

Monday May 26 2014
Term 2 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter



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Coming Events:

- May 26 –P&C Meeting, Library 7pm
- May 26 – CSIRO Years 7 -10
- May 27 – Lithgow Festival of Speech
- June 3 CLC Art Show Opening
- June 4, 5 & 6 – CLC Art Show Viewing
- June 9 – Public Holiday
- June 27 – Last Day of Term 2
- July 14 – Staff Development Day
- July 15 – Day 1 T3

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Principal's Message

The athletics carnival was a spectacular success last Friday. Beautiful weather enthusiastic students and hardworking teachers all contributed to its success. Congratulations also to the many parents who called in and assisted in making our carnival a great day for students. Well done to the PE faculty and particularly Mrs Gallen for their organisation. Year 12 made the most of their last athletics carnival participating in events and fundraising activity. More information and full results will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

This week our students are competing at the Lithgow Festival of Speech in debating and public speaking. This competition is a great opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate their speaking skills. In the future they will use the experience gained when applying for jobs or taking on positions of responsibility at school and within the community.

We are looking forward next week to the opening of the CLC Art Show on Tuesday June 3 at 6.00 pm in the Mudgee Public School Hall. Make sure you don't miss seeing the many talents of students from across the CLC. There are always many mediums on display including three dimensional works and works by whole classes.

Parents are reminded that the P&C meeting is on tonight at 7.00pm in the library. Some important items for discussion include funding applications from faculties and the changes to the state P&C. Come along and bring a friend. Enter via Horatio Street and you'll find a friendly welcoming group and meetings rarely go past 8.00 pm.

This week many students will bring home their bronze and silver awards. With the changes to our merit system these awards are presented at year meetings. Later in the term parents will receive invitations to the gold awards presentation. The high numbers of award recipients reflects the outstanding positive behaviour and learning of students at Mudgee High School. We are very pleased this year to be able to acknowledge the many students who are always safe, respectful and responsible. These awards also reflect a high standard of attendance and consistent completion of their learning tasks. At our Semester Awards ceremony we will also recognise the achievements of students who have gone 'Above and Beyond' in academic sporting and cultural fields.

Year 12 reports will be issued this week. Marks and rank order of the recent half yearly examinations are shown. Of greatest value however are the teachers' comments. Parents may be able to advise students of what they need to do next to continue on their path to success at the HSC by discussing those comments with their student. Any questions please contact either the class teacher, head teacher or year advisor. Once again this year group are showing their maturity and commitment and must be congratulated on their efforts so far.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Amelia Sauerbier; Year 8 – Bailey McMurtrie; Year 9 - Luke Beckingham; Year 10 – Moroni Poppe; Year 11 – Monique Lowe; Year 12 – Abbie Farthing

SRR AWARD Term 2 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Nicholas Heath (Stewart) Year 10

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

UNSW Global Australia – ICAS University of New South Wales English Competition

Competition Date – Tuesday 29th July, 2014: Closing Date 10th June 2014: Enquiries Mr McNeill – English Faculty
Please note that the closing date of the English Competition has been extended to 10th June to allow a number of students who had not entered to do so. The response to the English Competition is extremely pleasing with over 80 students already enrolled, reflecting the extremely positive attitude of many of the students at Mudgee High. There are many benefits that students can gain by participating in this competition. Apart from providing an excellent opportunity to gain valuable practice in exam situations, every student receives an award relevant to their level of attainment. These certificates are very useful additions to student folios and are often taken into consideration when universities are determining early entry and scholarship applications. Participation in extra curricula activities is also noted on students' semester reports. In any circumstance, proof of participation in such competitions makes a very positive statement about the student. To help encourage and facilitate student participation in this year's English Competition, Mudgee High School is offering a \$3.50 subsidy per student, reducing the cost from \$8.80 to \$5.00.

Entries for the Writing Competition have now closed with a record number of Mudgee High School students received for the 2014 competition. Well done to all students who have entered. The sitting date for the competition is Tuesday 17th June. We anticipate some fantastic results!

Lithgow Festival of Speech

This year we have once again had overwhelming support for the Lithgow Festival of Speech Competition which is on May 27. Mudgee High has entered two Junior and Senior Public Speakers – Alice and Bianca Roach, Josie Ager – McConnell and Heathcliffe Auchinachie. We have also entered one Junior and two Senior debating teams – Daniel Trevethan, Elizabeth Laidlaw, Eliza Pirie, Laura Treverrow, Gabrielle Dziura, Russell Van Laeren, Timothy Cheetham, Allie McNeill, Ashley Whittington, Annalise Wilson, Roland Ma, Cameron Howe, Sophia McRae and Daniel Reinhard. We wish these students well as they represent Mudgee High on Tuesday. *Mrs Daniels – English Teacher*

Year 7 Poetry K Eslick – Class Teacher

At the end of last term, Year 7 English H1 learnt about poetry: the different styles, subjects, and level of difficulty. Many creative pieces were shared amongst peers and have been displayed on the classroom walls. For their assessment they were required to create an anthology of poems that they had composed in class and at home. Students were able to choose whatever topics they wanted and could follow whatever structure that tickled their fancy.

War

*The boom of bombs being dropped from the sky.
The crackle of AK-47s being shot at the enemy.
The cream of a soldier being shot in the chest.
The trickle of sweat pouring down the soldier's face.
The yell of a soldier spotting the enemy.
The cry of a soldier, losing a mate.
The knock on the door that a wife always fears.
The roar of the plane sending the last men home. By Brendan Clay*

Electronics

*The buzz begins as they start to talk,
Awakening from their short lived slumber,
The beeps and tweets sound like chatter,
The flashing lights look like anger,
Some work well in unison,
Whilst some fight against their rivals,
They finally get turned off. By Ethan Reinhard*

The Earth

*The earth sits spinning on a chair,
Just staring into the distance,
Bored out of its mind,
The earth runs an endless marathon around the sun,
But it's lonely
Waiting for a friend that won't come.
Slowly dying, it calls for help. By Jack Webb*

The Gale

*The storm is like a lion, wild and violent,
Lightning vibrant with every blink of the giant,
Trees bending with every blow from the fighter,
Gales, lashing like someone's angry mother!
Throwing umbrellas like a man with a Frisbee,
The storm not to be reckoned with!
Developing destruction like a man with a hammer. By Daniel Trevethan*

Keeper

The ball jumped at the goal,
But safely landed in the keeper's hands.
As soon as the ball touched down,
The ball was off again.
Off to the other side of the field.
Bouncing side to side,
Dancing around the field the ball goes.
In the end the ball returns,
To the keeper's hands.

By Maggie Newton

Some of these outstanding creations have been displayed on the Year Seven Noticeboard if you want to go and have a look at some more.

Premier's Debating Challenge

On Wednesday, 21st May, the Year Ten Debaters travelled to Dubbo Delroy College to compete in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. As the Affirmative Team, Timothy Cheetham, Jade Cooksley, Madalyn Date and Russell van Laeren debated 'That we should replace all examinations with assessment tasks'. Amongst their arguments they discussed the welfare of students in terms of stress levels and their general well-being; results and what implications they have, and how at the end of Stage 5, students now complete their ROSA rather than the old examination, the School Certificate. Each speaker delivered their speech with flair, confidence and sophistication.



The team was able to persuade the audience and the adjudicator of their case, taking out the debate.

Tim, Jade and Maddie have all shown great progress in terms of their use of language, tone and overall manner and should be proud of their success. Russell has continued to provide insightful rebuttals and comic relief for the term.

Round Two of the competitions will be held here at Mudgee High on 2nd June 2014. Our team will go up against a Year 9/10 team from Coolah Central. Travelling to Dunedoo Central School on June 16, the team will compete in the Third Round of the challenge.

Here is a photo of the team, looking rather schmick

CLS ARTSHOW

The show aims to showcase the best artworks produced amongst the CLC Schools from the past 12 months. The viewing dates are on Wednesday 4th June to Friday 6th June 2014 from 10am to 4pm.

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.

Community Notices

Ability Links – NSW

Is a new way of supporting people with a disability, their families and carers. It will assist people to access community and mainstream services, knowledge, resources and opportunities in their communities, to enable them to live the life they choose. An Information Session will be held at Mudgee Soldiers Club on 30th May 2014 from 5.30 to 7.00pm. RSVP 1300 227 393

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