

Monday 3rd February 2014

Term 1 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter



A Member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Feb 11 & 12 – School Photos
- Feb 4 & 5 – Y12 Wollongong Uni Excursion
- Feb 13 & 14 – Y12 PDHPE Narabeen Excursion
- Feb 21 – Swimming Carnival
- Feb 24 – P&C Meeting – 7pm School Library
- Feb 27 – Parent/Teacher afternoon for Ys7,11 & 12
- Feb 28 – All Schools Triathlon Penrith

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

Principal's Message

Welcome to 2014 to all parents and families of Mudgee High School. This year we have over 200 new students attending for the first time. The majority of our new students are in Year 7 and an especially warm welcome to their parents if this is your first high school student. Parents have a very active and important role to play in making Mudgee High School the best secondary school in NSW. We would like to see as many parents as possible at special events being held this term. These include our first P&C meeting which is a welcome to new parents on Monday 24 February at 7pm in the school library. Other events this term will include a parent teacher afternoon for years 7, 11 and 12 to be held on Thursday 27 February from 3.45 – 7.00pm in the gymnasium. Come along and meet your student's teachers and find out how well their year has begun and what to expect for the rest of this semester.

Other events parents are welcome to attend include our swimming carnival on 21 February. If you have any experience with swimming carnivals and would like to volunteer, contact Miss Smith in PDHPE. Otherwise you are welcome to come along and cheer your child and other student's efforts. Years 7, 8 and 9 students must all attend the carnival. Years 10, 11 and 12 students either nominate to compete at the carnival or attend lessons at school. No student should be absent on that day other than due to illness or an emergency. Parents are also welcome on many excursions depending on seats and ticket availability. One coming up this term for agriculture students is the trip to the Royal Easter Show on 11 April. If you are interested in coming along on this or any other excursions contact the organising teacher named in the permission note your child brings home.

Parents of Year 10 Students: We will be holding a very important meeting for all students in year 10 and their parents on Wednesday 19 March at 7.00pm in the gymnasium. We would appreciate if every parent can attend or send another responsible adult with your child. This is an essential first step on the pathway to preparation for entering senior school. You will find out how we plan to support students to prepare for year 11 by provision of opportunities for extension in English, mathematics and science for students with ambition and ability in those subjects. You will also find out what we can do to support students who have individual needs and require help to prepare for either, employment, TAFE or successful entry to senior school. If you know of parents of year 10 students who are not on our mailing lists please encourage them to phone the office and give us contact details. Parents are most welcome to attend even if their child is not currently enrolled at Mudgee High School. Choosing options for year 11 needs careful thought and knowledge of what is available which will best meet your child's needs. A note will come home in the near future with full details.

Congratulations Year 12 2013: there were excellent results from the 130 students in the class of 2013. Highest achievers include those who scored marks in their individual courses over 90% and others with results over 80%. There were 34 band 6 results and 137 band 5 results. Nine students achieved band 5 or 6 in every one of their courses.

Students who have a university goal for the future applied for an ATAR. The honour of the highest ATAR goes to **Emma Stubbs** with **97.3**. Others with ATARs over 90 include Emily Hauville 95.1, Jordan Payne 94.25, Samuel Jarvis 94.15, Frances Johns 94.0, Georgi York 93.9, Connor Jones 92.05 and Erika Macpherson 91.9. In addition there were a significant number of students over 80. These results put Mudgee High School students at the top in terms of comprehensive schools in western NSW. There is no doubt they have benefitted from the experience and expertise of our teachers who have taught the HSC over many years and are HSC markers. Students also benefitted from the opportunity to take such a wide range of subjects on site, with fantastic facilities and resources developed to ensure their success. The large cohort of like minded, enthusiastic students ensured it was a team effort and every student had support. Their results demonstrate just how well Mudgee High School was able to meet students' individual goals. *Cont. overpage*

Where are they now? Many parents will have seen the extensive list of first round offers to HSC students published in January. Across NSW on average 30% of students gain a university place based on their HSC results. At Mudgee High School over 60% of the total cohort were made a first round offer to university. If only those students who applied for an ATAR are included, then the percentage increases to over 75% of students being made an offer. There is no doubt attending Mudgee High School gave year 12 2013 a big advantage on their path to the future. The students who did not apply for university will be in further education through TAFE or private providers or have gained employment for 2014. These include Nicola Flynn who has gained a place at the Brent St Performing Arts College, competing with hundreds of applicants for the few places available, Hayley Wilson who gained full time employment and training from her school based traineeship at the bank and Emma Stubbs and Lauren Flack who have deferred university to undertake a rotary exchange overseas. Congratulations to all the students and best wishes for whatever paths you take in 2014. Keep in touch we love to know how you are going. In the words of the year advisor Mrs Date: "These results confirm for me my strong belief that what school you attend does matter. Mudgee High School students consistently outperform others because it's such a great school for academic results."

Louise Manwaring - Principal

WHAT A WEEK! WINGARA MURA BUNGA BARRABUGU!

Three very fortunate Mudgee High School students were successful in their application to the very first Aboriginal Summer School University program at The University of Sydney during the January holidays. The program was a three day boarding summer school created to expose university life to students aspiring to reach university and to provide a pathway to university for these students. Students were asked to nominate three subject areas they were interested in and were separated into year groups to focus on those subject areas learning about the courses and their requirements. Over the three days our students; Isaac Maynard, Josie McConnell and Harrison Maynard enjoyed the experience of campus life and gained insightful information to initiate their pathway to university.

The Sydney University is hoping to run this program annually; applications are open to all Aboriginal students later in the year.

Below are some links to the news stories documenting the experience, these will also be available on the Mudgee High School website.

- 7.30 Report ABC 'Summer Camp aims to lift Indigenous uni enrolments'
<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2013/s3927026.htm>
- National Indigenous Television (NITV) 'Indigenous students get feel for university life'
<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2014/01/14/indigenous-students-get-feel-university-life>
- National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) 'Students prepare for academic life'
<http://ncie.org.au/news/4759/students-prepare-for-academic-life>
- University of Sydney news 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school students taste university life';
http://sydney.edu.au/news/84.html?newscategoryId=1&newsstoryid=12892&utm_source=console&utm_medium=news&utm_campaign=cws



MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students, sport and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called **Other** to cover items not covered in the previous headings. **Other** can be used when you want to make a complete payment of a school invoice. When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. Payments must be made before 6pm to be counted for the next day. Payments made after 6pm will not be receipted by the school until the second day after they are made. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Go onto the website and have a look. Mudgee High School website address is: www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

HSIE NEWS

Human Rights and A Bill of Rights for Australia

As part of the Geography studies for Year 10 at the end of 2013, students in Miss Windeyer's class were asked to write a letter to the Prime Minister to discuss the issues surrounding Australia's lack of a Bill of Rights. Students were encouraged to write about both the benefits and the disadvantages of not having a National Bill of Rights. Joanna Endacott wrote an excellent letter, which was posted off to the Office of the Prime Minister last December. Joanna recently received the following reply from the Office of the Prime Minister.

Dear Joanna

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

One of the most enjoyable things about being Prime Minister is hearing from young people like yourself.

I congratulate you on taking an interest in our system of government.

We are a great country and a great people. One day it will be the responsibility of you and your generation to lead our country.

It says something positive about you that you were willing to take the time to write and share with me your thoughts about the issues that face our country.

Our democracy truly rests on the idea that every individual counts and everyone can have his or her say in the issues that matter the most to them.

Thank you for your correspondence and I send you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Tony Abbott

Community Announcements

CUDGEGONG VALLEY PHYSICAL CULTURE

*Builds Confidence, Develops Fitness, Participation in Classes &/or Competitions,
Fun for Girls and Women of all Ages*

Classes Resume – Wednesday 12th February 2014

9-12yrs – 4 to 4.45pm; 5-8yrs – 4.45 to 5.30pm; 13-16yrs 5.30 to 6.15pm;

Ladies 6.15 to 7pm; Seniors 7 to 7.45pm

Futher Information – <http://physicalculture.weebly.com>

or email info@physicalculture.net.au

Drop the kids off at school and join us for a social bike ride.

Mid-Western Live Smart will be running social bike rides starting Monday 3 February. The rides will be led by AustCycle leader Ivy Higgs and will be a great opportunity to be active and meet new people in a fun, friendly and social environment. Rides will be catered to the ability of the group and aim to build riding confidence.

The group will **meet at 9.30am every Monday at Victoria Park (Perry Street)**. Participants need to bring a bike, helmet, drink and sunscreen. **Call 6378 2719 for more information or meet us there.**

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2014
(Effective from 28.1.14)

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Chicken and Corn Roll	\$1.50
Pizza Rounda	\$2.50
Beef Traveller Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Beef & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$3.50
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Mayo/Sauce Portions	\$0.30

ROLLS & SANDWICHES

A variety of rolls including ham, salami, cheese, egg & chicken – all with salad	Prices start from
Chicken Caesar roll, Sweet chilli chicken and avocado roll	\$4.00
*Vegetarian Wrap with Tzaziki, chick peas, semi dried tomatoes and salad (<i>Mon</i>)	\$4.50
*Chicken & Avocado Wrap with salad (<i>*Mondays only</i>)	\$4.50
Plain bread roll	\$1.20

SALADS

Garden Salad	\$5.00
Meat & Salad	\$5.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00

CHECK AVAILABILITY OF THESE SALADS

Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Greek Salad	\$5.00
Cous Cous Salad	\$4.00
Sushi	\$4.00
Pasta Salad	\$4.00
Anti Pasto Salad	\$5.00

MILK AND DAIRY

Moove 300ml	\$2.00
Moove 500ml	\$3.50
Plain Milk	\$2.00
Thick & Creamy Yoghurt	\$2.50
Dare 500ml	\$3.50
Nippy's Milk 375ml	\$2.50
Custard 600ml	\$3.00

JUICES

Berri 350ml	\$2.50
Apple/Blackcurrent, Pineapple, Orange, Tropical, Multi V, Apple DAILY JUICE 500ml	\$3.00
Apple, Orange, Orange/Mango	\$3.00

BEVERAGES

Pump water 750ml	\$3.00
Water 600ml	\$1.50
Hot Milo (Winter only)	\$2.00
LOL	\$2.00
Coke Zero	\$2.00
Sprite Zero	\$2.00
Pepsi Max 600ml	\$3.50

SNACKFOOD

Red Rock deli chips	\$1.00
JJ Snacks	\$1.00

ICE CREAMS: Paddlepop

Milo Scoop	\$3.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
Lemonade Twist	\$1.00
Sunnyboy	\$1.00
Cyclone	\$1.80

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY

Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (order only)	\$4.50
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TUESDAY

Pizza Sub	\$2.00
Spudsters with Gravy	\$2.50

WEDNESDAY

Wedges	\$2.50
Sour cream/sweet chilli sauce	\$0.50

THURSDAY

Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
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FRIDAY

Thai Chicken Roll (order only)	\$5.00
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CHECK OUT OUR DAILY MENU BOARD FOR OTHER EXCITING SPECIALS INCLUDING HOMEMADE SOUPS, PASTAS, FOCCACIAS, TURKISH MELTS, CURRIES, BURGERS AND SALADS

Please note these prices are subject to change throughout the year due to the increase in wholesale prices

WE WILL NOW HAVE A FEW GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR SALE INCLUDING CHICKEN BURGERS AND CHICKEN WRAPS ON MONDAYS. WE DO HAVE OTHER OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE. PLEASE COME AND SEE US AT THE CANTEEN IF YOU REQUIRE A GLUTEN FREE DIET. THESE THINGS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED.