

Monday 7th April 2014
Term 1 – Week 11



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- April 3 to 11 – Y12 Half Yearly Exams
- April 9 – Japan excursion begins
- April 11 – Last Day of Term 1
- April 28 – Staff Development Day
- April 29 – Students return to Term 2
- May 5 to 9 – Y11 Half Yearly Exams
- May 23 – Athletics Carnival
- May 26 – P&C Meeting, Library 7pm

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Principal's Message

An exciting and busy last week. By Friday everyone will be ready for a break. 28 students and four teachers head to Sydney on Wednesday before flying out to Japan. It is an exhaustive process to prepare to take students overseas and the organising teachers Mrs Date, Mr Eade, Mr Finter and Miss Hutchins have done a wonderful job preparing for the trip. We are looking forward to reading student blogs and seeing photos on Facebook. Next term selected parts of these memories will be shared with all at Mudgee high School. It's certain to be an experience of a lifetime and really open students' eyes to another culture and the wider world. For part of their stay students and teachers will be billeted with host families and attend Japanese schools. While touring they will use their language skills, learn about the history and see the beautiful scenery including a blossom festival which should be a highlight.

Year 12 students have reaped the rewards of their efforts in preparation for their Half Yearly exams which are so far going very well. Well done to all these students for their hard work and we look forward to providing valuable feedback as they progress through their HSC courses.

At the end of this week an excited group of students will be lucky enough to finish the term on a trip to the Easter Show. This year's show is largely held during the holidays so we have to get in right at the beginning to provide this experience to Agriculture students this year. Thanks to the teachers who are starting their holidays on the bus returning from Sydney at 1.30 am Saturday. Just another sacrifice teachers willingly make to broaden the experiences of students at Mudgee High School.

On Saturday 29th March, more than 40 teachers from Mudgee High School and Gulgong High School, gave up their weekend to attend the ALARM workshop held at Mudgee High School. Max Woods developed the concept of ALARM (A Learning And Responding Matrix) to help students in his school to learn and respond better in the HSC. In the time since its implementation there have been incredible improvements in student learning and particularly HSC results. Mudgee and Gulgong High Schools will join schools that have adopted this concept. Max's ALARM matrix is focused on developing skills that transfer from subject to subject. Teachers will individualise the templates to their subject matter and thereby extend the ability of students to formulate cohesive and comprehensive responses. These techniques should allow students to obtain those few extra marks, which can really make a difference given the competitive nature of the HSC. Max was very impressed with the level of dedication and commitment that saw so many teachers willingly give up their own time for the benefit of their students.



Louise Manwaring
Principal

P & C AWARDS Term 1 Week 10 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Bridget O'Brien; Year 8 – Jack Swords; Year 9 - Christian Dayrit; Year 10 – Breanna Taylor-Lucas; Year 11 – Brendan Hughes; Year 12 – Jim Moore

SCIENCE NEWS



Science teacher for details.

Science often seems to provide more questions than answers. For every new discovery we make it seems to open up more questions about the nature of the Universe in which we live. Over the last 7 years 90% of our brush tailed bettongs have disappeared in one of our great conservation mysteries.

Less of a mystery is the success of Science and Engineering Challenge teams that competed against other Western schools in Dubbo. They did spectacularly well winning the day. Well done to Mr Evans and his teams of year 9 and 10 students. There are still opportunities for students to enter the science competition. Any interested students should talk to their

The University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize is awarded for a short film that communicates a scientific concept in an accessible and engaging way. Entries are to take the form of a 1-3 minute film and must tell a real scientific story, which may be a scientific concept, discovery, invention, or the producer's own scientific hypothesis! Anything goes, but keep the science in the story, and keep the science real. Entries may be submitted by an individual student or a team of no more than six students. Class entries, comprising more than six students are ineligible. Entry forms must be submitted online by **7pm AEST Friday 2 May 2014**. Any students interested in doing this should chat to their teachers. The winners can receive \$4000, equally distributed between the students and the school.



In other Science news, there will be a partial eclipse in Australia on April 29. However it is important to remember never to look directly at the sun. Only through specialised equipment should anyone watch an eclipse.

In other interesting science news, scientists are trying to translate dolphins high-pitched whistles into a language we can understand. So far, we know that [dolphins may talk to each other about seaweed](#).



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



BEANSTALK MAKING HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

In conjunction with our forthcoming production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', Mudgee Performing Arts Society is holding a Beanstalk Making Workshop so that you can be part of a GIANT of a family pantomime!

The Workshop will be at the Stables Gallery, Market Street on Wednesday 23rd April from 3 to 4pm or 4 to 5 pm
There is no cost but you must pre-book with Lydia Smith on 63723592 or 0458 017 527
Anybody aged 8 and up are welcome. You will meet some of the panto cast and crew.

Warning – you will get gluey! Wear old clothes.

The aim will be to make the longest Beanstalk ever seen on an Australian stage!

Community Announcements Continued

Mid Western Regional Council – Youth Week Workshops

Make a Blog – Mudgee Library Youth Room – 9th April – 3.45pm to 6pm

Limited to 10 places – Contact Virginia Handmer – 6357 5010

What's On for National Youth Week

Tues 8/4/14 - Climb PCYC rockwall for free; Wed 9/4/14 – Blog workshop; Thurs 10/4/14 – Climb PCYC rockwall for free; Thurs 10/4/14 – Battle of the Brains Trivia Night;

Sat 12/4/14 – Disco and entertainment at Lawson Park Markets 10am – 12noon.

LAW WEEK ART COMPETITION – Win prizes for your School

The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW is holding a design competition encouraging all students in NSW primary and secondary schools to design their own Indigenous art (dot painting) postcard. The three entries which best illustrate the theme 'My Community' will receive prizes, and will be published and circulated throughout NSW.

Entries close on Wednesday May 21 2014.

Three prizes of \$500, \$200 & \$100 book vouchers – half of each is for the student and half for the school.

LAKE BURRENDONG SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE

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16th to 18th May 2014

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

Bookings close 2nd May 2014

For more information phone: 02 6846 7403

Mudgee Basketball Debutante Ball

Expressions of interest are now being taken, for intending debutantes and their partners, from girls and boys in years 10, 11 and 12 for the Mudgee Basketball 20th Annual Debutante Ball to be held on 21st June 2014 at Parklands Resort.

Please phone or text Helen on 0427 220776.

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