

Monday  
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Term 4 – Week 7



# MHS Newsletter

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Cudgegong Learning  
Community*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## Coming Events:

- Year 12 Formal  
Nov 21 6-8pm  
Parklands Resort
- P&C Meeting Monday  
November 24, 4.00pm
- Second Planning  
Afternoon 4 December  
4.30 – 6.30pm  
Parents welcome

## This issue:

- Principal's Message
- Awards
- PBL Focus Stairways  
and Lifts
- Community  
Announcements
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Planning for 2015

As part of our planning process, we are looking to get feedback from parents and students about where they would like Mudgee High School to go. With this newsletter is a response which you are asked to complete and return to the office by Monday 24 November. Those who attend the P&C meeting on 24 November will be undertaking this exercise then. Please come along, even if you have never been to a P&C meeting before. We'd love to have your thoughts so we can ensure Mudgee High School is an excellent school for the whole time your child attends.

### Year 6 Orientation

Last Thursday over 150 eager year 6 students attended Mudgee High School for a taste of high school. They were in their classes for 2015 and were taught lessons using the high school curriculum and facilities by our teachers. The student leadership groups also organised activities such as capture the flag at lunch time. Students were escorted around the school by members of the student representative council, so they had no trouble finding where to go. They used a timetable similar to the one they will receive when they start next year. The students were a credit to their families and their primary schools, showing good manners, enthusiasm for learning and individual characteristics which make them unique as individuals.

That evening, their parents had the chance to tour the school and find out how they can support their child's transition to high school. It was fun to watch the parents' surprise at the developments in the school since they attended here twenty or more years ago. The library and the technology areas seemed to attract the most comments but we also heard reminiscing about the lessons they had as parents. A big thank you to Mrs Quinn, head teacher welfare, and Mr Couch, Year 7 advisor for 2015, for their fantastic organisation. Parents are reminded to contact us if they have any questions or need to share information to help us meet their child's needs.

### Uniform (Oh NO Not Again)

It has come to my attention that once again uniform items which have not been approved are being sold in one local shop. This time it is the selling of navy girls shorts with mesh inserts (basketball style). Mudgee High School approved girls shorts are all one material. They are dress navy blue shorts, they are a length no shorter than mid - thigh and they are not revealing either at top or bottom of the leg. The girls navy shorts must not be ruggers or similar and they must not be sports shorts or have mesh inserts. They must also not carry any large commercial logos which make our students walking advertisements for clothing companies. With this newsletter is a copy of our uniform code for your information. If you have any questions, please phone the principal. I have discussed this issue with the proprietor who has agreed to comply with the decision of the parents of Mudgee High School as to what will be allowed for our uniform.

*Louise Manwaring  
Principal*

### PBL Focus

This week's PBL focus is railings, walls and temporary fence. Students are reminded that these items are used to keep them safe, and to help create an obvious barrier so they do not disturb lessons or senior exams. Students should endeavour to be safe at all times, and respect the placement of railings and fences.

### Term 4 Week 7 Awards

**P & C Awards – Year 7** – Abigail Lynch, Year 8 – Blake King,  
Year 9 – Melanie Henderson, Year 10 – Ana Boschiglia Year 11 – Jackson Cunningham

**SRR AWARD Term 4 Week 6** – Congratulations to: Emily Barnes

## Remembrance Day Assembly

This week Mudgee High School held a ceremony for Remembrance Day. Chloe Staub, Oliver Johns, Matthew Allen and Theresa Roth delivered following presentation:

The 11<sup>th</sup> November marked 96 years since the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-1918). Originally called Armistice Day but later changed to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for the day which would honour all war dead.

Remembrance Day commemorated the end of the hostilities of the Great War (World War One) and the signing of the armistice, which occurred on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1918, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, this later attained a special significance in the post war years. It is a day of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with no known grave and civilian casualties.



All was silent on the Western Front after more than four years of continuous warfare at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November, the Germans called for a suspension of fighting in order to secure a peace settlement. They agreed to the terms of the armistice.

The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. The first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for what has become Remembrance Day.



The Red Poppy has special significance for Australians and is an Emblem of Remembrance. Worn on Remembrance Day each year, the red poppy was one of the first and only plants to grow in the devastated and barren battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War.

### **A poem for Armistice Day; Remember Me (The Voice of the Dead) by Harry Riley**

*Remember me  
Duty called and I went to war  
Though I'd never fired a gun before  
I paid the price for your new day  
As all my dreams were blown away  
Remember me  
We all stood true as whistles blew*

## **Year 12 Community and Family Studies**

Year 12 Community and Family Studies students are currently undertaking an Independent Research Project. As part of their research, they are required to distribute questionnaires to a range of students and adults. The topic students have been assigned is access for people with mobility issues or vision impairment in the CBD of Mudgee or the laws related to young people and tattoos, driving, alcohol, tobacco and gambling. Your child's name will not be collected if they participate in the questionnaire and all data collected will remain anonymous. Please phone Ms Ridgewell or Mrs McQuiggin if you have any questions.

Please let us know if you do **NOT** want your child to participate

Amanda Ridgewell  
Community and Family Studies Teacher

Michelle McQuiggin  
Head Teacher

## **Child Studies**

On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, students in Child Studies 02 will be heading to Mudgee Hospital to take a tour of the maternity ward to learn about the services and facilities for pregnant women and women who have just given birth. This visit ties in with the work students have been doing this semester, learning about pregnancy, birth and caring for a new born baby.

# **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

After extensive consultation with the Mudgee High School Council, the P & C Association, students and staff, it has been established that the Mudgee High School community believes that school uniform is a desirable feature of our school for the following reasons:

**Safety of students** - intruders into the school grounds can be easily identified if all students wear the required school uniform. Given the recent experiences here and overseas this is vital. On excursions students in uniform are easily identifiable and more effectively and safely supervised.

**Learning social responsibility** - students need to learn that sometimes the welfare of the whole society over-rides the individual beliefs of some of its members e.g. road rules.

**To promote a positive image to our community** - which will in turn benefit our students e.g. offers of support for work experience placement, sponsorship, employment.

**Training for the workplace** - where uniform and acceptable dress is commonplace.

**To prevent competition** - in clothing between students and provide a low cost clothing option.

**The Mudgee High School community has therefore determined that this school is a uniform school. Students are required to wear full school uniform every day and to bring to school a written explanation from their parent/carer on each occasion they are out of uniform.**

## **REWARDS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM CODE**

Students who **regularly wear our school uniform** will be considered for movement up the coloured level system. They will also be entitled to:-

- represent the school in sporting teams
- participate in extra-curricula school excursions
- attend school socials
- apply for a Principal's Gold Medal or a Gold Award
- be considered for nomination as school or house captain
- be elected to the SRC
- documentation of their support for school uniform on their school reference

## **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

- The **Student Assistance Scheme** will provide assistance for families experiencing financial difficulties to purchase uniform. Confidential applications are made through the Principal.
- There is also a **lost property and a clothing pool** at school. Students may obtain items of uniform from this source.

## **PDHPE AND SPORT UNIFORM**

- Students are to wear sports uniform for all practical PE lessons – if this is not possible, students should wear clothes similar to the sports uniform and appropriate for a practical lesson and bring an explanatory note from home.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE**

### **BOYS:**

- Grey shorts with the school badge OR grey trousers (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).
- Navy weatherproof jacket with the school badge.
- Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
- Black or white shoes which must be enclosed and comply with Work, Health and Safety Requirements which require that the upper toe section of the shoe be leather or leather like.
- Sport Uniform: all students to wear red polo shirt with school badge, navy blue shorts with MHS embroidery or navy track pants.

### **Senior Option**

- Polo shirt may have navy collar with red stripes. A navy jumper OR deep red jumper with embroidered badge for seniors OR navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).

### **GIRLS:**

- Navy skirt OR navy dress shorts with the school badge OR navy dress pants (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).
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**No commercial logos, stripes or other decorations are permitted.**

***Please make sure all articles of clothing are marked with student's name.***

***Where students are unable to wear full uniform a note must be brought to roll call and a uniform pass will be issued. Where full sports uniform cannot be worn students must provide a note from a parent. Those without approved sports uniform will attend non-sport.***

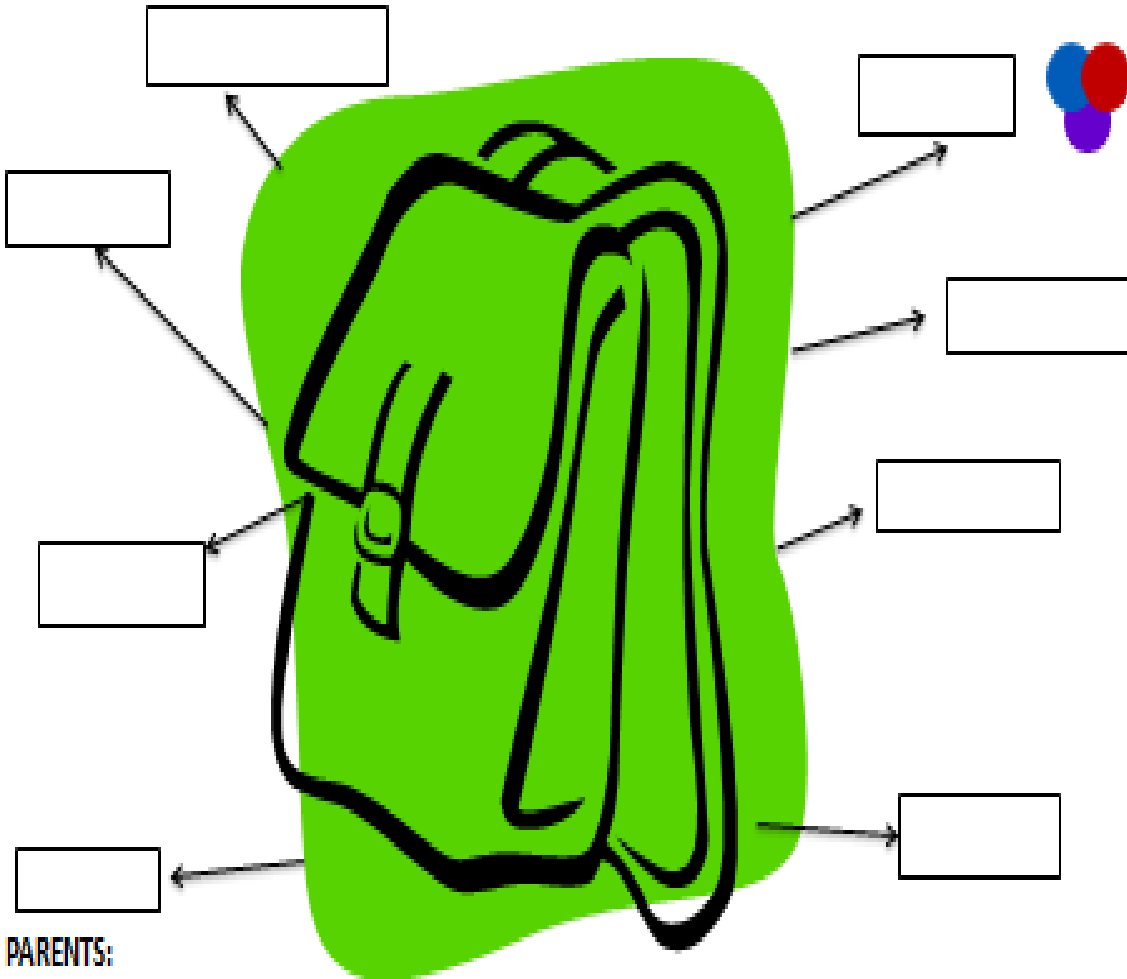
***Items of uniform are available from; Mudgee Embroidery- 2 Moufarriage Mall, Grace's Uniforms- Shop5 The Gateway, Honey Pot Boutique- Market St (Girls slacks only) Mudgee, Langswear – Church Street Mudgee.***

## Help us plan for your child's future

Describe your ideal school. If you were watching the activities in your ideal school, what would you see? Using phrases of paragraphs, describe what you would see students doing, teachers doing, administrators doing, and visiting parents or community members doing?

AND/OR

Fill in the boxes below with words and phrases that describe what you would like your child to have in their educational backpack at the end of their time at Mudgee HS.



### PARENTS:

What do you want your child to have in their school bag at the end of their time at Mudgee High School?

### STAFF:

What do you want your students to have in their school bag at the end of their time in your class/our school?

### STUDENTS:

What sort of student do you want to be when you leave Mudgee High School?

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



UNE is hosting the

### ConocoPhillips Science Experience

**13-15 January 2015**

for all year 9 and 10 students  
who are looking for a  
hands-on science experience

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[scienceexperience.com.au](http://scienceexperience.com.au)

Contact: Richard Willis  
p: 02 6773 2615 or  
e: [rwillis@une.edu.au](mailto:rwillis@une.edu.au)



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### VENUE

Club Mudgee

### TIME & DATE

Wednesday December 10  
5.30 – 7.30pm

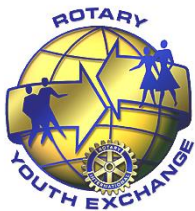
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### INFORMATION SESSION FOR 2016 OUTBOUND STUDENTS

**TO BE HELD AT** **Mudgee Golf Club**  
**Tuesday 3rd March, 2015** **starting at 6:30pm**

A year of study overseas on a Rotary Youth Exchange Program gives secondary school students an opportunity to develop an understanding of differing cultures, learning a new language, the making of international friendships and much more.

It provides personal development and a sound basis for future education and career goals.

**Come along and find out more information on how you can be involved in a Rotary Exchange to countries all over the world. Current Inbound Students will be in attendance to answer your questions and to tell their stories.**

**Enquiries to Geoff Smith 6889 5447**

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