presentation of the folio is a crucial in the marking structure.

Frances is the first student from Mudgee High School to be selected to exhibit work in the Texstyle Exhibition since its inception in 2002. Her Textiles and Design teacher, Mrs Bailey, is a very experienced and dedicated teacher and attends many workshops herself to extend her already extensive creative and technical skills.

These works of excellence will be on display during the Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Gardens from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th March, 2014.



FROM THE ANTI-BULLYING TEAM

Tips for Kids Who Are Being Bullied

You always have the right to feel safe at school. It is never your fault if bullying happens to you.

If you're being bullied...

tell the person to stop use neutral language to respond to the bullying, like 'maybe' or 'that's what you think' walk away try to act unimpressed.

But if it's been going on for a while and these don't work...

talk to your friends and ask for support talk to your parents talk to your teacher.

If you see someone else being bullied...

tell the person acting like a bully to stop talk to a teacher don't watch or join in try to change the subject try to comfort and/or include the person who's being targeted explain to the person being bullied that it's nothing to do with them—it's about the other person's behaviour.

If you are cyberbullied...

don't respond to the message or image save the evidence block and delete the sender report the situation to the website or Internet Service Provider tell trusted people—friends, adults, teachers, parents and police if necessary.

Who can help?

Remember...bullying hurts and it should not be part of anyone's growing up.

If it is happening to you, tell someone. If you need to know more, or you need to speak to someone there are always people who can help.

Community Announcements

MUDGEE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Mudgee Showground – Saturday December 14 – Gold Coin Donation

5pm Gates Open – Two entrances – Douro Street and Nicholson Street

Handout Showbags – Facepainting/Games

Food/Drink available for purchase

5.45pm Santa Arrives - 6.45 Santa Departs

7.30 – 9.00pm – Carols

9.00 – 9.15 Fireworks

Exhibition of Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Preferred Project Report (MP 11_0033)

The PPR involves changes to the proposed transport route for over-dimension and heavy vehicle transportation of wind farm components to site via Castlereagh Highway and Aarons Pass Road. The PPR may be viewed on the Department's website (<http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>) from Friday 29th November 2013. The PPR will also be on exhibition from Friday 29th November 2013 until Friday 20th December 2013 during regular business hours at:

Mid-Western Regional Council (Mudgee Office), 86 Market Street, Mudgee

Mudgee Public Library, 84 Market Street, Mudgee

Mid-Western Regional Council (Gulgong), 109 Herbert Street, Gulgong

Mid-Western Regional Council (Rylstone), 77 Louee Street, Rylstone

Kandos Public Library, Angus Avenue, Kandos

If you wish to make a submission on the PPR, it must reach the Department by close of business on Friday 20th December 2013. For any further enquiries please contact Ms Anna Timbrell on 02 9228 6345 or email

Anna.Timbrell@planning.nsw.gov.au



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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