

Tuesday 7th May 2013
Term 2 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- May 6 to May 10
Y11 Half Yearly
Exams
- May 14 to 17
Naplan Testing
- June 10 – Public
Holiday
- June 17 – P&C
Meeting Library
7pm

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to another exciting term here at Mudgee High School. Over the holidays we had the wonderful news that the West of the Divide Band with six Mudgee HS students, won a gold medal at the International Band competition in Hong Kong. This was a fantastic achievement and the band will now be invited to compete in an international competition in Vienna in 2014. Their achievement is a reflection of the dedication and talent of the students and the encouragement of their families who give up a great deal to support their children pursuing their dreams.

We also had some other exciting news over the holidays. Mudgee High School is one of a small number of schools in our area who have been given a major grant to develop innovative practices to improve student literacy. The \$350,000 will provide us with the opportunity to target individual students, extend our talented students and enhance teachers' professional skills in the classroom. The project has very demanding expectations and a high level of accountability and will take us all out of our comfort zone. Mr Eade and Mrs Davies will lead the team here at Mudgee High School Their involvement means that other teachers will have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills by relieving in higher positions. A lot more about this will be explained at our next P&C meeting on 29 May so make sure you put that date on your calendar.

In addition Mudgee High School is one of the lead schools for a Leadership Alliance which the CLC has been awarded. This alliance will give the CLC funds to develop cross school programs in school leadership. From a competitive application process with 119 applications we were selected to be one of only thirty granted. We are looking forward to strengthening our existing relationships with our CLC partner schools to develop our future leaders.

A big thank you to all the students and teachers who participated in the ANZAC Day march during the holidays. We had close to fifty students involved in the march, the band, through their scouting or cadet groups and our captains who laid the wreath on behalf of all the students and staff of Mudgee High School. Of special note was the guest speaker Braydon Palmer from year 12 who spoke very movingly of his experiences walking the Kokoda Track.

Year 11 exams start this week and students are expected to arrive a minimum of ten minutes before the start of each exam. Students are welcome to use the school library for study between exams but are permitted to be at home when they have no exams. If your son or daughter is feeling a bit overwhelmed please encourage them to contact their teachers who can give individual support. Remember it is never too late to improve your performance even by a few more marks and it will reduce the stress during the exams if you feel you have done your best to prepare. Best wishes to all students.

At the end of last term we had some minor capital works undertaken to improve our facilities. These include the enclosing of the library foyer which will enable us to provide more space for senior students during study periods and classes using the library. We also had a movable wall installed between two History/English rooms. This facility will enable us to run open classes, combine classes and hold seminars for guest speakers. Our intention will be to install an interactive whiteboard in one of the rooms for this purpose. Most of the week two classes will work in the rooms with the wall closed. Such facilities enable the more flexible learning spaces we require for 21st century learning.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

The athletics carnival is on Friday, 17th May at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea of the carnival is about participation, having fun and getting involved in the house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.

A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising.



MUDGEE HIGH CROSS COUNTRY 2013

The Cross Country will take place during Week 4 of this term. It is compulsory for students in years 7, 8 and 9. Students in Years 10-12 may nominate if they wish to participate and are encouraged to do so. Students must participate in the school event to be eligible for Western Area Trials selection.

Year 8 and 9 will run during their sport periods on Monday 20th May.

Year 7 and 10-12 students will run on Tuesday 21st May during period 3 and 4.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FIELDTRIP SEMESTER 1, 2013



On Tuesday 19th March 2013, the Year 10 Geography classes embarked on a fieldtrip to further their studies and understanding of the Geography topics "Waste Management" and "Land and Water Management."

The students were divided into three groups which then rotated through the three site studies throughout the day. The sites were as follows:

Mudgee Sewage Treatment Plant This allowed for the students to see the process involved in the treatment of waste water. They learnt that a large portion of the waste water which comes through the plant is actually stormwater, including drainage from gutters, houses and run-off. The students witnessed the extensive procedures followed to eliminate toxins from the waste water before it is eventually released back into the river system and continues its journey towards the sea.

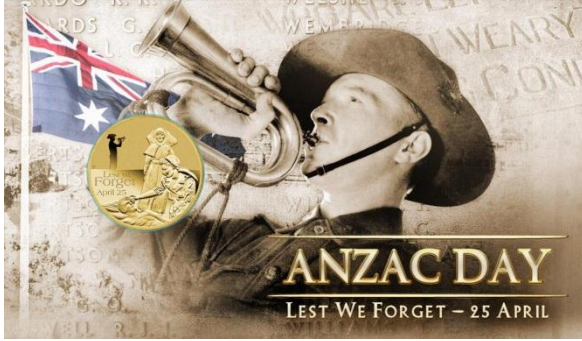
Recycling Centre and Landfill Site Students were given a guided tour through the recycling plant. Here they saw how the products are divided into paper and cardboard, plastics, glass, steel and aluminium. Students were told of the annual quantities of each recyclable product and discovered that these figures have greatly increased over the past couple of years due to Mudgee's rapidly growing population. Students also learnt about where the products are transported to after they are sorted here in Mudgee.

Landfill Site Here students had an opportunity to see, close up, the landfill mound. With almost 30 years of landfill piled up next to them they were able to view the site of the new landfill area which will begin operation later this year. Students could also see from this vantage point the vegetation waste heap where lopped trees and garden waste is dumped.

Putta Bucca Wetlands Water testing along the river, just below the sewage treatment plant's release point, provided students with an excellent opportunity to learn about the importance of waste management systems being effective. Students conducted a range of water tests, including turbidity, temperature, salinity, pH and they also tested for the presence of macro-invertebrates, which could then provide an indication of the quality of the overall living space for various species of animals.

This fieldtrip provided students with an opportunity to enhance their learning and knowledge about the topic on Waste Management and Land & Water Management which they are studying as part of their mandatory Geography studies. Year 10 were excellent ambassadors for their school and can be congratulated for their behaviour and positive involvement in the day. Mudgee High School would like to thank the presenters at each site – Theresa Falconer at the Recycling Centre, Kylie Stewart at the Waste Management Centre, Scott Jackson at the Waste Water Management Centre and Bruce Christie from the Central West Catchment Management Authority.

ANZAC Day at MHS 2013



Every year, Mudgee High conducts its own ANZAC Day ceremony during assembly, for those who missed it during the holidays. ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

This year an ANZAC Day presentation was successfully conducted by Tom Christofis, Tim Cheetham, Sophia McRae, Ashley Whittington and Tayler Barzilay. These students did an outstanding job speaking to the school about the significance of ANZAC Day. Tavis McLennan was exceptional at performing The Last Post for the audience. All students were very respectful during the service.



BOND UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION



On Tuesday 30th April 2013, Mudgee High School competed in the Bond University School's Mooting Competition. The team was made up of Kate Millar - Senior Council, Kayla Innes - Junior Council and Georgi York - Solicitor. The team represented the appellant (Penelope) in an application for an appeal before the High Court of Australia. The team had three grounds for appeal on which they had to construct their case. In summary, the case involved Penelope, an 18 year old girl with a moderate intellectual disability which placed her at a mental age and intelligence of an average 11 year old, sustaining injury as a result of being run over by a vehicle which was driven by her 12 year old brother. At the original trial in the District Court of Queensland Penelope had alleged that the driver of the vehicle was negligent and she was seeking damages of \$300,000. The driver of the vehicle was covered by his mother's third party motor vehicle liability



insurance, but only if he was found liable.

Penelope won her action in that first instance. However, the insurance company successfully appealed to the Queensland Supreme Court of Appeal. At that appeal the Judges found that the driver of the car did not breach his duty of care because his standard of care in driving was so low such that it had not been breached.

They also found that even if the driver had breached his standard, he would not have been able to avoid the injury. And finally the Court found that Penelope was 100% contributorily negligent and that her intellectual disability was not relevant to this determination.

The Mudgee High School team was representing Penelope in her application for an appeal to the High Court of Australia to challenge the three main conclusions made by the Supreme Court of Queensland. This appeal application had to be based on law. The team researched significant precedent cases relating to driver duty of care, as well as cases involving contributory negligence. They also had to be aware of the Civil Liability Act of Queensland.

The team argued with competence, conviction and confidence. They were judged by one practicing civil lawyer and a law lecturer from Bond University. This competition gave students the opportunity to be involved in public speaking and persuasive argument. All three members of the team are to be congratulated for professionally representing their school in a very challenging and rewarding competition.



YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP TO DUNN'S SWAMP

On Friday, 15th May the Year 9 Geography classes travelled to Dunn's Swamp to conduct fieldwork for their progressive assessment task.

Dunn's Swamp, or Ganguddy, as it is referred to by the local Wiradjuri Aboriginal people, is located in Wollemi National Park, and is a unique area surrounded by 'pagoda' rock formations. There are a variety of native flora and fauna that can be spotted by visitors.



Will Radzivic & Ethan Butler investigating macro Invertebrates at Dunn's Swamp

Students worked at three stations; conducting quadrants and transects, bushwalking and field sketching, and completing water testing with the support of Bruce Christie from the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CWCMA).

The fieldtrip was a resounding success. As a new teacher, it was great to experience how well-run an excursion can be, and how educationally valuable and enjoyable the day was. Special thanks goes to Miss Windeyer for her educational efforts, and Bruce Christie for his help on the day.

Felicity Bowen



Libby Yates, Lucy Hawkins & Steffanie Horton checking their water testing results



Lachlan McRae is all smiles



Enjoying field-sketching and note taking



Water Testing

Community Notices

MAORI – PACIFIC ISLANDER SOCIAL GATHERING

Mudgee Bowling Club

Saturday 1st June 2013

At 6.30pm

Telephone Maria for Bookings – 0400 224 230

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:

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, Fortunes and Art Patronage

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