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Cudgegong Learning  
Community

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OF EVENTS

#### Coming Events:

- June 23 – P&C Meeting, Library 7pm
- June 24 – Mini Mad Concert – 7pm
- June 27 – Last Day of Term 2
- July 14 – Staff Development Day
- July 15 – Day 1 T3
- July 17 – Y10 to Y11 Info Evening 6.30pm
- July 21 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library

#### This issue:

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#### Principal's Message

##### Congratulations Creative and Performing Arts Students and Teachers

Some wonderful results are in for the Gulgong Eisteddfod. Of particular note was our school and community band which won the instrumental section and Rebekah Rae who picked up the Roger Woodwood prize. I would love to hear other results as we don't always get them directly so let us know. Also in the creative arts area I hope many parents had the opportunity to see the wonderful art on display from around the CLC schools. There were certainly many pieces that demonstrated the talents and hard work of students and teachers.

##### Student Social Activities and Performances

Over the next few weeks many events will be available for students here at Mudgee High School. In the last week of term the Mini Mad concert will be an opportunity for many more students to perform and for parents and family to see their work. On 25 June the SRC have organised this term's school social. We encourage all students to take this opportunity for a properly supervised social outing with their friends.

##### Mudgee High School Uniform Does Not Include Hooded Jumpers

It has been brought to my attention that one of the local shops has been selling hooded jumpers with Mudgee High School badge embroidered on them. Our uniform code specifically prohibits hoods. The selling of such items with our school logo breaches the agreement that shop has with us to be a preferred supplier of our uniforms. I have written to the proprietor and informed him that these items must be immediately removed from sale. I further informed him that I expect that parents who have bought these items which breach our uniform code be given an exchange for school jumpers which are within our code.

I remind parents the Mudgee High School Logo is a registered trade mark. The sale of items with the Mudgee High School trade mark is only permitted with the permission of the principal. No shop has ever been permitted to sell Mudgee High School jumpers with hoods and this shop is therefore in breach of our registered trade mark. I would like to thank the students, teachers and parents who alerted me to this very damaging breach of our trade mark. We have worked hard for many years to develop our school uniform code and to have it breached in this manner is extremely disappointing to me and to the parents who have endorsed our uniform policy. I apologise to parents who will be inconvenienced by this issue and strongly urge you to seek a refund or exchange from the shop where you purchased the banned items.

From the start of term 3 no student will be permitted to be wearing a hooded jumper at school with or without the Mudgee High School badge. Four years ago hooded jumpers were sold to students by a local retailer without permission. I thought the issue had been long solved and that the proprietor would adhere to our clearly written list of uniform items but unfortunately it has arisen again. I appreciate the strong support of our parents in adhering to our uniform code. The Mudgee High School community believes that school uniform is a desirable feature of our school for the following reasons:

**Safety of students** - intruders into the school grounds can be more easily identified if all students wear the required school uniform. Given the recent experiences here and overseas this is vital. On excursions students in uniform are easily identifiable and more effectively and safely supervised.

**Learning social responsibility** - students need to learn that sometimes the welfare of the whole society over-rides the individual beliefs of some of its members e.g. road rules.

**To promote a positive image to our community** - which will in turn benefit our students e.g. offers of support for work experience placement, sponsorship, employment.

**Training for the workplace** - where uniform and acceptable dress is commonplace.

**To prevent competition** - in clothing between students and provide a low cost clothing option.

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I am happy to support parents to exchange newly purchased items for correct uniform. You would obviously need your receipt when approaching the shop. If you do not get satisfaction yourself please phone or write to me and I will speak to the proprietor on your behalf. If your child is wearing an older hooded jumper which would not be able to be exchanged the school is happy to provide uniform assistance to replace the item. Either way please contact me should you have any questions

**P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 5 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Declan Holgate; Year 8 – Bethany Clayton; Year 9 – Azrun Paulson; Year 10 – Russell Van Laeren; Year 11 – Sarah Harris; Year 12 – Annabell Hanthorn**

**SRR AWARD Term 2 Week 5 – Congratulations to: April Marshall Year 7**

*Louise Manwaring  
Principal*

### **MINI MAD CONCERT**

This years Mini MAD concert will feature senior HSC students. Music students will showcase their work alongside drama acts. There will be an art exhibition featuring the work of students from across the school. As always these evenings are very popular. Students wishing to perform should contact the creative arts staff as soon as possible.

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

At the commencement of Term 3 Mudgee High is changing the software system that records student attendance. Please ensure that all student absences are explained before we commence the new system. Unexplained absences from Term 1 and 2 will remain unexplained after June 27.

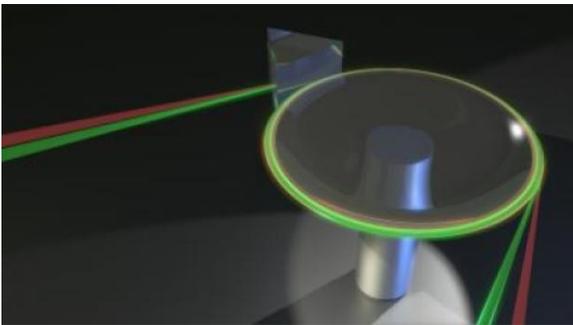
We have sent letters out in the mail last week requesting explanations for unexplained absences. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further clarification of your child's attendance record.

### **YEAR 12 – CAREER INTERVIEWS**

The Mudgee High School Careers Adviser is currently interviewing all Year 12 students to discuss their post school options and aspirations. This is a formal process where small groups of students have been allocated a specific time/date to meet.

Topics for discussion include course and career options, training requirements and pathways, accommodation, financial assistance and more. All Year 12 students are expected to attend as these planning sessions are timely for students in their final year of secondary schooling. If you would like more information regarding the Year 12 Career interviews, please contact the school.

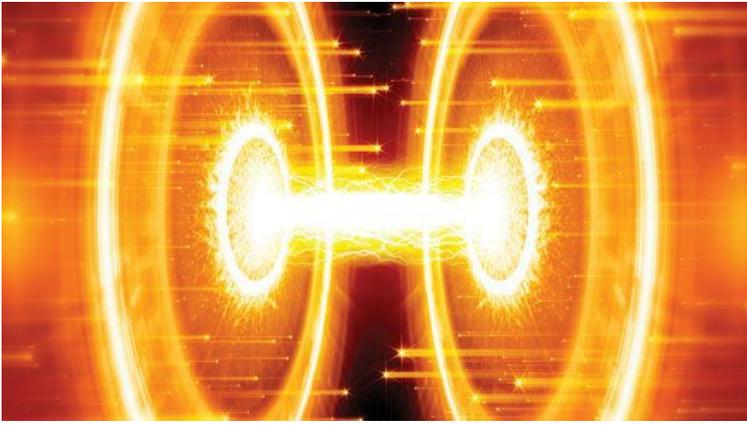
### **SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS**



Since the last science newsletter many exciting things have happened in Science. We have had a number of students enter the Science Competition, and the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. We have had a terrific session from a visiting CSIRO roadshow. The highlight of which was a forensic science activity for students. There have been many recent science discoveries and breakthroughs which will affect each of us in our everyday lives. In Australia Physics researchers have produced the world's most sensitive thermometer – three times more precise than the best thermometers in existence. They report they have been able to measure temperature with a precision of 30 billionths of a degree.

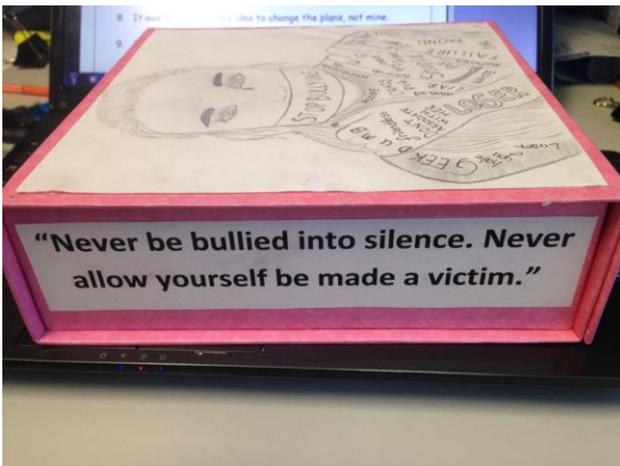
A three-year national review has found that Australia's mammal extinction rate is higher than previously thought, and will increase rapidly unless there's a plan to protect all native species. The Action Plan for Australian Mammals draws on the contributions of more than 200 experts. It found that more than 10 per cent of the country's endemic species have become extinct since European settlement, and a further 20 per cent of land mammals are threatened. The Australian Wildlife Conservancy is building exclusion zones against one of the main culprits - feral cats. It is estimated there are 15,000,000 feral cats in Australia, and each of them kills around five native animals a night.





Star Trek-style 'beaming up' of people through space could become a reality sometime in the far future, the leader of a landmark teleportation experiment has said. Nothing in the laws of physics fundamentally forbids the teleportation of large objects, including humans, professor Ronald Hanson pointed out. Hanson's team showed for the first time that it was possible to teleport information encoded into sub-atomic particles between two points three metres apart with 100 per cent reliability.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



April Marshall received a principal's award for this excellent work to persuade others to speak up if they are bullied. This is an important message for all students to hear.

## HOUSE POINT SCORE FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

First place goes to Blaxland with 1559 points, Second – Cunningham 1429, Third - Wentworth 1303 and Fourth with a very worthy 1188 points is Lawson

## Public Schools NSW – the arts unit – SOLO VOCAL CAMP

*If you love to sing this camp is for you – Monday 8 September to Thursday 11 September 2014*

*Elanora Conference Centre – Elanora Heights*

The Arts Unit Solo Vocal Camp is a brand new initiative aimed at developing the skills of school aged solo vocalists. The 4-day residential camp is a pilot program for 2014 and is open to any students in Years 8-11 currently enrolled in a NSW Public School. Sessions will include stage presentation, song interpretation, audition techniques and vocal health

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