

Monday 26th August 2013
Term 3 – Week 7



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

Congratulations to students who are performing this week at the Sydney Opera House. Tavis McLennan, Hamish McLennan, Lucy Cheetham, William Portlock, Talia McLennan and Rebekah Rae are performing as part of the State Wind ensemble. It is an honour to have so many students from Mudgee High School in this prestigious ensemble and we wish them well.

Over the past few weeks Year 10 students have completed the first part of their subject selections for 2014. This rigorous process enables us to establish classes to meet students' needs for their senior learning. Not every student will get every first choice however with over fifty courses to run in year 11 there is a wide range of subjects to meet every need.

Last week we welcomed our year 6 students who are intending to enrol for year 7 in 2014. They spent the day getting to know a little about the high school and we found out as much as we could about their talents and abilities and learning pathways for the next year. The positive feedback showed a group of students eager to do their best and ready to begin the transition to high school. A big thank you goes to Mrs Breadsell, the year seven adviser for 2014 and Mrs Broadley and Mrs Rohr for their organisation of the day.

Year 12 have successfully completed their trial Higher School Certificate examinations and now move into the final phase of their courses. At this stage many students will have identified areas of strength on which they can build. They will also be able to see where gaps in their knowledge and skills need filling. Over the last weeks of this term they will be working hard with their teachers to make sure their final HSC examinations demonstrate the very best they can do. At the same time they are preparing their annual Rainbow Day fundraising and celebration. It is at such a time that the positive relationships they have with each other, their teachers and the support of their families and communities are called on. While there is still a lot to do there is certainly time to make the difference to knowledge and skills which will mean they have no regrets when their results come out.

Well done to Nathan Sharp, Jahymi Dowell, Jacob Christofis, Tom Christofis, Rhyan McNair and Mat Sprigg at the CHS Boys Softball championships in Newcastle. The team came 4th overall and all the Mudgee High boys played exceptionally well. They showed good sportsmanship, respect for their coach and the other players and their parents were extremely supportive. Mrs Burke expressed the view that it was a pleasure to coach them. They were great ambassadors for Mudgee High School.

News from the AB Team

This week's attachment talks about cyber bullying. This is an area of growing concern for parents and schools. Being armed with good information is the best way you can develop skills in your children to protect themselves against this type of bullying. The anti-bullying team here at school will be making a presentation on assembly in coming weeks. We are looking at raising students' awareness of how they can not only protect themselves but ensure they do not become part of the problem through standing by while others behave as bullies. Without putting yourself at risk the best answer to bullying is to support the victim. Ask them "are you Ok" and show you don't agree with the bully by not encouraging such behaviour.

P & C Awards – T3 Week 6 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Alyssa Northey
Year 8: Bethany Haysom **Year 9:** Dylan Clarkson **Year 10:** Kyle Robinson
Year 11: Kirsten McMurtrie **Year 12:** Kiara-Lee Godfrey

Louise Manwaring – Principal

LINK PROGRAM – Proudly sponsored by Glencore

It has been a great year so far for the Link Program. Students have taken part in a range of activities, from which they have gained worthwhile experiences.

The lucky students who gained one of the limited positions at TAFE have been working with their teachers to build a range of new skills. The Introduction to Basic Trade students have been learning about a range of practical applications such as cutting sheet metal. Meanwhile, the Beauty and Hair girls have made great progress, according to Janie Seymour, their teacher. She feels that many of them have great potential in this field.

Most of the students have, or currently are, engaged in work experience placements, gaining valuable first hand practical knowledge as well as an important edge when putting together a CV or job application. All students completed a work readiness program in Term One.

The students went to Dunn's Swamp in late Term One for a team building and physical exercise day. The mentor at that time, Elwyn Lang, was accompanied by Mr Bill Kempton from Mudgee High School, and a great day was enjoyed, along with activities designed to build on working with others for a common goal.

Elwyn Lang also organised for the students to visit one of our Link Partners, Mid-Western Regional Council. Mrs McFarlane, Elwyn and the students listened to a great presentation from Kim Stanton. Kim covered the huge variety of employment options at council, and the different starting qualifications. She also explained the application process and gave handy hints about how to go about applying.

Another interesting event was a visit to the Property Shop. Staff explained the range of jobs, including reception, property management, sales and auction. We then participated in a mock auction, which was good fun, as students bid against each other to 'buy' a property in Gulgong.

We were sorry to farewell Elwyn Lang as our community mentor at the end of Term Two. Elwyn said that he had really enjoyed working with the students and they, in return, formed a good relationship with him.

An extremely lucky 6 students (Kyle Peterson, Daniel Roth, Jamie Tuck-lee, Jessica Hardy, Swastika Nandini and Ben Endacott) attended a week long Defence Force Careers Week at the start of Term Three. Mr Laurie from Maths accompanied the group and by all accounts it was both great fun and a wonderful opportunity to learn about jobs in the Defence Forces. A huge highlight was attending the second State Of Origin football game – even though NSW lost. In Term Three, we have welcomed our new Community Mentor, David Payne. David has an excellent background for the position and is looking forward to working with the students.

In the future, we are having a 3 day personal development and goal setting camp at Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp for all the students, on the 4th-6th December. We are also looking at organising an end of year function for all involved, including our work experience employers, to thank them for the opportunities they have given us.



LINK students are shown over an A27 Hawk 127 by Flying Officer James Clark of No 78 Squadron RAAF Williamtown

HSIE ~ Junior Assessment Program ~ Sem 2 2013

Students in Year 7 are currently studying Geography, while students in Year 8 study History. All students in Years 9 & 10 are currently studying both History & Geography. Some students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have elected to study a Commerce, Elective History or Aboriginal Studies course. Students should receive two weeks notification before a task is due. T = Term. Wk = Week of that term. The information below should help parents support students to prepare for assessment tasks.

Year & Subject	<u>Assessment Task & Dates</u> <i>Please note that the dates below refer to the Monday of the relevant week. The exact due date for each task will vary within that week depending on which day the student has that class.</i>
Year 7 Geography	Measuring Weather T3 Wk 3 Fraser Island Task T3 Wk 6 World Heritage Presentation T3Wk 9 Skills test T4 Wk 3
Year 8 History	Topic Test Aztecs T3 Wk 7 Topic Test Native Americans T4 Wk 3 Research Assessment Task T3 Wk 7 ICT Research Task T3 Wk 9
Year 9 Geography	Dunn's Swamp Assessment T3 Wk 7 Oral: Natural Disasters T3 Wk 10 Topic Test T4 Wk 2
Year 9 History	Topic Test Federation T3 Wk 3 Source Study: World War One T3 Wk 7 Assessment task: World War One T3 Wk 10
Year 10 Geography	Pre-test T3 Wk 1 Topic Test T3 Wk 9 Assessment task: Geographical Issues T3 Wk 9 Assessment task: Global Links T4 Wk 5
Year 10 History	Source Study: The Cold War T3 Wk 4 Assessment task: Changing Rights and Freedoms T3 Wk 9 Powerpoint presentation: Changing Technology T4 Wk 3
Commerce 2	Topic Test: Investing and Saving T3 Wk5 Research Task: Bankruptcy T3 Wk 5 Research Task: Credit Ratings T3 Wk 5 Report: Business Analysis T3 Wk8 Topic Test: Running a Business T4 Wk 1
Commerce 4	Participation in democratic Process Assignment –Due 5 th September Mini Test No 1 – week 8 term 3 Employment Mini Test No 2 – week 4 term 4 Tax, Super, Travel
Elective History	Topic Test: Sumer T3 Wk 5 Topic Test: Pyramids T4 Wk 4 Assessment task: Sumer T3 Wk 8
Aboriginal Studies	Self Determination Task T3 Wk10 Media Study: Cultural Expression and Identity T4 Wk 3

Community Notices

MUDGEE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registration Days: Swimming season is almost upon us. Registration days for the Mudgee Amateur Swimming Club will be held on Tuesday 10th September and Thursday 12th September 4.30pm to 6.00pm, in our club house which is at the back of Mudgee swimming pool, entry from the Lawson Park end of the pool.

Come along to the registration days to find out more, we are a family club and our aim is to help kids improve their swimming ability while having fun. It's a great healthy activity for the whole family.

Once again this swimming season we will be running learn to swim classes on Tuesday afternoons and squad training on Thursday afternoons. Membership fees are \$80 for swimmers and \$17 for non-swimmers. Learn to swim (members of MASC only) is \$35 per term or \$50 for the season (2 terms). Squad Training is \$60 per term for MASC members or \$100 per term for non-members.

For more information see our Facebook page or contact Kylie on 0421 358 123.

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MUDGEE AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Season commences **Saturday 12th October 2013** concludes **5TH April 2014**.

Registration days at Westend Softball Fields Saturday 21st September from 10am to 1pm and Wednesday 9th October 3.30 – 5.30. 9th October will also be a come and try afternoon – so if you have any friends who 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

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