

Tuesday 30th July
Term 3 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Aiden Toovey from year 12. He has been selected to represent Australia in the Junior World Cycling championships in Tuscany later this year. Aiden will complete his trial HSC exams and then compete in the championships. This is a challenging time for any young person juggling study, training and competition commitments. We wish him well!

We are also proud of the achievements of students selected for the State Wind Band. Lucy Cheetham, Hamish McLennan, Tavis McLennan and Rebekah Rae have been selected for the senior band and Talia McLennan and William Portlock for the junior band. These students too have to juggle their practice, state commitments and school work. Their hard work and dedication have paid off in their selection for this prestigious band.

With this newsletter parents will find a separate document which outlines our plans for a trial of student use of their own electronic devices during breaks in week 7 – 10 of this term. Please read the information carefully and provide feedback or suggestions throughout the trial to assist us in getting our policy right for the future. If you do not wish your student to participate in the trial there is information on how to opt out in the attachment. For parents who do not receive the newsletter by email each student will also be given a hard copy of the information to take home. Copies can also be obtained through the office.

On Wednesday of last week we were proud to welcome to Mudgee High School the Young Australian of the Year Akram Azimi. He spoke on assembly about his experiences as a young boy in Afghanistan and how lucky he felt to have been accepted as a refugee to live in Australia. He reminded the students of the need to feel gratitude for the wonderful community they live in and to show that gratitude by giving back to their community.

Our students showed maturity and their capacity for intelligent and positive discussion by the questions they asked and their overall response to his talk. You can read more about this event in our twitter feed @MudgeeHS. Some of our followers include Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and our local member Mr Mark Coulton. We now have Akram Azimi as our follower on twitter. This is another way for you to get instant information about what we are doing at Mudgee High School.

In the last few weeks we have had some success in sport. Of most note was our Equestrian Team who won the overall highest points score trophy at Gulgong Combined Horse Sports and our girls' rugby team who are into the semi-final round of the state wide competition which will be played in Canberra.

The Year 10-12 subject market on Tuesday 30 July from 4 – 7 pm was a great success. Parents and students had an opportunity to check carefully the requirements and suitability of subjects. Talking to faculty members, the careers advisor, senior executive and year advisor ensures parents and students have the information which will allow informed decisions for each student. Parents who still have questions are welcome to contact the relevant faculty or our careers advisor Mr Kempton.

P & C Awards – T3 Week 2 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Taylah Ralston Year 8: Nathan Payne Year 9: Zac Kelly Year 10: Chloe Lincoln Year 11: Bianca Lincoln Year 12: Rachel Hartas

Louise Manwaring - Principal



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**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR
THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- July 29 – Aug 2
Education Week
- Aug 1 – Aust Maths
Competition
- 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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Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 2nd August. Wear your favourite jeans with your school top on Friday 2nd August and donate a gold coin so that the Children's Medical Research Institute can fill the holes in our knowledge and improve the health of every child. SRC will be collecting your donations during roll call. There will also be various items available for sale.

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

Struggling to understand ATARs? Interested in knowing more about Early Entry schemes and UAC applications? Want to know what effective study should look like for the HSC? Looking for a few more tools in your armoury for stress management? Wondering about the best way to survive the next 4 months? Or simply just want to see the sympathetic faces of other hair-pulling parents of HSC students.....?

Then this opportunity is for you!

There will be a meeting for all parents of Year 12 students next **Thursday, 1st August** that will address the issues of ATARs, study, University entry procedures, relaxation and government student assistance. There will also be a chance for questions from the floor. The meeting will start at **7pm** and is being held in the **school library**. Please enter via Horatio street.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to share tips on surviving the trials and tribulations of the HSC. We look forward to seeing you there.

Melissa Date (Yr 12 Adviser)

Young Australian of the Year 2013

Akram Azimi

Mentor

Akram Azimi is a dedicated mentor to young Indigenous people. Arriving in Australia 13 years ago from Afghanistan he went from being 'an ostracised refugee kid with no prospects' to becoming his school's captain. An outstanding student, he topped the tertiary entrance exam scores among his classmates. He's now studying a triple major – law, science and arts – at the University of Western Australia. Intent on giving back to his adopted country, Akram uses his leadership and pastoral skills to help young people in remote and rural Western Australia. In 2011 he co-founded a student-run initiative called "I am the other " which was set up to raise awareness about Indigenous issues in universities. His philanthropic roles have included working with True Blue Dreaming, which helps disadvantaged remote Indigenous communities. For three years, Akram mentored young Indigenous people in the Looma community in the Kimberley region, and he has mentored primary school students in the small farming community of Wyalkatchem, in WA's wheat belt. Akram is also mentoring a Special Olympics athlete to help raise community awareness of disability issues.



www.australianoftheyear.org.au/2013-award-recipients/young-australian-of-the-year/

Paid Advertisements

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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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Community Notices

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

Event Information: info@mudgeereadersfestival.com.au or www.mudgeereadersfestival.com.au or 0427 406905

FASHION PARADE

Wanted: Volunteers, 17 years and older, to model Alpaca Wool Garments

For Fashion Parade on 3rd August 2013

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