

Monday May 19 2014
Term 2 – Week 4



MHS Newsletter



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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- May 23 – Athletics Carnival
- May 26 – P&C Meeting, Library 7pm
- May 26 – CSIRO Years 7 -10
- May 27 – Lithgow Festival of Speech
- June 9 – Public Holiday

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Principal's Message

A very successful Cross Country Carnival was held last week. The weather was very kind and the students enjoyed the opportunity to take in the beautiful banks of the Cudgegong River while striving to achieve their potential. I know some of you may have seen the odd group of students ambling along like they were out for a country stroll. Well, ask those students and they will tell you that was the best they could do – to pace themselves for an extraordinary burst at the end perhaps? Those for whom best means also very fast, made some really good times and we look forward to a big contingent of competitors at the next level.

Many of the same students also gave of their best in completing the annual National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students in Years 7 and 9 showed that they can concentrate for long periods, write sustainably and they really do know their basics such as tables and fractions without having to resort to a calculator. Although the results don't come out for some months they will be useful for parents and teachers to get a snapshot of how their students are going.

It was a big week last week with an information evening for parents of Year 6 students. If you know anyone who was not able to attend remind them to get their names and contacts on our mailing list for future events. Over Term 3 our HT welfare Mrs Quinn and the Year Advisor for 2015 Mr Couch will visit all our local public schools to give students more information, answer questions and get to know each one of the children personally. In Term 4 all students will attend days at Mudgee High School for orientation, testing and getting to know each other and their new teachers.

Next Friday May 23 is our athletics carnival. It's a great day held at Walkers Field and we expect all students to attend and participate. Students can wear their house colours and other gear that is suitable for competing, being sun safe and staying warm is encouraged. Parents too are welcome to come along and have a look. If any parents wish to volunteer their expertise to help out on the day contact our PE faculty before then.

This week we had the opportunity to thank Ulan Coal Mine (Glencore) especially for their generous donation towards our music programs. Students will enjoy the opportunities the new instruments will provide for them to get involved in learning a musical instrument and joining our band.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 3 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Carter Wright; Year 8 – Hannah Peggs; Year 9 – Macy Morley; Year 10 – Madalyn Date; Year 11 – Madison Rayner; Year 12 – Jack Crust

SRR AWARD Term 2 Week 3 – Congratulations to: Thaliah Flack Year 12

CREATIVE ARTS

Student Achievement

Last month many students entered their artworks in the Youth Week Art Competition organised by Mid-Western Regional Council.

Cara Hickey was awarded 2nd prize in the Junior section for her untitled city scene. In the Senior section Sophia McRae received Highly commended for her creative crayon drawing of a chameleon.



Chameleon – Sophia McRae



Peacock – Tamika Muscat



Zebra – Cara Hickey

Senior Students

Year 12 HSC Drama students are working on their Individual projects as well as developing their group performances. Later in the term students will be required to attend additional rehearsals, the rehearsals will be held after school in the Performance Centre.

HSC Art students are also working on developing their Body of Work. HSC Submission date is Monday 25th August, students are urged not to leave too much work until the last minute.

Upcoming Events

Many students are excited about the upcoming **Lion King excursion**. The excursion filled very quickly but some students have not yet fully paid. We ask that students who are paying off this excursion continue to do so and ensure that all money is in to the school office before 28th May.

Next week Mudgee High School students will be representing our school at the **Gulgong Eisteddfod** in both the school bands. Students will also be performing as individuals, we wish them all luck.

Mini MAD concert will be on Tuesday 24th June. Please mark the date in your calendar. Check the newsletters closer to the date for more information.

CLC Art Show

This year the combined Cudgegong Learning Community Art show will be held at Mudgee Public School between Wed 4th June and Friday 6th June from 10am to 4pm. If you haven't been to this event before you are encouraged to go along. The event showcases the best artworks produced amongst the CLC schools over the last 12 months.



Students are involved from both Primary & Secondary schools. Opening Night for the show is Tuesday 3rd June at 6.30pm.

DONATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Robyn Stoney of Ulan Coal Mine (Glencore) attended assembly this week to present new musical instruments to our school. A flute, clarinet, saxophones, trumpets and violin will add to the pool of instruments available to our students.

TAS HOME ECONOMICS

Food Technology

This is a very busy time of year, especially the Senior classes, who have just completed the Half Yearly Exams. Well done to Year 12 and Year 11.

Year 12 completed the practical component for their final Food Technology Assessment task last week. They were provided with a scenario regarding the establishment of a new food manufacturing company. Each student then works from a design brief and develops a new food product suitable for this company.

The product prototypes developed by the class varied greatly and were of an exceptionally high quality. The creative minds and practical skills in developing such a wide range of differing ideas is very pleasing. Well done, Year 12.

Yr 12 Community and Family Studies.

During the latter half of Week 1, this term, Yr 12 went to Sydney to reinforce their learning on Groups in the Community. The groups studied included: The Homeless, The Aged and Youth.

The excursion was over a three day period and the class were overwhelmed by the openness of some of the people we visited, as they shared their personal stories. We visited Castle Hill Villages - an Aged Care Facility that is set amidst 46 hectares of grounds. It has amazing facilities and we were treated as honoured guests as we toured their excellent facilities.

We visited a number of organisations who assist The Homeless, such as Way2Home, Foster House and Oasis Youth Support. At Odyssey House, a client talked to us about his road to becoming heroin and alcohol dependent. He has been clean now for nearly one year but realises he still has a long way to go. Michelle also spoke to us about her drug habits and we empathised with them as they shared their stories.

At Youth off the Streets, we saw an 'alternate' school that is set up for kids who just can't cope with a 'normal' school. Two students talked about their journeys that led them to be where they were, both full of really sad experiences and misfortune. One Yr 12 student summarised the excursion succinctly when she sent us all a text message. "So much incredible information and people I won't forget and lying in bed tonight makes me feel so grateful for what I have."



Child Studies



In the coming weeks students in Child Studies 3 will be participating in the 'Baby Think it Over' program. Students will be taking care of a computerised baby that simulates what it would be like to care for a real baby – having to tend to changing nappies, feeding and crying. They must handle the baby as if it were real; carrying it properly, supporting its head, burping, soothing. At the end of their care period, the students are able to get a computerised reading of how well they looked after the baby, rating them on factors such as feeding and burping, head support and nappy changing.

Workshop for Parents/Carers of school age students on the Autism Spectrum

Free one day workshop for Parents/Carers of school age students on the autism spectrum. Tuesday 24th June 2014 at Parklands Resort and Conference Centre 9.30am-3.00pm. Registration online opens Tuesday 13th May and closes 2 days prior at www.positivepartnerships.com.au or phone Positive Partnerships Info Line on 1300 881 971. If you do not have access to the internet booking sheets are available at MHS front office.

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 overlapping 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!***

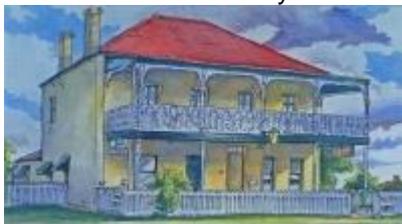
HE04: REVOLUTION!

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 MPAAS' 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 MPAAS on Facebook!

TEACHING SOMEONE TO DRIVE CAN BE A HAPPY EXPERIENCE

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a
FREE two hour workshop.

At Club Mudgee on Tuesday May 27 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Book now on 0434 964764 or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

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