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Cudgegong Learning
Community

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OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

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Half Yearly Exams
- 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
- May 26 – CSIRO
Years 7 -10
- May 27 – Lithgow
Festival of Speech

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"Providing high quality education in a stimulating and caring environment."

Principal's Message

This year students in years 7 and 9 have begun studying the Australian Curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history. Apart from the subject specific components of the curriculum students will be developing what are known as general capabilities.

What are general capabilities?

In the Australian Curriculum, general capabilities refer to an integrated and interconnected set of knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that can be developed and applied across the curriculum to help students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. Throughout their schooling, students develop and use the general capabilities across all learning areas, in co-curricular programs and in their lives outside school. There are seven general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology (ICT) capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding.

Why does the Australian Curriculum include general capabilities?

The Australian Curriculum is based on the belief that to meet the changing expectations of society and to contribute to the creation of a more productive, sustainable and just society, young people will need a wide and adaptive set of knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions.

Although the curriculum is organised by learning areas, it also includes general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities which add richness and depth to the learning areas and help students see the interconnectedness and relevance of their learning.

How are the general capabilities evident in the Australian Curriculum?

In the Australian Curriculum, general capabilities are addressed through the learning areas and are identified wherever they are developed or applied in content descriptions. As part of the online curriculum, icons indicate where general capabilities have been identified in learning area content descriptions and elaborations. Teachers may find further opportunities to incorporate explicit teaching of general capabilities depending on their choice of activities. Each learning area includes a brief description of the general capabilities that have been explicitly included in the content or advice about those that could be developed through particular teaching contexts.

General capabilities are represented to different degrees in each of the learning areas. Literacy, Numeracy, ICT capability and Critical and creative thinking are fundamental in students becoming successful learners. While the primary development of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT capability is based in English, Mathematics and Technologies respectively, the development and application of these capabilities across the curriculum is essential to effective teaching and learning.

How are the general capabilities used across the school?

Personal and social capability, Ethical understanding, and Intercultural understanding focus on ways of being, behaving and learning to live with others, and are more strongly represented in some learning areas than in others. While all learning involves some personal and social dimensions, these capabilities are most evident wherever personal, social and cultural learning is highlighted. We use our three key positive behaviour for learning statements, to reinforce learning in these areas. We want our students to be safe, respectful and responsible learners and able to make their way in society in the future.

How are the general capabilities assessed and reported?

In our junior reports for the half yearly examination parents will see new categories of reporting. These will be under the heading of achievement of personal and social capabilities with sub-headings for safe, respectful and responsible. Students will be assessed based on details of the general capabilities relevant to their year group. In coming weeks more detail on these aspects of our reporting will be included in the newsletter.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 1 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Ryan Montgomery; Year 8 – April Marshall; Year 9 – Lucas Reedy; Year 10 – Tayler Barzilay; Year 11 – Daniel Roth; Year 12 – Jordon Bryant

NSW CHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six Mudgee High School students represented Western at the recently held CHS Swimming Championships at Homebush. Macy Morley had standout performances in the 100 Backstroke where she narrowly missed Gold by 1/100th of a second to claim the Silver medal and 3rd in the 100 Freestyle final to claim a Bronze medal. Macy placed 5th in the 200 freestyle final with a 12 second PB, 4th in the 50 freestyle final and 6th in 100 Fly final. Macy swam a total 5 individual events and made the finals in all of them. Macy will represent CHS at the All Schools Championships at Homebush today 5th May. Macy will contest the 50 Fly, the 100 Freestyle, the 50 and 100 Backstroke events.

Luke Beckingham placed 6th in the 100 Breaststroke finals with a time of 1:15.54 knocking 1.61 sec off his entry time. He placed 12th in both the 200 freestyle heats with a 7.68 sec PB and the 200 Individual Medley finals with a 3.38 sec PB. Luke placed 16th in the 100 freestyle heats in a time of 1:00.81 and placed 19th in the 50 Freestyle Heats in a time of 27.44.

Thomas Smith made 3 finals out of 4 events and managed PB times in all events. He placed 6th in the 100 breaststroke finals with a time improvement of 2.97 sec, 9th in the 100 fly finals with a time of 1:04.42, 11th in the 200 freestyle heats with a time of 2:12.84 and a 5.46 sec PB. Thomas broke the minute barrier in the 100 freestyle heats in a PB time of 59.91 sec and to prove it wasn't a fluke he swam a new PB of 59.78 sec in the final to place 10th. Our 14 Yrs Girls 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay team consisting of Eliza Pirie, Natalie Jeffery, Piper Sievers and Macy Morley were seeded 25th going into the event. They placed 23rd in a time of 2:17.58 seconds, dropping 3.59 sec off their entry time.



the swimmers over the 3 days of competition. *Peter Smith - Mudgee High Swim Team Manager*

CROSS COUNTRY

Mudgee High School's annual Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 14th May which is Week 3 of this term. The course will start and finish at Walkers Oval and run along the walking track to Lawson Park. Students will walk under teacher supervision to Walkers Oval at the beginning of Period 5 and will be brought back to school before the end of the day. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be required to participate. Students in Years 10-12 will nominate if they wish to participate by coming to the PDHPE staffroom during breaks. Students will need to listen to the announcements in roll call and on assembly for further information. Any student wishing to qualify for Western Area will need to participate on the day. Students who can't participate due to illness/injury will need to present a note of explanation.

Athletics Carnival



The Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 23rd May (Week 4) at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea of the carnival is about participation, having fun and getting involved in the house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.

A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising.

Adelle Beer had a very busy time in the holidays. Adelle attended the Sydney Royal Easter Show, showing a Percheron and was placed 2nd in her Junior Driver Class.



Adelle also represented Zone 6 and Mudgee Pony Club in State Dressage at Gunnedah.

YEAR 12 DAY ON THE GREEN

On Saturday the 8th of March, nine Year 12 students went to Day on The Green at Robert Oatley. At this event these nine tremendous



students raised \$3171.15 for their chosen charities this year. These contributions made by the public will contribute to the total fundraising of the year for Lifeskills Plus Incorporated and Assisi School Fatuberliu East Timor (Mudgee High Schools sister school link). Well done to these outstanding students!



NOTES FROM PARENTS

It would be appreciated if parents sending notes in to the school for excursions, absences, illness, leave or any other communication could make sure the student's surname is included. We have included some blank notes in this newsletter for your use.

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.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW GLOBAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

The University of NSW Science Competition is held on Wednesday 4th June. This is an engaging and challenging international competition, which is a great way for students to test themselves against other students from across Australia and other parts of the globe. Students who would like to enter this competition give your name and \$8 to the office. For more details see Mrs Laidlaw. Entries close this Wednesday 7th May.

Community Notices

MUDGEE JUNIOR GOLF PIZZA REGISTRATION DAY FOR TERM 2
Mudgee Golf Club on Tuesday 6th May 2014 from 4pm
Pizza from 4.45pm – Open to all players boys and girls 5 to 16 years
Parents and friends are invited and welcome



Jack and the Beanstalk
A GIANT of a family panto!
Tickets are now on sale for MPA\$ 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 like MPA\$ on Facebook!

Mudgee Girl Guides invite you to



Come and Try Guides!

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm



For girls aged 6-14 years

Uniting Church Hall Mortimer St (opposite Woolworths)

Please call Rachel on 0432170479 for more information.

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Rotary Australia & New Zealand Student Exchange - 2015 Program Expressions of Interest Open

This Program is designed for 14-16 year old students (Y8, 9 or 10 in 2015). Local students are matched with a New Zealand student and the New Zealand student will attend school in Australia during Term 2, 2015. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2015

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at www.ranzse.org
Expressions of interest close 30th June 2014

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MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCE NOTE

Student _____

Year _____

Full or Part Day (s)

Date/Time _____

From _____ to _____

Reason

- Sick
- Family Emergency
- Other

Student First Name _____ Surname _____ Roll Class _____

Year _____

Full Day(s) (Date) from _____ to _____

Part Day (Date) _____ Time From _____ to _____

Reason (tick one) Sick Family Emergency Medical appointment

Doctor's Certificate attached Other appointment (Please Specify) _____

Other Reason (Please Specify) _____

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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**

Louise Manwaring
Principal