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Term 1 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- March 29 – Public Holiday
- April 1 – Public Holiday
- April 3 – Parent/Teacher Evening
- Y8,9,10
- April 5-12 – Y12 Half-Yearly Exams
- April 12 – Last day of Term

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Principal's Message

Each week on assembly we celebrate student achievements and share important information with students and staff. This week we celebrated student achievements in the Science and Engineering Challenge where we were regional winners and in cycling where students have had recent success. The SRC provided information about the up coming school social and Henry Van Laeren spoke about Youth Week competitions. Several students also shared their passion for important causes which need support. I have included a summary of their speeches below, I hope you find them as interesting as I did. It's good to see our students continuing the Mudgee High tradition of caring for others.

Harmony Day - Harmony Day has been celebrated around Australia since 1999, on 21st March each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2013 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. Since 1945, 7 million people have migrated to Australia. We identify with more than 270 ancestries and today, around 45% of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was.

The key message of Harmony Day this year is 'Many stories, One Australia'. Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka Stockade to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational. Let's take the time to celebrate our diversity.



Maddy Fletcher and Holly Sandry



Teagan Yavion, Nikayla Fyvie-Macpherson,
Josie Ager McConnell and Jasmine Russell

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Close the Gap Day: 21st March 2013

The poor health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is no secret – and something can be done about it. Since 2006, Australia's peak Indigenous and human rights organisations have worked together to secure the support of Australian governments for a human rights based approach to achieving health and life expectation equality for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This is known as the Close the Gap Campaign.

Some statistics are that an Indigenous Australian will live 17 years less than other Australians and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies will die at almost three times the rate of non-Indigenous babies.

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Indigenous Australians will end up in hospitals at twice the rate of other Australians, or suffer significantly higher rates of heart disease, cancer, kidney failure or diabetes.

The Close the Gap Campaign's goal is to close the health and life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

By 2030, any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child born in this country should have the same opportunity as other Australian children to live a long, healthy and happy life.

The Local Aboriginal Land Council invited interested members of the public to attend an event to commemorate Close the Gap Day. It was held at the LALC offices, attended by Mudgee High School representatives on Thursday 21st March.

The Oaktree Foundation



Holly Redding is an ambassador for the Oaktree Foundation. From the 9th to the 16th of March the Foundation held an event called The Roadtrip to End Poverty. Holly, along with 1000 other young ambassadors around Australia set off in our states on a 7 day journey to gather as many signatures as we could get for our petition. The aim for all this was to get the government to commit to the promise they made back in 2000 on foreign aid.

The government promised to give 0.7% of GNI to foreign aid by the year 2020. We had been making progress towards this goal, and a few years ago had reached a commitment of 0.5%. However, in recent years we have gone back on our promise and are only currently giving 0.34%, which is only 34 cents in every 100 dollars. In the coming election, the government plans on cutting foreign aid altogether if we don't do something about it. Countries who are

poorer than Australia have committed and are already giving 0.7%. Our petition is to show the government that Australians believe that 1.3 billion people living in extreme poverty is not acceptable.

So, on their roadtrip, they travelled in our state groups, gathering signatures by doing street petitioning, door knocking, visiting schools and universities, flashmobbing in public squares, doing a social media slam, facebooking, tweeting, instagramming and then we headed down to Canberra with our 50,000 signatures. They met with our local MPs, political leaders and political insiders and discussed what they were going to do to help the cause.

In the past 20 years we have halved the amount of people living in extreme poverty globally and it is possible we can eradicate extreme poverty within our lifetime if we get the government to commit to their promise on foreign aid. If you would like to add your voice to the movement to end poverty, visit www.endpoverty.com.au – it only takes 30 seconds to sign the petition, all we need is your name, postcode and email.

Together we can end extreme poverty! If you would like further information about the cause, or have any questions, please visit the website.

P & C Awards – Week 8 – Congratulations to:

Year 7: Caitlin Shoulders; **Year 8:** Ethan Millsom; **Year 9:** Russell Bulliman; **Year 10:** William Wilkin; **Year 11:** Maddie Timson; **Year 12:** Montana Tym

Louise Manwaring
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE TEAM – REGIONAL WINNER

On 6th March two teams, represented Mudgee High at the Science and Engineering Challenge. We competed against schools from Dubbo, Wellington and many other schools in the Mid Western Region, including St Matthews. The entire competition was facilitated by the University of Newcastle and the Rotary Club and many thanks go to those members who dedicated their day to helping things run as smoothly as possible.

We divided into teams of four and tasked with the completion of challenges that would test our experimentation abilities and resourcefulness. Groups received challenges primarily focused on the engineering of physical machines or structures which required adept problem solving skills and tedious alterations to perfect performance. Challenges ranged from circuit boards and paper buildings to skilfully constructed catapults, mars rovers and lightweight bridges.

Two separate challenges were undertaken in the morning and afternoon with other groups given all day to complete their challenges in the case of the bridge, catapult, mars rover and eco-habitat. Our teams scored well across the board and with much suspense and apprehension, as well as an exemplary performance by the bridge building team. Mudgee's Year 10 team was awarded first place. The Year 9 group performed remarkably well considering that their opponents were a year older and they look forward to excelling in the competition next year.

Mrs Gadd and Mr Evans provided us with hints and advice from their years of experience in the science and engineering challenge and it was their exceptional mentoring and exuberant encouragement that led to an enjoyable and successful day for the Mudgee teams. *Ben Reinhard*

Science & Engineering Challenge Report by Jess Buckman

By the end of the day our Mudgee High Year 10 team and St John's were both fighting for first place. The Bridge was the decider so a lot of pressure was put on Katelyn, Jake, Jessie B and Jessie L. Our Bridge was 80 grams lighter than St John's so we had a weight advantage.

Our Bridge held the bridge buster but not the next weight but St John's Bridge did. This made us very worried. After much suspense they announced the winners and it was Mudgee High A team.

We were all very excited and proud especially Katelyn whose name everyone was chanting. Mrs Gadd decided to let us go to Maccas and Cameron Howe shouted all the Year 10 soft serves. The bus trip home was full of positive energy and we were all excited about the next stage – Sydney or Newcastle.

WESTERN SWIMMING REPORT

Our swimming team performed well at the recent CHS Western Selection trials held at Dubbo Aquatic Centre.. Mudgee High placed 2nd in the overall point score behind Dubbo College.



Most of our swimmers achieved one or more personal best times. Georgi York and Macy Morley placed first in all of their events. All swimmers who achieved 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events are now off to represent Western at the CHS state championships.

2013 Swim Team

Back Row L-R, Georgi York, Alyisha Beckingham, Jackson Sievers, Thomas Smith, Jayme Muscat, Jordan Addley, Luke Beckingham, Macy Morley
Front Row L-R, Olivia Haidle, Rebekah Rae, Talia McLennan, Natalie Jeffery, Ross Haidle, Adam Dziura.

Relay Results - Our open girls Medley relay team consisting of Georgi York (Backstroke), Jayme Muscat (Breastroke), Alyisha Beckingham (Butterfly) and Jordan Addley (Freestyle) led from the start and claimed our first relay win for the day.

The first of our 4 x 50 freestyle relay teams were the 14yrs girls consisting of Olivia Haidle, Talia McLennan, Natalie Jeffery and Rebekah Rae. They narrowly missed first place to achieve a hard fought 2nd place. Next to take to the water were the 15 yrs boys, Thomas Smith, Jackson Sievers, Adam Dziura and . Luke Beckingham. The boys set a cracking pace that could not be matched and they cruised in with a 7 second win. Not to be outdone by the boys our senior girls team, Alyisha Beckingham, Jayme Muscat, Macy Morley and Georgi York, led from the start and won by a comfortable 11 seconds. All of our relay teams are off to state.

Individual Results

Addley, Jordan Girls 16 -100 Free Finals 1:13.39 (4), 50 Free Finals 33.90 (5)

200 Free Finals 2:53.12 (3), 100 Back Finals 1:27.42 (5)

Beckingham, Alyisha Girls 17-19 - 50 Free Finals 30.24 (3), 100 Breast Finals 1:19.66 (2), 200 Free Finals 2:19.32 (2)

Beckingham, Luke Boys 14 - 100 Free Finals 1:03.12 (2)PB, 50 Free Finals 28.84 (2), 100 Breast Finals 1:25.81 (3)PB, 200 Free Finals 2:25.17 (2)PB, 100 Back Finals 1:23.08 (1)PB

Dziura, Adam Boys 15 - 50 Free Finals 32.16 (18)

Haidle, Olivia Girls 14 - 100 Free Finals 1:22.74 (17)PB, 50 Free Finals 35.81 (14)

Haidle, Ross Boys 13 100 Free Finals 1:18.02 (5)PB, 13 50 Free Finals 33.93 (5)PB

Jeffery, Natalie Girls 13 100 Free Finals 1:20.13 (12), 50 Free Finals 34.44 (12),

100 Back Finals 1:35.07 (7)PB McLennan, Talia Girls 14 50 Free Finals 37.73 (19), 100 Back Finals 1:43.19 (16)PB

Morley, Macy Girls 13 100 Fly Finals 1:11.79 (1)PB, 100 Free Finals 1:04.93 (1),

50 Free Finals 29.51 (1), 200 Free Finals 2:33.09 (1), 100 Back Finals 1:15.28 (1)

Muscat, Jayme Girls 17-19 100 Free Finals 1:13.45 (4), 100 Breast Finals 1:34.70 (3)

Rae, Rebekah Girls 14 100 Free Finals 1:20.62 (15), 50 Free Finals 35.36 (12)100 Breast Finals 1:30.63 (3), 100 Back Finals 1:37.90 (10)

Sievers, Jackson Boys 14 100 Fly Finals 1:43.83 (6), 100 Free Finals 1:16.58 (8), 50 Free Finals 33.07 (7), 100 Back Finals 1:37.13 (4),

Smith, Thomas Boys 15 100 Fly Finals 1:09.79 (1), 100 Free Finals 1:03.13 (2)PB, 50 Free Finals 28.86 (4), 100 Breast Finals 1:21.02 (1)PB, 200 Free Finals 2:19.55 (1)PB, 200 IM 15-16 Finals 2:38.55 (1)PB York, Georgi Girls 17-19 -100 Free

Finals 1:02.36 (1), 50 Free Finals 28.84 (1), 200 Free Finals 2:16.36 (1)PB, 100 Back Finals 1:13.77 (1), 200 IM Finals 2:42.97 (1)

Alyisha Beckingham showing her style and our new Mudgee High swim caps.

All the students represented their school with pride and were very supportive of their team mates. I would also like to thank the parents who transported the students to Dubbo. Special thanks to Belinda Morley and Tony Rae for being our Time Keepers. Peter Smith - MHS Swimming Team Coordinator



Thomas Smith Flying



ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

The big issue preoccupying English teachers all over the state is the Australian curriculum. Parents will have heard of it in the news but may not know what it's about.

Teaching in every subject is governed by a syllabus. The Australian curriculum has resulted in a new NSW English Syllabus which will be taught in Years K-6 as well as Year 7 and 9. In 2015 Years K-10 will be taught the new syllabus.

This syllabus blends 3 important strands of learning: language, literature and literacy

The literature strand ensures that students will still have opportunity to explore great books and films, wonderful poetry and plays. Good reading can teach students about a range of issues and ideas which make their education more relevant for the world in which they will live: sustainability, engagement with Asia, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are three significant cross curricula priorities in the syllabus. Students will also learn about the media and digital texts and the way they influence their world. Texts may be visual, audible or digital, some texts will be long, and others will be short: either way there will be plenty of interesting reading going on.

We have always had a strong literacy focus in English and this will be strengthened in the future. The teaching of grammar and language will be targeted so that students develop a better understanding of how their language works. This is not a return to endless grammar activities, more directed teaching of what students need to know about their language in order to be good communicators.

The English staff is hard at work bringing this important and very detailed document to life in practical lessons of English. We have spent a lot of hours examining the document, our current teaching plan and our resources. The implementation of changes will continue to be a major focus of our school development days and professional learning for the next couple of years.

This will be an exciting and challenging time for teachers as well as students and parents. We will stay in touch with our parents about the changes in English as they develop. Perhaps you would like to know more about the new English course? Stay tuned . . .

NB – high school students in Years 7 & 9 will also study new syllabuses in mathematics, science and history from 2014.

TERTIARY INFORMATION DAY – Year 12 Parents/Carers

A Tertiary Information Day will be held at Dubbo Senior Campus, Dubbo on Wednesday May 8. This event provides our Year 12 students (and their parents/carers) with an opportunity to speak with a wide range of tertiary training providers about post school options and opportunities. All NSW and ACT Universities, TAFE, Private training providers, Defence Force representatives will be attending. This is an opportunity for students and parents to access a large number of student advisers in one session under one roof.

An excursion will occur from Mudgee High School to this worthwhile event. It is recommended that your son/daughter attend. As a bonus, participating students will have a conducted tour of the Dubbo Campus of Charles Sturt University and attend a lecture by a well recognised motivational speaker. More details and/or permission notes are available from Mr Kempton.

Community Notices

2013 YOUTH WEEK – COPS v KIDS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Friendly match of mixed touch football with local police and community workers

Thursday 11th April at Victoria Park – 4 to 5pm followed by a BBQ

More information www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au/communityservices/youthservices.html

Mudgee Performing Arts Society presents ALADDIN – The Pantomime

You are invited to a "A Night in Old Peking", and information evening about their June production of Aladdin

MPAS is looking for performers, stage crew, musicians, costume and make up people

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Lectures are held Friday evenings at 6.30pm sharp at Cudgegong Valley School Hall, Madeira Road, Mudgee
Upcoming lectures are: 26th April – Lars Tharp – Tales from the Travelling Roadshow –

or a Thousand Ways to Say “I’m Sorry...” ;

17th May - Paul Brunton – Henry Lawson – Australia’s Most Famous Writer

14th June – Barry Venning – Napoleon and His Artists

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