

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013

Term 3 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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## Coming Events:

- Sept 18 - Term 3 Gold/Silver Presentation
- Sept 18 – Yr 12 Farewell Social
- Sept 19 - Rainbow Day
- Sept 20 – Year 12 Presentation Day

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## Principal's Message

Congratulations to all the fathers who celebrated Father's Day yesterday. Your contribution to the students and community of Mudgee High School is most appreciated. We hope your day was full of joy in your family. The role of fathers and of mothers too, in students achieving at school cannot be underestimated. A number of studies have shown that a significant difference can be made to a child's progress at school by increasing parental involvement. This does not just mean attending events at school but includes taking an interest in how your child is doing and supporting him/her to try to overcome difficulties with learning, socialising and commitment. This impact is felt most strongly in secondary school where students are often less inclined to encourage parent participation in their school. Don't be fooled, use your own judgement, they need you more than they know at this time of their lives.

Year 12 are working hard to raise funds for their charities, the Mudgee Hospital and Head Space. I have been impressed by the widespread commitment of the year group. Their next major events include a Pizza Day on Tuesday 4 September and a garage sale on Saturday September 7. See below for more details. We hope that when you come to vote on Saturday you are able to take home a piece of treasure or maybe buy something to eat to prepare you for election night frenzy!

## News from the AB Team

This week's attachment again looks at cyber bullying. Please share these items with other members of the family and with your children. This Wednesday 4 September the AB Team is encouraging everyone who wants to stick their neck out against bullying to wear a tie. There will be prizes for students who wear a tie. It is not necessary to wear the tie around their necks; some may choose to use it as an arm band or waist tie. Just so long as they put on a tie they are in the running for a prize. Many students are aware of bullying but don't always know what to do about it. This term's theme is back me up. That is look after the victim, let them know you don't agree with the bully and help them get expert help if it persists. Students also have an opportunity to make a film to be in the running for major prizes in a state-wide competition. See the flyer included with this newsletter.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our parent teacher afternoon last Thursday. If you were unable to attend please feel free to make a few phone calls to follow up on your child's progress to date. Remember it's certainly not too late to make a big difference if they have your support to improve their achievement. Year 11 students should by now have well and truly begun their preparation for their Preliminary examinations which begin on Thursday. Helping them to get organised and keep up their focus is something I am sure our parents are experts at doing. Students can of course seek advice from their teachers and many are working after school or on Wednesday afternoon to gain some extra help with their preparation. Remember they just have to ask and they will be given the help they need to do their best.

**P & C Awards – T3 Week 7 – Congratulations to: Year 7:** Blake King  
**Year 8:** Ben Hughes **Year 9:** Sasmita Nandini **Year 10:** Lauren McGovern  
**Year 11:** Darcy Croake **Year 12:** Mitchell Riley

*Louise Manwaring – Principal*

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## EQUESTRIAN REPORT

Mudgee High Equestrian team recently competed at Dunedoo, Mendooran and Merriwa School Horse Sports days. The team consisted of Ryan Martin, Brooke Munro, Adelle Beer, Chloe Staub, Hannah Brown, Nicole Coubrough and Sophie Turner.

Students should be commended for the support they showed towards team members and sportsmanship they displayed throughout. Credit should go to Mrs Emma Kurtz and Ms Selina Foreman who did not attend the days but they have ably organised the excursions.

Mudgee High along with numerous other schools braved the elements at Dunedoo on Thursday. There was no shelter for the students competing in the ring and they had to endure hours of sleet, cold and rain on top of getting up early and loading horses in the early hours of the morning only to camp at the end of the day and then travel to Mendooran. Many thanks should go to the supportive parents and friends who take their children to these days. It is difficult to juggle family and other commitments to attend such days. Travelling with horses is time consuming and expensive.

Mudgee High won the best presented club at Dunedoo along with numerous other ribbons in both ring and sporting events. Adelle Beer and Chloe Staub proved to be very competitive in their rider class, receiving 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place respectively. Ryan Martin received age champion and Brooke Munro receiving reserve age champion in their age division overall.

At Mendooran Mudgee High continued to feature prominently in Ring events, jumping and sporting. Mudgee High students competed successfully in the jumping. Our E grade (12 year division - ungraded) show jumper, Hannah Brown took out 1<sup>st</sup> place. Sophie Turner, Chloe Staub and Adelle Beer received 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places in their division.

At the end of the day our equestrian team received the trophy for overall highest point score and another trophy for highest aggregate point score. Chloe Staub, Ryan Martin and Brooke Monro all receiving champion ribbons. Congratulations should go to all students for their efforts and their conduct whilst representing the school. It has been a pleasure to be involved in the School Horse Sports Day.



*Mudgee High in the mounted parade at Dunedoo*

## YEAR 12 SCHOOL JERSEY - 2014

A long running tradition at Mudgee High School is for students of Year 12 to have the opportunity to purchase a school jersey. This jersey will have an embroidered MHS logo on the front left, a large number "14" on the back of the jersey and a name banner across the shoulders on the top of the back of the jersey.

Jerseys will be \$90 each. These can be ordered by doing the following:

- 1 Pay \$90 to the front office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013. You may pay in instalments up to that date if you need to. Please talk with Miss Windeyer if you have financial difficulties and don't think you can afford to pay for this item. Everyone has the right to feel part of their year group and no one will be excluded due to financial hardship – please come and see me ☺
- 2 The student needs to then bring the receipt to Miss Windeyer in HSIE and try on a sample jersey to determine the required size. They will also need, at this time, to provide the name they wish to be printed across the shoulders.

The cut off date for payments is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (end of Week 10). If you wish to discuss this in further detail, please contact me at school.

Claire Windeyer  
Year 11 Year Adviser  
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## AG REPORT

With spring approaching there is a lot of activity at the School Farms.

Our ewes have lambed and lambs tagged and entered into our pedigree software. Regular weighing and visual fat scoring continues so we can monitor the health of the flock. We will demonstrate lamb marking in the next week and emphasise the need for supplementary feeding as pasture is limited. We synchronised the lambing as part of a Year 12 activity and they all birthed within a week. During this time, one ewe required a caesarean birth. While the results were not the success we had hoped for, we are grateful to Anthea Nicholls and Paige Loneragan of the Mudgee Veterinary Hospital who donated their time to perform the operation for our students.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous donations of hay from Peter Huish to support our livestock programs. Also to Roth's Produce for the discount they offer on purchases for livestock. Bruce Stanford has continued to offer good technical advice and support for our fledgling stud.

Semester 2 Technology Mandatory classes are establishing their gardens. They have learned the value of mulch and built up the garden beds. Seeds and seedlings have been planted but the cool nights are making germination slow. However, we are confident that the beds will soon be full of colour.

A number of excursions are planned for the coming months. Year 11 Primary Industries will be lamb marking at Gooree as part of their course work in mid-September. In late October our show steers travel to Scone with a contingent of 17 students and in early November a small group of students will travel to Armidale for a taste of university life.

Our 3 show steers are responding well to handling and are safe for students to lead at school. Year 11 began the process of clipping them to accentuate the strong points of each steer. Feeding to meet competition specifications for fat is an integral part of the preparation and students will use this to study ruminant rations.

With the Trial HSC completed, our Year 12 classes are reviewing their performances and working toward improvement for their HSC. Students are encouraged to ask their teachers for help in the lead-up to these important exams.

It is not just our Year 12 students who are preparing for assessment though. Junior elective Agriculture classes have tasks due in week 8 and parents are asked to ensure these are completed and submitted on time.

A number of scholarships and special learning experiences are available to Years 10, 11 and 12. Emails have been sent to all students in these years.

Our Spring Plant and Poultry sale is planned for early Term 4. We appreciate the great support the community has provided us in the past and hope we can rely on your patronage this time. Details will be advertised closer to the date.

We plan to have a flock reduction sale of our White Suffolk sheep coinciding with the Spring Sale. Rams and ewes of various ages may be available. Details will be made available soon.

We currently have 2 rabbits for sale - one young female and a 1yo male. All are ginger in colour. We hope to have some ducklings for sale this week also. More details from Agriculture staff.



**James Riley**



**Georgia Murphy**



**Aden Travis, Jack Fraser and Nataly Stubbs**

## YEAR 12 FINAL WEEKS

The remaining weeks of Term 3 are traditionally busy ones for Year 12 and this year is no exception. There is plenty of focus on final efforts for fundraising and Year 12 students are rising to the organisational challenge. Rainbow Day plans are well underway as students co-ordinate their ideas for stalls and the concert. Leading up to this, there are also a number of activities being organised to boost the fundraising account.

On Saturday 7th September, Year 12 will be running a garage sale. If you have any items that you are looking to clean out of the house, and would be willing to donate, please contact Ms Melissa Date at the school. Transportation of goods can be arranged on Friday afternoon, the 6th of September. We will be selling on Saturday morning 8.30am to 1.00pm in the Year 7 Quad at school. Why not drop by and browse the bargains after you have voted?

Krispy Kreme donuts, a cake stall, pizza day, slave for a day and one final stint at the local MotoX will all help to add to the account for Headspace and the Mudjee Hospital. The students have been showing great initiative and organisational skills to plan and run these events and I am extremely proud of their efforts.

Tickets for the Formal have been selling well. Parents and students are reminded that first round sales close on Tuesday 10th September. Students are entitled to 4 tickets which includes one for themselves. Those not taken up by the closing date will be placed back in a pool and students will be able to access one additional ticket should they wish. Forms are available from the office and Ms Date for dietary requests and also seating requests.

## Community Notices

### MUDGEES DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Come and join the fun of cricket this summer.....

Registration days for 2013/14 Junior Cricket season are on;

- Thursday 5th September, Victoria Park Mudjee 4-6pm
- Saturday 7th September, Glen Willow Sports Complex 9am- 12noon
- Friday 13th September, Victoria Park Mudjee 4-6pm

Milo Cricket (under 6s and 8s) \$65 per child.

All other age groups (Under 10,12,14,17s) \$80 per child.



### MUDGEES AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

**Registration Days:** Swimming season is almost upon us. Registration days for the Mudjee Amateur Swimming Club will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4.30pm to 6.00pm, in our club house which is at the back of Mudjee 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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Legacy is a uniquely Australian charity. Our annual fundraising day is on 6 September, when badges, pens, wristbands and bears are sold. All money raised goes to helping make a better life for those who have lost family members due to war.



## 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 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](mailto:mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com)

## Mudgee Girl Guides is REOPENING



GIRL GUIDES  
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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](mailto:yvonne.macrae@gmail.com)**  
**To find out more about Guides visit our website: [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)**

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