

Tuesday 2nd April 2013
Term 1 – Week 10



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- April 3 – Parent/Teacher Evening
- Y8,9,10
- April 5-12 – Y12 Half-Yearly Exams
- April 12 – Last day of Term
- April 29 – Staff return to school
- May 1 – Students return to school
- May 6 to May11 Y11 Half Yearly Exams
- May 14 to 17 Naplan Testing

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Principal's Message

Two Staff Development Days Term 2

Parents please note the government has designated two days for staff development at the beginning of Term 2. Staff will be working on preparation for the new Australian Curriculum which is due to commence in 2014. **Students do not return until Wednesday 1st May.**

I hope all families had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter. The last few days of this term will be very important for all students. Attendance is required for years 7-11 until and including Friday April 12. Year 12 will be sitting their half yearly exams and are only required to attend for exams. A copy of the year 12 exam timetable is included on the back page.

Year 11 exams will take place early in term 2. These last weeks of term 1 are very important for students to learn and understand the content and skills which will be tested in their half yearly exams. All courses continue without break for junior students up till the end of term 2 so no relaxing just because we have already had Easter. That was an opportunity to recharge.

Last week the SRC held a very successful school social. Over 400 students enjoyed the music and had fun dressing up with their friends and during the social with makeup and dancing. A big thank you to Year 12 who provided some great fund raising activities including pizzas for sale and stage make up by Kate Miller ably supported by other students. Mrs Date was very grateful for their enthusiasm especially as many also had long days on excursions before the social. Mrs McGonigle and the SRC students provided support with the canteen, setting up and cleaning the gym afterwards. A big thank you to them all!

From time to time issues related to cyber behaviour need addressing at school. Parents would be aware I am sure of how frequently behaviour on emails, social networking sites and mobile phones have a negative impact on relationships among students. The most important role in minimising harm to students is played by parents. Ensuring you have full access to your child's mobile phone, emails and social networking pages (e.g Facebook) is the best way you can keep them safe. Students should not be engaging in any behaviour using the internet and mobile phones that they would not want you to see. If they are resistant to friending you, giving you their password or showing you their phone then you should immediately worry they are unsafe. In coming weeks we will run a series of articles on how parents can help children and young adults learn online etiquette and how you can keep your children safe online.

Have a look at this website by Michael Grose a parenting educator. You may find some good ideas you can use for bringing up teenagers.
kidshttp://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine?utm_source=MailingList&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Happy+Kids+457

A sample copy of the magazine is available to download for free.

P & C Awards – Week 9 – Congratulations to:

Year 7: Dillon Robinson; **Year 8:** Joel Thomas; **Year 9:** Emily Muscat; **Year 10:** Shae Ramien; **Year 11:** Jonathan Harris; **Year 12:** Cameron Sleeman

Louise Manwaring
Principal

EXCURSIONS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Excursions are a big part of what is the school experience. Much planning goes into the making of each and every one of the excursions run by Mudgee High School. Risk factors are assessed and measures put in place to minimise those risks. On Wednesday 27/3, Visual Arts students from Years 11 and 12 went to Sydney to view Art Express. Their departure from Sydney was 30 minutes behind schedule and this information was relayed to the school. Our admin staff put that message on the school phone answering machine so that anyone calling the school after hours would be aware that the return had been delayed.

Unfortunately, the bus broke down at Little Hartley and could not be moved. A second bus could not be obtained in Lithgow, so a replacement was sent from Mudgee, causing a further lengthy delay. The bus was still within phone range and many students contacted home to advise of the delay. After changing buses, the students were taken to Lithgow to get something to eat. Many called home again and those who were either without credit on their phones or without a phone were offered the use of a staff member's phone to call home and advise that their return would be delayed until around midnight.

My son came in the door at 00.20.

If there are extra, reasonable things you feel could have been put in place to broaden the channels of communication, please feel free to email the school with your suggestions: mudgee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au *W Eade, Deputy Principal*

MATHEMATICS 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. Entry fees are \$5 and must be paid by the end of term. If more information is required see Mr Lynn.

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 practicing 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.

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.

NAPLAN TESTS 2013

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

A letter providing parents and guardians with information regarding NAPLAN 2013 will be sent home with students in Week 1 of Term 2.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14 – 16 May 2013.

TUESDAY 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY	THURSDAY 16 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing- persuasive writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Students will require a lead pencil, an eraser and a pencil sharpener. On Thursday the 16th May **students will require a calculator for the Numeracy section** of the NAPLAN test. Students are required to sit a Non-Calculator and a Calculator section.

Friday 17 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed any tests.

Please make an appointment with Mrs Best at Mudgee High School if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN. For more information about the tests, please visit the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au or the Mudgee HS website: www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Community Notices

TRAVEL ABROAD

International Student Volunteers are seeking globally minded students to apply for a unique summer volunteer experience. Selected students will undertake a unique volunteer project such as working with sea turtles in Costa Rica, protecting cheetahs in Africa or teaching in a school in Vietnam/Thailand before embarking on an educational adventure tour with activities like sea kayaking, jungle treks and white water rafting. To join ISV, the world's most popular volunteer program for students, visit www.isvolunteers.org and submit an application. Open to students 15+

Mudgee Golf Club – Junior Competition

To be held on Sunday 7th April from 9.15am for 9.30am start until 12 noon
Open to all boys and girls 5 years to 16 years -Beginners competition 4 hole, 6 hole and 9 hole competition
Cost - \$5 per player – includes golf and sausage sizzle – Lots of fun and prizes
Equipment supplied if required – Parent participation encouraged – Further information – 6372 2686

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT – ORANGE – Friday 26th April 2013 – 9.45am to 3.30pm

St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall – Cnr Dora and McLachlan Streets, Orange
\$10 Entry (\$5 for additional family member) – Register by 24th April by contacting
A Aich – Ph 6884 4561 alexander.aich@gmail.com or J Cummins – Ph 6362 6882 heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au
Please bring your own lunch – soft drinks and water will be on sale

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Year 12 Half-Yearly Exam Timetable 2013
All Exams in the GYM unless stated otherwise

Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April	Monday 8th April	Tuesday 9th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April
<u>ENGLISH</u> *Advanced 3 hrs + 10 9.05 – 12.15 *Standard 3 hrs + 10 9.05 – 12.15	<u>LINE 4</u> *Ancient History *Business Studies *Physics 3 hrs + 5 9.05-12.10 *Metals and Engineering *Society and Culture 2 hrs + 5 9.05-11.10	<u>MATHS</u> *2U Mathematics 3hrs + 5 9.05 – 12.10 *Maths General 2 ½ hrs + 5 9.05 – 11.40 *Applies Maths 1½ hrs + 5 9.05-10.40	<u>LINE 5</u> *Engineering Studies *Food Technology *Modern History *Geography 3 hrs + 5 9.05 – 12.10 *Industrial Technology *Textiles and Design 1½ hrs + 5 9.05-10.40	<u>LINE 3</u> *Economics *Legal Studies 3 hrs + 5 9.05 – 12.10 *Japanese 2 ½ hrs 9.05 – 11.40 *Construction *Hospitality *Agriculture 2 hrs + 5 9.05-11.10 *Design and Technology *Drama 1½ hrs + 5 9.05-10.40	<u>LINE 6</u> *Chemistry *Comm and Family Studies 3 hrs + 5 9.05-12.10 *Software Design *Primary Industries 2 hrs + 5 9.05-11.10 *Industrial Tech Multimedia 1½ hrs + 5 9.05-10.40	<u>Offline / Catch-up</u> *Biology 3 hrs + 5 9.05-12.10
*PDHPE 2hrs + 5 1.15-3.20	*English Extension 1 2hrs + 5 1.15-3.20	*History Extension 2hrs + 5 1.15-3.20 *Mathematics Ext 1 2hrs + 5 1.15-3.20	*Mathematics Ext 2 3hrs + 5 12.15-3.20 *Music 1 (Room F05) 1 hrs + 5 12.20-1.25	*Visual Arts 1½ hrs + 5 1.45-3.20		