

Monday 4th February 2013

Term 1 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgong Learning
Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Feb 5&6 – Y12 Wollongong Uni
- Feb 8 – Swimming Carnival
- Feb 12 – School Photos
- Feb 18 – P&C Meeting, Library
- Feb 20 to 22 - Y12 Geography Excur to Sydney
- Feb 21&22 – All Schools Triathlon at Penrith Feb 5&6 – Y12 Wollongong Uni
- Feb 28 – Y7,11,12 Parent/Teacher Evening 3.45-7pm

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Principal's Message

Welcome to new and continuing parents - Welcome to all our parents for another exciting year in your children's education. We are looking forward to meeting new parents over the coming weeks. The first opportunity for you to get involved with Mudgee High School will be at **our first P&C meeting**. This will be held on Monday 25 February commencing at 7.00 pm. We meet in the school library; please enter via Horatio St. This first meeting is a great opportunity for us to make new parents welcome and so of course we would also like as many of our continuing parents to come along and get involved.

Annual Swimming Carnival - This week sees our first major event for the year. The annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 8 February at Mudgee Pool. All years 7, 8 and 9 students will be attending and years 10, 11 and 12 students who register for an event. For year 7-9 this is instead of their normal school day and requirements for attendance do apply. For students in years 10-12 who do not pre-register for the carnival there will be normal school lessons and so all students are expected to attend school that day. Year 12 students participating in the fundraising must also register to attend the carnival. No student may be absent from either the carnival or school without a note explaining their absence. We have organised a canteen for the day but students are advised to bring other food and drinks as the canteen will be limited. Year 12 will be conducting their fundraising so request that students support their efforts by bringing whatever cash they can spare.

HSC Results – The Year 12 class of 2012 has continued the longstanding tradition of outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate Examinations. This year 113 students completed their HSC at Mudgee High. The school was proud to be able to offer students 59 different HSC courses. Across all of their results there were 306 individual exam scores (60% of the total) on or above state average. There were 20 Band 6 results (top 10% of the state and a mark over 90) and 102 Band 5 results (top 20% of the state and a mark over 80). Twenty three per cent of all Mudgee High results were above the very meritorious score of 80. The vast majority of students have performed at a very high level in all their courses.

Individual excellence was achieved by – Tom Bambrick (2 Band 6 and 4 Band 5), Monique Bremner (6 Band 5), Henry Bryant (1 Band 6 and 5 Band 5), Nathan Chapman (1 Band 6 and 3 Band 5), Ben Cheetham (1 Band 6 and 5 Band 5), Karlee Farthing (6 Band 5), Sarah Fergus (2 Band 6 and 4 Band 5), Amy Harrington (1 Band 6 and 3 Band 5), Andre Jewell (2 Band 6 and 2 Band 5), Brittany Leven (5 Band 5), Alice Wisse (5 Band 6 and 2 Band 5) Many of our students gained early entry to their chosen university course based on their school marks. Over 60% of students were offered places at university. Several students have been awarded major scholarships, others have been offered places with a private provider, and a number have secured apprenticeships. Many others are working in casual jobs waiting on their university and/or TAFE commencing or have taken a gap year to ensure they have sufficient funds to go away to university or other courses.

MIRRI - Unfortunately we have not yet received the copies of the Mirri which we had to return in December. This publication is a fantastic memento of 2012 but the binding was poor so they were returned. As soon as the corrected copies arrive we will let parents know. Many have already purchased their copies and will be given a replacement. Year 12 also can collect their copy when they arrive. If you know a Year 12 student who is not in Mudgee when the Mirri is available to be picked up let us know and we can put one aside for them to pick up later.

Newsletters – A newsletter will be given to every student this week to ensure that all parents receive a copy. In future weeks they will be emailed or students may collect a copy at the office. (A slip is provided on the back page if you wish to supply us with your email address)

Louise Manwaring
Principal

HSIE NEWS

Welcome back to all students and a special welcome to anyone who is new to the school in 2013.

Parents of students in Years 9 and 10 will notice a difference from previous years in the way the History and Geography curriculum is being delivered to students in 2013. The decision has been taken to semesterize the year 9 and 10 History and Geography courses. This means that students in Years 9 and 10 will study History and Geography for six periods a week but for two terms. Therefore if your student is studying Geography for the first two terms they will do History in the second half of the year and vice versa. Students will still be studying the subjects for the same number of hours over the semester as they were in 2012 and covering the same course content that has been delivered in previous years.

This term we welcomed Ms Felicity Bowen and Ms Emma Heath to our faculty. Mr Finter is relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs McFarlane will be relieving Head Teacher for Term 1.

ENGLISH NEWS

New teachers: The English staff is welcoming two new members of staff. Mr Luke Golden is replacing Mrs Kirk while she is on maternity leave. Mr Golden has worked in English on a casual basis for some time and we are happy to have him full time. Mrs Amy Goodworth is joining us from Kandos High where she worked last year. Mrs Goodworth did her prac teaching at Mudgee High and her return is most welcome. Both Mr Golden and Mrs Goodworth are very dedicated and skilled new teachers and we are lucky to have them.

Peer tutoring: Once again Mudgee high will offer students the opportunity to take part in this worthwhile program. Year 10 students have been approached to become tutors. They will be trained in the processes of tutoring reading and then paired up with a student who needs help to become more confident with texts. Our experience is that students benefit enormously from this program, not just in reading fluency and comprehension but also in leadership and confidence. If you have a son or daughter in Year 10 who is interested, they should see Mrs Stead in the library to put their name down: students need to be competent, but not necessarily perfect, readers.

Debating: In 2012 Mudgee High had a very successful year in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Students who are interested in being part of a debating team this year should see Mrs Daniels or Miss Eslick in the English staffroom. When we know how many of you there are we will enter teams. Being part of the debating team involves travel away from school to compete with students from other towns. Debating is well recognised as being a very valuable activity for students. It not only develops skills in public speaking and the confidence associated with it, but also helps students to develop effective arguments and skills of persuasion. The demands of teamwork and quick thinking are also useful. We would like to see students involved in this challenge.

WIRADJURI WORD OF THE WEEK: *nganha*

This word means **that's**, as in "That's good". So, now we can say:

Yamandhu marang? (Are you well?) Ngawa baladhu marang. (Yes, I'm well) Marang nganha. (That's good.)

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 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.

WEP AUSTRALIA STUDENT EXCHANGE

Offers high school students the opportunity to embark on exciting journeys to over 20 countries around the world to explore new cultures, learn new languages and discover different lifestyles.

Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature and gain confidence.

World Education Program Australia (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments. Applications are now being accepted from students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two \$3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

To find out more visit www.wep.org.au or telephone 1300 884 733

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MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEN MENU 2013

(Effective from 28.1.13)

NOT FOOD AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Chicken and Corn Roll	\$1.50
Pizza Rounda	\$2.50
Beef Traveller Pie	\$2.50
Chicken Traveller Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Beef & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$3.50
Hot Dog	\$3.50
SPC Big Bean Bar	\$3.00
Mayo/Sauce Portions	\$0.30

ROLLS & SANDWICHES

A variety of rolls including ham, salami, **Prices**
cheese, egg & chicken – all with salad **start from**

Chicken Caesar roll, Sweet chilli	\$4.00
chicken and avocado roll	
*Vegetarian Wrap with Tzaziki, chick peas, semi dried tomatoes and salad	\$4.00
*Chicken & Avocado Wrap with salad (*Mondays only)	\$4.00
Plain bread roll	\$1.20

SALADS

Garden Salad	\$5.00
Meat & Salad	\$5.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00

CHECK AVAILABILITY OF THESE SALADS

Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Greek Salad	\$5.00
Cous Cous Salad	\$4.00
Sushi	\$4.00
Pasta Salad	\$4.00
Anti Pasto Salad	\$5.00

MILK AND DAIRY

Moove 300ml	\$2.00
Moove 500ml	\$3.50
Plain Milk	\$2.00
Thick & Creamy Yoghurt	\$2.00
Dare 500ml	\$3.50
Nippy's Milk 375ml	\$2.50
Custard 600ml	\$3.00

JUICES

Berri 350ml	\$2.50
Apple/Blackcurrent, Apple/Mango, Pineapple, Orange, Tropical, Multi V, Passionfruit, Daily Juice 500ml	\$3.00
Apple, Oranges, Orange/Mango	

BEVERAGES

Pump water 750ml	\$2.50
Water 600ml	\$1.50
Hot Milo (Winter only)	\$2.00
LOL	\$2.00
Coke Zero	\$2.00
Sprite Zero	\$2.00
Pepsi Max 600ml	\$2.00

SNACKFOOD

Red Rock deli chips	\$1.00
JJ Snacks	\$1.00

ICE CREAMS: Paddlepop

Milo Scoop	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.50
Lemonade Twist	\$1.00
Sunnyboy	\$1.00
Cyclone	\$1.60

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY

Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (order only)	\$4.50
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TUESDAY

Pizza Sub	\$2.00
Spudsters with Gravy	\$2.50

WEDNESDAY

Wedges	\$2.00
Sour cream/sweet chilli sauce	\$0.50

THURSDAY

Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
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FRIDAY

Thai Chicken Roll (order only)	\$5.00
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**CHECK OUT OUR DAILY MENU BOARD FOR OTHER EXCITING SPECIALS INCLUDING HOMEMADE SOUPS,
PASTAS, FOCCACIAS, TURKISH MELTS, CURRIES, BURGERS AND SALADS**

Please note these prices are subject to change throughout the year due to the increase in wholesale prices

UPCOMING EVENTS – For Your Fridge

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

- Friday 8th February
- Compulsory for Years 7 – 9. Do not go to school
- Students in Years 10 – 12 need to nominate by Wed morning. If attending students are expected to stay at the pool all day.
- Students go straight to the pool and have their names marked off by 8.50, bus students get off the bus at St Matthews and are supervised down to the pool.
- Pool entry is Free
- Canteen will be available, a BBQ will be available as well as drinks, chips, lollies and some ice blocks.
- Carnivals can't run without the support of students. Regardless of swimming ability the spirit in which students participate and win points for their house is what is important.

P & C MEETING – (President : John Laidlaw Secretary : Susan Reinhard)

All parents are invited to our first meeting for 2013

- **When:** Monday 25th February
- **At:** Commencing 7.00pm
- **Where:** School Library (*Please enter via Horatio Street*)

PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING for Years 7, 11 & 12

- **When:** Thursday 28th February
- **At:** Commencing 3.45 to 7.00pm
- **Where:** Gym

Please make bookings – students will bring home booking sheets. A meeting for other years will be held during Term 2.

NEWSLETTERS TO BE EMAILED

We are able to email you a copy of the Newsletter each week if you wish.

The Newsletter also appears on our website each Monday if you would like to open it there.

If you would like the Newsletter emailed to you please fill out the details below and return it to the front office

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

Parent Name: _____

Email Address: _____