

Tuesday 28th May 2013
Term 2 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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Coming Events:

- June 5,6 & 7 – CLC Art Show
- June 10 – Public Holiday
- 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

At the end of next week I will be leaving for three weeks to undertake a study tour in Canada. I am exploring ways the schools in Canada help teachers in secondary schools in rural areas to develop their subject teaching skills. I have made a lot of contacts in schools and at universities who will give me some good insights into their system which I can bring back and share with schools here in NSW. While I am out of the country Mr Eade will be relieving principal. I thank him for stepping up to take on the role in my absence.

A letter will come home to parents this week about the processes we use to manage serious issues such as evacuation. Please share this with your students so they can get a greater understanding of how dealing with emergencies and the emergency services work at school. There is also important information for parents on how you can support the school and your students during any event involving the emergency services.

We have still not finalised the results from the athletics carnival so expect an announcement next week on the winning house. Age champions will also be announced in coming weeks. The longer events took place last Friday with only competitors in attendance. This is because one day is not long enough to run all events when we have such high student participation rates. Again congratulations to the organisers, particularly Mrs Gallen. Congratulations also to the students who put in their best efforts and of course to those talented students who will go on to compete at regional events.

Students in years 8, 9 and 10 should have brought home their second semester subject selection sheets to talk to parents about choosing their three electives. The forms are due to the office by Wednesday 29 May. Students need to have talked to the faculty for each choice they want to include on their sheets. They should also discuss their choices with their parents. I am sure you will be pleased with the amount of choice students have for their electives. Students can construct their own learning pathways by concentrating on areas of interest to them or spreading their options so they develop a wide range of skills. Please contact the Deputy Principal if you have any questions about this process. Students who have their entries in late risk missing out on making their own choices.

P & C Awards – Week 4 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Isabel Burke **Year 8:** Rowan Fielding **Year 9:** Callum Barlow **Year 10:** Joanna Endacott **Year 11:** Kimarnie Baskerville **Year 12:** Lucy Dean

Louise Manwaring
Principal

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MAX POTENTIAL

Hannah Price with a Max Potential Coach



On Tuesday 14th May, six Year 10 students participating in the Max Potential Leadership Program attended Club Mudgee to work with their mentors on a project that develops their creative expression. The students have the support of mentors on a project where they can use photography, short story writing, drama, poetry, music/song, videos and any other medium they have a passion for, to express themselves in a creative way.

The students involved are Sarah Birchall, Holly Webster, Roland Ma, Chloe Smith, Matilda Russell and Hannah Price and they are working with mentors who have experience in Real Estate, Mining, Engineering, Health, Retail and a number of



Matilda Russell with Coach



Roland Ma with Coach

other fields.

Mudgee High School very much appreciates the efforts of the coaches who are working with our students.

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

This term is a very busy one for debating and public speaking. Our Premier's Challenge debating team are so far undefeated. Next week we hope they will maintain their excellent record in the next round. These debates require students to think on their feet, as the topics are issued only one hour before they speak. Well done to the team of: Madelyn Date, Russel Van Laeren, Jade Cooksley and Timothy Cheetham! Special thanks also to the encouragement and support of their coach Miss Katie Eslick.

Next week also will see a number of our students competing in the Lithgow Festival of Speech. We have four public speakers competing: Kate Millar, Grace Jones, Jasmine Russell, and Josie Ager-McConnell. We also have two debating teams, our first team consists of: Thomas Sutherland, Tim Boland, Daniel Reinhard and Joel Thomas. Our second team includes: Sophie Da Roza, Russell Van Laeren, Timothy Cheetham and Ashley Whittington. Special thanks to Mrs Donna Daniels and Mr Wayne Eade for all of their efforts in ensuring our students have such great opportunities.

In the wider school our senior students are busy preparing for their next assessment tasks; year twelve for their remaining Higher School Certificate tasks, and year eleven (having just completed their Half Yearly Examination) for the remainder of their Preliminary year. Our year nine students have been embracing the exciting learning opportunities made possible by their new laptops in English. Their classroom activities have ranged from creating their own animated versions of Romeo and Juliet, the creation of their own avatars in a virtual world and accessing online versions of Romeo and Juliet.
S Fellows - Relieving Head Teacher English

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation week runs from 27th May to 3rd June. The theme this year is "Lets Talk Recognition". Students in the Aboriginal Studies Elective were asked to write down briefly what Reconciliation means for them. Here are some of the responses. **What it means to me:**

It's all about working together. Kyle and Jayden

Speaking to the 42nd Parliament of Australia on 13th February 2008 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd offered his apology to the stolen generations. Jarrod Gould

The Council of Reconciliation was created by Federal Parliament in 1991 and was responsible for the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge walk where 250,000 Australians crossed the bridge in support of reconciliation week. Jarrod Gould

It's all about working together. Chantelle

I think it means to accept who people are no matter what colour they are or who they are; people are people we should accept who people are. That is what reconciliation means to me. Jodie

Working together, closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Kiarra

Closing the gap and apologising for what has been done in the past. Lydia

Working together to close the gap between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people. Also apologising for what has happened eg. Stolen Generations. Emily

I think it means saying sorry to Aboriginal families for taking away their children. Annalee

Working with Aboriginal people to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Gemma

Reconciliation is about forgiveness. It's about closing the gap. We all need to realise this. Jess

It's about working together with non-Aboriginal people to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Isaac

It's about closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and recognising that Aboriginal people are the First People of Australia. Nat

Community Notices

WRAS – Western Region Academy of Sport

2013 ROOKIE CAMPS FOR JUNIOR ATHLETES – July 2013 – Bathurst

Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Golf and Basketball

Each residential camp acts as a pre-selection trial for the WRAS squads.

For further information and enrolment forms – www.wras.org.au or phone 6338 4821 email tpallier@csu.edu.au

Enrolments for Hockey, Netball and Lawn Bowls close on 30th May. Basketball and Golf 26th June

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 30th May from 5.30 to 7.30pm at Club Mudgee

Book now by telephoning 0434 964 764 or email 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 3rd August 2013

At AREC

If interested please call Judy Kain 6372 1714

MAORI – PACIFIC ISLANDER SOCIAL GATHERING

Mudgee Bowling Club - Saturday 1st 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 6372 4116

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:

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, Fortunes and Art Patronage

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