

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Term 1 – Week 7



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- March 7- Textiles Excursion
- March 14 – Yr 12 PDHPE Excursion
- March 15 - Yr 9 Dunn's Swamp Excursion
- March 19 - Yr 7 and Yr 9 Vaccinations
- April 3 – Parent/Teacher Evening Y8,9,10

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## Principal's Message

### Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter will now be published, emailed and uploaded to our website on Tuesday of each week instead of Monday.

As various times in a school policies and procedures are reviewed and changes made to meet the needs of students, staff and parents. At this time our major review is the Student Welfare policy. A team of staff have been working since 2012 on reviewing our current practices in relation to student welfare. This includes the ways we recognise student achievement, how we make adjustments to meet the needs of all students including gifted and talented and those with special needs. It also includes the ways we guide students to fulfil our aim to have a safe, respectful and responsible learning environment for staff and students.

Many of you participated in a parent survey in 2012 which provided rich data for our review. Over 500 parents completed the survey which is a fantastic response. In addition students and staff were also surveyed. The results were available for viewing at our recent parent/teacher evening and we will provide other opportunities for you to see them during this term. At our next P&C meeting on 25 March Mrs Broadley who leads the review will explain what has been done so far and discuss the findings. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend. This is a chance for you to have some more input into amending our Student Welfare Policy.

The NSW government recently released a policy which is called [Great Teaching, Inspired Learning – A blueprint for action](#). If you click on this link you can find out more about that policy. Its aim is to raise the requirement of teaching pre-service undergraduate courses and to provide structures to reward and recognise great teaching. Parents should be assured that the teachers at Mudgee High School are of the highest calibre. 100% have graduate and postgraduate qualifications. Over 30% have higher degrees including masters and doctorates. The quality of our teachers was recognised with our designation as a Centre for Excellence in Quality Teaching in 2010. Since then we have supported a wide range of teachers in other schools to develop quality teaching practices. The new government policy aims to bring us in to line with the National Standards for teachers, a Federal Government requirement which will be met by all our teachers. A significant number of teachers at Mudgee High School currently belong to the NSW Institute of teachers and are assessed by that institute on the standard of their teaching. Each year every teacher is evaluated to ensure he/she is meeting the required standard and support is put in place to ensure teachers can strive for the higher levels of accreditation. Mr Roach for example was one of the first to achieve the level of Professional Accomplishment in NSW. In future many more teachers will seek this recognition.

## P & C Awards – Week 6

**Year 7:** Jarrod Aylett; **Year 8:** Lachlan Henry; **Year 9:** William Eade; **Year 10:** Madison Watson; **Year 11:** Bryan Stapleton-Moller; **Year 12:** Claire Mortensen

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal

## AGRICULTURE REPORT

The school year has begun at a frantic pace for the Agriculture department. Many of the elective classes have been busy preparing our White Suffolk sheep for the Mudgee Show. This culminated with the Year 11 Primary Industries class completing some final grooming to add polish to the handling skills covered in the junior modules.

Friday of the show is a day of competition for students. Once again, our students behaved in a manner that did credit to Mudgee High and their performance in evaluating the different categories was also exceptional.

In the Junior or learner section, our students achieved the following results:

Beef Cattle: 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Wisbey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Hulme; 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabrielle Mittermayer

Grain: 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlyn Smith

Meat Sheep: 1<sup>st</sup> Tim Cheetham

Fleece: 1<sup>st</sup> Gabrielle Mittermayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Justin Pilley

For our seniors attempting to qualify for zone representation at the Easter Show:

Beef Cattle: 1<sup>st</sup> James Riley; 3<sup>rd</sup> Madison Nemeč

Meat Sheep: 3<sup>rd</sup> Madison Nemeč

Fleece: 3<sup>rd</sup> Madison Nemeč

Saturday was devoted to the sheep and junior handler competitions. As a small stud with fewer options for hard culling and a small budget for improvement through ram selection, progress can be slow. As such, we only brought home minor ribbons but gained a wealth of feedback from the judge that will be turned to practical use in future breeding programs.

Our students performed much better than their places indicate. Those who were not placed were praised by the judge for their skills. They managed unruly sheep artfully and displayed a quiet yet masterful disposition that was conveyed to the sheep. Our thanks must go to the Merton Suffolk and White Suffolk stud for allowing our students to present their sheep in addition to our own.

In the 12 and under class: 1<sup>st</sup> Elke Giaouris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Blackwell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Browne

The 13-18 year group: 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Cooksley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaylee Harradine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Melissa Wisbey.

Agriculture has not been confined to sheep in 2013. Both the Year 10 Primary Industries group and Year 8 Technology Mandatory have established gardens and all groups have been busy caring for the poultry and rabbits.

We are planning our autumn plant and poultry sale for March 23. Look out for advertisements closer to the date. There should be a number of poultry breeds in a range of ages as well as our usual variety of plants. Quality vendors are welcome to contact the Agriculture staff if they would like to sell their own poultry beside ours.



*Emily Blackwell, Elke Giaouris & Hannah Browne*

*Melissa Wisbey, Rachel Cooksley & Kaylee Harradine*





### NSW CHS GIRLS SOFTBALL CARNIVAL

Last week Mudgee hosted the NSW Combined High School's Girls State Softball Championships at West End softball fields. Teams from 9 regions competed against each other over a three day carnival. Mick Boller was the carnival organiser and with the help of Mudgee Softball Association and Mudgee High School student volunteers he did a fabulous job to ensure the event was a huge success. The Western Region team featured Mudgee High School students Bria Toohey, Rachael Sharp, Erika MacPherson, Jessica Edwards, Lauren Flack, Erin Kenny. The girls played extremely good softball over eight games and came away with two wins and a draw, which placed Western 7<sup>th</sup> overall. The team was an absolute pleasure to coach and they should be very proud of their efforts over the duration of the carnival.

*Robyn Burke*

*Western Region Girls Softball Coach*



### TAS INDUSTRIAL ARTS-COMPUTING

Last year toward the end of Term 4 Technical Graphics students from Mudgee High completed a unit on Skinning a Race Car. They were involved in Video conferences with The Graphics department of Brad Jones racing. They looked at Fabian Coulthard's Lockwood Racing Commodore and designed their own logo scheme to place on computer Models of this car.. The highlight was an excursion to the Telstra 500 at Homebush where they had access to the back of the pits in the paddock area where they saw first hand the cars and their logo skins. This was a real buzz for all attending students.

The students then submitted their designs and a collage was made by Dubbo District Office to show Brad Jones Racing. After last years successes with the Industrial

Technology Multimedia class this course has again proved popular. With a good intake of year 11 students starting this course.

*Students of MHS looking at the Lockwood car*

Major projects in Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture and Design and Technology are well under way and students are devoting large amounts of time to the construction of projects and the associated folio work. Junior classes have again proven popular with all classes full and working well toward completing their first projects for the year. *C Roberts HT*

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Lectures are held Friday evenings at 6.30pm sharp at Cudgong Valley School Hall, Madeira Road, Mudgee  
Upcoming lectures are: 15<sup>th</sup> March – Michael Bligh – Creating Colour and Interest for Every Season of the Year  
26<sup>th</sup> April – Lars Tharp – Tales from the Travelling Roadshow – or a Thousand Ways to Say "I'm Sorry..."

### ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM COMMITTEE INC

Would you like to visit another country for 12 months? Would you like to learn another culture, another language? Would you like to travel and make new life-long friends? Would you like to attend a new school, try new subjects? Would you like to try new sports? If you answer YES to some or all of these questions, you should consider Rotary Youth Exchange. Over 7000 students world-wide annually spend twelve months in a foreign country. Would you like to spend 2014 in another country? An information night will be held on Tuesday 12 March 2013 at Club Mudgee from 6pm. Come along with your parents and hear about this wonderful youth program. It has been running for over 75 years.

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