

Monday 25th February 2013
Term 1 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Feb 25 – P&C Meeting, Library
- Feb 28 – Y7,11,12 Parent/Teacher Evening 3.45-7pm
- March 1 – Ag Excursion to Mudgee Show
- March 7 – Textiles Excursion
- March 19 Yr 7 and Yr 9 Vaccinations

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Principal's Message

P and C Meeting

Don't forget tonight's P and C meeting. We would like to welcome as many new parents as possible. Please enter the Library via Horatio Street. The P & C AGM will be held during our March meeting.

Parent/Teacher Evening

Parents of Year 7, 11 and 12 please make bookings with teachers to ensure you receive a time slot. Students have been issued with booking sheets for you to use. If you don't have one the front office has spare booking sheets.

Congratulations

Well done Henry Van Laeren who is this year's Lions Club Youth of the Year. Henry will now go on to compete at the regional level. These awards are presented to students who have demonstrated Safe, Respectful and Responsible participation at school.

Immunisation Program

The first clinic for Year 7 at MHS is Tuesday 19th March. At this clinic Year 7 boys and girls will be having Hepatitis B (first of two vaccination in the series), HPV (first of three in the series) and Chicken Pox.

Year 9 boys will be given the HPV vaccination (first of three in the series). If you have any questions please contact Mrs Broadley at the school. Please refer to the attachment included in this newsletter from the Dept. of Health which describes the program.

Absence Booklets

A reminder that absence booklets are available from the office. These make the job of explaining your child's absence so much quicker and easier.

Clothing Pool

If you have any unused uniform in good condition could you please send it in to the school as our pool of clothing is very low. We are especially in need of junior shirts in good condition.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P&C Awards – Week 4

Year 7: Sam McFarlane; **Year 8:** Benjamin Hughes; **Year 9:** Mitchell Tubnor;
Year 10: Samantha Cormie; **Year 11:** Aaron Harris; **Year 12:** Kate Millar

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Languages Update

All classes studying Japanese have made a pleasing start to 2013 and are settling into the task of learning a second language. We particularly welcome all Year 7 students and look forward to seeing their skills develop throughout their year of mandatory study. We are also thrilled to see the continuing support for the inclusion of Japanese into the V.I. curriculum with two J03 classes and J04/05/25 and J06/07/27 classes running in Years 8-10. We also have a Year 11 combined Continuers and Beginners class and a Year 12 Continuers class.

Course Information

Some very important documentation has been handed out to all language students and should have been pasted into their books. These sheets include:-

-  Course Information for Year 7 students, outlining a rationale for studying languages, outcomes and content
-  Responsibilities and Rights in the Language classroom.

We encourage all parents/caregivers to read these documents and to contact us at school if they have any questions. All students will have also received an assessment schedule that will outline the timing and types of assessment tasks that will be completed and used to determine the standard students have reached this semester. This is a very important information sheet and students need to use it to plan their revision and to ensure they complete tasks on time. It is hoped that parents/caregivers will help in this planning process and they will be duly contacted if their student fails to meet the minimum requirements.

Another very important factor in a student's learning is the bringing to class of the required equipment. Every student has been informed of the basic requirements for the subject. We ask that all parents be aware of the following points:

- All students require a covered, all-lined exercise book.
- All students need to bring to class a red pen; a blue or black pen; a pencil; a plastic/wooden ruler; scissors; and a glue stick
- All students are required to bring a diary to record homework tasks and assignments

2014 Japan Trip

Towards the end of Term 4 last year an information evening was held for parents and students outlining a proposed trip to Japan in 2014. This was very well attended and details regarding the trip itinerary and requirements were highlighted. The response to our call for expressions of interest was extremely overwhelming and approximately 50 students returned notes. We are very excited by the level of enthusiasm displayed and naturally will be going ahead with our plans. Unfortunately, due to this overwhelming response, we will only be able to take those students who are currently in Years 9-11 and are studying Japanese as we only have a maximum of 30 places available. Those students who are currently in Year 7 or Year 8 will be invited to apply for a place on our next trip in April 2016. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Languages Department.

Students in Years 9 – 11 will be required to provide a non-refundable deposit of \$300 to secure their place on the trip. Students are asked to keep an eye out in daily announcements for notification of this.

Japanese Culture

Year 7 students this year will be exposed to many typical Japanese cultural practices. In particular, they will study a major festival every month. Classes will soon learn about Setsubun which takes place on February 3 or 4, one day before the start of spring according to the Japanese lunar calendar. For many centuries, the people of Japan have been performing rituals with the purpose of chasing away evil spirits at the start of spring. In modern days, common practice is to scatter roasted soya beans around one's house and at temples and shrines across the country. When throwing the beans, you are supposed to shout "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!", which means "Devils out! Happiness in!" In honour of this ceremony students will make their own 'oni' masks in class and learn about other rituals.



Celebrations at Tago Taisha Shrine

Ms Date Miss Hutchins

Careers Capers!

Welcome back to the new school year. Students at Mudgee High School are able to access a range of resources, programs and activities to assist with their future career planning.

The Careers Room (B16) has up to date material relating to many career pathways and students are welcome to visit, browse and borrow resources of interest. Roll classes spend time in the Careers Room on a weekly rotational basis where they read careers material each morning as part of the MHS DEAR program.

All Year 10 students participate in Career Education lessons for 1 period/week focusing on e.g. career planning, work readiness and post school options. It is expected that Year 10 students will also complete a minimum of 1 week of work experience during the year.

Senior students who have selected the 2 unit Work Studies course will examine the various aspects of the role of and its relevance to individuals and society. An emphasis is also placed on skill development in preparation for future job seeking.

University of Wollongong Excursion

On February 5 & 6 approximately 30 Year 12 students attended the University of Wollongong Discovery Days. The focus of the event was to familiarise students with a range of issues relating to university life. Students inspected (and stayed overnight in) university accommodation, toured the campus and attended lectures of interest. Some time was also found for a short walk along a local beach and a paddle in the surf!

It is envisaged the excursion provided students with an insight into the possibility of the University of Wollongong being a tertiary destination post Year 12.



Year 12 students enjoying the beach at Wollongong



“Oni” masks and soya beans packages sold for the festival



Year 12 students at the University of Wollongong

Upcoming Career Events

Charles Sturt University (CSU) MyDay events 2013.

CSU MyDay events showcase a wide range of courses and the university campus as well as giving students the opportunity to meet lecturers and find out about financial assistance and student services.

Upcoming MyDay events include:

Exercise Science – Bathurst – March 1

Nursing and Paramedics – Bathurst – March 14

Accounting and Business – Bathurst – March 21

Years 11 & 12 students and their parents/carers are encouraged to attend.

The Regional University Road Show

Representatives from the universities New England (Armidale), Charles Sturt (Bathurst, Wagga Wagga etc.) and Southern Cross (Lismore) will speak to all Year 12 students (and parents/carers) about courses, alternate entry, costs, accommodation and more. The presentation will occur on Friday March 15 between 9.30 & 10.30 am. in the Mudgee High gymnasium. All welcome.

Women in Engineering & Information Technology Seminar

Mudgee High School Years 9 – 12 girls have the opportunity to attend a University of Technology, Sydney sponsored Women in Engineering and I.T Day.

This interactive seminar will occur on April 5 for Years 11 and 12 and August 6 for Years 9 – 12.

This is a great opportunity for interested girls to meet university students and professionals in engineering and I.T and explore study and career possibilities.

Interested students are asked to register with Mr. Kempton.

Year 12 School for Excellence Lectures

The School for Excellence (tsfx) is holding HSC subject lectures over 1, 2 or 3 weekends in March. The venue is the universities Sydney and NSW. If Year 12 students require some assistance with preparation for the upcoming Year 12 Half Yearly examinations then these tsfx sessions may be for them.

Students will learn skills and techniques which will help optimise examination performance. See www.tsfx.com.au or Careers Room for details and application process.

If you have questions relating to any of the above matters, please contact the school.

NSW SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered:

- Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby.
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students, and to Year 9 male students, as a 3-dose course over a six-month period.
- dTpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough)) for all Year 7 students (booster dose).

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and, for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Community Notices

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AGED 17-21 YEARS

The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth the opportunity to live with Lions families overseas during the school holidays. The Program does not involve tuition or school attendance but is rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, etc. More information can be found at www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

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...”

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 bona fide 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 & DISTRICTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

“Come & Try It” Day Saturday 2nd March 2013 at AREC

10am-3.00pm (sausage sizzle /drinks available for lunch)

No cost – however must have never held a motocross licence.

Must have helmet, gloves, sturdy covered footwear, suitable long pants, shirt and a bike

Under 18's need a parent/guardian to sign them on

Open to all ages and riding ability

Register your interest in attending by emailing secretary@mudgeemx.com
or ph 0409804790

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