

Tuesday 6th August
Term 3 – Week 4



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- Aug 8 – Aug 16
Year 12 Trial Exams
- Aug 11 – Aug 16
Ski Trip
- Aug 26 – P&C
Meeting 7pm
Library
- Aug 29 – Parent
/Teacher Evening
Years 8, 9 & 10

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Principal's Message

During this week we will have some momentous events in the life of our school. Our Year 11 nominees for School Captain 2014 will present their speeches to an audience of their peers and teachers. Each student has been endorsed as a nominee because of his/her outstanding record at school and now will need to convince voters of their suitability. The nominees are all worthy candidates and we wish them well.

Later in the week Year 12 begin their Trial HSC examinations. This is a time for students to find out what their strengths and weaknesses are before the final HSC exams in October/November. Even at this stage it is not too late to make a difference with hard work and commitment. Each student can also seek last minute advice from their teachers. It will be families however, where the best support is to be found. Good advice and guidance in their preparation for and undertaking of exams will ensure each student achieves their personal best.

Congratulations to the students who completed MAX Potential. These six students discovered how to plan prepare and implement a project. They showed commitment and resilience when things did not go right. Each year this program provides students with an opportunity to challenge their own self-belief and prove their capacity to their friends, family and the community. Thank you to the community mentors and Club Mudgee for their support of this worthwhile program.

Our technology policy trial was explained to students at year meetings this week. All parents should have received a copy of the letter explaining this trial. Copies are still available from the office for anyone who missed out. Remember the trial does not start until Monday 26 August. Parents can withdraw their students at any time before or during the trial. During weeks 7 -10 of this term students may use their own electronic devices during breaks provided the use is within the restrictions of the trial.

P & C Awards – T3 Week 3 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Jasmine Russell Year 8: Matthew Allen Year 9: Emma Amygdalos Year 10: Emily O'Connor Year 11: Jenaya McDermott Year 12: Tom Rapley

Louise Manwaring - Principal

Mathematics Workshops

During the year a number of Mudgee High students have participated in workshops for Mathematics outside the normal school hours in order to strengthen student skills. Although most students have come from Year 12 others are most welcome.

Workshops will continue during term 3 and a one hour work session every Monday afternoon during Term 3 from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm has been organised. Extension students are continuing to attend tutorials on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The session has been created in order to strengthen students skills in the lead up to the HSC. It also provides students with assistance with more difficult work. It is hoped that students from all courses will take advantage of this extra time provided by the Mathematics staff.

Again students from any year experiencing difficulties or require further explanation on a concept are more than welcome.

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Australian Mathematics Competition

Mudgee High School once again has a strong contingent of students entered for this prestigious competition. Held last week on Thursday August 1st, the competition gives students the opportunity to challenge themselves with some higher order thinking and logic skills.

This year we have 31 students over three different levels who have accepted the challenge.

The Mathematics department of Mudgee High School is proud of those who have accepted the challenge and look forward to receiving notification of their results.

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 results.

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 \$11.60 from the school.

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.



The three students Ben Reinhard, Sally Byrne and Georgia Williams who were selected for Director General for a Day have gained new friends and confidence from their experience. They worked with a senior Departmental officer and shared ideas with the Minister Mr Piccoli. They were excellent ambassadors for Mudgee High School.

Paid Advertisements

(Please note that paid advertisements do not carry the school's endorsement)

Time to Start Dancing!

There is still time to enrol in Dance and be part of the annual stage production this year.

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Mudgee Running Festival 2013 – 24th & 25th 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

For other enquiries email: racedirector@mudgeetriclub.hwycom.au

MUDGEEReaders' FESTIVAL

Parklands Resort & Conference Centre Mudgee – 10th & 11th August 2013

Authors include: Mem Fox, Bettina Arndt, Katherine Howell, Tara Moss, Berndt Sellheim, Sarah Turnbull, Chris Turney, Toni Jordan, Richard Beasley, Stephanie Dowrick, Peter Goldsworthy & Susan Johnson.

Talks, literary lunch & dinner, second-hand book fair. Tickets from \$10

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