

Monday 11th February 2013
Term 1 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Feb 12 – School Photos
- Feb 20 to 22 - Y12 Geography Excur to Sydney
- Feb 21&22 – All Schools Triathlon at Penrith Feb 5&6 – Y12 Wollongong Uni
- Feb 25 – P&C Meeting, Library
- Feb 28 – Y7,11,12 Parent/Teacher Evening 3.45-7pm

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Principal's Message

Congratulations

Rebekah Rae, Lucy Cheetham, Emma Stubbs, Hamish McLennan, William Portlock and Tavis McLennan to represent Mudgee High School, the Mudgee region and Australia in the Youth Music Festival in Hong Kong in April 2013. This is a fully approved DEC excursion. They will meet for their second intensive rehearsal in Sydney on 9th April and fly to Hong Kong on 11th April returning on 18th April, 2013. They will be members of a Wind Ensemble consisting of students from Riverina, NSW and New England regions. They spent a week of their vacation in January in intensive rehearsals in Dubbo and are working hard to ensure a successful educational experience in Hong Kong.

Congratulations also go to Courtney Brackenrig who has been selected to compete in National Athletics in March. We look forward to hearing how all these exceptional students go. We would also like to acknowledge the enormous commitment made by students and their families to get to this level.

Swimming Carnival

Last week's swimming carnival saw a great atmosphere and high level of participation. Well done to the organisers from PE, especially Miss Smith. Details of results will be published in coming weeks.

TEN questions to ask you child about their day

When they get home from school today, here are ten conversation starters that will hopefully spark their interest.

1. What was the funniest thing you heard all day?
2. What was your favourite thing that happened today?
3. Did your teacher get cross today? What happened?
4. What subject was the most interesting today?
5. Was anyone away today? Did that make the day different?
6. What was something new you read today?
7. What happened today that you wish hadn't happened?
8. What did you enjoy most for lunch today?
9. What are you learning about in science?
10. Did anyone do something nice for you today? Did you do something nice back?

And a bonus question that is always absolutely lovely to ask? What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

Remember that a conversation is a two-way street. You can open up your questions with an anecdote from your own day. "I laughed so much today when I dropped my shopping all over the kitchen floor....what made you laugh a lot today?" kind of thing. Actually, I didn't laugh at all when I dropped the shopping all over the kitchen floor today (eggs!), but maybe I should have.... Keep the conversation going and maybe, just maybe, you'll actually get to know the answer to "how was school today".

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P&C Awards – Week 2

Year 7: Hannah Peggs; **Year 8:** Katelyn Weatherley; **Year 9:** Jack Beasley; **Year 10:** Holly Webster; **Year 11:** Lewis Ottaway; **Year 12:** Crystal Climas

MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

On the 1st of August this year Mudgee High School students will once again be invited to attempt the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is a test of mathematical, logical and problem solving skills involving 30 multiple choice questions. All students are encouraged to enter this competition, especially those with talent in the subject or who enjoy a challenge. All entrants receive a certificate of participation, with higher credentials for different levels of success also on offer (great certificates for resumes and CV's). Exceptionally talented students may also be in line for some of the many cash prizes available.

Although the competition is on later in the year our school entry needs to be in early next term.

More information will be given when entry fees are required or see Mr Lynn if you have any questions.

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 result.

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. Pay at the front office and bring the receipt to the Mathematics Staffroom.

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 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 calculator it will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

WORD OF THE DAY

Each day at Mudgee High, students are exposed to a "word of the day" via student notices. The "Word of the Day" comes with a fleshed-out definition, as well as its etymology – its history. As English is an eclectic language, the history or origin of our words can be an education in itself.

The source material for each of the words comes from <http://www.etymonline.com/> as well as The Macquarie and Oxford dictionaries.

The words are often topical, as the two examples provided from last year (Week 5, Term 4) demonstrate:

Misogyny – noun. Misogyny is a hatred of women and girls. It is a word that has been with us since 1650s and is derived from the Greek *miso-*, meaning "hatred" plus *gyne*, meaning "woman or queen." A practitioner of misogyny is a misogynist. Traditionally it has referred to a pathological hatred of females, but in more recent times has become a synonym for sexism as practised by males.

Misandry – noun. Misandry is the reciprocal of misogyny (yesterday's word of the day). It is a hatred of men and boys. It has been with us since 1878 and is a pseudo-scientific word derived from the Greek *miso-*, meaning "hatred" plus *andros*, meaning "of man, male human being." A practitioner of misandry is a misandrist. As a word, it is some 200 years younger than misogyny.

USEFUL TIPS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF YEAR 7

This advice to parents and students is designed to reinforce information already given to you and to highlight other important information which can be useful during this first term transition to Mudgee High School. A number of staff and faculties have contributed to this summary:

- Your child is encouraged to wear a paint shirt in Art, to protect their clothes. One of Dad's old shirts is ideal. They can be left in the student's art room.
- If paint gets on your child's school uniform, DON'T put it in the wash! It needs to be rinsed in cold plain water, then hand soap the garment and when the paint has disappeared, it can be laundered in the usual way.
- A 2b pencil is a very useful drawing tool and it will often be used in art classes.
- If your child plays a woodwind or brass instrument they are encouraged to join our School Band programme. Please speak with your Music teacher to find out more.
- In the HSIE department desirable pieces of equipment include a thumb drive to store work and earphones so that your child can work independently at computer stations.
- Some of your child's school work can be accessed through the school's Moodle and this can be accessed from your home computer.
- Look at your child's books regularly and see that they are up to date and ask questions about the work in their workbooks.
- Give your child every opportunity to write - even a shopping list

Useful tips continued overpage

- Encourage your child to read each day and don't assume that once they're in high school they won't want to be read to – they still enjoy it.
- Watch the news together - kids often don't understand it and need your help. The information gained from the news can be used in many subjects.
- Monitor and limit the use of electronic devices in the evening both for appropriate usage and that your child has the required amount of sleep for a young teenager.
- Next time you purchase a science exercise book could it be 160 plus pages. Science requires students to write up experiments, construct graphs and tables - this process uses a number of pages.
- **The timetable** - to keep track of all the lessons and classrooms, your child was given a weekly timetable with their subjects, times and room locations listed. They will be required to check their timetables each night to make sure they have the correct books, equipment and completed homework for the next day's classes. It is wise to paste their timetable into a book or diary which comes to school each day. Pack and take all necessary equipment for the school day e.g. sports/cooking gear. Please only pack what is needed.
- Leave passes for appointments during school hours – your child must have a written permission note from a parent/carer to present to the school office before roll call to enable them to collect a printed leaver's note. Parents/carers will need to organise with your child, a meeting spot.
- A booklet of leavers forms is available from the front office, this is a prepared booklet in which you complete the gaps regarding various reasons for absence. This booklet can be collected by either a student or parent. It is your child's responsibility to present this note to the class teacher which will enable them to leave at the designated time.
- Last minute appointments - at times, your child will need to leave school early or attend appointments at the last minute. Parents are requested to contact the school office to organise a leaver's slip. The office staff will organise a leaver's slip and contact your child. Parents are to sign out a student leaving the school grounds when collecting the student from the front office.
- Parents please note that your child is not permitted to use a mobile phone during school hours. It must be turned off and placed in their bag until the end of the school day. If your child uses a mobile during school time it will be confiscated and will need to be collected by you on the second offence. Your child should not contact you during school hours by using their mobile. If your child is unwell the office staff will contact you. If your child has a need to contact you they should seek the permission of a deputy principal who will, if appropriate, ensure that this takes place.
- Collection of items from the office - if your child knows that you will be leaving an item for collection at the front office please remind them that it is their responsibility to collect the item from the office, the office staff will not send a reminder slip.
- Private conveyance travel / bus forms – as your child has now entered high school a new private conveyance form must be submitted to the Department of Transport (address on form) these forms are available from the Office. Bus forms are also available from the Office, when completed these are given to the bus driver.
- **The difference between homework and study** - homework will vary in amount and type because of the number of teachers and subject variations, but your child will probably need to do some homework each night - whether it be a review of the day's lesson, completion of exercises or starting an assignment that is due down the track. Then there needs to be study time - which is separate from completing homework. Your child should go over the day's work, read their text-books or notes and try to increase their understanding, and remember concepts touched on in the class.
- **Problem solving** - if you are worried about something that affects your child and their schooling, or you have a minor issue that you need to discuss, you may wish to speak to your child's year adviser or subject teacher in the first instance. If there is a bigger issue, or you believe that the original problem was not solved, please speak firstly to the head teacher of the faculty and if necessary then to the deputy principal or principal.
- **Bullying is not tolerated** - all parents want reassurance that their child is not going to be bullied at school nor do you want your child to bully others. It is an issue that Mudgee High School always takes seriously. Bullying is an ongoing persistent deliberate attempt to make your child feel uncomfortable or unhappy. Bullies can be anywhere...at school, at work, even neighbours! It is important that your child learns how to deal with bullies. We have an excellent Anti-bullying Plan, which includes specific ways to deal with bullying behaviours.

We hope these points are useful tips and information for you and your child.

David Roach - Chair – Mudgee High School Community Partnership Committee

Community Notices

CUDGEGONG VALLEY PHYSICAL CULTURE

Dance into Physical Culture - Physi is a syllabus of disciplined choreographed routines – Competitions not compulsory
 Cudgegong Valley Physical Culture Club harbours Strength, Courage & Confidence
 Special 2013 Offer – No Weekly Lesson Fees
 Enquiries info@physicalculture.net.au

AUSTRALIAN DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Would you enjoy a lecture and powerpoint presentation by an acclaimed international or Australian lecturer on a range of arts and literary-based topics? Would you enjoy meeting the lecturer and chatting with like-minded people over a drink and sandwich? For an average cost of less than \$14 per lecture, come and discover what ADFAS is all about – easily the best value entertainment in town. All welcome.

Lectures are held Friday evenings at 6.30pm sharp at Cudgegong Valley School Hall, Madeira Road, Mudgee
 Upcoming lectures are: 22nd February – Pauline Chakmakjian – The City of Kyoto and the Cult of Beauty
 15th March – Michael Bligh – Creating Colour and Interest for Every Season of the Year
 26th April – Lars Tharp – Tales from the Travelling Roadshow – or a Thousand Ways to Say “I’m Sorry...”

Community Notices continued

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 which will be held at Club Mudgee
On 4th March from 5.30 to 7.30pm - Book now on 0434 964764
Or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au.

MUDGEE LIONS CLUB INC

Sponsoring the Literature Awards at the Mudgee Show
Entries Close Wed Feb 27; All entries must be the original of the exhibitor; Exhibitors must attend a school in the Mudgee district; Only one entry per class per exhibitor; Exhibitor's name, school attended and class entered must be on the back of each entry, as well as a statement by parent, guardian or teacher, indicating it is the boafide work of the exhibitor.

Section 41001 Poetry Writing – Free Choice – Maximum 20 lines
Section 41002 Story Writing – Free Choice – Maximum 1 x A4 pages
Prize Money: 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 for each class

MUDGEE GOLF CLUB – JUNIOR GOLF

PIZZA REGISTRATION DAY – TUES 12TH FEBRUARY

Registration Day for Term 1 Junior Golf – Mudgee Golf Club commencing 4.15pm
Register for Tues Sports Hour for 8 years and over; Junior Development Squad
\$5 per afternoon – clubs supplied if required – all that is required is a hat and water bottle
For more information ring Peter or Adam at the Pro Shop - 63722686

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are offered the opportunity to experience a year of living in another country in 2014.
OR

Your family may like to host an inbound Exchange Student.

To find out more go to website www.youthexchange.net.au or contact deniseparkes39@gmail.com

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Are seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2013 for a stay of one or two semesters. Carefully selected students will arrive in July from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover. Visit website www.scce.com.au email scceaust@scce.com.au or call 1800 500 501.

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