

Monday 19th August  
Term 3 – Week 6



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- Aug 26 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Aug 29 – Parent /Teacher Evening Years 8, 9 & 10
- Sept 18 - Term 3 Gold/Silver Presentation
- Sept 19 - Rainbow Day
- Sept 20 – Year 12 Presentation Day

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## Principal's Message

### Minister's announcement

This week some important announcements were made by the Minister for Education Mr Adrian Piccoli. Below is more detail that you may not have read in the newspaper about the importance of these reforms to schools especially in rural areas.

You would be aware that in March this year the NSW Government released the *Great Teaching, Inspired Learning blueprint for action*. The blueprint included a range of actions designed to improve the quality of teaching in NSW schools.

Today the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, released details about three of the key reforms in the *Great Teaching, Inspired Learning blueprint for action*. To ensure the Department can recruit the **best and brightest candidates to teaching**, this year they will introduce new *teach.rural* scholarships to attract those who want to teach in rural areas, as well as new cadetships and internships to give those studying teaching the opportunity to work as paraprofessionals in a school while they study.

To **better support teachers during their beginning years** of teaching, from 2014 all permanent teachers in their first year of teaching will receive the equivalent of two hours of release time and one hour of mentoring support each week. In 2015, when those teachers are in their second year of teaching, they will receive the equivalent of one hour of release time each week.

We know many people start their teaching careers from temporary positions. To support teachers in schools with large numbers of beginning temporary teachers we will create eight new teacher mentor positions from 2014 to support teachers in up to 40 schools. To ensure we have a consistent and fair process for **managing the performance** of all teachers the Department will negotiate new performance management processes as part of the 2014 Teachers' Award. It can currently take up to 25 weeks to remove a teacher if they are underperforming. In the interests of our students I think we need this process to be shorter and less onerous for principals.

Principals already have the authority to issue warnings and letters of direction to teachers about their behaviour. However, this process is clearer and more defined. More information about these and other *Great Teaching, Inspired Learning* reforms being implemented by the Department, as well as the NSW Institute of Teachers, Board of Studies and the non-government school sector are at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/great-teaching-inspired-learning>

### News from the AB Team

In this newsletter you will find the first of our parents' hints for ensuring students are safe online. The first item is about teenagers creating their own online content. Did you know that more than 40% of children aged 8- 17 have their own content online, i.e. they are published authors. By age 14 80% of girls and 65% of boys have their own content online. Are you aware of what and how your son/daughter is publishing? Read the attachment to find out more about this growing outlet for young people's creativity and also how to ensure they are safe while engaging in this activity.

**P & C Awards – T3 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Year 7:** Madison Richards **Year 8:** Luke Price **Year 9:** Maxine Pocock **Year 10:** Jeremy Clarkson **Year 11:** Vilja Werkmann **Year 12:** Brayden Palmer

Louise Manwaring – Principal

## Link Program

Mudgee High School has gained the services of a new Community Mentor for their ground breaking Link Program. The Link Program is funded by Glencore/Xstrata Coal to provide innovative and flexible alternatives for students who may not finish their High School education through the more traditional method. The pilot year of the program in 2012 was highly successful, and has now become a template for the growing number of schools wishing to provide similar opportunities to their students.

David Payne joins the Link Partnership team with a wealth of experience relevant to his new role. "We are fortunate to have been able to employ David, thanks to Glencore/Xstrata, and with his local knowledge and experience with youth, he will be a tremendous asset" Louise Manwaring, Principal of Mudgee High School, said today.

David's background includes 30 years of policing in both metropolitan and country centres. 14 of those years have been spent policing the Mudgee community. David has also been heavily involved in coaching and assisting young people in their sporting endeavours.

"I am looking forward to this new role in the community, and especially the opportunity to work with young people to unlock their potential", David said today.



*David Payne, Darren Pearce, Tayla Rose Rohrich and Shane Lewinski at Ross Granata Motors*

## Careers Capers – Year 12 Parents/Carers

Having recently completed their Trial Exams, it may be timely for Year 12 students to consider applying for tertiary education in 2014 (even though they may be considering a gap year etc).

Regarding university, the on-line closing date for applying for courses for 2014, is Friday September 27. Applications is via the internet ([www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)) and students nominate up to 9 course preferences. After applying, students can change their preferences up until January 4, 2014.

Other important issues for students and parents are: 'Where will I live?' and 'What will I do for money?' Accommodation and scholarship information is available on university websites or in the UAC Guide. A free copy of the 2014 UAC Guide is available to each Year 12 student at the school. Closing dates for scholarships and accommodation vary, please check with the institution.

Eligible students should also be applying for early entry where they can be accepted into their course of choice before receiving their HSC results – a fantastic way to gain entry to university. Students looking at TAFE courses next year should consult their local TAFE (Cassilis Road), phone 131601 or visit [tafensw.edu.au](http://tafensw.edu.au) for the latest course and application closing date information.

Private providers (which often do not require an ATAR for entry) also offer a wide range of courses and can be accessed via the internet eg 'Business Colleges Sydney' or the Careers Room. Again, closing dates for applications vary – check with the individual institutions.

Employment, apprenticeships and traineeships are also a viable pathway, if keen, students should be approaching workplaces in the next 4-6 weeks or responding to advertised positions. In all cases, students will require an updated resume and a willingness to persist in their jobseeking.

In summary, students are encouraged to:-

- (i) Keep employment and training options open
- (ii) Apply for as many courses/scholarships etc as possible
- (iii) Be realistic in their course/career choice – what is your passion?
- (iv) Seek help and support where necessary

Students and parents are welcome to contact by phone, email or visit the school Career Advisor to discuss options for 2014. The Careers Advisors school email address is [bill.kempton@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bill.kempton@det.nsw.edu.au)

Below is a summary of some upcoming career events:-

- USYD (University of Sydney) Open Day is Saturday August 31
- ANU (Australian National University), UC (University of Canberra), ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) and Canberra Institute of Technology open days are Saturday August 31. Details at [tertiaryopenday.com](http://tertiaryopenday.com)
- Camp America allows Australian Students to travel and work at US summer camps Jun-Aug 2014. Details at [campamerica.com.au](http://campamerica.com.au)
- The 2014 UAC (University Admissions Guide) is available
- ACU (Australian Catholic University) EAP (Early Activities Program) enables eligible students to gain early entry to ACU. Applications open August 13. Details at [acu.edu.au/eap](http://acu.edu.au/eap)
- University of Newcastle open day for Callaghan Campus is Saturday August 24. Information sessions and campus tours available. Details at [newcastle.edu.au/opendays](http://newcastle.edu.au/opendays)
- Cultural Care Au Pair (USA) enables 18-26 year olds to work in Child Care in the US. Details available or see [culturalcare.com.au](http://culturalcare.com.au)
- Macleay College (in Sydney) offers Cert III – degree courses in hospitality, event management, sports marketing and more. Details at [macleay.edu.au](http://macleay.edu.au)
- Peggy Hunter scholarships (worth up to \$15,000/yr) are available to indigenous students considering tertiary education in a health field eg: allied health, nursing midwifery etc. Details available or see [can.edu.au/australian-government-scholarships](http://can.edu.au/australian-government-scholarships)
- UNSW (University of NSW) and COFA (College of Fine Arts) open day is Saturday September 7. Details at [openday.nsw.edu.au](http://openday.nsw.edu.au) A UNSW map is available from your App store
- An EOI (Expression of Interest) form is available for the 2014 Mudgee TAFE Children's Services course
- UOW (University of Wollongong) early admission online applications close August 30  
See [uow.edu.au/future-students](http://uow.edu.au/future-students)
- UNE (University of New England) scholarship application booklets are available
- EAS (Educational Access Scheme) information is available for students considering tertiary study **and** have experienced long term educational disadvantage eg: health, family issues etc. 2014 booklets available
- CSU (Charles Sturt University) PREP (Early Entry) application forms are available for collection
- Macquarie University open day is on Saturday September 14. Details at [openday.mq.edu.au](http://openday.mq.edu.au)
- The 2014 prospectus for ANU (Australian National University) in Canberra is available, open day is Saturday August 31
- UNSW scholarship 2014 information can be found at [www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au) or a brochure is available
- SCU (Southern Cross University) early entry information and registration can be accessed at [scu.edu.au/star](http://scu.edu.au/star)  
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## Max Potential Showcase

On Friday August 2nd six Year 10 students presented their projects at the Max Potential Showcase. The Showcase was the culmination of a program where students were coached by local community members in developing projects which were of interest to themselves and of benefit to the local community.

At the well attended showcase, which took place at Club Mudgee, students erected stalls to show their work. They answered questions and made presentations to an audience which included civic leaders such as Mayor Des Kennedy, Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton and Member for Orange, Andrew Gee as well as local business people and community members.

Matilda Russell made an outstanding speech on the benefits of the Max Potential program. Matilda believed that the program had given her greater confidence, improved her public speaking, organisational and leadership skills. Her opinions were shared by all other participants.

Mudgee High is proud of the efforts of the following students: Chloe Smith, Matilda Russell, Sarah Birchall, Roland Ma Holly Webster and Hannah Price. We would also like to publicly thank the following community members for acting as coaches: Dearne Coombs, Peter Druitt, Leonie Cridland, Robert Thraves, Annie Flynn and Cassandra McDonald.

Year 9 students are encouraged look out for details of next year's Max Potential program.



*Matilda Russell*



*Hannah Price*



*Sarah Birchall*



*Holly Webster*



*Roland Ma*



*Chloe Smith*

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A large advertisement for WEP Student Exchange. At the top left is the WEP logo (World Education Program Australia). To the right, the text reads 'WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE: Step into the future!'. Below this is a banner that says 'LEARN AND DISCOVER THE WORLD'. The main image is a close-up of a smiling person wearing sunglasses. To the right, a smaller image shows a woman in a red 'URBAN' t-shirt. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.WEP.ORG.AU' is displayed. Below that, it says 'WEP AUSTRALIA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS' and 'PHONE 1300 884 733'. At the very bottom, it states 'A NON-PROFIT STUDENT EXCHANGE ORGANISATION REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS'.

### Mudgee Cancer Support and Friends

Will be holding their annual

#### Daffodil Day Stall

In Byron Place Laneway near St George

**On Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012**

**From 9am.**

Fresh Daffodils \$7, Dougal Bear \$10

And many other items from \$3.

All proceeds go to the Cancer Council

### MUDGEE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Season commences **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013** concludes **5<sup>TH</sup> April 2014.**

**Registration days at Westend Softball Fields Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 10am to 1pm and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 5.30** 9<sup>th</sup> October will also be a come and try afternoon – so if you have any friends that are not sure bring them along and they can join in. If you would like more information or a registration pack sent through please contact Robyn Sharp on 0428 628 011 or email [mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com)

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2014

### Experience another culture, make new friends, improve your language studies at home

In January 2014 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in [Word](#) format or as a [JPG](#).

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our [website](#). Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

*"It's been a fantastic experience so far...It's been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that." **Victoria, Host Mum***

*"Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We're doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She's helped us remember how to have fun when we're working and take time out for adventures." **Sharon, Host Mum***

*"Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop..." **Grace, Host Sister***

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If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

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### Mudgee Running Festival 2013 – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August

The Mudgee Running Festival is well known for its relaxed friendly atmosphere which is perfect for the first timer who is looking for a no-pressure race, yet is still a course that is challenging to the experienced marathoner. Refer to the website for times and more details about the event or visit our facebook page – [www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au](http://www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au)

For other enquiries email: [racedirector@mudgeetriclub.hwycom.au](mailto:racedirector@mudgeetriclub.hwycom.au)

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