

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
Term 1 – Week 9



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

#### Coming Events:

- 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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## Principal's Message

Week Nine beckons! Autumnal equinox is behind us and solstice only 13 weeks away. Haste and pace seem to be all!

Last week, parents of Year 10 students, the students themselves and the wider Mudgee community were invited to a Year 10 information evening regarding what Mudgee High does and will do for Year 10 students in preparing them for the demands of senior study. Mudgee High has an outstanding and well-embedded culture of success with regard to the HSC. Students at this school consistently achieve excellent results in what many educationalists recognise as the most significant credential available from an Australian school. The numbers of students who achieve Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks (ATARs) that then allow them to progress to tertiary studies is clear supporting evidence for the observation made of Mudgee High School in regional days: the jewel in the crown of western education.

Attendance on the night was impressive, as was the sight of Mr Hatch – Year 10 Year Adviser and PDHPE teacher – in a tie, having forgone his sports attire! In coming months, students in Year 10 will be invited to be a part of some exciting new programs in English, Mathematics and Science, designed to enhance the already excellent preparation for the senior school students receive at Mudgee High.

If you missed the Year 10 night and would like to be kept informed of developments, simply ring the school on 6372 1533 and leave your email address. It's an easy way to stay in the loop!

Tonight (Monday 24/3) is the AGM of the P&C. If you've never been to a P&C meeting and would like to be involved at this level of the school, by all means come along. It is, after all, your P&C. The meeting will commence at 7pm.

For Wednesday evening, the SRC has organised its annual "Welcome Year 7" social from 7pm until 10pm. The theme is "Around the World". These nights are always well attended and well supervised by staff on a volunteer basis.

Also this week, a Parent Teacher evening will be held on Thursday from 3.45pm until 7pm for Years 8, 9 and 10. Many schools have their P/T nights once a year, following the delivery of half-yearly reports; well after the horse has bolted! At Mudgee High, we hold four P/T evenings; two for Years 7, 11 and 12, and two for Years 8–10. Best of all, they're held *before* the issuing of reports. The rationale for this is quite simple. Our meetings allow parents the opportunity to come in and discover just how well their children are progressing. Parents can also discover whether there are any areas where there exists opportunity for improvement. There is clear evidence that links student success with sound teacher/parent communication and common purpose. If you have a student in Years 8, 9 or 10 and have not yet seen a booking sheet for the night, you may care to ask your child why that is.

All of this activity serves us well as we speed on our way to Week 10, Week 11 and the break. I will be spending the lion's share of the April break in the company of Ms Date, Ms Hutchins, Mr Finter and some twenty-four keen students of Japanese in the land of the rising sun; we're going to Japan. It's an awful job, but someone has to do it...

*Wayne Eade*  
*Relieving Principal*

**P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 8 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Laura Treverrow; Year 8 – Jack Sewell; Year 9 – James Russell; Year 10 – Tayla McCarthy; Year 11 – Makayla Dixon; Year 12 – Pdraigh Hickey**

**MUDGEES 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 to meet with staff and discuss their child's progress. Interviews are limited to five minutes unless prior arranged. Students have been 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.



**YEAR 10 LINK STUDENTS GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS AT BURRENDONG SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE**

Our Year 10 Link students swapped desks and computers for fresh air and outdoor activity last week when they visited Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre.

The group of 17 students attended as part of their Link Program, completing a program specifically designed for them, called Equipped For Life.

The 3-day active outdoor learning program included a team based initiatives challenge, team work raft building, self reflection and goal setting sessions, rock wall climbing, archery, grass skiing, high ropes



challenge, giant slip and slide as well as other night activities.

The adventurous activities were certainly a lot of fun, but they also provided a significant educational advantage. The program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge themselves and practice initiative, teamwork and communication.

The funding from Glencore has been essential in offering this opportunity to our students and the company's input is much appreciated.

Sport and Recreation Centres also host family and kids' programs during the school holidays. Visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps) for more information or check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/NSWSportandRecreation).



**ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS**

A huge welcome to all of our students, parents and care givers from the English Faculty. We hope that everyone is becoming acclimatised to the routine of being back at school, with the expectations of great work, co-operation, safety, taking responsibility and always showing respect. We are lucky to have Ms Bowen, Mrs Goodworth and Mrs Tyrrell working in the English faculty this year. Ms Bowen is looking after some of Mrs Davies' classes whilst she is undertaking her special literacy consultant role with Mr Eade. Mrs Goodworth is replacing Mrs Kirk while the latter is on leave. Finally, Mrs Tyrrell is replacing Ms Fellows while she has been seconded as Head Teacher English to another local school for the year. All the 'old favourites' are still on staff as well.

An excursion to see Macbeth on the 4<sup>th</sup> August is being organised at the moment. It is a live performance of Macbeth at the Opera House. As country students do not always have the same opportunities as city students, it is exciting for us to take our students to see a live performance which will help with students' interpretation of Shakespeare. All students have an opportunity to attend, but those with their notes and money in first will be able to confirm their place.

Year Ten Debaters –the new competition starts soon – keep your eyes peeled for announcements so that you know what is going on.

Another exciting thing to mention is the new English Enrichment program being run in Year 10. The Year 10 English Enrichment program aims to be innovative - challenging but engaging, with a focus on preparing students for highly successful HSC studies in Advanced and Extension English. This course aims to develop an awareness and appreciation of the modern world and how it has been shaped by literature throughout the ages and to develop the students' skills and knowledge in analysis and deconstruction of text.

This will involve exposure to a wide range of literature in all its forms from classics to visual texts and all facets of electronic and multimedia and will place some emphasis on historical and literary context and cannon, so that

students can more readily see the relevance of their studies and make links to the contemporary world and their own lives. Students will be encouraged to use these links to make reference to aspects of writer's craft such as literary allusion.

This focus will be coupled with a strong emphasis on developing the work ethic, study routine and skills required to effectively express this awareness and understanding under pressure situations such as the HSC exam environment.

The program will be conducted in a competitive, yet highly supportive environment where students will have a study buddy as well as access to three teachers.

When appropriate, there will be periods of collaborative learning and team teaching, including teaching across the curriculum. Each teacher will 'face to face' each class each week to teach a specific skills package.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Are you looking for some great fun activities for your children to be involved in these April School Holidays?

AFL NSW/ACT will be running a school holiday clinic for boys and girls aged 4 – 12

Mudgee – Wednesday April 23 – Victoria Park, Perry Street – 2 to 4pm

Cost is \$30 and includes a NAB AFL Auskick School Auskick bag with synthetic Sherrin football plus a drink/snack Register by April 7, but pay on the day. To register, go to [www.afcentralwest.com.au](http://www.afcentralwest.com.au) and complete the short online registration. It's that easy! No previous AFL experience required – just the willingness to have heaps and heaps of fun.

For more information, contact Kelsey Smith on 0417 808 646 or [kelsey.smith.afcentralwest@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.smith.afcentralwest@gmail.com)

### LAKE BURRENDONG SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE LADS, DADS AND GRANDDADS PROGRAM

Get back to nature and enjoy a boy's only weekend away!

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

\$160 – 18 years and over : \$140 – 7 to 17 years

Bookings close 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

For more information phone: 02 6846 7403

### BUSH DANCE - 'STRINGY BARK BAND - SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

7.30 TO 10.30pm in Mudgee Public School Assembly Hall

Cost: \$7 per head or \$25 per family – Children under 10 free

Light refreshments on sale.

This is being organised by the MCEA as a fundraiser for our SRE (Scripture Teacher) Justin Field at Mudgee High School

All Very Welcome

### KOKODA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Club Mudgee is taking applications from community members to participate in the Kokoda Youth Leadership Challenge 2014. Suitable applicants must be aged between 17 and 24 years, applications close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

The Kokoda Challenge will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Further information is available on Club Mudgee website [www.clubmudgee.com.au](http://www.clubmudgee.com.au) or the RSL and Services Club website [www.rslservicesclubs.com.au](http://www.rslservicesclubs.com.au)