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Term 4 – Week 10



# MHS Newsletter

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Cudgegong Learning  
Community*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## Coming Events:

- **Dec 11** – Yrs 7 – 11  
Presentation evening  
7.00pm in Gym
- **Dec 16** – Reports Yrs  
7-10
- **Dec 16** – Year 7 Concert  
12.15 – 1.35
- **Dec 15-17** – Yr 11  
Camp
- **Dec 17** - Final day of  
2014 school year for  
Students
- **Dec 17** - HSC  
results available

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we will celebrate the many successes of our students. On Thursday 11 December commencing at 7.00pm our Annual Presentation Evening for Years 7-11 will see a showcase of outstanding achievements of our students. The event is always well attended so it's advisable to arrive early to secure your seat. I look forward to meeting with parents and other family members at the ceremony. Please be aware there are a lot of awards and we ask that families plan to stay for the whole time. We would ask you to imagine how you would feel if others walked out while your child was receiving their award instead of acknowledging his/her achievements.

This week saw a series of events held to reward and acknowledge students who have attained Gold Level. These students have consistently demonstrated Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour in accordance with our goals for positive behaviour. Over 700 students have met this very high standard of behaviour for the whole year. These awards were instituted in 2014 because our evaluations indicated that many students went without acknowledgment for their consistent hard work and co-operation at school.

Gold level students indeed are high achievers. It's not easy to always work within the boundaries of good manners and to always behave responsibly and safely as a teenager or young adult. They have done it for the whole school year and we applaud their efforts. We can also see that their learning outcomes have been positively impacted by not only their own excellent contributions to our school culture, but also by the significantly reduced interruptions to their learning from the behaviour of others who are also meeting the Gold standard. By setting and achieving such high standards for themselves the vast majority of students have reaped the rewards throughout the year.

End of year reports will be handed out for years 7-10 on Tuesday 15 December. As usual parents will have the opportunity to attend should they be available. As that is the day of the Year 7 concert we hope many parents of Year 7 at least can find the time to be here and celebrate with students all they have learnt and in the case of Year 7 how well they sing and play instruments. During next week Year 11 will be enjoying their end of year camp. We expect there will be many stories to tell and memories to treasure after they survive the three days of challenges and team work.

As this will be our last Newsletter for 2014 I would like to thank all the parents who have made 2014 such a successful year. I would also like to thank the many parents, staff and students it has been my pleasure to work with over the past ten years. As I said in an earlier newsletter I will be moving on to another role in 2015. I will not be leaving Mudjee however and hope to see many of you over the years to come and hear how you and your families are going. Mudjee High school is the best school I have worked in and to have had the opportunity to lead such a wonderful, committed community in furthering the education of the young people of Mudjee has been a privilege and a joy for the whole ten years.

I wish you and your family the best of Christmas and a wonderful break. I know you will come back for 2015 with the same commitment and enthusiasm for public education you have shown over the past ten years.

*Louise Manwaring  
Principal*

## Term 4 Week 9 Awards

**P & C Awards – Year 7** – Fletcher Sibley **Year 8** – Taylah Ralston

**Year 9** – Danamaria Pop-Banks **Year 10** – Steffanie Horton **Year 11** – Rachael Sharp

**SRR AWARD Term 4 Week 9** – Congratulations to: Dominic Ghanem (Yr 9)

## **WESTERN REGION ACADEMY OF SPORT**

The WRAS aims to identify, develop and provide pathways for talented young sports people in the western region. The following students from Mudgee High School have been selected in 2015 WRAS squads: Hamish Bourke (Cycling), Rachael Sharp (Softball), Joshua Toovey (Cycling).

## **CAREERS CAPERS**

### **'Skills Ready' TAFE Taster Courses**

A number of Mudgee High School Year 9 & 10 students have participated in TAFE Short Courses in recent weeks. Courses on offer included coffee making, welding, construction, WHS White Card and Motorbike/Small Engine Maintenance. The courses had a more practical, skills based focus and were particularly relevant to students who may be considering a full-time TAFE course in 2015. Students also had the opportunity to check out a TAFE campus first hand.



### **Year 12 2014 – Careers Advisory Service**

A free Careers Advisory Service is available for 2014 Year 12 HSC Students to assist with post school careers choices eg: university courses, TAFE courses, apprenticeships etc.

The careers Advisory Service will operate between Thursday December 18 and Tuesday December 23. Details of this service is available on [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 1300 300 687. Students and their parents/carers are also encouraged to contact the MHS Careers Adviser with questions relating to career options and opportunities for 2015.

For 2014 NSW HSC students HSC results will be released by the NSW Board of Studies on Wednesday December 17. ATAR's will be released by UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) on the UAC website on Thursday December 18.

2014 HSC students should note that NSW/ACT university course preferences (up to 9 in total) can be changed for the January 2015 main round offers, up to midnight on Wednesday January 7, 2015. Further details of this process are provided in the 2014/15 UAC Guide which were distributed to students in July this year. Copies are also available from the Careers Room. This information can also be accessed on line at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

### **Choosing a Career**

Recent research has indicated that one of the major issues identified by secondary students is the challenge of securing a rewarding career in the future. Research has also revealed that the greater number of positive contacts students can have with eg: tertiary providers and employers, then the more likely they are to achieve their career ambition. These positive 'career encounters' may include tertiary (university) visits, completing short training courses, work experience, have a casual job etc. Students are therefore well advised to continue to participate in as many vocational opportunities as practical, while still at school to enhance their future career prospects. If you require further information about any of the above career matters, please contact the school.

The Mudgee High School Careers Department wishes all MHS students and their parent/carers a Happy Christmas and relaxing holiday.

### **Yu Gi Oh Tournament**

The library has been running a very successful Yu Gi Oh tournament this term. The competition has been very fierce and many battles have been undertaken. The competition will conclude next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the 2014 Yu Gi Oh champion will be crowned. Connor England is to be congratulated for his help in organising the tournament and a very big thank you goes out to Kerry and Colin Wright from Midwestern Electrical who provided prizes for all involved.

Melissa Parrotta  
Teacher Librarian





## **Agriculture Wrap-Up 2014**

It has been a big year for Agriculture at MHS. Students have participated in many events and members of the community have helped to make it all possible. I'd like to acknowledge several community members and students that have contributed to our successful year.

The year started with the Sheep Showing season in full swing. Students attended Mudgee Show, Dunedoo Show and Dubbo Show. They competed in Junior Handlers events as well as Junior Judging.

Several students who competed in the Zone finals Junior Judging competitions at Mudgee Show were fortunate enough to qualify to compete at the Royal Easter Show. Brooke Sewell managed to place 5<sup>th</sup> in the NSW State Finals for Wool Judging. At Dubbo show, Nick Pearce placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of several hundred competitors in the Merino Sheep Junior Judging.

These shows wouldn't have been possible without the support of Dianne Pearce, who helped supervise and organise the students. Bruce Stanford, of Merton White Suffolk Stud, also offered advice and support while allowing our students to exhibit his sheep at each of the shows. Special thanks to Pat Pilley who donated hay for the sheep.

On farm we have undertaken several plant and animal activities. One trial that was carried out involved a donation of Brassica seed from PGG Wrightson Seeds. This provided valuable sheep feed during the otherwise dry Spring season. The Cox Family, of Bocoble Merino Stud, also donated several diamond harrows that have assisted us greatly in the sowing of different crops.

The second half of the year revolved heavily around the preparation of cattle for show, which culminated in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at Scone. As this was my first year managing the cattle, I was extremely grateful for the assistance and advice from Mark Ford and Brett Littler. Brett was able to provide ultrasound technology to assess the fat depth of the cattle, as well as lending his superior eye in selecting a steer. Mark attended the weekend in Scone and provided support and expertise to the students, as well as helping to prepare the cattle in the months prior. Geoff and Matt Cheetham carted the steers and other luggage to and from Scone, whilst also providing encouragement and supervision of students.

The Beef Bonanza would not have been possible without the exceedingly generous donation of an Angus steer from Ken Mayberry, Fernmount, Moolarben. This is a massive donation to the schools Agriculture program and we are extremely grateful. Thanks also to Paul Blackwell and Peter Huish for donating hay for the steers.

Once at the Steer Show, the students performed well and presented themselves in a respectful and responsible manner. Sam Cormie, Chloe Staub and Tim Cheetham were lucky enough to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Judging competition during the School Steer Challenge on the Friday.

It would not be possible to provide such a range of learning opportunities to students without the support of our local community. Out thanks to them all.

Cassandra Stanford



## Reports and Year 7 Concert

Years 7-10 will receive their reports on Tuesday 15 December at the following times.

10.50 – Year 8  
11.30 – Year 7  
12.20 – Year 10  
1.00 – Year 9

The Year 7 concert will be from 12.15 -1.35. Parents are encouraged to attend these events.

## Quicksmart 2014

The Quicksmart Program which was researched and developed by The University of New England was successful again at Mudgee High School in 2014.

In the Literacy component 16 students completed the 30 week course comprising 3 lessons per week. The students worked progressively through more challenging texts, word lists and comprehension questions.

Twenty two Year 8 students completed the Numeracy program which concentrates on quick recall of basic number facts. A computer component as well as teacher guided speed sheets, flash cards and work sheets enhances the students learning and confidence with mathematical concepts.

The skills acquired in both the Literacy and Numeracy Quicksmart courses have been shown to successfully transfer back to the students classroom learning. The students are to be congratulated on their dedication to improve their literacy and numeracy skills throughout the course and in most cases a noticeable improvement was recorded. The Quicksmart programs will be continued for selected students from Years 7 and 8 again next year.

## November 25<sup>TH</sup> was White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end men's violence against women and girls and to promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. White Ribbon Australia, as part of this global movement, aims to create an Australian society in which all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse.

Part of this process has been to include snippets of information to the students during roll call. The statistics are staggering. Nationally representative surveys have found that anywhere from one-quarter to one-third, and even up to one-half of Australian women will experience physical or sexual violence by a man at some point in their lives. One woman is killed every week in Australia by a current or former partner. If any parents have questions about this whole school activity please phone the principal.

### You don't have to live with domestic violence.

In an emergency call **000**

Wimlah Specialist Domestic Violence Service (Mudgee)

**6372 1422 | 0458736027**

Mudgee Police **6372 8599**

Mudgee Hospital **6378 6222**

Housing Plus (Mudgee) **6372 7816**

1800 Respect [www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au) **1800 737 732**

Domestic Violence Line NSW **1800 656 463**

Mudgee Community Health **63786236**

### You can get help. You have a right to be safe.

Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia **1800 424 017**

Immigrant Women's Speakout Association NSW **96358022**

ACON Anti-Violence Project (DV in LGBTIQ relationships)

**1800 063 060 | 92062116**

Women's DV Court Advocacy Service (outreach to Mudgee)

**0405 901 207**

Women's Legal Services NSW **1800 801 501**

Western NSW Community Legal Centre (outreach to Mudgee)

**1800 655 927 | 6884 9422**

**1/week**

One woman is killed on average every week as a result of intimate partner violence

(Chan A and Payne J, 2013)



One in four young people have witnessed domestic violence against their mother or stepmother

(Indemaur, Australian Institute of Criminology, 2001)



Childhood exposure to intimate partner violence increases likelihood of intergenerational violence

(F. E. Markowitz, 2001)

**↑ Risk**

Increased risk of mental health, behavioural and learning difficulties from childhood exposure to intimate partner violence

(AFS, April 2010)

### **Schools Spectacular**

The Schools Spectacular is a unique and special entertainment event and its success depends on everyone playing their role with energy and enthusiasm.

The creativity and high standard of performances for which the Schools Spectacular has become renowned really shone through this year.

Congratulations to Mudgee HS student Rebekah Rae who was chosen to play first clarinet in the Schools Spectacular 80-piece full symphony orchestra.



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Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:

[www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

PCYC Cowra, 40 Young Rd, Cowra 2794 Ph. 6341 2035

## Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers



### Preparing you for your P's

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 9am-12pm**

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 341 Havannah St Bathurst

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## MOVIES AT THE TOWN HALL CINEMA MUDGE

**Fury – screening January 9, 10 & 11**  
**Alexander – screening January 10 & 11**

Tickets available from all Council offices from  
 Monday January 5 or at the door  
 (if not sold out prior)