

Tuesday 4th June 2013
Term 2 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter



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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

We are looking forward to the CLC Art Show this week. If you can't make the opening at 6.30pm at Mudgee Public School Hall tonight (Tuesday) you can still see the show on 5, 6, and 7 June during the day.

This week teachers and students will be focussed in most classes on reporting of student learning. As reports for semester one are being developed we will be looking at the progress students have made and evaluating where they have strengths and areas for development.

Monday saw the start of a new executive structure for schools in NSW. Our retiring Regional Director Carole McDiarmid wishes to pass on her thanks to the students, staff and parents who have contributed so much to public education and supported her in the past ten years!

A new executive director Dail McGilchrist takes up her position leading schools west and south of Sydney including Mudgee High School. Over the next six months all other positions outside schools will gradually transition to the new structure. Positions in schools will not be affected.

From next Friday until the end of term Mr Wayne Eade will be relieving principal while I am on study leave. I will be in Canada researching their professional learning systems for secondary teachers in rural schools. The study will enable us to share with Canadian schools how we support rural secondary teachers. I also hope to bring back ideas we can use to plan for future professional learning.

P & C Awards – Week 4 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Brad Cockerell **Year 8:** Henry Whiteside **Year 9:** Annalise Wilson **Year 10:** Kathaleen Bray **Year 11:** Alex Ashton **Year 12:** Harrison Power

Louise Manwaring
Principal

CAREERS NEWS

At key dates throughout 2013, the University of Wollongong (UOW) will be communicating with year 12 students about university admission, important dates, the Early Admission Program etc. All students who registered for the UOW Discovery Days (with a legitimate mailing address) will automatically receive this information in the mail. Any students who did not register for Discovery Days and would like to be included in UOW's mailing list should log onto www.uow.edu.au/future/school and click the purple 'Register for Updates' tab. This will be a very quick form to fill in with mailing details etc.

If you are the parent of Year 12 student and would like to receive information each month about UOW programs and upcoming events, please join 'Parents UniAdvice' by registering at <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/school/advise/index.html> and click the purple 'Sign up Parents E-News' tab to complete your details.

ID CARDS

We require students to carry their ID cards at all times. They receive one with their school photos in alternate years and if they are lost a new one can be purchased from the school office for \$4. The ID cards are used by seniors to sign in and out of school at our swipe machine. The cards are used by late students or students seeking to leave early. All carnivals are also a place they are used and to purchase tickets for socials.

MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

HSC students

Many HSC students are taking advantage of extra tuition which has been made available by several Mathematics teachers outside of normal class time. This enthusiasm and dedication will hopefully strengthen their results in the upcoming HSC examinations.

Past HSC Booklets

Past HSC Booklets are available for purchase again this year. The booklets contain past HSC exams with full solutions. The cost will be \$20 and must be paid to the front office by the end of term 2 to be included in the next order. For further information ask your mathematicss teacher.

Super Rule

The HSC is a demanding time for students and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the right equipment. Students who are completing the HSC this year must have an approved scientific calculator. Students are asked to check with their teacher in case their calculator is not approved. Those students sitting the General Mathematics examinations can also take in an approved graphics calculator and we ask that students notify their teacher if they are intending to take such a calculator into the examination. Being unfamiliar with a calculator can severely affect a student's result.

Besides a rule students in the Mathematics and Extension Mathematics courses can purchase a mathematics template which has been approved for use in their examinations. The template is referred to as a Super Rule and can be purchased for \$8.00

Calculators

All students in years 7 to 12 need to use calculators in their Mathematics classes. The Mathematics courses are designed to make use of calculator technology to assist students to develop more difficult concepts without becoming bogged down in manual calculations. Mental calculations skills are also practiced as part of the course.

It is important for students to have a calculator of the type approved by the Board of Studies. In the past some students have disadvantaged themselves by not practicing their skills on a calculator that they can use in their final exams. Students are advised to check with your Maths teacher that your calculator is an approved model. Approved calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$17.00 which is cost price to us. If families have calculators which are no longer needed by ex-students they can be used. It is not necessary to buy the latest model. If students look after their calculator it will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

Using Maths at Home

Involving your children in the use of Mathematics in everyday situations can improve their confidence and skills and help them to engage in learning.

Some areas to consider are:

Car Travel calculations such as distance, budgeting for fuel costs, calculating the time needed for a journey and estimated time of arrival.

Farm calculations such as costs, expenses and profit, labour costs, depreciation, fertilizer and seeding rates.

Cooking calculations such as calculating the best buy by comparing purchasing costs, weekly planning of ingredients and adapting recipes for different numbers of people.

Sports statistics such as batting averages, the graphs presented on TV, competition rankings and probabilities.

Money issues such as income, taxation, budgeting, investment and loans.

For a student to be aware of the significance of these applications in everyday life is a bonus to their understanding of these concepts when they are encountered in class.

LOST UNIFORMS

If students have lost any articles of clothing (maybe at the Athletics Carival) we have a large number in lost property at the moment.
Please see Mrs Bell in Science

Community Notices

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



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

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

MUDGEE BASKETBALL

Expressions of interest are now being invited for intending debutantes and their partners, for the 19th Annual Mudgee Basketball Ball to be held on Saturday 3 August 2013 at Parklands Resort.

Please phone or text Helen on 0427 220 776, by the 6th of June 2013

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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