

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Term 1 – Week 7



# MHS Newsletter



A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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THE FULL CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

#### Coming Events:

- Mar 18 – Year 10  
Parent Information  
Evening 7pm Gym
- Mar 19-21– Dunns  
Swamp PE Camp
- Mar 20 & 21 Photo  
Catch Up Day
- Mar 24 - P&C  
Meeting 7pm  
Library
- Mar 26 – Y7  
Welcome Social
- Mar 27 - Y8,9 & 10  
Parent  
Teacher Evening
- April 11 – Last Day  
of Term 1
- April 28 – Staff  
Development Day
- April 29 – Students  
return to Term 2

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- Industrial Arts &  
Computing News
- Science Comp
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Y8, 9 & 10
- Link Program
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- Autumn Sale

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## Principal's Message

Thank you to the parents who were able to make it to our first parent teacher evening. Students from years 7, 11 and 12 obviously made a big effort to organise times for their parents because the turn out was fantastic. We will be holding our parent teacher evening for years 8-10 on March 27. The opportunity for three way conversations is essential for success of students at school. Parents know their children best and we know how students can be successful in our courses. The combining of that knowledge and the sharing of ideas to support students can make a big difference.

Congratulations to our Agriculture students who participated in junior judging and parading at the Mudgee Show. This is a great way for students to put their learning into practice while supporting a community event. A big thank you to Mr Laidlaw and Ms Stanford for their efforts in preparing the sheep and assisting the students to participate. Congratulations also to the Triathlon team who achieved fantastic success at the CHS and All Schools Championships. More details on these achievements will appear in next week's newsletter.

At Mudgee High School we take pride in our learning support and student welfare strategies designed to benefit all students in our care. All staff at Mudgee High School work to achieve a safe, respectful and responsible learning environment. Learning support and student welfare are integral parts of the educational processes used throughout the school.

The school has moved to embrace Positive Behaviours for Learning as a framework to provide structure and consistency across the school. We aim for students to behave in ways which lead to positive social interactions and learning for all students at school. In reports students and parents will receive feedback on progress in meeting these standards. Our semester reports in years 7-10 will use the Australian Curriculum personal and social capabilities framework to measure achievement of these standards. The guiding action statements are that all students are expected to meet our standards and learn how to be:

Safe  
Respectful  
Responsible

Students will also have the opportunity to be recognised for meeting our standards for their behaviour and being a positive member of our school community. All students will begin each semester on GREEN level and are able to progress to BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD, based on their good record of behaviour, attendance and uniform. Behaviour modification and re-engagement in learning are addressed in levels GREY, BLUE and PINK for those students who don't meet our standards.

In addition students can earn awards in the classroom for high achievement, consistent application to their work as well as sporting and cultural success which is above and beyond what is expected of a student at their stage of learning. This means students will continue to be recognised for excellence in learning and performance as well as consistent application and positive behaviour. For more details regarding these awards please refer to the policy Student Welfare, Good Discipline and Effective Learning which was issued to all students at the start of this year. *Louise Manwaring- Principal*

**P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 6 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Reese Williams;**  
**Year 8 – Brock O'Brien; Year 9 - Adam Miller; Year 10 – Kiara Goodman;**  
**Year 11 – Grace McLean; Year 12 – Jacob Szloch**

### **INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND COMPUTING FACULTY**

With term one well under way Mudgee High Students have started projects in all classes. HSC Major Works in Industrial Technology and Multimedia have commenced and Students are being given the opportunity to utilise extra workshop and Computer room time both during and after school to work on their Major projects.



Mudgee High is currently investigating a Resources and Infrastructure Vocational Education course to be run in Stage 5. It is a Mining based course and is being developed in collaboration with the local Mining Industry and our Wagga Wagga Registered Training Organisation. This is an exciting course for students

at Mudgee high as it will give them an insight into this prominent industry in our town. Adrian Couch our current Metals and Engineering Teacher has recently completed extra training in order to be able to deliver this course. More information on the course will be available on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Year 10 parent information Evening.

Mudgee High has recently received a computer update for its computing Labs. The new computers are loaded with current software that enables the computing teachers to deliver innovative lessons utilising this software, allowing students to remain abreast of this ever changing area.

*Clayton Roberts - HT IA/ Computing*

### **BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION**

The Big Science Competition is a one hour competition of 30 multiple choice questions. The competition challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems using everyday examples. It is suitable for students of all abilities in years 7 to 12. The cost is \$7.00. Student participation is recognised by certificates and you could win iTunes and movie vouchers just for taking part. Closing date is 2<sup>nd</sup> April. See Mrs Laidlaw for details.

### **MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER EVENING FOR YEARS 8, 9 & 10 – March 27**

The parents of students in years 8, 9 and 10 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 five minutes. Your child will soon be issued with a booking sheet. Interviews will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3.45 to 7.00pm in the Mudgee High School Gymnasium.

### **LINK PROGRAM SPONSORED BY:**

## **GLENCORE**

Mudgee High is again running this successful program for Year 10 students who are at risk of disengaging from their education. The financial support of Glencore is vital to the program, and allows us to employ a Community Mentor to assist with the individual case management of students. Our Community Mentor, David Payne, brings a wealth of experience working with young people and has established great connections with the students.

This year we have 30 students in the program, with 21 being able to attend TAFE one day a week doing a Stage 5 TVET course, working towards a Certificate 2 in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways. There are two separate courses, one focused on Carpentry and the other on Hospitality.

Students have completed a Work Readiness Program, run by Mudgee High School with assistance from MidWestern Regional Council, specifically Kim Stanton, Human Resources. We had an informative and valuable day at the Council Chambers. David is now placing students in Work Experience positions, a vital part of the Link experience.

Students will travel to Burrendong Sport and Recreation camp site from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> March to participate in an "Equipped for Life" camp, focused on team building, goal setting and outdoor activities.

A great year stretches ahead for our group, and if the success of the previous two year's students is repeated, they will find significant benefit from their active involvement in the program.

*Michele McFarlane - Link Program Co-Ordinator*

### **Aboriginal Education at Mudgee High School**

Our Aboriginal Education Team has started the year with enthusiasm and great ideas. We held our annual Welcome BBQ for Aboriginal students, families and communities and it was great to see familiar faces along with new ones.

The student's growing pride and acknowledgment of their cultural background can be seen in the increasing number of Aboriginal students lining up to put their names down for the Buraadjalung Roll Call group. We have now had to expand to two roll call groups! Mr Fitzgerald and Miss Stanford are doing interesting and exciting activities. For example, there is Wiradjuri Word of the Week, and at the moment students are learning simple songs in Wiradjuri (eg Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes) to perform for each other.

Our Aboriginal Studies Elective, run by HSIE staff member Mrs Croake this semester, is fully subscribed and a scene of active and engaging teaching and learning, high in student significance. Students are learning about Aboriginal Identity, and will be doing a topic on Aboriginal TV and Film.

Staff from a range of faculties work towards achieving our outcomes for Aboriginal Education. For example, Mr Holleman in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty is running an artistic activity for students using street art in chalk to develop an entry for the Harmony Day competition. Mr Samanc has been maintaining our local bush garden beautifully and Miss Heckendorf is organising the Goodooga Indigenous Games. We are also working with Gulgong High School to bring a rural Travelling Technology Roadshow from the University of Wollongong.

This is just a sample of the great work happening at MHS to build cultural awareness of the important role of Aboriginal peoples. For more information, please contact Mrs McFarlane at Mudgee High School.

### **VISITING PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR EIGHT AND ABORIGINAL STUDIES STUDENTS**

Mudgee High HSIE have been fortunate to secure a presentation by Adam Hills, a multi-talented Aboriginal artist who works as a professional exhibiting painter, graphic artist, cartoonist and illustrator. He is also a respected Yidaki (digeridoo) player, having studied formally with traditional Yolngu teachers from North East Arnhem land. He has a keen sense of humour and a strong sense of social justice. Adam has toured extensively, on a global basis. He performed for Nelson Mandela and in the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony and the final of Australian Idol.

Adam provides an informative interactive introduction to various language groups, using instruments and songs.

All Year 8 students and the Aboriginal Studies elective will be able to attend this performance on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, period 7 & 8 in the Performance Centre.



## **Mudgee High School Invitation- All**

## **Year 10 Parents**

Will your child be in Year 11 in 2015?

**Year 10 parent and student information night**

**Tuesday March 18 2014**

**7.00pm Mudgee High School Gymnasium.**

- ★ How to prepare your child for senior study
- ★ New opportunities for year 10 2014 and year 11 2015
- ★ What Mudgee HS has to offer your child in years 10-12

**All residents of the Mudgee area are welcome**

This is also an opportunity for you to meet the principal, deputy principals, careers advisor and year advisor and to tell us about your child's special needs.

**What: Year 11 2015 Parent Information Evening**

**When: Tuesday March 18 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.**

**Where: Mudgee High School Performance Centre.**

**How to get there: Enter via the Denison St Entrance**

If you can't be there contact Mudgee High School office on telephone **6372 1533** to get on our mailing list for further events later in the year. *Louise Manwaring-Principal*

# Autumn Plant and Poultry

- Wide variety of plants- natives and cottage plants, lots of varieties to choose from – most \$5 and under.
- Wide variety of poultry breeds
  - Light Sussex
  - 60 point of lay Isa browns
  - Crossbred hens
  - Blue Leghorn Bantam
  - Pekin lots of different colours –black, cuckoo, white ,blue and others
  - Silkies
  - Wyandotte. Gold laced large and bantam
  - Day old chicks available plus
  - Lots of purebred trios

Come along and support your local High School  
Poultry and small animals accepted from quality  
vendors on commission basis

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Mudgee High School  
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**Saturday March 15**  
**8am – noon.**

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