

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014  
Term 1 – Week 6



# MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

#### Coming Events:

- Mar 4 –  
Vaccinations for Y9  
boys and all Y7
- Mar 5 – School  
Photos
- Mar 5 – Y11 & Y12  
Parent Info Evening  
6.30 Performance  
Centre
- Mar 6 – Western  
Swimming
- Mar 6 & 7 – All  
School Triathlon
- Mar 18 – Year 10  
Parent Information  
Evening 7pm Gym

#### This issue:

- Principal's Message
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Evening
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**"Providing high quality education in a stimulating and caring environment."**

## Principal's Message

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent teacher meetings last Thursday. They were only for years 7, 11 and 12 however parents of other years will have a similar opportunity later this term. We are also looking forward to sharing some ideas on success in the senior years with parents of years 11 and 12 on Wednesday March 5. If you can't make that night please ensure we have your email contact so we can let you know of other meetings scheduled for later this year. This first meeting focuses on studying and managing stress. A copy of the invitation is included with this newsletter however most parents should already have received one through their student.

Well done to the many students who represented Mudgee high School at the Mudgee Show. Large numbers volunteered to help with the set up and the organisers were most impressed with their willingness and capabilities. Students also participated in show events including the junior judging. Despite a little rain there was no dampening of spirits. We will have results from that in the next newsletter but from anecdotal accounts our students showed excellent skills and were cooperative and respectful.

Our first P&C meeting for 2014 was held last Monday and we were pleased to see the number of new and returning parents. If you couldn't make that meeting please consider coming along to the next meeting or one later in the year. The more involved parents are the more success students have at school and the better the school aligns with students' needs. At our next meeting I will be presenting a summary of the data we collected on student academic performance, attendance and growth in 2013. This forms part of our Annual School Report and there is always a lot of interest from parents in our findings and I value your input to the analysis of this data. All parents will also be able to read the full Annual Report from next term when it will be available on our website.

*Louise Manwaring*  
Principal

**P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 5 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Jaz Robertson; Year 8 – Tianna Miller; Year 9 - Elizabeth Golino; Year 10 – Manuel Marsh; Year 11 – William Cover; Year 12 – Danica Roberts**

#### **NAPLAN TESTS 2014 - Parents of Years 7 & 9 students.**

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted at Mudgee High School on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

These tests are Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy, Calculator and Non Calculator.

This website may be helpful for students to do some practice tests. [smeebu.com](http://smeebu.com)

#### **PARENTS OF YEARS 11 AND 12 STUDENTS**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March there will be an information evening for parents of students currently enrolled in years 11 and/or 12. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and is expected to finish at around 7:50pm. It will be held in the Performance Centre at Mudgee High School.

You can enter the school through the Denison Street gate.

Mr David McLennan will make a presentation about methods and techniques for study. This is an opportunity for parents to gain some tools to support their child through the coming year/s of schooling.

Miss Ashleigh Walsh will make a presentation about stress management. This presentation is designed to equip parents with supportive techniques for their child to overcome the inevitable stress which comes with studying for the HSC.

There will be time for questions and discussion at the end of the two presentations. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Claire Windeyer – Year 12 Year Adviser & Penny Smith – Year 11 Year Adviser*

## HSIE HAPPENINGS

Greetings to parents and carers from the HSIE faculty. As this is our first contribution to the Newsletter for 2014, we have included an overview of all assessment tasks and due dates for your family calendar/fridge. Hopefully this will provide a point of reference for you to support students to meet their deadlines and be prepared for tests.

We have some valuable and interesting activities planned for HSIE students. Please ask to see the permission notes and get them returned. Remember that we have on-line payment available for excursions on the Mudgee High School webpage. If you have any concerns about payment, please contact the Head Teacher HSIE at Mudgee High School, or the School Principal, Mrs Manwaring.

### All Year 9 Geography

On Friday 7th March, the four classes studying Geography this semester will be attending a Fieldwork trip to Dunn's Swamp. Fieldwork is a mandatory component of Board of Studies syllabus in Geography. Please follow up on permission notes! The full day, during school hours, will allow students to gain practical, hands-on experience of a range of fieldwork skills, including water testing, observations, field sketching, quadrats and transects. The major assessment task is based on completion of this field work, and addresses the topic on Australia's Unique Environments. Students who do not attend will need to complete an alternative task in their own time.

### All Year 10 Geography

The fieldwork excursion for these classes will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The topic under study is Land and Water Management, with a case study on Waste Management. Students will visit three sites: Waste Recycling Depot, Water Treatment Plant and the Cudgegong River Wetlands at Putta Bucca. This excursion will also form the basis on the major assessment for this semester. Please be aware of the need to return the permission note and pay for the bus transport.

### Year 8 and Aboriginal Studies Elective

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we have secured Adam Hill, a multi-talented Aboriginal artist for a visiting performance. Adam presents an original, humorous, highly energetic program of songs, puppetry, language and Yidaki (didgeridoo). This is presented under the Arts in Education 2014, Aboriginal Education banner.

All Year 8 students will study Colonisation and Contact History, under the new Australian Curriculum implemented this year, and Adam Hill's presentation is an excellent opportunity for students. Also, students in the Aboriginal Studies elective will be able to address syllabus outcomes relating to Aboriginal Identity and Culture

### HSIE ~ JUNIOR ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ~ SEM 1 2014

Students in Year 7 are currently studying Geography, while students in Year 8 study History. Students in Years 9 & 10 will be doing either Geography or History in Semester 1. They will do the alternative course in Semester 2. Some students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have elected to study a Commerce, Elective History or Aboriginal Studies course. Students should receive two weeks notification before a task is due. T = Term. Wk = Week of that term.

<b>Year &amp; Subject</b>	<b>Assessment Task &amp; Dates</b> <i>Please note that the dates below refer to the Monday of the relevant week. The exact due date for each task will vary within that week depending on which day the student has that class.</i>
Year 7 Geography	Measuring Weather T1 Wk 3 Fraser Island Task T1 Wk 6 World Heritage Presentation T1Wk 9 Skills test T2 Wk 2
Year 8 History	Topic Test Aztecs T1 Wk 6 Aztecs Assessment task T1 Wk6 Aztecs Extended Response in class T1 Wk9 Plains Indians Topic Test T2 Wk3
Year 9 Geography	Dunn's Swamp Progressive Assessment T1, Wk 3 to Wk 8 Natural Disasters Oral Presentation T1 Wk11 Australia's Unique Environments Topic Test T2 Wk1
Year 9 History	Industrial Revolution in class extended response T1 Wk4 Movement of Peoples Oral task T1 Wk8 Movement of Peoples Major assessment T1 Wk11 WW1 Test T2 Wk3
Year 10 Geography	Geographical Issues Progressive Assessment Task T1 Wk10 Waste and Land Management Fieldtrip Tuesday T1 Wk9 Topic Test T2 Wk2
Year 10 History	Changing Technology P/point and talk T1 Wk5 Cold War Source Study T1 Wk8 Rights and Freedoms Report T1 Wk 11
Commerce 2	Consumer Choice Assessment task T1 Wk7 Consumer Choice Topic Test T1 Wk7 Investing & Towards Independence Topic Test T2 Wk3
Elective History	Early Rome P/point and talk T1 Wk4 The Republic Research assessment T1 Wk 7 The Republic Extended Response T1 Wk 10 The Republic Topic Test T2 Wk2
Aboriginal Studies	Empathy task Culture and Identity T1 Wk4 NAIDOC Local Case Study T1 Wk7 Research Task Windradyne + one other Wiradjuri T1 Wk10 Test on Govt Policies T2 Wk 2

# MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL

## INVITATION TO PARENTS OF YEARS 11 AND 12

We are holding a parent information night on Wednesday March 5 2014

Come along and find out about:

1. How to prepare your child for the HSC
2. Study Skills and Stress Management
3. Guest speakers include our school counsellor Miss Walsh and Mr McLennan Chair of the Gifted and Talented Team.

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 and 12 Parent Information Evening*

*When: Wednesday March 5 6.30 p.m. – 7.50 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.**

### NSW VACCINATION PROGRAM

Vaccinations for Year 9 Boys and all Year 7 will occur on TOMORROW Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. This is the first of three clinics. Students have been given a Parent Information Kit and consent form which needs to be completed and returned to the school before this date. If your child did not receive a vaccination kit they need to see Mrs Quinn in the library.

### Community Announcements

#### Mudgee Gulgong Wolves Soccer Club Registration Day

The following dates are the registration days for Mudgee Gulgong Wolves Soccer Club. Potential players are asked to register online at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au) prior to attending the registration days.

Registration fees are to be paid at the registration venues.

**Mudgee:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 2pm at Glen Willow Netball complex

**Gulgong:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 6pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12pm at Billy Dunn Oval

**Rylstone:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 6pm at Rylstone Showground

**TRIVIA NIGHT – Relay for Life – Fundraising by 'Page's Plodders' Team**  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

Wombats Rugby Hall – Jubilee Oval

Tables of 8 - \$10 per person – BYO Nibbles and Drinks – Tea and Coffee provided

Bookings required – phone Jan on 63722463 or 0432 258 012

*Come along and have a great night for an even greater cause*

*All prizes generously donated by local businesses*