

Monday May 12 2014
Term 2 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- May 15 – Y7 2015 Parent Info Evening
- May 13 to 16 - Y7 & Y9 NAPLAN
- May 23 – Athletics Carnival
- May 26 –P&C Meeting, Library 7pm
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- May 27 – Lithgow Festival of Speech

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Year 11 students on completion of your formal half yearly examinations. For current Year 11 this is the first major examinations they have completed in every subject in an examination period. In past years students gained some experience with this through the school certificate examinations. Year 11 demonstrated their commitment and understanding of how to make the most of their capabilities. We have worked hard with this group of students from their time in Year 10 to ensure they are prepared well for the rigours of senior work. Many students expressed the view that while the exams were challenging they knew what to do and found them less daunting than they had expected.

Last Friday we sadly farewelled one of our long serving teachers Mr Graham Wilson. He has been a head teacher and teacher at Mudgee High School for over thirty years in agriculture and science and most recently responsible for Teaching and Learning. He moves on to a new opportunity as Head Teacher Science at Gulgong HS so we will still maintain close ties through our CLC network. We wish him well in his new endeavour and thank him for his outstanding service to the students, parents and staff of Mudgee High School.

In this newsletter you will find details on the way our new awards system works. This was explained late last year but many new parents especially will be interested in how our system can recognise and motivate students to achieve their personal best at all times. I would also like to thank the students who participated in our school ANZAC Day service as well as again thank those who marched in the town service. Taking such opportunities is one way to develop personal skills and give something back to your school and community.

This week students in Years 7 and 9 will sit their NAPLAN in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. We wish all students well for these tests. A reminder to parents that unlike school exams or the HSC NAPLAN is a snapshot of your child's progress but does not lead to a credential. As such it is not a competitive test and students should be encouraged to do their best without feeling the stress that they must compete with other students either at Mudgee HS or in other schools. We have enough other competitive assessments without making NAPLAN one too.

Next week we are looking forward to the annual athletics carnival on May 23. Students go straight to Walkers Field. Depending on the weather students should consider bringing a hat and sunscreen and a warm jacket in case it gets cold. Students will be encouraged to wear their house colours but must wear sports shoes and clothes which enable them to participate in athletic activities. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 2 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Isabelle Radziewicz; Year 8 – Joshua Hunter; Year 9 - Doug Bennett; Year 10 – Tim Cheetham; Year 11 – Marlee Gillham; Year 12 – Samantha Perring

Louise Manwaring
Principal

ANZAC COMMEMORATION 2014

Mudgee High School held a short service as part of Assembly in Week 1 to remember those who have served our country over the years. Sophie Da Roza, Callan Double, Brodie Leeson and Olivia Webb put together a movie which showed images from World War 1 to Afghanistan. Over the top they played 'Come Home', a song composed by *One Republic's* Ryan Tedder about soldiers returning from overseas service. This was followed by a video clip of the Last Post played at this year's Dawn Service at Gallipoli. The service ended after the Ode and a minute's silence. To view the video please go to web2.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

INVITATION TO PARENTS OF YEAR 6

Are you interested in enrolling your child at Mudgee High School for Year 7 in 2015?

We are holding a parent information night on Thursday May 15

Come along and find out about:

- How to enrol your child for Year 7 2015
 - Courses of study
- What Mudgee HS has to offer your child from year 7 -12
- This is also an opportunity for you to meet the principal, deputy principals and school counsellor and to tell us about your child's special needs.

What: Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening

When: Thursday May 15th 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Where: Mudgee High School Performance Centre.

How to get there: Enter via the Denison St entrance

For further information contact Mudgee High School office on telephone 6372 1533

TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY

On Wednesday 7th May Mudgee High School had some visitors from Together for Humanity. Together for Humanity is a not-for-profit organisation that is helping schools, organisations and communities to respond effectively to differences of culture and belief. They do this by bringing students, teachers and those in the community into contact with people from diverse backgrounds in an open, supportive and enjoyable setting — this inspires interest, empathy and understanding as well as questioning existing prejudices and encouraging greater appreciation of others as people.

There were four people in the group – Zalman Kastel, Uncle Lex Dadd, Taha Allam and Donna Mulhearn. The group represented a small cross-section of our community, with one being a Jew, one a Muslim, one a Christian and one an Aboriginal community member.

Each person in the group spoke about their culture and their own personal experiences growing up and living in our culturally diverse community of Australia.

The group spoke to the whole school on the assembly where they addressed some specific questions, including “How does Together For Humanity aim to resolve conflict and discord?” “How can we as Australian teenagers help to minimise cultural conflict?”

After the assembly the group spoke to Year 12 Society & Culture and Year 12 Legal Studies. This gave these students the opportunity to ask specific questions of the panel which connect to areas of their studies in these subjects. Year 12 Society & Culture are currently working on the topic Belief Systems and their Personal Interest Projects. Legal Studies are currently working on the topic World Order and will later be studying Human Rights. This was an excellent opportunity for our country students to connect with an organisation and people they may not have had the opportunity to connect with otherwise.

Thank you to Milla Jones, Levi Leighton, Dylan Hayes and Tom Christofis for their involvement in the running of the program on Assembly

CSIRO EDUCATION

Here at Mudgee High School, we aim to be innovative in our approach to science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students.

On Monday, 26 May 2014, CSIRO Education will visit our school. While here, they will be presenting an interactive science program with the following theme/s: **Forensic Frenzy : States of Matter Show**

The CSIRO Science Education Centre create a dynamic interactive forum within which students can take a hands-on role. Their program engages students in eye-opening interactive science theatre and hands-on experiments, which have been developed around real-life CSIRO research. Our students will become the scientists, rather than just reading about them.

The **Forensic Frenzy** will involve students using hands-on forensic techniques to solve a crime. This 90 minute session will take place during roll call and the first two periods of school during which students will attempt to solve the **Nomel Scenario**.

The **States of Matter** show will allow students to watch the CSIRO presenter give an amusing and lively performance that will impress attendees while teaching them some essential scientific concepts at the same time. This session runs for 60 minutes.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness one of the most innovative and entertaining science programs available to schools in NSW.

Students can attend either or both sessions by collecting a note from their science teacher, getting the note signed by a parent/guardian then submitting the note(s) and money to the school office.

Forensic Frenzy - \$9

States of Matter - \$5.50

NEW AWARD SYSTEM UPDATE

The Colour Recognition System

At Mudgee High School we are proud of the achievements, participation and efforts of our students. Emphasis is given to acknowledging the students' accomplishments as well as to encouraging improvement and sustained application. A colour level system is used to acknowledge individual achievement and to provide support for students experiencing difficulty complying with the School Discipline Policy. The colour level system is based on the student's demonstration of the school values of **Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour**.

The colour level review panel consisting of members of the teaching staff including deputies, head teacher welfare and at least one year adviser monitor the progress in accordance with the policy.

Each week a student on green, bronze, silver or gold levels will be drawn randomly at assembly. The successful student will then have access to the appropriate reward menu.

All students commence on green level and movement between each colour level is then subject to them meeting expectations as outlined below.

GREEN LEVEL

All students start at the beginning of each semester at this level unless otherwise determined by the senior executive

Mudgee High expects that:

- The student will meet the schools expectations of Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour

At this level –

- The student will enjoy all the privileges associated with being a student of the school e.g. learning opportunities excursions, socials.
- After maintaining this level for 3 weeks a student has an opportunity to progress to Bronze level if deemed eligible by the review panel.
- If their review is unsuccessful the student will need to maintain their green level until the next review in three weeks.
- Students will have access to the green reward menu if they are successful in the weekly draw on assembly.

BRONZE LEVEL

The student has achieved this level because:

- The student has maintained their Safe, Respectful, Responsible behaviour for three weeks.
- The Review Panel agrees that the student deserves to be awarded this level based on their ongoing commitment to the expectations of the school.

At this level -

- The student will have access to all the privileges associated with being a student of the school e.g. learning opportunities excursions, socials.
- The student will have their name published.
- After maintaining this level for 6 weeks a student has an opportunity to progress to Silver level if deemed eligible by the review panel.
- The student will receive a Bronze certificate at a year meeting.
- Students will have access to the Bronze reward menu if they are successful in the weekly draw on assembly.

SILVER LEVEL

The student has been awarded this level because: -

- The student has maintained their Safe, Respectful, Responsible behaviour for nine weeks.
- The Review Panel agrees that the student deserves to be awarded this level based on their ongoing commitment to the expectations of the school.

Privileges you can enjoy on Silver Level include:

- The student will enjoy all the privileges associated with being as a student of the school e.g. learning opportunities excursions, socials.
- The student will receive a silver certificate at a school assembly.
- After maintaining this level for 6 weeks a student has an opportunity to progress to Gold level if deemed eligible by the review panel.
- The student will have their name published.
- Students will have access to the silver reward menu if they are successful in the weekly draw on assembly.

GOLD LEVEL

The student has been awarded this level because: -

- The student has maintained their Safe, Respectful, Responsible behaviour for fifteen weeks.
- The Review Panel agrees that the student deserves to be awarded this level based on their ongoing commitment to the expectations of the school.

Privileges you can enjoy on Gold Level include:

- The student will enjoy all the privileges associated with being as a student of the school e.g. learning opportunities excursions, socials.
- The student will receive a gold certificate at a presentation assembly.
- The student will have their level advertised.
- Students will have access to the gold reward menu if they are successful in the weekly draw on assembly.
- At the end of each year students that have been on gold level at the end of each semester will be invited to participate in a celebratory event.

Levels which support students through behaviour modification (formerly levels 1 – 5) are yellow, grey, blue, pink and orange.

Congratulations to the following SRR winners

Corey Hurrell (9); Tayla McCarthy (10); Matthew Kain (10); Hamish McLennon (12); Daniel Reinhard (9); Konin French (9); Thomas Swords (10); Jaymee Mason (11); Jessica Downey (11)

NEWS FROM HSIE

New Elective History Course for Semester 2 2014

Due to changes brought about by the Australian Curriculum, Elective History is undergoing some changes, so over-lapping is avoided. Below is a description of the new HE04 elective to run in Semester 2.

*Please note that HE04 as described in the Junior Curriculum Handbook **will not run!***

HE04: REVOLUTION!

Revolutions are often, but not always, violent. This elective looks at the most important revolutions in human history. Starting with the original agricultural revolution of the Stone Age (possibly the most important of all), we examine famous events like the French and American Revolutions as well as more recent ones. Revolutions can be political, social or technological. Whatever sort they are, they all bring change. The elective will also incorporate the theme of war and peace, and how history is constructed through websites.

Community Notices

MUDGEES HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC & COLONIAL INN MUSEUM

Will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at the Museum on
Saturday 24th May from 1pm
Free Entry, Afternoon Tea and Music
Come along and view our wonderful collection
Information available on how to find your own Family History





Jack and the Beanstalk - A GIANT of a family panto!

Tickets are now on sale for MPAŞ' much awaited 2014 pantomime production of "Jack and the Beanstalk". If you loved "Aladdin" last year, you'll be delighted by Daisy the Wonder Cow, Dame Trot, Simple Simon and a host of amazing characters. If you missed "Aladdin", you need to know that the season was completely sold out before the first performance – so get your tickets for "Jack" early! Dates: 23rd, 24th and 25th May then 30th and 31st May. Matinees available.
Cost: Adults \$20, Conc \$10 (child, student, senior), Family \$50. Tickets: Available now from Hannaford Cox, Market St (between the Library and the Anglican Church). Info: 0458 017 527 or 63723592
Or MPAŞ on Facebook!

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