

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
Term 1 – Week 4



# MHS Newsletter



A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

#### Coming Events:

- Feb 21 – Swimming Carnival
- Feb 24 – P&C Meeting – 7pm School Library
- Feb 27 – Parent/Teacher afternoon for Ys7,11 & 12
- Mar 5 – School Photos
- Mar 6 – Western Swimming
- Mar 6 & 7 – All School Triathlon
- Mar 18 – Year 10 Parent Information Evening 7pm Gym

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"Providing high quality education in a stimulating and caring environment."

### Principal's Message

The beginning of the school year represents new beginnings and challenges, and 2014 is no exception. Three weeks into the year it is evident that we have risen to the challenges as the beginning of the school year has been productive and industrious for all concerned. Students in all years have adopted with enthusiasm our three universal themes; **Safety, Responsibility and Respect**. Parents have already heard quite a lot about PBL and there will be more to come.

#### Stage 4

Year 7 have adapted well to the demands of secondary school and are already developing into a cohesive and supportive team under the stewardship of their Year Advisor, Mrs Trish Breadsell. In my discussions with students it is clear that they are excited and proud to be at Mudgee High and very willing to take advantage of the many opportunities the school offers. Parents of year 7 students are encouraged to attend the Parent-Teacher Evening in the school gym on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45pm. This is a terrific opportunity to meet your child's teachers, find out what they will be doing in classes and clear up those little uncertainties. Teachers like to know about your child's special talents and interests as well as where they need support. Together we make a great team!

Year 8 students have begun to plan part of their educational pathway by starting their electives. They chose from a total of 51 subjects across six faculties. This is an opportunity for year 8 to try out different subjects in preparation for years 9 and 10. Year 8 have begun the year in fine fashion and I look forward to acknowledging their outstanding efforts throughout the year.

#### Stage 5

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA), is a two year course which culminates in students receiving assessment grades at the end of year 10. Year 9 and 10 students have been given details on the workings of the RoSA. For Year 10 this is particularly significant: they must prepare themselves fully for the rigours of Year 11 and 12, or any other educational or work pathway they wish to follow. The key message is that students need to work with diligence and sustained effort throughout the two years if they are to achieve RoSA that reflects their abilities. **What does 'working with diligence and sustained effort' look like to a parent?** If you look in your child's book the work should look complete: margins and headings, questions answered, notes that don't finish part way through a sentence, sheets stuck in. Your child should be able to tell you about their work and their lessons and may talk about doing assessment tasks: it's worth asking because we all know that teenagers don't always volunteer information. If they are not meeting requirements you will get a letter warning of an N determination. Get in touch with us and together we can help your son or daughter to overcome the problem.

#### Stage 6

Year 11 and 12 are our school leaders and leadership brings with it opportunities and responsibilities. Year 11 and 12 are encouraged to take full advantage of the expertise of our staff, the myriad of excursions and extra-curricular activities that are on offer. There is much to be gained for senior students by engaging fully in the wider school curriculum. Senior students should have, or be in the process of developing, well structured study and revision routines. These strategies will assist in ensuring students achieve the best possible results in their HSC. To assist parents of year 11 and 12 students in supporting them through what can be a challenging two years for the whole family, there will a Parent Information Evening dealing with Senior Study Skills and Stress management in the Performance Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (entrance via Denison Street). Likewise there will be a Parent/ Teacher evening on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3.45 to 7.00pm in the school gym. Please take advantage of these valuable opportunities to contribute to your child's success. Mudgee High School continues to offer a vibrant and innovative curriculum to all students. **Knowledge and skills are like money in the bank: Mudgee High School accounts are now open.**

**P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 2 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Daniel Trevethan;  
Year 8 – Madison Carr; Year 9 - Thomas Maskell; Year 10 – Samuel Maher;  
Year 11 – Josh Fowler; Year 12 – Nicholas Chapman**

**Tip for Parents** - A great way for your students to have their timetable with them at all times is to take a photo of their timetable on their phone or ipod.

**Parent Online Payments** – Please note that all subject fees and some excursions can now be paid online [www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) Click on the Make a Payment and follow the prompts. If you are making excursion payments please make sure you include the excursion number which appears in bold at the bottom of the page (ie 044-000).

*Richard Finter  
Relieving Deputy Principal*

### **Mudgee High School Parent/Teacher Evening for Years 7, 11 & 12**

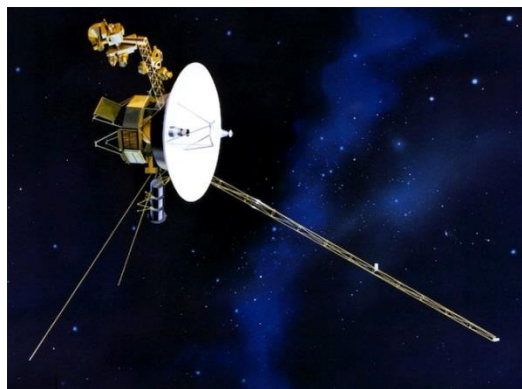
The parents of students in years 7, 11 and 12 are invited to attend an evening where you will have the opportunity to meet with staff and discuss your child's progress. Interviews are limited to 5 minutes. Your child will soon be issued with a booking sheet.

When: Thursday 27 February, 2014

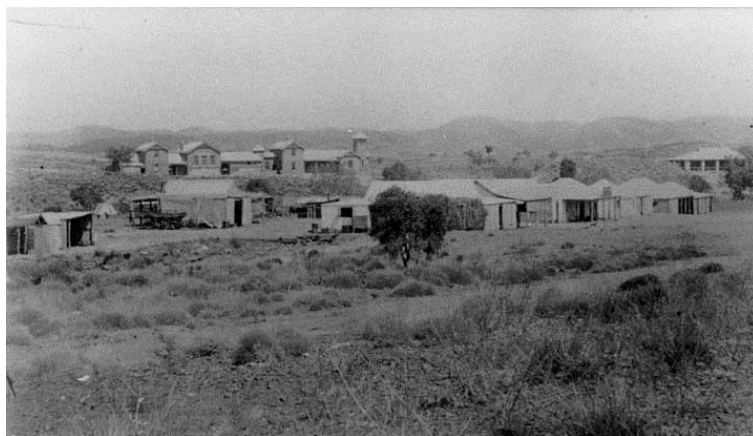
Time: 3-45pm til 7-00pm

Venue: Mudgee High School Gymnasium

### **SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS**



It is truly amazing the rates at which scientific discoveries are made, and how diverse they are. Recently a team led by astronomers at the Australian National University has discovered the oldest known star in the Universe, which at 13.7 billion years of age means that it was formed shortly after the Big Bang. Our own Sun is only 4.8 billion years of age. Confirmation also came that Voyager One has left the space of the solar system and entered interstellar space. (The area between solar systems). As this spacecraft left Earth on 1977 it gives us an idea of how huge our Solar System is.



Weather is certainly a topic of discussion at the moment. But how hot is hot? Certainly 2013 was the hottest year ever in Australia since records began. However in terms of a heat wave the record for the longest heat wave in the world is generally thought to have been in Marble Bar in Western Australia, where from October 31, 1923 to April 7, 1924 the temperature broke the 37.8 °C the old 100.0 °F benchmark, setting the heat wave record at 160 days. Now that is hot.

Within the Science Faculty we welcome our new teacher Miss Kristoffersen who is enjoying her start at Mudgee High School. There is no doubt she will add greatly to the developing knowledge of our students.

After the excellent HSC results from last year the Science Faculty is continuing to encourage students achieving at their very best. This includes senior students making sure their study programs are working now. All students should feel free to seek assistance from their teachers with subject specific techniques. It is also the time to think about entering competitions such as the 'Big Science' Competition. Entries are \$8.25. This competition challenges students' abilities to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples. The problems are based on the new Australian Curriculum. Entries close on 16<sup>th</sup> April. More details will be given to students in coming weeks but they should feel free to let their teacher know they would like to participate.

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The swimming carnival will be held Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. This year it is **compulsory for years 7, 8 and 9** to attend the carnival. Students from years 10, 11 and 12 can nominate to attend. If students in 10-12 do not attend the carnival it is a normal school day and they are required to attend class. Students can be dropped off at the pool from 8.20am onwards or if they catch the bus get off at St. Matthews Central School and walk to the pool in the company of staff members. As always the spirit of the carnival is for students to have fun and participate. ALL students are expected to participate in at least 2 events.

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The house colours are:

- Cunningham-Yellow
- Blaxland-Red
- Lawson-Blue
- Wentworth-Green



Students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the carnival and dress in their house colours. Please remember to bring sunscreen and hat.

Canteen facilities are available and Yr 12 will be running activities throughout the day so bring some money to support their fundraising.

If students are interested in representing Mudgee High in swimming they need to see Mr Smith in the Computer Pod.

### Community Announcements

#### **GIRL GUIDES**

*Restarting in Mudgee*

Meetings are Thursdays 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Uniting Church Hall, Mortimer Street, Mudgee

All Enquiries to Mudgee Manager – Joanne Martin 0427 791 236

OR 1300 447 548 [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

#### **AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS**

Males and Female Students 12 ½ to 18 years of age are welcome to join

Cost: \$35 Administration Fee; \$10 Term Fee; Camp Fees are an extra cost

Parades are held on Tuesday afternoons 4-7pm at Mudgee High School

If you wish to join come along during February and bring a parent or guardian and your birth certificate.

Or contact Lt (AAC) Alen Lucic – 0499 823 886 – [Alen.Lucic@cadetnet.gov.au](mailto:Alen.Lucic@cadetnet.gov.au)

#### **Paid Advertisement**

*(Please note that paid advertisement do not carry an endorsement from the school)*

#### **“TEEN GLEE”**

Drama, Singing, Dancing & Public Speaking

*With Tyrolin Puxty*

*(Tyrolin has been in the Top 25 of Australia for Songwriting and won 2014 Australian of the Year Award for Music)*

Mondays – 4.15pm at 21 Henry Bayly Drive, Mudgee

Cost \$12 – Private Lessons can be arranged - \$25

Also Annual Concerts are held for Charity

Anyone interested in drama, singing, dancing or public speaking is encouraged to join.

Contact Tyrolin on 0400 392 524 or email [tyrolinpuxty@gmail.com](mailto:tyrolinpuxty@gmail.com)

**NEWSLETTER EMAIL REQUEST** – Newsletters are now sent electronically unless you ask your student to collect a copy from the office

If you do not already receive a copy of the Newsletter by email each week and would like us to email you a copy please fill in the appropriate information below and have your student return it to the front office.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***'COMMUNICATION PLUS CONNECTION' FOR PARENTS***

This is a programme to improve communication and build positive emotional connections between parents and their children.

- ◆ *Understand the causes of communication difficulties*
- ◆ *Encourage the behaviors you like in your child*
- ◆ *Help you and your child to listen to each other*
- ◆ *Provide strategies to help improve the relationship with your child*



***This Free Course Will Suit Parents Who Have Children  
up to 16 years.***

- Commencing Tuesday **18th Feb 2014.**
- Weekly 2 hour Sessions from **10 am -12md** for 6 weeks  
Booster session to be advised.

To book your place phone Community Health ph **63 786 236.**  
and speak to Shaune or Rose.

**Group will be held in Yellow Room in the Wellness Centre**  
- **Next to Physiotherapy Dept**  
- **Hospital Grounds**