

Monday 16th September 2013
Term 3 – Week10



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Sept 17 – PCYC
Y12 Oztag
- Sept 18 – Staff V
Y12 Billy Holland
Memorial Soccer
Match – 11.30am
- Sept 18 – Yr 12
Farewell Social
- Sept 19 - Rainbow
Day
- Sept 20 – Year 12
Presentation
11.30am
- Sept 20 – Last Day
of Term 3
- Oct 8 – Day One
Term 4 for Staff &
Students
- Oct 14 – HSC
Exams Commence

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Principal's Message

We are looking forward to a big week especially for Year 12. On Tuesday they will play in the annual OZTAG match against the PCYC. The purpose of this match is to highlight the great work our police do in our community. It is also to build strong positive relations with young people by having a chance to interact with police in another setting. On Wednesday we will hold the annual staff v Year 12 soccer match. This tradition honours the memory of past student Billy Holland who was a great sportsman but tragically was killed very young. That evening Year 11 will host a Farewell Social for Year 12. Other years will also attend these events.

On Thursday Year 12 will hold Rainbow Day. This is an opportunity for the whole Mudgee community to get behind the charity drive. Year 12 have chosen the Mudgee Hospital and Head Space, a youth mental health organisation, as their charities. They will be running roadside collections from 7.30 am - 9.00 am around Mudgee township. Later that day they will run a fete for primary and high school students and then perform in a concert for the high school students. The final event for Year 12 will be their Formal Presentation on Friday commencing at 11.30 am. Parents are encouraged to attend this celebration of the achievements of Year 12 as the whole school acknowledges their contributions over the past six years to Mudgee High School the presentation will conclude by 1.30 pm.

Trial of Bring Your Own Device.

This week is the final week of the trial of students using their own devices, including mobile phones, iPods, iPads and laptops. Students have been trialling greater freedom to use their devices in breaks with the continuing restriction that use in class is at the discretion of the teacher. There were also some differences in the restrictions for seniors and juniors. We are beginning the process of evaluation of the trial and would like feedback from parents. Please complete the attached small survey and return to the office by the end of term. Your views are very important in ensuring we get the best data for the evaluation.

NB. During Term 4 students are NOT permitted to use their devices in breaks. THE TRIAL WAS A TRIAL and is over at the end of term 3. Once we have evaluated how it went decisions will be made whether the policy will be implemented for the start of 2014, any changes or adjustments needed and the impact of students using their devices in breaks. Please remind students that use of their devices during breaks in Term 4 may lead to confiscation. Any student needing to contact a parent can ask permission at the office and in most cases the student will be allowed to phone or text you. Parents are requested to make contact through the office with their children in term 4 as students will not be able to use their phones in breaks without coming to the office for permission.

P & C Awards – T3 Week 9 – Congratulations to: Year 7: Sarah Forgione Year 8: Talia McLennan Year 9: Travis Begg Year 10: Louise Blackwell Year 11: Gerard Tioseco Year 12: Adam Tompsett

Louise Manwaring – Principal

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Over the past two terms Mrs Davies and Mr Eade have been involved in a major literacy project, working collaboratively with staff; introducing them to the latest teaching strategies. All members of the English staff have been involved, along with several members of the HSIE faculty. We have undertaken training on explicit teaching strategies for reading and comprehension. These have then been implemented in our classrooms. Some staff also participated in the Quick Smart Literacy program. Ms Fellows has been the acting English Head Teacher to enable Mrs Davies to focus upon her literacy role. Miss Tetley will step into the acting Head Teacher role next term.

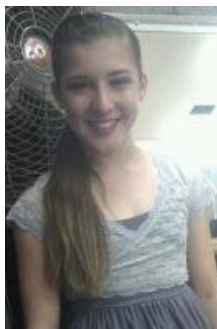
We have welcomed Ms Canavan into our faculty recently. Ms Heckendorf has been very capably supervising Ms Canavan during her final practicum. Highlights for Ms Canavan's work at Mudgee High include: Animation in year seven and a Prejudice unit in year nine with a focus upon the movie 'the Help'.

Year Eight have been involved in their picture book unit producing some outstanding work. It is wonderful to see students so engaged and productive in their learning.

Year Eleven have just completed their Preliminary exams. They will soon receive their exam results, enabling them to make final decisions about courses before beginning their year twelve studies next term.

Year Twelve are gearing up for Rainbow Day and the HSC. We wish them all the best for their exams and encourage them to keep writing essays to maximise their marks over the coming weeks. Many year twelve teachers have made themselves available to provide extra assistance to students and they should feel well supported as they approach their final exams.

NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival



Earlier this year Felicity Smith from year 7 successfully auditioned for the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble. Throughout this year, Felicity has travelled to Newtown School of Performing Arts for weekend workshops to prepare for the recent NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival at The Seymour Centre in Sydney. Felicity was part of a group of talented dancers who performed 3 times throughout the State Dance Festival in a contemporary routine entitled "Last Breathe" choreographed by Emily Ireland Radburn. The dancers were fortunate to perform in front of some elite audience members including the artistic director of the Sydney Dance Company – Rafael Bonachela. Felicity's next performance will be at The Sydney Entertainment Centre in the NSW Schools Spectacular.

Community Notices

MUDGEE JUNIOR GOLF – Pump Golf Day

9 Hole Shoot Out Competition – Sunday 22nd September 2013

Maximum Age 16 years, Registration 9am – commence 9.30am

9 Holes for Pump Golf Players, 3 and 6 Hole competition for younger players

\$5 per player for 3 and 6 hole competition; \$10 for 9 hole competition. Includes golf and lunch

No handicap or membership required – Prizes galore – Come and have fun

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

Mudgee Girl Guides is REOPENING



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After more than 10 years, Girl Guides is reopening in Mudgee in 2014 and we need a New Leader.

Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life?

Mudgee Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership.

You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Please call Yvonne Macrae on 0412 736 700 or email yvonne.macrae@gmail.com

To find out more about Guides visit our website: www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

2013 Grand Final Holiday Clinic Mudgee



NRL Development will be holding a clinic at Mudgee in the upcoming school holidays. Register and pay online at the address below.

See information below:

Mudgee Holiday Clinic – Cahill Oval Mudgee

Date: Tuesday 1st October 2013

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm (Children aged 5-16)

Cost: \$20 includes football, boot bag and drink bottle.

Contact: Mick Armstrong on 0402892839 or marmstrong@nrl.com.au

Go to the address below to register and pay online.

<http://www.westernnswdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au/>

Parent Survey on Trial of Bring Your Own Device During Term 3

N.B. the trial does **not** continue during term 4. Any permanent policy changes will be implemented after completion of the evaluation.

1. Do you think the trial had a positive or a negative impact on students during breaks? Please explain why.

2. Do you think we should allow senior students to use their own devices in breaks?

Yes because _____ OR

No because _____

3. Do you think we should allow junior students to use their own devices in breaks?

Yes because _____ OR

No because _____

4. If you answered Yes above: Are there any changes you think we should make to the rules for student use of their devices e.g. where they can use them, what they can use them for?

5. Any other comments?

RYLSTONE/KANDOS FAMILY FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER
RYLSTONE SHOWGROUND
10AM – 2PM



FREE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

- ☆ LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT ☆ BBQ ☆
- ☆ JUMPING CASTLE ☆ ACTIVITIES ☆
- ☆ ADOPT A TOY ☆ BALLOONS ☆

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