

Tuesday 9th April 2013
Term 1 – Week 11



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- 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

Thank you to all parents who attended our parent teacher afternoon. Over 400 parents took the time to meet teachers of years 8, 9 and 10 students. These meetings are a valuable way for you to share insights into the best way to meet your child's needs. They also provide an important source of information for you as parents to understand how your child is going at school and what needs to be done next to keep on learning. This three way feedback is a vital part of success at school and will help students to continue to improve.

Year 12 half yearly exams have begun well with students commenting that they felt they performed well in the first few exams. Hard work in preparing for exams certainly pays off on the day. Early in Term 2 year 11 will have a chance to test their skills and knowledge in their first senior exams. These course exams provide important feedback to both students and parents on how students are going and areas of strength and weakness. Teachers also use the exams to target their lessons to ensure students are getting the opportunities they need to develop the best possible skills and broadest knowledge in each of their courses.

Term one finishes on Friday 12 April. Term 2 commences for all students on Wednesday 1 May. Don't forget term 2 2013 has two staff development days. This is to enable teachers to have some extra time to prepare for the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum. In secondary schools English, mathematics, science and history will be introduced in 2014 for year 7 and 9. This requires an enormous amount of work to alter our existing programs and bring all teachers up to speed. We will continue working on this throughout the year. Other subjects will gradually be introduced as their syllabuses are finalised over the next two years. At Mudgee High School we are hosting teachers from smaller secondary schools to enable them to share our expertise and be part of subject networks while they work to introduce the new curriculum.

During the staff development days we will also be working towards finalising our revised student welfare policy which will become the new Learning Support Policy. Parents and students have already contributed through their initial surveys but will also have a say in the final shape of the policy and its implementation.

In May students in years 7 and 9 will undertake the NAPLAN literacy and numeracy tests. Look out for this information which will be distributed early in term 2. The tests require all students to have certain equipment so if your child does not yet have a calculator please ensure they get one soon. Support is available for this if needed. Finally as we come towards winter don't forget to organise winter uniforms. The holidays provide a good opportunity to get to the uniform shops to get jumpers and pants. Remember track pants are not suitable for everyday wear, they can only be worn during sport or practical PE lessons.

P & C Awards – Week 10 – Congratulations to:

Year 7: Bayly Brown; **Year 8:** Kirralee Steele; **Year 9:** Samuel Pattison; **Year 10:** Jack Bruton; **Year 11:** Grace Jones; **Year 12:** Taylah Watters

Louise Manwaring
Principal

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

SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

First term has been a highly successful one for the Science Faculty. The Science and Engineering Challenge saw a busload of our students travel to Dubbo with Mrs Gadd and Mr Evans to take on other schools in the region in a number of challenges such as being able to construct a bridge to hold the greatest weight. Mudgee students excelled and are now the regional champions. Their next trip is to Newcastle to take on the might of Northern NSW.

Year 11 Biology have travelled to Munghorn Gap to undertake their compulsory fieldtrip. Their positive attitude and work ethic showed that they are an exemplary group of students.

Our Physics students have also travelled to Mount Piper to examine the inner working of motors and generators. There is no doubt they had an exciting time especially under the guidance of Mrs Harries.



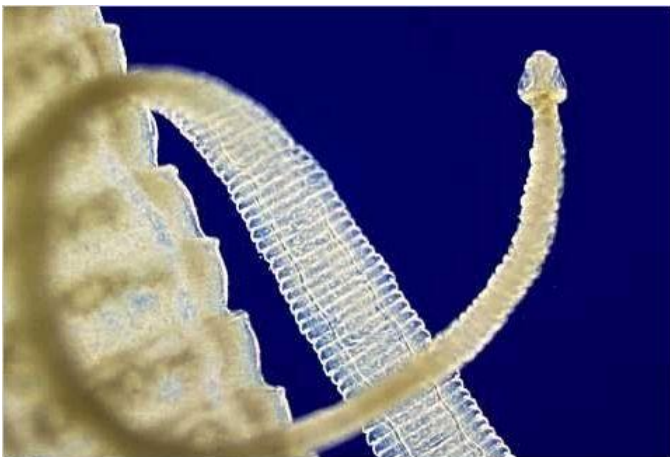
A number of assessment tasks have also been due in the last two weeks. It has been pleasing to see a large number of very creative tasks being submitted. The quality of some of the Year 10 Open Ended Investigations has certainly impressed their teachers.

We also have several competitions running at the moment. If you have a student wishing to do the UNSW Science Competition Tests or the Rio Tinto Australian Science Competition then money must be in by week one next term. (\$8.80 for UNSW and \$7.00 for Rio Tinto)

While Year 12 exams are upon them, the Year 11 students will have theirs early next term. Students should be using the skills they acquired in their study skill sessions to guide their learning.

And now for today's Science Trivia - Did you know that?

Human tapeworms can grow up to 22.9m. The average person eats 430 bugs each year during their life.



FOOD RECALL

Koala Popcorn Pty Ltd is recalling Koala Popcorn Chicken Flavour 25g, in a foil sealed bag, with a cartoon koala on front, for all 'best before' dates up to and including 7 July 2013. The reason for the recall is the presence of an undeclared allergen: milk solids. It is important that people with a milk allergy or intolerance should not consume this product. More information on the product recall can be obtained from Koala Popcorn Pty Ltd on telephone 02 96241833.

AGRICULTURE REPORT

It has been a busy few weeks for the Agriculture faculty.

The plant and poultry sale held on March 23 grossed well and the profits will be ploughed back into the school farms. We would like to publicly express our gratitude to everyone who supported us and especially to the staff and students who gave up a Saturday morning to assist.



This was followed by our annual trip to the Royal Easter Show. The long day was worthwhile for the 45 students who loaded up on showbags and a wealth of experiences. Thank you to the family members who dragged themselves out of a warm home at 1am to collect their children. Also at the Royal, we had Madison Nemec and James Riley competing in the state finals of Junior Judging competitions. Both students performed admirably across a range of competitions with James Riley taking out 2nd place in grain judging. This achievement is particularly special because it is his first year of competition in a challenging 16-25 year age division.



Our White Suffolk sheep are off to Dubbo early next term. Miss Stanford has offered to take a small group of students and an elite contingent of sheep to the Dubbo show for a busy 2 days of preening and parading of sheep. With the stud in its infancy, we don't expect great things but the feedback will be invaluable for future developments.

A more long-term project is our steer showing. We took delivery of 3 steers from Coffin Creek Angus stud recently and the long process of feeding, grooming and training has begun. They will be shown in Scone late in October and assistance will be sought from classes across all year groups. Expressions of interest to be part of the show team will be advertised in Term 3. As part of the cattle education program, Ag20 paid a visit to the Mudgee saleyards to study selling procedures and cattle scoring. This follows a walk through local butcher shops to consider retail aspects.

Year 8 Mandatory Technology (Agriculture) has ongoing assessment tasks and parents should be checking with their child to ensure all tasks are complete before the end of term. Their gardens are being harvested now after taking advantage of the warm weather and good moisture. We hope that the positive results of this experience will be the establishment of gardens at home. Agriculture staff are always willing to offer advice to students or parents who are interested in self-sufficiency.

The newly formed Agri-foods course for Year 10 has been developing a range of skills under the guidance of Mr Laidlaw. They recently established vegetable gardens that will be developed over the year and allow students to be involved in several full production cycles across all seasons. This course is highly practical and will include work with livestock while developing an understanding of safe work practices and basic chemical use.

The support unit is also ramping up their involvement in Agriculture and entrepreneurial endeavours with seedlings they have grown and sold. Moneys raised from this will be directed back to the students at the end of this year so they can fully appreciate the benefits of their labour. Selling their product direct to staff and the community is also building communication and financial skills. The positive way they go about their tasks is a great indicator of the success of this initiative.

Assignment 2 for Ag01, AG02 and Ag04 should have been submitted. All elective modules will be doing tests in Week 2 of Term 2. If you have queries about any of these activities, please contact the Agriculture staff.



SALE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT - These stoves are for sale as spare parts only. They are not in working order

2 ALLENZI 900mm upright stainless steel stoves. The glass of the electric oven door is broken on both stoves. The oven doors have been removed and will be sold with each stove. Each oven has 5 gas burners on the top.

Please send your purchase price with your name and contact details in a sealed envelope to: The Principal, Sale of School equipment – Ovens, Locked Bag 2004, Mudgee NSW 2850

You are also able to leave your sealed envelope at the front office of the school during office hours which are 8.30am to 3.45pm. You may inspect these ovens by appointment. Please contact the office on 6372 1533. The closing date is

Wednesday 10th April at 3.30pm. No delivery is available, pick up only.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Felicity Smith and Kelleigh Allport have been selected into the State Dance Ensemble. Students from around the state are welcome to audition for this ensemble, however, only talented performers and dance technicians are accepted. The girls now rehearse dance works that are created for them during weekend workshops and will perform in the State Dance Festival and the Schools Spectacular. Congratulations girls.

Zac Kelly recently won the 1st round of the Junior Jack Newton Shield and is off to contest the 2nd and 3rd rounds at Wentworth Falls Golf Club. He is also in the final round of the Western Region Match play which will be held on 13th April. Good luck Zac.

Congratulations to Jacob Christofis, Nathan Sharp, Jahymi Dowel, Cody Dowel, Rhyan McNair and Mat Sprigg on their selection in the Western Region Boys Softball Team. They will now travel to Newcastle in August to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools Carnival.

Well done to the Boys and Girls 9/10 touch teams who recently competed in the NSW All Schools Touch. The boys won two and drew two games and were beaten in the semi-finals. After being undefeated in their five pool games the girls made it to the finals, however, they were defeated by a well drilled Redbend Catholic College.

Maddison Nemece and James Riley competed at the Royal in the finals of the Junior Judging. Both students are to be congratulated. James took out second place in the grain judging.



Adelle Beer made history with placing first in the ridden Clydesdale class – this is the first year this class has been held. Adelle also placed second in the Lady Driver, fourth in Heavy Delivery and second in her Junior Driver class. Congratulations Adelle.



FUTSAL

Last Tuesday and Wednesday some 50 students and staff members set off early in the morning to Bathurst to compete in the Regional Futsal Championships. Futsal is a very fast game of indoor soccer. Students displayed great skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship whilst playing. All games were fought hard with many victories. The 14 years boys and girls were awarded Regional Champions. Whilst the 16 years girls and open boys were awarded runners up. We would like to congratulate all teams and players for conducting themselves beautifully over the two days whilst representing Mudgee High School. We would like to thank parents that accompanied us on the day for their support in transporting students and cheerleading. We look forward to the next level being State Titles in August. Training for 14 and 16 girls will commence next Tuesday.

Many Thanks, Cathy Bennett and Ronya Maynard



Community Notices

WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE

At Mudgee Community Health Centre
A **free and confidential** service for women of all ages
For appointments, please contact Morgan, your Women's Health Nurse on 6378 6214
Women's Health Clinics occur every Monday and Wednesday
Flexible appointment times are available

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+

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

REUNION – Mudgee High School 1980 – 1985

Saturday 21st September 2013
For more information go to facebook page – *30 Yr Reunion Yr 10 1983 – Yr 12 1985 for updates* OR
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AUSTRALIAN DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

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
26th July – Mary Alexander – Meet Me at the Waldorf: The Extraordinary Story of Two Iconic Hotels Built on Astor Feuds,
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