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MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- October 7 – Term 4 Commences for Staff and Students
- HSC Exams
Mon 13 Oct –
Wed 5 Nov
Mudjee Baptist Church, 70 Bruce Road Mudjee

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Speech Year 12 Presentation 2014

A number of parents asked for a copy of this speech so here it is minus the trimmings. In a few short weeks year 12 you will undertake your final HSC examination and then you will breathe a big sigh of relief because you will be able to say – we made it! Today is your last day of high school. It's remarkable, isn't it? I think you probably feel your year 12 days went by faster than you ever imagined they would. Do you remember being in year 7 and thinking about how long high school would be, to your parents it probably seems as if it was last week. Choosing subjects making friends, struggling with homework, glorious victories' in sport or debating, performances, exhibiting your work in art, competitions in science and mathematics and English, now it seems as if it all happened so fast.

All of those nights you spent cramming for the test the next morning, all of the books you read and the essays you wrote, all of the lessons you learned from not only your teachers, but your friends as well, all of the friendships/relationships begun, ended, and mended, and all of the wonderful and terrible experiences you have had throughout high school have led up to this day that you never thought would come so fast.

In the time you've spent growing up, the world has shrunk down. You were only toddlers when Instant Messenger was first released to the world. You are old enough to remember computers when they still were heavier than a sack of potatoes and coloured in a bland shade of beige. When you were kids, you used to trade Yu- gi - oh cards in the playground, now you can use bitcoin instead of money to trade online. Who could forget about all of those practically indestructible flip-phones many of you received as your first mobile phones, no camera or internet? Whatever happened to Nokia? Do you remember playing elastics, or British bulldog, how about the Christmas your family got Playstation 2 and all your friends were jealous?

I'm sure all of us could spend hours reliving and romanticizing our childhoods and everything that went along with them, but the point is, look at where you are today! Now you can chat with the world just by hitting "tweet" or "post". Computers and phones have become one and the same and forget 3D; we're on our way to wearing screens that essentially interact with the real world. Getting your licence or permit has been a recent milestone for most of you. Well that too will be a thing of the past in the not too distant future when drivers become passengers of robot cars and we take a step closer to becoming the Jetsons in real life. In the time that you have spent in education the world has shrunk so much you don't have to move out of your house for relationships to begin, end and be mended, it's now in the palm of your hand.

As I think about all of you, I know, without a shred of doubt that what time magazine's Joel Stein thinks about teenagers is absolutely and unequivocally wrong. Perhaps it's because nowadays it is easier than ever to see what people's skills, talents, interests, are and it's also easier than ever to display one's skills, talents, interests to the world I know you are the opposite of "lazy, entitled, selfish, and shallow," as in Joel Stein's imagination.

When I think about the Class of 2014 I think about social activists, entrepreneurs, artists, musicians, writers, photographers, scientists, teachers, leaders, philosophers, and so much more. I think about people that know how to do everything from code websites without ever having taken a single software course to people who can launch social justice campaigns that change the world. Of course no year group is perfect. Some of you are dedicated to ending bullying, but some have also during their growing years gone from attacking people in person to attacking them behind a screen; those same screens have taken away some of your ability to appreciate things like letter-writing and in-person conversations. But you are who you are. The Class of 2014 and you are going to change the world. You will leave Mudjee High School better than you found it and in the future you are going to leave the world better than you found it.

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You've had a great run. As I look back on the past six years I hope you enjoyed it, a lot in fact. I know you have probably moaned about getting up in the morning, whinged about too many assignments, felt you didn't have enough time just to "relax" and enjoy yourselves doing nothing. But that's our modern life, there's never enough time for those things while you are trying to make the most of every opportunity, and that you certainly have in the past six years. Despite the occasional whinging, I know you will miss many things about school. I am sure that when you look back what you will miss the most are the people.

Of course, you couldn't have made it to this moment alone. If you haven't thanked your family, friends, and teachers prior to this moment you certainly should after you leave here. None of you would have made it here without them. They taught you how to be better people, they made sure you got to this day, and many of them are here now to see you transition to the next part of your lives. In this school I firmly believe you have been fortunate enough to have the best teachers, best friends and best families. You have learned a lot more from all of those people than just lessons. Those are the people who have changed your lives and you are better person because of those people. All of the great memories you have of high school are great because of the people that were there to share those moments with you. Excursions, winning competitions, award nights, they all would have meant less if you hadn't had people to share them with.

Before I end, I want to wish each and every one of you success in whatever endeavours you choose to pursue. After the HSC is over you may continue as lifelong friends with some of your year group but you may not see many of the people here today again. If I am lucky I may get to work with some of you one day. You as a generation have so much to offer to world. I know that you are going to do great things and I couldn't be more proud to have had a role in your education.

I'd like to end with a quote from the screenplay by Eric Roth, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*:

For what it's worth: it's never too late or, nor too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, stop whenever you want. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. And I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again.

So Year 12, make the best of it, and now you start all over again. For all intents and purposes, it's a brave new world out there and if anyone can make the best of it and start all over again, you can.

Louise Manwaring – Principal

Term 3 Week 10 Awards

P & C Awards – Year 7 – Nathan Beer **Year 8** – Dylan Terbizan **Year 9** – Lachlan Hill **Year 10** – Sophia McRae
Year 11 – Bradley Stubbs **Year 12** – Alex Muscat







SRR Award Term 3 Week 10 – Congratulations to: Bridget Condon (Year 10)

From the English Faculty

Good luck to the class of 2014 in the HSC!

As daunting as the HSC may be for many, it is always important to remember that it is just one of a large number of opportunities that are coming your way in this new and exciting phase of your lives.

Now is the time to take that rigorous home study routine to a new level. Below are some tips that may prove useful...

-  **Buy a small rubber ball** and do your **hand exercises** to ensure that 'writer's cramp' is avoided/minimised – a common scourge of HSC students.
-  **Re – read all set texts.** It's amazing what a difference this can make, especially as a means of consolidating aspects of your recent intense study routines for the trial exams.
-  Organise a 'study buddy' who you will work with effectively. Use your buddy **to pre-test** and **consolidate knowledge** on all of the key aspects of each module of study.
-  **Visit the BOSTES website and download past papers! In case you don't know the link try this**
 http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/
Practise writing responses to past questions. Submit some of these to your English teacher for feedback. Swap others with your buddy and sit down and discuss your take on each other's work, using marking guidelines and examiners comments (usually available on request).
-  Ask your teacher for some exemplar essays issued by **BOSTES**.



Use **graphic organisers** to display key concepts and elements of modules studied.



If you need help, ask for it.



Annoy your parents occasionally with mini seminars outlining the key aspects of study for each module and text studied.

S. McNeill

BELL SHAKESPEARE.

Bell - Shakespeare are coming to Mudgee High School!

The Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company is Australia's only national touring theatre company. Recently a representative of contacted Mudgee High School to ask if they could conduct two workshops for our students on Thursday 16th October. The school and the theatre company have a strong association built up over years of co-operation; the school usually inviting all nearby schools, including non-government schools, to participate in a series of workshops to make the works of Shakespeare more accessible to the younger generation.

On every occasion, representatives of Bell-Shakespeare have gone to great lengths to comment on the wonderful manners, behaviour and attitude of all the students from Mudgee High and this is in no small part the reason why they frequently ask if they can return.

This year the Bell Shakespeare will be at Mudgee High School shortly after midday on **Thursday, 16th October**.

They will be running two workshops, each running for approximately one hour.

The junior workshop (Years 7 to 10) will focus on **Romeo and Juliet**

The senior workshop (Years 10 and 11) will focus on the tragedy **Hamlet** which is the set text for the critical study module in Year 12.

Opportunities to view quality productions of Shakespearian drama are few in rural New South Wales so all students are encouraged to express an interest to attend, especially students who aspire to study the Advanced English course in their future HSC.

To facilitate attendance, costs of attendance have been reduced to **\$5.00 per workshop**, due in part to a special discount offered by Bell Shakespeare to Mudgee High School.

If you would like your child to attend, please encourage them to pick up a permission note sometime this week.

If you have any enquiries, please contact me in the English Faculty.

S. McNeill

Year 12 Future Pathways/Careers

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

APM College of Business and Communications
Billy Blue College of Design
William Blue College of Hospitality Management
Jansen Newman Institute
Southern Cross University

Nth Sydney Campus 15 November & 9 December
Nth Sydney Campus 11 November
Nth Sydney Campus 15 November & 9 December
Pyrmont Campus 15 November

For personalised campus tours and special events,
freecall 1800 6256 481 or (02) 6620 3975
or visit www.scu.edu.au/campustours

Charles Sturt University Open Day every day – For campus tours/appointments and course information
Freecall 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit www.csu.edu.au/campustour

Sydney Institute of Business & Technology (SIBT) For information call (02) 9850 6222

Literacy and Numeracy Tests for School Leavers from Year 10 and Year 11

Students intending to leave school before completing the HSC have the option of taking online Literacy and Numeracy tests at school on 27th October, 2014.

The tests are prepared and marked by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES). Students completing the tests will receive reports detailing their level of skill in literacy and numeracy. Discussions with employer groups reveal that the ability to provide tangible evidence of these skills is highly regarded when they are making a decision to employ.

The tests consist of a range of short-answer questions that relate to aspects of everyday life such as reading a recipe, preparing a quote and providing directions to a location.

If your son or daughter is interested in taking online Literacy and Numeracy tests, it is important they notify Mrs Robinson by 20th October so they can be enrolled.

Mathematics

Year 12 2015

Year 11 students are now planning their courses for next year. They will actually start their HSC courses at the start of next term.

General Mathematics students who have completed the Preliminary now have the choice of General Mathematics 2 or General Mathematics 1. Both are Board Developed, the basic difference is that General Mathematics 2 students will sit a final external exam and the course will contribute towards an ATAR. General Mathematics 1 students will not sit a final external exam and the course will not contribute towards an ATAR.

Those students doing well in Extension 1 also have the option of doing an extra unit of Mathematics and studying the Extension 2 course. The topics studied include harder Extension 1 topics, Complex Numbers, Conics and Mechanics. If parents or students want more information on these courses they can contact Mr Tooney at School.

Year 11 2015

Although Year 10 have chosen their courses for the next two years, they are still encouraged to discuss their choice of course with their current Mathematics teacher.

For students who have successfully completed the Advanced Mathematics course in Years 9 & 10 the Mathematics Course is recommended for senior study. This will give them the background for further studies that have mathematical components such as engineering. The Extension course is also available and is suitable for students with strong mathematical ability particularly in Algebra.

Students who have struggled at the Advanced Mathematics level or who have studied a lower level of Mathematics should choose General Mathematics. This course gives students a strong foundation of mathematical skills.

Monday Homework room

Despite Year 12 students finishing formal classes, the homework room will continue to operate next term. Years 7 to 11, requiring extra assistance are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the extra tuition which has been made available by several Mathematics teachers outside of normal class time. This enthusiasm and dedication will hopefully strengthen their results. For those requiring extra assistance remember the homework room operates each Monday, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

Year 12 2014

Our current Year 12 have finished their coursework and are now revising in preparation for the HSC exams. They are reminded that a strong effort during the lead up to the HSC exam will enable students to gain the best possible results. Well done to those students who took advantage of the tutorials offered during the two week break and thank you to the staff who made the time to assist the students.

We wish them every success for their exams.



Mudgee Amateur Softball Registration Dates:

Wed 8th Oct at Westend Fields 4pm - 6pm

Sat 11th Oct at Westend Fields 9am - 1pm

Our season commences on 11th October for all divisions except Adults. This day will be a fun day and an opportunity for anyone wanting to try softball to come along - teams will be allocated on the day - game times will be in line with competition game times listed below:

The main competition for ALL DIVISIONS will commence on 18th October and will run up to and including 6th December we will then break for Christmas. The second half of the season will then begin on 31st January and Grand Final/Presentation weekend will be 14th March.

GAME TIMES:	Benny Ball (3-7 yrs)	9:15am to 10:00am
	TBall (Under 11's)	9:00am to 10:00am
	Juniors (Under 15's)	10:30am to 11:45am
	Youth (Under 19's)	12:15am to 1:30pm
	Adult	2:00pm to 3:15pm

Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

*Connecting
Our Region*

Mid-Western Regional Council is preparing a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) to improve the safety, convenience and connectivity of our region's busiest pedestrian areas.

The PAMP area focuses on Gulgong, Kandos, Mudgee and Rylstone, and also includes villages across the region.

The PAMP will provide the framework for developing pedestrian routes and infrastructure to cater for the needs of all pedestrians; including older persons, people with mobility or visual impairments, school children and cyclists.

The PAMP will identify gaps and other issues with our existing pedestrian networks, along with identifying suitable locations for future network expansion.

To have your say, please complete a PAMP survey - available now on Council's Facebook page, at www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au, or in hardcopy from any Council office or Library.

Alternatively, written responses can be handed in at any Council office, emailed to council@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or posted to:

PAMP Community Feedback
Mid-Western Regional Council
PO Box 156
Mudgee NSW 2850

Responses and feedback must be returned to Council no later than **Friday 17th October 2014** for inclusion in the PAMP.

The draft PAMP is expected to be completed in early 2015 and will be placed on public exhibition for feedback for a period of four weeks.

Saturday 25th October 2014

HEARTKIDS Rugby Cup & Clinic

Time: 10am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$40

**Venue: Emus Rugby Club,
Woodward Street Orange NSW**

All registrations must be submitted by 3rd October 2014

**Suitable for children aged between 5-15yrs and
caters for all abilities**

*For more details or a registration form
contact Mardi on 0416 112 885
or email samantha@life-studio.com.au*

**All money raise goes to 'HEARTKIDS'
supporting children born with heart disease**

**Exhibition match between Deadwood Rugby
Club & Central West Invitational Players**

Time: 3.30pm

Admission: \$5

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2014 HSC Timetable • Week 1 – Mudgee Baptist Church 70 Bruce Rd Mudgee

	Monday 13 October	Tuesday 14 October	Wednesday 15 October	Thursday 16 October	Friday 17 October
	HSC Day 1	HSC Day 2	HSC Day 3	HSC Day 4	HSC Day 5
AM	English (Standard) and English (Advanced) Paper 1 10.20am–12.30pm English (ESL) Paper 1 10.20am–12 noon	English (Standard) Paper 2 9.25am–11.30am English (Advanced) Paper 2 9.25am–11.30am English (ESL) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am–10.30am Listening Paper 10.40am–11.10am*	Ancient History 9.25am–12.30pm	Human Services (VET) 9.25am–11.30am Information Processes and Technology 9.25am–12.30pm Tourism and Events (VET) 9.25am–11.30am	Dance Core Appreciation 9.25am–10.30am Major Study Appreciation 10.40am–12noon Engineering Studies 9.25am–12.30pm Modern Greek Beginners 9.30am–12.10pm Modern Greek Continuers 9.30am–12.30pm
PM	Hospitality (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Indonesian Extension 1.55pm–3.55pm	Industrial Technology 1.55pm–3.30pm Automotive Technologies Electronics Technologies Graphics Technologies Metals and Engineering Technologies Multimedia Technologies Timber Products and Furniture Technologies Latin Extension 1.55pm–3.55pm Korean Background Speakers 2.00pm–5.00pm Korean Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm Modern Hebrew Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Classical Greek Continuers 1.55pm–5.00pm Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 1.55pm–5.00pm	Construction (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Arabic Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm German Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm German Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm Japanese Background Speakers 2.00pm–5.00pm Japanese Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm Japanese Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Community and Family Studies 1.55pm–5.00pm Latin Continuers 1.55pm–5.00pm Indonesian Background Speakers 2.00pm–5.00pm Indonesian Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm Indonesian Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm

*Approximate finishing time

*** Students: Please arrive half an hour early ***