

Tuesday 18th June 2013  
Term 2 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

### Coming Events:

- 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

A week ago, local police came to the school to have a word with a couple of students who had been observed playing "chicken" with motor traffic. The subsequent interview left the two involved quite shaken. They obviously didn't like their brush with the law.

What the pair seemingly didn't realise – and what 13 year-old does? – is that statistically, the most dangerous thing *any* of us aged 12-60 does on any given day is go near a road. Unlike functioning railway lines and airports, there are few physical barriers like fences and the like to separate people from road traffic.

Of course, there are painted lines that indicate places to cross that can be assumed to be reasonably safe, so long as the drivers of approaching vehicles aren't changing CDs or talking on mobiles or arguing with the kids in the back seat or distracted in some other myriad way. It is always much, much safer, whether at pedestrian crossings or not, to err on the side of caution and use absolute discretion when stepping out onto the blacktop.

As parents and teachers, we need to keep reminding and indeed insisting to those in our care that they keep their wits about them when using the road. A child on a bike may well have right of way as he or she passes through an intersection, but that little legal fact is cold comfort and won't make a lick of difference if that same child perched on his or her 10kg bike suddenly has 1500kg+ of steel, rubber, plastic and glass, piloted by some heedless fool, land on top of him or her.

Kids, like the rest of us, must keep their wits about them.

Last week's incident comes on top of a number of phone calls received from concerned citizens this term who have been driving cars and who, thankfully, have had their wits about them. Each has told me about a near miss they have had with a young person, made easily identifiable by their MHS uniform. Each of these seemingly oblivious young people with whom each of these callers and motorists have had their near misses has been making their way to school; some walking, some riding, some on scooters or skateboards. Each of these students has been either using a mobile phone or similar device, or moving in a herd, or simply daydreaming, unaware of the real peril in which they have placed themselves. Even at 40km/h, the chances an individual has of surviving an impact with a car or worse, a bus or truck, is limited. And even if that individual does survive, it cannot be much fun to do so scarred or maimed, brain-injured or wheelchair-bound, or a combination of any or all of these for the rest of one's life.

As parents and teachers, we need to keep reminding our kids to keep their wits about them, to show both common courtesy and a healthy respect for those in vehicles and resist the temptation to cross roads herd-like – what I think of as bovine road etiquette – just because "everyone else was."

As parents and teachers, we need to keep our kids from becoming another road statistic.

**P & C Awards – Week 7 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Olive Loughnan Year 8: Emma Pooley Year 9: Jade Cooksley Year 10: Sally Carroll Year 11: Connor Reedy Year 12: Ayden Toovey**

*Wayne Eade*

*Relieving Principal*

## JAPAN TRIP 2014

Preparations for the Japan trip in April 2014 are well underway. Twenty five students and four teachers have signed up for the adventure of a lifetime!! All students going need to ensure that they have paid their second payment of \$900 by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013**. Students also need to get a copy of their passports to the Languages staffroom ASAP. If you do not have a passport, then now is the time to organise this! There will be a lunchtime meeting in Week 8 regarding travel insurance. Keep an ear out for the announcements regarding this.

## This issue:

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## CLC ARTSHOW

Lachlan Edwards with his painting at the Art Show last week.

Lachlan was one of the many student who exhibited their work at the show.

## CAREERS NEWS



### Try a Trade

This event was held recently in the school gymnasium. Interested Years 9, 10 and 11 students were involved in practical activities relating to apprenticeships and traineeships. Students undertook some simple tasks relating to a trade project. They also spoke to people in the industry about working conditions and training pathways etc.

### UNSW Health Workshops

Interested Years 10, 11, and 12 students attended a workshop conducted by medical students from UNSW. Topics for discussion included allied health and medical courses, what university is like, as well as accommodation, scholarships etc,. Students had the opportunity to eat 'health food' (slinky apples) and have their arms placed in a plaster cast.

### Career Presentations

Talks by representatives from Xstrata Coal and Tocal Agricultural College spoke to years 10, 11 and 12 students about career opportunities, education and training pathways with these institutions.

Students benefited from the presentations by obtaining material which allows them to make a more informed career decision.



### Year 12 Interviews

Year 12 students are currently participating in career interviews. These interviews provide students with an opportunity to discuss their post school aspirations: apprenticeships, university entrance, gap year etc, with the careers adviser.

It is anticipated that this process will equip students to make the most of course and career opportunities as they arise.

## Upcoming Career Events

### Career Expo Dubbo

Year 10 students will attend a Career Expo in Dubbo in July. Students will be able to investigate a range of careers first hand. They may also be able to establish contacts for possible employment opportunities in the future.

### University of Newcastle Trip

Year 12 students will have an opportunity to attend lectures, tour the campus and inspect facilities at the University of Newcastle. The excursion will be during Week 1 of Term 3.

### Charles Sturt University (CSU) 'My Day'

The next CSU 'My Day' event will be at the Bathurst Campus on July 1.

Policing and Justice Studies courses will be showcased and students and their parents will be able to tour the campus.

## Year 12

UTS (University of Technology, Sydney) has a Scholarship in Information Technology available. Details at [uts.ac/BITco-op](http://uts.ac/BITco-op)

The Australian College of Nursing will hold information sessions relating to tertiary training, employment opportunities in nursing. Expo is Sunde 23 June in Sydney. Details at [can.edu.au](http://can.edu.au)

A scholarship (worth up to \$6000) is available for any student considering grape production, wine making careers post school. A great way to obtain financial assistance with further training. Details available.

UNSW (Uni NSW) Co-op Scholarship program offers scholarships in Business, Engineering, Science and more. Details at [coop.unsw.edu.au](http://coop.unsw.edu.au). A UNSW Scholarship guide (hardcopy) is also available. UNSW Open Day is Saturday 7 Sept.

A UOW (University of Wollongong) 'Open Night' will be held at the campus on Wednesday 3 July. Find out about courses, early admission, scholarships and more. Details at [uow.edu.au](http://uow.edu.au).

## Year 11 & 12

Charles Sturt University CSU 'My Day' events showcase specific courses offered at the Uni. Tours of the campus are also available. Upcoming 'My Day' events is Justice Studies and Policing Monday 1 July. More info on your DEC email or Careers room. Registratrion forms also available.

Tocal Agricultural Open Days are on 5 & 12 July, 27 Sept and 4 October 2013. Details on Tocal website.

## Year 10, 11 & 12

Are you looking for an electrical or mechanical apprenticeship with a local coal mine in 2014? If so, complete an online application form at [glencorexstrata.com/careers](http://glencorexstrata.com/careers). Application closing date is 27 June. See Mr Kempton for more info if required.

## Community Notices



### **MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES – From Family First Credit Union – FOR STUDENTS!**

We've all heard a grownup say "money doesn't grow on trees". As teenagers we hate to admit that they might be right. The cold, hard truth is that as we enter adulthood we need to become more conscious of how we will survive once we become a part of the big, bad world and leave the security of our childhood homes. Who will pay for the simple, everyday things we use like phone credit, food or clothes when our Carers aren't around anymore to deal with all the boring responsible things?

So what can you do now as a teenager to start building your financial empire? It may seem silly to start planning now but High School is only a step away from living independently as an adult.

It's as simple as putting a little bit away into a Christmas club account or savings account every week. Did you know that \$5 a week may add up to over \$260 at the end of the year?

What could you do with \$260? I'm sure you could find lots of ways to spend it in 5 minutes but what if you kept saving?

What if you added \$10 per week to it over the next year instead of \$5? By the time you finish school you might have enough to buy a car, bike or rental bond on a place of your own and you have the pride of knowing that you achieved it on your own. A year goes by very quickly and if you keep squirrelling small amounts away it adds up before you know it.

The Family First credit union offers teenagers aged 12 – 17 a "Teen Saver account" which offers the option of a Visa debit card with no monthly card fee and a great rate of savings. Family First also offer a Christmas club account which is only open for withdrawals once a year between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> January.

*For more information on these or any other products drop into the Mudgee Branch located at 82 Church Street, Mudgee or call their friendly staff on 02 63782330*



**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 6372 1714



# Aladdin

A feast of pantomime fun for all ages by Ben Crocker!

Town Hall Theatre

Saturday 22 June, 2pm & 7pm

Friday 28 June, 7pm

Saturday 29 June, 2pm & 7pm

**TICKETS:** Hannaford Cox Solicitors, 62 Market St, Mudgee.

Adults \$15, Children/Students/Conc \$10, Family Ticket \$40.

**INFORMATION:** Lydia Smith 6372 3592 or find Mudgee Performing Arts on Facebook.

*Mudgee Performing Arts Society is a not-for-profit Community Theatre Organisation*

**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:

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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