

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013  
Term 2 – Week 4



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

### Coming Events:

- May 27 – P&C Meeting Library 7pm
- June 10 – Public Holiday
- June 5, 6 & 7 – CLC Art Show
- June 24 – P&C Meeting Library 7pm
- June 25 – Y11 & 12 Gold/Silver Ceremony
- June 25 – Mini MAD Concert Evening
- June 28 – Last Day of Term 2
- July 15 – Staff Development Day
- July 16 – Students return to Term 3
- July 22 – P&C Meeting Library 7pm
- July 23 Sem 1 Awards Presentation for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

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### Principal's Message

Congratulations to students who competed in the athletics carnival last Friday. As always there was enthusiasm and team work from all. Thank you to the organisers and all staff who worked so hard to make this an enjoyable day for students. Many thanks also to the local little A's club who helped out with equipment and expertise. Full results will appear in coming newsletters when all events have been run but the house leading the pointscore at the moment is Blaxland

Students in Years 7 and 9 demonstrated their excellent approach to the NAPLAN testing last week. They individually gave their best efforts and can look forward in term 3 to results which reflect their application. Given that it is only a snapshot we rely on other sources for the full picture of a student's achievement but NAPLAN gives us school wide trends which assist our planning.

Our Year 12 students have also been demonstrating their leadership. In recent calls by their year advisor Mrs Date for help with organising events and fundraising they have been overwhelming in their support. They did a fantastic job at the athletics carnival both in the fundraising and as role models of enthusiastic participation. The Year 12 Facebook page is providing swift and effective communication to the extent that other year advisors are looking at this form of communication for older students.

It is with great sadness that we farewell later this term our Regional Director Carole McDiarmid. More about this is included overpage. From a principal's perspective there could have been no one better to lead Western NSW over the past ten years. Her drive and enthusiasm for getting the best for our students has inspired schools across the region. She will be very hard to replace. She leaves at a time when education in NSW is moving towards some significant changes including restructuring of school networks, new opportunities for school based decision making and improved funding based on student and school needs.

Our Improving Literacy National Partnership team has been working over the past two weeks to evaluate current student needs in literacy in Years 7 and 8. Within a few weeks they will have finished gathering the baseline data and begun implementing targeted intervention for individual students and professional learning for teachers. I thank Mr Eade and Mrs Davies for their leadership of this exciting project. As mentioned in last week's newsletter Miss Wilson is relieving Deputy Principal for Mr Eade and she is replaced as HT PDHPE by Mrs Burke. Mrs Davies is replaced as HT English by Mrs Fellows. These changes highlight the depth of leadership within Mudgee High School.

Last week's Year 6 parent information night saw close to 200 people attend our performance centre on Wednesday evening. Parents were given the first of a series of opportunities to get to know more about Mudgee High School. They were told about the enrolment process for Year 7 and given some information about transition. During term 3 the year advisor Mrs Breadsell and Mrs Broadley HT welfare will visit each of our feeder primary schools. Students who do not currently attend those schools will be sent individual packages of information and invited to the student visits to the high school. Any parent who has not yet completed an expression of interest for enrolment at Mudgee High School for year 7 2014 should contact our office to ensure they are on our mailing list for coming events.

### P & C Awards – Week 3 – Congratulations to:

**Year 7:** April Gooch; **Year 8:** Liam Young; **Year 9:** Holly Lynch; **Year 10:** Ned Berridge; **Year 11:** Hoani Riley; **Year 12:** Shannon Rothe

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal



After almost 40 years as an educator, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid will soon step back from leading the west's 195 public schools, almost 40,000 students and more than 4000 staff.

Our school has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Mrs McDiarmid during her time as Regional Director.

Mrs McDiarmid has expressed confidence that Mudgee High School and other schools in Western NSW are in a strong position to continue to improve educational outcomes and benefits to students under the guidance of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff and through the combined resources of the public school network.

She said our students are advantaged by the region's widely-recognised leadership in innovation and technology, our public schools' strong commitment to social justice through education and our determination to see better outcomes for all students.

Although Mrs McDiarmid will be stepping back as an educational leader, she still plans to stay involved in schools and has already signed on as a 'reading grandma' at her grandson's school.

Mrs McDiarmid is looking forward to the experience on the 'other side of the desk' and urges other grandparents or parents and community members with some spare time to seek opportunities to engage with their local public schools, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren there as students. As well as offering a rewarding experience, involvement can bring immense benefits to the students.

### **TAS HOME ECONOMICS - Yr 12 Community and Family Studies Excursion**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Yr 12 CAFS students travelled by bus to Sydney to further extend their knowledge about the topic they are studying, "Groups in Context". The specific groups they have focused on are The Aged, The Homeless and Youth.

We went to many different organisations that willingly gave of their valuable time, to give us information and answer the many questions the students had.

We travelled around the 115 acres that makes up the Castle Hill retirement Villages and offers a comprehensive array of facilities, services and retirement options. These include six independent living villages and five assisted living facilities, an integrated health system, a hydrotherapy pool, and a gymnasium.

We visited many services that cater for both homeless men and young people. Some of the services actually arranged bigger meeting rooms off site to cater to the size of our group. Students were very impressed by the passion and commitment of the many people who spoke to us about the work they do with homeless people.

It was both a great learning experience and a chance for social interaction between the class members. We also shopped till we dropped on Thursday night, giving the economy a bit of a boost. Unfortunately, mechanical problems with the school bus meant that we could not go to the last venue. We had to catch the train back to Lithgow and **a big thank you** goes out to the wonderful parents who picked us up from Lithgow station and drove us back to Mudgee.

### **Yr 12 Textiles and Design**

As the due date for Textile Major Works approaches, it is pleasing to see the majority of students are motivated and real progress is being made. The projects are varied and showing innovative and creative techniques. The practical plus the folio need to be sent to Sydney before the HSC Trials, so students need to stay committed and on task.

### **CD04**

This group of students designed and created a toy or game for pre-school children. Two preschool children then volunteered to come to the class and "test" the games. Students evaluated the process and results. The evaluation made the task especially enjoyable and the interaction with the children was very beneficial.

### **Yr 12 Hospitality**

Yr 12 Hospitality will be opening the IQ cafe at lunchtime on Mondays to prepare and serve lunches to teachers. Faculties will be invited to attend and will be served a set menu comprising a main course and a dessert. Students will further enhance food preparation and serving skills in a realistic commercial environment and within strict time constraints.

### **CREATIVE ARTS - Mini MAD Concert**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June the Creative Arts **M**usic, **A**rt and **D**rama areas combine to put on a concert highlighting MHS student achievements in these areas. If students would like to be involved in a performance or display some of their artwork, could they please see their teacher.

### **Subject fees**

Please remember that fees are important. We need to purchase supplies to enable students to get the full benefit of the courses they select. If your family are having financial difficulties, please see Mrs Manwaring or the front office ladies for a student assistance form.

### **Do you play a musical instrument?**

Any student who plays a musical instrument is invited to join the school band. Band meets every Tuesday afternoon. See Mr McNamara for more details.

### **Art Excursion**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Art students will travel to Dunedoo to view the Art Unlimited Exhibition. This exhibition is fast becoming an international known event, the exhibition is sponsored by the ABC and will be beneficial to the students involved.

### **Drama**

Several members of staff are involved in the Mudgee Performing Arts. A pantomime of "Aladdin" will be on the last two weekends of June at the new Town Hall Theatre. Mark it on your calendar as they are always an entertaining night. Junior Drama students are involved in improvisation activities and writing short scripts which have been very funny. Senior students – Year 11 are finishing a unit on American drama and Year 12 are starting a group project.

### **HSC Study Days**

Music teachers have organised an excursion/study day for students in Years 11 & 12 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Excursion notes will go out to students shortly. For more details see Mr McNamara or Mr Holleman

A reminder to all Year 12 art students, if you want extra time on your major works, Art teachers are staying late on Wednesdays/Thursday. See your teacher to check dates and times.

### **Celebration Sing Out!**

A group of singers will travel to Sydney in November to join a large choir and symphony orchestra. They will sing some large choral works. Thanks to Family First Credit Union for a grant to assist with costs.

### **Community Notices**

#### **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**

**On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30 to 7.30pm at Club Mudgee**

**Book now by telephoning 0434 964 764 or email [parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au](mailto:parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au)**

**Organised by The NSW Government**

#### **FASHION PARADE**

Wanted: Volunteers, 17 years and older, to model Alpaca Wool Garments

For Fashion Parade on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013

At AREC

If interested please call Judy Kain 63721714

#### **MAORI – PACIFIC ISLANDER SOCIAL GATHERING**

Mudgee Bowling Club - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 - At 6.30pm

Telephone Maria for Bookings – 0400 224 230

#### **Startline Cruisers is a section of Cudgegong Cruisers**

The major car club in the Mudgee and Gulgong areas.

They meet at the Men's Shed – Mudgee Small Farms Field Days Site – On the last Sunday of the month From 10am to 2pm there are a number of people prepared to teach everyone who comes along to learn their driving skills

A BBQ lunch is available for \$5 including a drink.

They are insured with the Confederation of Australian Motorsport for people of all ages

For more information contact 63724116

#### **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:

14<sup>th</sup> June – Barry Venning – Napoleon and His Artists

26<sup>th</sup> July – Mary Alexander – Meet Me at the Waldorf: The Extraordinary Story of Two Iconic Hotels Built on Astor Feuds, Fortunes and Art Patronage

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