

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Term 1 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter



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

### Principal's Message

Are Year 10 Students at Mudgee High School the luckiest in NSW?  
Come along to the Year 10 Parent and Student meeting on March 18 to find out.



Students in year 10 at Mudgee High School have an amazing array of opportunities to prepare for their future. The school is currently investigating a Resources and Infrastructure Vocational Education course developed in collaboration with the local mining industry. This is a unique opportunity only available for students at Mudgee High. They will gain a huge advantage over other year 10 students in seeking future careers in this prominent industry in our town. Mr Couch, from the technology faculty, is one of only a few fully trained teachers in NSW able to deliver this course. More information on the course will be available on the 18th March from 7.00 pm in the gymnasium at Mudgee High School. All parents of year 10 students who live in the local Mudgee area are welcome to attend whether they currently have students at Mudgee High School or not.

Other exciting opportunities for Year 10 have been put in place in English, mathematics and science at Mudgee High with students able to opt into enhancement courses in these subjects. These will provide the best students a fast track into the higher levels of English and mathematics for Year 11. Mr Tooney mathematics head teacher explained this opportunity:

"Students who have ability and passion for mathematics can challenge themselves and prepare for the rigours of the senior school. Just coasting in year 10 can leave a student ill prepared for the harder levels in year 11. We want to ensure our students are ahead of the game when it comes to success in mathematics. They've got the ability, we've got the expert teachers, now it's just a matter of hard work".

The Year 10 English Enrichment program is an innovative, challenging but engaging course with a focus on preparing students for highly successful HSC studies in Advanced and Extension English. Mr McNeill English teacher said:

"Through developing an awareness and appreciation of the modern world and how it has been shaped by literature throughout the ages, students skills and knowledge in analysis and deconstruction of text will be enhanced. This will involve exposure to a wide range of literature in all its forms from classics to visual text and all facets of electronic and multimedia. Students will more readily see the relevance of their studies and make links to the contemporary world and their own lives."

This focus in both English and mathematics will be coupled with a strong emphasis on developing the work ethic, study routine and skills required to effectively perform under pressure situations such as the HSC exam environment. The principal Mrs Manwaring said: "Students at Mudgee High are encouraged to be independent learners. Being able to problem solve and develop critical thinking skills is essential. Devising their own study and homework routines is important in helping students gain confidence in their abilities and own their results."

In science students will have an opportunity to undertake pre-senior work to prepare for the requirements of physics, chemistry and biology. Head teacher science Mr McLennan said: "too often students see year 10 as an easy year. By extending them we will ensure they really are ready for year 11 study"



There are many other exciting opportunities available to year 10 to ensure all students are prepared for their future. These include alternative pathways, TAFE courses, work experience and additional tutorials in specific subjects or assessment tasks. Head Teacher Welfare Mrs Quinn explained:

"At Mudgee High School we cater for everyone and we have a path for all students to be the best they can be no matter what their ability levels, their special needs or their individual plans for the future, we can get them there."

We will be providing all parents and students who attend with special booklets to guide them in reaching for success. There will also be a range

of teachers and other school personnel available to answer questions on the night.

*Louise Manwaring - Principal*

**P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 7 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Michael Hyland; Year 8 – Alex Proestos; Year 9 - William Knott; Year 10 – Lachlan McRae; Year 11 – Michael Harrington; Year 12 – Gabrielle Flack**

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

Parents of students in years 8, 9 and 10 are invited to attend an evening and have the opportunity to meet with staff and discuss their child's progress. Interviews are limited to five minutes. Students will soon be issued with a booking sheet, this booking sheet can also be accessed on our website. Interviews will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3.45 to 7.00pm in the Mudgee High School Gymnasium.

### **TEXSTYLE OFFICIAL OPENING AND PRESENTATION**



On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Frances Johns, a 2013 HSC student, was officially presented with her award for excellence for her Textiles and Design HSC major work. The occasion marked the official opening of the Texstyle Exhibition, where Frances' work was also on display.

Mrs Bailey and Mrs McQuiggin were both very proud to attend the official presentation. The Texstyle exhibition showcased some amazing pieces of work from around the state, which demonstrated a diverse range of creative techniques and skills.

Each item was only produced with dedication and the commitment of many hours of time from each student and their Textiles and Design teacher.

The major works formed a display during the Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Gardens from March 6 to 9, 2014 and many people viewed the exhibition over the four days.

### **Senior Textiles and Design Excursion**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Yr 11 and some Yr 12 Textile and Design students travelled to Sydney to purchase the materials necessary for their major projects. They also went to the Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Gardens, where they witnessed many creative techniques and products, which gave, especially Yr 11, the inspiration necessary to finalise ideas for their own projects.

Students also attended workshops on Major Textiles and Design projects and had the opportunity to view the best in the state HSC major works from 2013, at the Texstyle exhibition. They were extremely proud to point out that a Mudgee High School student, Frances Johns, had her major work exhibited.

## VI TEXTILES

This semester we are running three textiles subjects.

### Textiles 01



In this module the students learn to make a range of Funky Pyjamas. They use the sewing machine and overlocker to make boxer shorts and a pair of full length pyjama pants. Both of these items are tie dyed along with an assortment of cotton tee shirts to complete the outfit.



Towards the end of the semester the students can make a Pillow Pet or a third pyjama item of their choice.



### Textiles 03



This is a module where the students learn to sew knit fabrics and make a tee shirt for a toddler and a Hoodie for themselves. Once the projects have been completed they can personalise them with a screen printed design of their choosing. If students wish to extend their skills they may also make a singlet for themselves or a child.



### Textiles 06



In this module the students cover a large range of textile art techniques such as dyeing, printing, appliqué, embroidery. They learn how to print photographs onto fabric and they have the opportunity to make an inspirational mood board like the ones left. Then they have the opportunity to make a fabric book or other fabric art projects using their photographs.

For each of these courses the students **need to provide their own materials**. To make it easier for parents the school now provides 'Kits' which supply all materials required for each project for \$25 per Textiles elective.. This service provides students with a large range of resources to choose from and it makes supplying the goods easier for the parents. Students need to have the kits by the end of Week 4, so they achieve the outcomes of the course. If there are problems with this, parents can contact the teacher (Mrs Bailey), the Head Teacher(Mrs McQuiggin) or the Principal. Remember: students don't HAVE to buy the kit, they **CAN** bring their own materials.

## YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

With the school term well underway, Year 12 2014 is working hard with a number of fundraising activities. On Saturday 8th March a group of Year 12 students went to The Day on the Green for an hour to do some more fundraising. They had a fantastic time moving through the crowds whilst listening to bands such as Diesel and Something for Kate. They collected over \$3,000 which is an amazing amount. The year group is raising money for two charities this year – Life Skills Inc. Mudgee and the Mudgee High School Sister-School, Assisi in Fatuberliu East Timor. Thankyou to all the students who are volunteering their time to work on the various fundraising efforts. A big thankyou to Roundhouse Entertainment for allowing Mudgee High School to fundraise at their event. Mudgee has a wonderful community spirit and has always shown great enthusiasm for Mudgee High School's fundraising efforts. Thankyou to all the generous contributors.



## 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**

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*

### MAX POTENTIAL 2014

Another great year is ahead for the student leadership initiative Max Potential in which we have 8 students participating. The program is designed to develop the leadership skills of students; they design, plan, resource and implement projects they are passionate about under the supervision of community mentors. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year Mudgee High has had students participate in this fantastic program and it gets bigger and better every year. The feedback from students has been that they have gained a great deal from the program and the mentors have been greatly impressed by the willingness of our students to challenge themselves and improve their leadership skills.

The students participating in the program this year are Aimy Kelly, Kaitlyn Yeo, Thomas Brown, Holly Lynch, Lucy Hawkins, Eleisha Cameron, Russell Bulliman and Brea Fitzpatrick.

The Mudgee High School Community would like to thank the following people for acting as mentors to our students.

Annie Flynn, Paradiso Designs

Susan Marte, Balancing Act Therapies

Peter Druitt, Peter Druitt and Co

Dearne Coombes

Kristie Newman, Cudgegong Valley Motel

Michele George, Mid- Western Regional Council

Tim O'Reilly, Mid- Western Regional Council

Min Toovey Club Mudgee

*Richard Finter - Relieving Deputy Principal*

### CAREERS NEWS

**Years 11 & 12 – UTS (University of Technology, Sydney) 'Engineering for Girls Day'** is on Thursday March 27. Hands on activities and tours. Register by emailing [wie.it@uts.edu.au](mailto:wie.it@uts.edu.au)

**-An IT (Information Technology) Careers Seminar** will be held at the Uni of Wollongong on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Book tickets at [thebigdayin.com.au](http://thebigdayin.com.au)

**-Sydney College of Event Management** offers a nationally accredited Diploma of Events. Google the college for details

**-Videos showcasing 'Careers as Electricians'** are available at [masterelectricians.com.au/brightfutures](http://masterelectricians.com.au/brightfutures)

**-Volunteer Opportunity in Cambodia.** 2 to 4 weeks in January 2015. Teaching projects in rural schools. See [octours.com.au](http://octours.com.au)

**-Radiation Oncology Career Seminar in Orange** – Friday March 21. Includes workshops and tour. Email to register [info@acareerinradiationoncology.com.au](mailto:info@acareerinradiationoncology.com.au)

**-CSU (Charles Sturt Uni) MyDay** events in Nursing and Paramedics (Bathurst) March 18 and Psychology/Social Work (Wagga Wagga) Friday March 21. Careers room for details

**-A 'Cake, Bake and Sweets'** show is on in Sydney March 21 – 23. Hospitality careers showcased. See [cakebakeandsweets.com](http://cakebakeandsweets.com)

**-ACE the HSC Seminars** are on at UOW (Uni Wollongong) March 17 and 18. Register at [hscintheholidays.com.au](http://hscintheholidays.com.au)

**-Aust College of Applied Psychology Info Night** is on Wed March 19 (in Sydney). Details at [acap.edu.au/future-students/info-sessions](http://acap.edu.au/future-students/info-sessions)

**-Kenvale College offers courses in hospitality and events. Scholarships available. See [kenvale.edu.au](http://kenvale.edu.au)**

**-Sydney College of Skin Care** offers Beauty Therapy courses (complete in 8 months). Details at [scsc.edu.au](http://scsc.edu.au)

**-TAFE NSW** offers nationally accredited online courses in eg finance, IT, real estate and more. See [tafensw.com.au](http://tafensw.com.au)

**-Screen and media Careers Info Night** (in Sydney) Wed March 26. See [metroscreen.org.au](http://metroscreen.org.au)

**-Canberra Institute Technology** offers courses in eg Parks and Garden, Landscape Conservation and more. Contact the college

## NSW All Schools Triathlon

Several Mudgee High students travelled to Penrith to compete at the NSW All Schools Triathlon.

Joshua Jones and Tim McDonald competed in the Individual event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Both students competed in the Junior section that included a 400M swim, 10KM ride and 4KM run. Joshua placed 33<sup>rd</sup> overall and 10<sup>th</sup> in CHS, Tim placed 78<sup>th</sup> overall and 26<sup>th</sup> in CHS.



The second day of competition, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, saw 3 Mudgee High teams compete, 2 in the junior division and 1 in the intermediate division. Our first junior team consisted of Cody Addley (Swim), Lachie Wall (Ride) and Mitchell Wisbey (Run). They placed 74<sup>th</sup> overall and 20<sup>th</sup> in CHS.

Our second junior team consisted of Tim McDonald (Swim), Will Toovey (Ride) and Josh Jones (Run). They placed 17<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in CHS narrowly missing a CHS Bronze medal. Our intermediate team consisted of Thomas Smith (Swim), Josh Toovey (Ride) and Harrison Maynard (Run). The boys finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall (narrowly missing an All Schools bronze by 7 seconds) and 1<sup>st</sup> in CHS, securing them a CHS gold medal and a podium finish for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in as many starts.

## Western CHS Swimming Selection Trials

The Western CHS Swimming Selection Trials were held in Dubbo Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. 8 Mudgee High swimmers competed to gain selection in the Western team to compete at the CHS Championships later this term. Our 4 Girls, Eliza Pirie (13), Piper Sievers (13), Macy Morley (14) and Natalie Jeffery (14) and 4 Boys, Luke Beckingham (15), Adam Dziura (16), Angus Frost (16) and Thomas Smith (16) all competed well and several achieved personal best times. The Girls relay team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and gained selection to represent Mudgee High and Western at Homebush. The boys relay team were not as lucky. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> but were disqualified for starting too early in the fourth leg of the race. Individual results can be seen in the table below. All students placing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in an individual event will now compete at Homebush 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Beckingham, Luke - Male - Age: 15

#19 Boys 15 100 Free Finals	1:00.76	PB	(2)
#33 Boys 15 50 Free Finals	27.78		(2)
#57 Boys 15 100 Breast Finals	1:17.15		(1)
#72 Boys 15 200 Free Finals	2:21.55		(2)
#92 Boys 15-16 200 IM Finals	2:37.44		(1)

### Dziura, Adam - Male - Age: 16

#35 Boys 16 50 Free Finals	32.02		(10)
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### Jeffery, Natalie - Female - Age: 14

#18 Girls 14 100 Free Finals	1:19.41	PB	(12)
#32 Girls 14 50 Free Finals	34.94		(10)
#83 Girls 14 100 Back Finals	1:33.85		(8)

### Morley, Macy - Female - Age: 14 -

#6 Girls 14 100 Fly Finals	1:10.05	PB	(1)
#18 Girls 14 100 Free Finals	1:02.78		(1)
#32 Girls 14 50 Free Finals	29.21		(1)
#71 Girls 14 200 Free Finals	2:29.05		(1)
#83 Girls 14 100 Back Finals	1:14.16		(1)
#91 Girls 12-14 200 IM Finals	2:44.78	PB	(1)

### Pirie, Eliza - Female - Age: 13

#16 Girls 13 100 Free Finals	1:27.76	PB	(15)
#30 Girls 13 50 Free Finals	40.97		(26)
#81 Girls 13 100 Back Finals	1:38.81		(6)

### Smith, Thomas - Male - Age: 16

#9 Boys 16 100 Fly Finals	1:05.90	PB	(1)
#21 Boys 16 100 Free Finals	1:01.28	PB	(2)
#35 Boys 16 50 Free Finals	28.35		(4)
#59 Boys 16 100 Breast Finals	1:19.64		(1)
#74 Boys 16 200 Free Finals	2:18.30	PB	(1)

### Walster Sievers, Piper - Female - Age: 13

#30 Girls 13 50 Free Finals	35.01	PB	(8)
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