

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Term 3 – Week 9



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

## 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

On Wednesday 4 September 2013 Mudgee High School's Anti Bullying Team invited everyone who wanted to stick their neck out against bullying to wear a tie. There were prizes for students and staff who participated. The day produced some fun and interesting comments with staff and students finding novel ways to wear their ties and some gaudy outrageous offerings. The serious side of the day was to raise awareness among students and staff about the impacts of cyber bullying and how they might help the victims.

The highlight of the day was a presentation on assembly led by Jess Hardy and Taylor – Rose Rohrich on the impact cyber bullying and other types of bullying might have on the victim. Students were shown a video from the Human Rights Commission on ways they can say goodbye to cyber bullying. In the Human Rights Commission Back Me Up Campaign students are invited to find ways to show they don't agree with bullying by creating a 2 minute video about how they would back up someone being cyber bullied. The opportunity to win great prizes sparked a lot of interest among students who are looking for ways to support the anti-bullying message.

Year 12 are continuing their phenomenal effort to raise funds for their nominated charities. Cake Day last Friday saw hundreds of cakes and slices sold to students and staff. It was a great team effort from students and families baking up a storm all week. More were sold at the very successful garage sale on Saturday. I hope you took some home or bought some of the many other items on sale on Saturday. This week we will have milk shake day on Thursday where students can try some of the many flavours on offer.

## Make Online Payments

From October 14 it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include technology and visual arts major works). There is also a category called Other which is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

### **News from the AB Team**

This week's attachment is about sexting. This very worrying activity often catches young people in criminal behaviour without them being aware. It also leads to exploitation and bullying. Please read the attachment and discuss this issue with your children. Even if you think they would never engage in this behaviour they may have friends who need support or may be sent unasked such images or texts and they need to know what to do.

**P & C Awards – T3 Week 8 – Congratulations to: Year 7:** Abbey Travis **Year 8:** Aaron Hend **Year 9:** Rachel Hibberd **Year 10:** Dillan Stewart **Year 11:** Sinead Maher **Year 12:** Hannah Bruton

*Louise Manwaring – Principal*

### **Mudgee Cattle Update**

The Mudgee Show team is busy preparing 3 steers for The Beef Bonanza in Scone. Once again, we have obtained 3 very high quality Angus steers from Coffin Creek stud. These animals have been the easiest to tame from the many we have shown and students are confident working close with them. They each weigh in the order of 500kg and to lead one of these beasts on the end of a short rope requires a lot of trust from both steer and handler.

Students in Year 11 Primary Industries and Ag20 have the preparation and showing as a special project. Washing, clipping and setting the feet for a good stance and is all part of the work. Preparing students for the show ring is another feature of their work. With the warmer weather here, the steers are losing their winter coat and require an extensive brushing every day with 'training' of the hair to run in a specific direction a high priority

The Cheetham family have been associated with our cattle showing since its inception. We have been grateful for the assistance offered by Geoff and Beth at previous shows and appreciate the offer of help in Scone this year. We also acknowledge their generous donation of hay and an offer of assistance in the transport of steers. With the high cost associated with these competitions, this assistance makes continued participation feasible.

We travel to Scone on October 24 with a group of 17 students and several staff. This is always a great weekend of learning and comradery and we are very positive about our prospects this year. Results will be published following the competition.

In addition to the expressions of thanks made above, in the past week RB irrigation provided a generous discount on goods purchased for the school farms and Steve Ledger of the Mudgee Veterinary Hospital donated his services for the Brucellosis testing of our rams. These very generous offers of support from the community are greatly appreciated and go a long way to the improvement of services to our students.



Kirby Skinner (Year 11) giving one of the steers a trim.



## Mudgee High School stick their necks out against bullying



The Staff Supported Wear a Tie Day



The School Captains and seniors on assembly



The Anti – Bullying Team from Mudgee High School

### Year 12 Formal Tickets

Reminder that first round sales of tickets for the formal close on Tuesday September 10th. If you have not yet purchased your allocation of 4 tickets in the first round they will be added back to the bucket for everyone to access in 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Tickets available at the front office.

## 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 Mudgee 4-6pm
- Saturday 7th September, Glen Willow Sports Complex 9am- 12noon
- Friday 13th September, Victoria Park Mudgee 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 Mudgees 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 Mudgees 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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### MUDGEES 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)



### Mudgees Girl Guides is REOPENING

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

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

## **FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2014**

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Mudgee High School students and their families to attend our next **LIVE Online** information session being held on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**. We are also running specific 'Country' online information sessions on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September for those students who maybe interested in visiting Italy, Scandinavia, or the USA. Details as follows:

- Italy: 6.15pm (EST) 5.45pm (CST) 4.15pm (WST)
- Scandinavia: 5.30pm (EST) 5.00pm (CST) 3.30pm (WST)
- USA: 7.00pm (EST) 6.30pm (CST) 5.00pm (WST)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS**

#### **31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2013 FOR PROGRAMS DEPARTING BETWEEN APRIL 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2014**

Each year we offer 12 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 5 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 2 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 each
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 3 Digital Video Scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$3,500 each

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:marmstrong@nrl.com.au)

**Go to the address below to register and pay online.**

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



# RYLSTONE/KANDOS FAMILY FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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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Arranged by the Family Fun Day Committee, hosted by Kandos Interagency  
For more information call

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