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Coming Events:

- 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
- July 21 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library

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Principal's Message

Students from Years 7-12 received bronze and silver awards last week. It was very pleasing to see the large number of students who have been meeting our positive behaviour for learning requirements throughout the year. Students are promoted from green to bronze provided they have not been placed on level one or below, have no more than two unexplained absences, bring a note if they are unable to be in full school uniform and complete work required for their courses. Students will move to silver if they meet all the bronze requirements and have no more than one unexplained absence. This week students were moved from silver to gold provided they met all the requirements for silver and have no unexplained absences and have not been on levels 1 - 4. In future bronze and silver awards will be handed out at year meetings.

As we are preparing reports for Years 11 and 12 and later in the term Years 7-10 we will include information about awards students have received for going above and beyond in their courses. These can include awards from their teachers for excellent work and consistent effort and faculty awards for outstanding achievement and contribution to Mudgee High School. So far I have been pleased by the number of Year 12 and 11 students who have been acknowledged with above and beyond awards for their work in courses or other school representation. There is no doubt the majority of Mudgee High School students are putting in the effort required to meet their personal goals and make their school and family proud of them.

As Year 12 students received their reports last Friday parents should consider discussing the positive achievements demonstrated in their son/daughter's report and assisting him/her to identify how some areas may be improved. Teachers (as well as year advisers and head teachers) are always happy to take phone calls as well as year advisors and head teachers to discuss specific aspects of student reports. Similarly Year 11 students receiving their first senior report in coming weeks may need guidance in interpreting the comments and results. As the scale for senior marks is different to junior reports students occasionally feel they have not progressed as they hoped at this stage of Year 11. Please reassure students that as they are studying a two year course they have plenty of time to reach the HSC standard to which they aspire. Steady progress of even five extra marks each exam means they can add twenty marks to their final results.

Some parents may quite rightly be concerned at announcements in the recent Federal Budget about cuts to education spending. Be assured that our State government is committed to all NSW schools receiving excellent resources to ensure students can achieve their goals. Principals are working closely with the NSW Education Minister to ensure all students receive what they need for the future. At Mudgee High we are blessed with a supportive community, experienced teachers and facilities which have been developed and maintained to provide excellent opportunities for all students.

Louise Manwaring
Principal

P & C AWARDS Term 2 Week 5 – Congratulations to: Year 7 – Magdalan Newton; Year 8 – Max Beechey; Year 9 – Katana Lillyst; Year 10 – Helena Shearman; Year 11 – Roland Ma; Year 12 – Sam Rochester

SRR AWARD Term 2 Week 5 – Congratulations to: Brendan Hughes (Year 11)

MATHEMATICS NEWS

HSC students

Many HSC students are taking advantage of extra tuition which has been made available by several Mathematics teachers outside of normal class time. This enthusiasm and dedication will hopefully strengthen their results in the upcoming HSC examinations. For those requiring extra assistance remember there is the homework room which operates each Monday, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm

Past HSC Booklets

Past HSC Booklets are available for purchase again this year for students studying the Mathematics or Extension I and II courses. The booklets contain past HSC exams with full solutions. The cost will be \$22 and must be paid to the front office by the end of term 2 to be included in the next order. Unfortunately, being the first year of the new General Mathematics course past paper booklets will not be purchased. Alternative resources are being examined. For further information ask your mathematics teacher.

Super Rule

The HSC is a demanding time for students and it is essential that students are well prepared for lessons with the right equipment. Students who are completing the HSC this year must have an approved scientific calculator. Students are asked to check with their teacher in case their calculator is not approved. Those students sitting the General Mathematics examinations can also take in an approved graphics calculator and we ask that students notify their teacher if they are intending to take such a calculator into the examination. Being unfamiliar with a calculator can severely affect a student's result.

Besides a rule students in the Mathematics and Extension Mathematics courses can purchase a mathematics template which has been approved for use in their examinations. The template is referred to as a Super Rule and can be purchased for \$8.00

Calculators

All students in years 7 to 12 need to use calculators in their Mathematics classes. The Mathematics courses are designed to make use of calculator technology to assist students to develop more difficult concepts without becoming bogged down in manual calculations. Mental calculations skills are also practiced as part of the course.

It is important for students to have a calculator of the type approved by the Board of Studies. In the past some students have disadvantaged themselves by not practicing their skills on a calculator that they can use in their final exams. Students are advised to check with your Maths teacher that your calculator is an approved model. Approved calculators can be purchased from the front office for \$20.00 which is cost price to us. If families have calculators which are no longer needed by ex-students they can be used. It is not necessary to buy the latest model. If students look after their calculator it will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

Using Maths at Home

Involving your children in the use of Mathematics in everyday situations can improve their confidence and skills and help them to engage in learning.

Some areas to consider are:

Car Travel calculations such as distance, budgeting for fuel costs, calculating the time needed for a journey and estimated time of arrival.

Farm calculations such as costs, expenses and profit, labour costs, depreciation, fertilizer and seeding rates.

Cooking calculations such as calculating the best buy by comparing purchasing costs, weekly planning of ingredients and adapting recipes for different numbers of people.

Sports statistics such as batting averages, the graphs presented on TV, competition rankings and probabilities.

Money issues such as income, taxation, budgeting, investment and loans.

For a student to be aware of the significance of these applications in everyday life is a bonus to their understanding of these concepts when they are encountered in class.



MUDJEE HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS AT DUBBO SHOW

Four students from Mudjee High School attended Dubbo Show on the weekend to compete in the sheep show as well as the Junior Judging competitions. Brooke Sewell, Tim Cheetham, Nicklaus Pearce and Curtis Wright were accompanied by parent Dianne Pearce and teacher Cassandra Stanford.

The students prepared and presented sheep from Mudjee High Schools White Suffolk stud on Friday. This was a huge achievement as half of the stud was destroyed by dogs last year and there were several lasting injuries that had to be overcome. Although the sheep did not place in the highly prestigious competition, the students presented them extremely well.

The students participated in the Goongunyah Shield Interschool Competition on Saturday afternoon against other schools from across NSW. Once again Mudgee High students presented themselves and their sheep to a very high standard.

All four students then competed in the Junior Judging and Junior Handling competitions for Meat Sheep and Merino Sheep on Sunday. There were 160 competitors from schools all over NSW as well as private entries. The students did very well in all sections and Nicklaus Pearce performed particularly well to place 6th in the Merino Judging competition. It is an extremely valuable experience for students to be able to participate in such a variety of extracurricular events. These events would not be possible without the support of parents, teachers and the community, particularly Pat Pilley for supplying the Lucerne hay and Bruce Stanford for his continued support with the sheep stud.



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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Grace Jones, Pdraigh Hickey, Gerad Tioseco, Lauren Coombes, Vilja Werkmann, Laura Fergus, Ben Lawry and Hollie Menzies who were members of the winning team in the Mid Western Regional Council Youth Week Trivia Competition.

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

Community Notices

WEP (World Education Program Australia) www.wep.org.au
Host a WEP Exchange Student – Arriving in July 2014
Students from Argentina, Italy, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand and South America.
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