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Term 4 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- Year 6-7 Orientation
9am Students
6pm Parents
- Year 12 Formal
Nov 21 6-8pm
Parklands Resort

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week, a large number of staff and parents met for three hours after school to begin to develop our next three year plan. A lot of work prior to the afternoon meant we had excellent data to evaluate our current situation and to identify strengths and areas for improvement. It is an exciting time to be making plans for education. We have a state government which is committed to increasing the funding to public schools and to increasing school autonomy. For those reasons alone, having our whole community develop our priorities for 2015-2017 is very important. In next week's newsletter, look out for another opportunity to give some feedback on priority areas identified at our planning workshop. Parents are also encouraged to attend the next P&C meeting where there will be further opportunity for feedback and ideas.

As many of you may be aware, I have decided to retire as principal of Mudgee High School at the end of this year. In the ten years I have had the privilege to lead this wonderful school community much has been achieved. There is always more to do and I am confident that I leave the school in very good hands. There is a depth of leadership at Mudgee High School among staff, students and parents which contributes to the strong position the school is in. There is also an extraordinary commitment from all three groups to work together for the betterment of the school as a whole. The goodwill demonstrated by the many staff, students and parents who go above and beyond what is expected creates an atmosphere which leads to aspirational outcomes for our students. The strong values and the belief that we work together for the good of the students above all makes Mudgee High school truly the best comprehensive school in NSW.

I will continue to support the school and the Cudgegong Learning Community through my part time role as principal, school leadership which I will continue to do in 2015. The Department will allow me to relinquish my position as principal while continuing in the principal, school leadership role which means there will be a new principal appointed for 2015. I look forward to supporting the new principal and to using my experience in this school and other schools to enhance leadership and school development in western NSW. My passion for teaching can therefore be harnessed to continue to give back to the profession I have loved for over thirty years. Don't hesitate to have a chat anytime you see me around. I love my connections with Mudgee High school and am proud to have been able to say I was principal of this great school.

Apology

It has been brought to my attention that a recent message on our changeable sign may have caused offence to some people. The sign was not intended to cause offence, it was intended to highlight the need to study geography so we can understand issues in our world. As soon as we realised that it had caused offence it was removed. We sincerely apologise to anyone who was offended. We certainly support the serving men and women who defend our country and its values. We also express our sincere regrets to any families who were hurt by the sign. We very much appreciate the feedback we have received and accept that the form of words used was inappropriate.

Congratulations to these students for their High Distinction in the International Writing Competition: Ben Reinhard, Angus French and Daniel Reinhard. The students have been invited to a presentation at the University of NSW on November 28th.

We are also proud of the achievements of Ethan Milsom who earlier this year attended the 2014 Space Academy and US Field Study Tour. Ethan spent the week at space camp training where they flew a simulated Space Shuttle Station (ISS). Photos and student blogs are available at www.spacecamp.com.au. The iSTEM committee will soon advertise their 2015 and 2016 programs through the school.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

Term 4 Week 5 Awards

P & C Awards – Year 7 – Robert Westwood, **Year 8** – Jasmin Morrison,
Year 9 – Hannah Webster, **Year 10** – Lochlan Mortenson **Year 11** – Katelyn Kurtz

SRR AWARD Term 4 Week 5 – Congratulations to: Madison Rayner

PBL Focus Stairways and Lifts

This week's PBL focus is the use of stairways and lifts. Students who have been given the responsibility to use the lift should ensure that it is done with a safe and respectful manner. Mudgee High Schools lift can be problematic and often needs attention. This affects all students who must use the lift. Stairways can be busy areas around the school, particularly before and after breaks. Students should keep to the left when using these stairways and always look to be safe and responsible in these areas. Mobile phone use in stairways should be seen as pure folly!



Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day

This **Thursday 13th November** Year 6 students will be attending Mudgee High for an orientation day. Students must arrive by 9am wearing their sports uniform. The day will conclude at 3.25pm. Following this day parents are invited to an information evening in the Performance Centre. The evening will commence at 6pm with a tour of the school.

MAD CONCERT

Mudgee High School will be holding its MAD concert on the 2nd December 2014 in the Mudgee High School Gym. This concert will feature students across the creative arts in Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts. Students who wish to be performers need to see Mr Holleman to audition as soon as possible. *All students are welcome to audition.*



Year 12 Sign Out Day

Following the conclusion of the HSC examinations, Year 12 students will need to attend their sign out day on Wednesday 12th November. The sign out day will occur between 10am and 12pm. Students are requested to bring all their textbooks, reading materials and any other items borrowed from the school, to be returned. Eligible students will have their book deposits returned. If you have any questions regarding the Year 12 sign out day, please contact the school on 6372 1533.

TAS

On Tuesday 11/11/2014, Mudgee High Year 12 2015 students will be participating in a group observation of how accessible the Mudgee CBD is for people with mobility issues or who are vision impaired. The students are doing this as part of their research for their Community and Family Studies subject and to raise community awareness of the issue. As part of their observation, students will be moving through the CBD some will be blindfolded with canes and some in wheelchairs to understand the difficulties that people with mobility issues or are vision impaired face on a daily basis. Any enquiries, phone Mrs McQuiggin on 6372 1533.

Deaf and Hearing Impaired ZooSnooz



Each year deaf and hearing impaired students from across Western NSW come together with their teachers and parents/carers to enjoy an action packed ZooSnooz experience. This year was no exception with activities such as giraffe feeding, a behind the scenes tiger encounter and Australian night walk all keeping campers busy and entertained. It is pleasing to be able to say that all students displayed exceptional behaviour whilst on the excursion. Well done to everyone. We look forward to our next camp in 2015.

Leah Graham
Teacher of the Deaf (ToD)
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