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Term 3 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter

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OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- August 7-15 Y12 Trial Exams
- August 10-15 Ski Excursion
- August 19 – CLC Gala Concert
- August 27 – Bruce Sullivan for parents

Principal's Message

Congratulations to students, parents and teachers for the very successful Japanese student exchange over the past two weeks. The arrival of nearly thirty students and four teachers from Osaka Japan was a real highlight for our school and the town of Mudjee. The opportunity provided to the Japanese students to be immersed in the speaking of English as well as the cultural exchange between students was very valuable.

In the past week we have had a large number of students challenge themselves through undertaking the English competition and the mathematics competition. It is very worthwhile for students especially in junior years to experience an externally delivered examination process. The opportunity to use their skills and see how they perform against a national standard which is very high will be valuable for their future success. It certainly looks good in a portfolio to demonstrate your skills in these important areas of learning.

We were very proud of our students who participated in Max Potential. Their showcase demonstrated the learning which took place during the program and their hard work throughout. We would like to thank all the coaches who assisted students to make this journey. The feedback from students showed what positive relationships they developed and what wonderful role models the coaches were.

We are now getting to the process for year 10 subject selections where students must submit their survey forms. It is important that these are all handed in by 13 August to ensure we put lines together which best meet student needs. Any student or parent who needs advice or help completing the survey should approach the year adviser, careers adviser or deputy principals or principal as soon as possible.

Year 12 students have been very busy completing their major works. Many have already been submitted and will be marked by Board of studies Markers over the next two weeks. Some such as visual arts and drama and music performances are still in progress. I would like to congratulate students and their teachers on the outstanding effort made so far to achieve personal bests. During the current trial HSC exams many students will demonstrate that their steady hard work has paid off. Others will find they still have some work to do. That's alright too because it's not too late to make a final run to the finish and improve marks over the last five weeks of lessons. Students are encouraged to seek help from their teachers and take advantage of opportunities for additional tutorials.

I was very impressed by the number of students taking advantage of the free maths tutorials after school every Monday. These tutorials are available from 3.30 pm for students from every year. Often just that little bit of extra personal attention can make all the difference. If you are worried about your child's progress in maths encourage him/her to come along on Monday afternoons. Other subjects offer free tutorials on demand. There's no reason not to approach your teacher or another faculty member for help with any subject. We are willing and waiting for their knock on the door.

Tickets are now on sale for the CLC Concert to be held here at Mudjee High on August 19 (see flyer with this newsletter).

Information is also attached about pertussis (whooping cough). There has been a recent outbreak in Mudjee.

Term 3 Week 4 Awards

P & C Awards – Year 7 – Lachlan Wall, Year 8 – Thomas Loughnan, Year 9 – Emily Blackwell, Year 10 – Kaitlyn Yeo, Year 11 – Cassandra Hinchliffe, Year 12 – Joshua Hinchliffe

SRR AWARD Term 3 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Thomas Wright (Year 8)

*Louise Manwaring
Principal*

This issue:

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TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

Some keen students of Mudgee High School are currently participating in the Tournament of the Minds competition. This is an inter-school competition that challenges students to creatively develop an original solution to a complex problem. Two teams have entered this year – 1 team will compete in the Applied Technology section, the other in the Maths and Engineering section. Each team consists of 7 students across the junior year groups. These students have been showing great enthusiasm and skills over the last few weeks as they work together in the Science rooms during lunch times and after school to plan and put together their project. They will present their work to the judges at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst on Sunday 24th August for a chance to compete in the State finals held later in the year. Good luck to these students.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Week 4 Canteen

This week Mudgee High School's PBL focus will be **Responsible behaviour at the Canteen**. The popularity of Mudgee Highs canteen can make it a busy place – especially at the start of lunch. Students are given clear rules about where to line up at the canteen, how to make their purchase properly, and are encouraged to move on once their business is complete. There is no need for students to wait around the area of the canteen. Students are to purchase their own lunch, and are not encouraged to make purchases for their friends. When all students respect the rules the canteen is a very pleasant place.

Community Announcements



Sept Screenings



Fri 5th – 7.00pm
Sat 6th – 4.30pm
Sat 6th – 7.00pm
Sun 7th – 4.30pm



Sat 5th – 11.00am
Sat 5th – 2.00pm
Sun 6th – 11.00am
Sun 6th – 2.00pm



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High Tea in the Garden of Putta Bucca House

2 - 5pm, Sunday 14th September, 2014 Tickets \$60.00 | Enquiries: 02 63732236

Available from The Inside Shop, 45 Church Street, Mudgee.

Proudly hosted by the Mudgee Committee of Children's Medical Research Institute



CUP CAKE DAY – FOR RSPCA

Monday 18th August – Mudgee Vets – Market Street

We will have an array of cupcakes, slices and cakes on offer – please come down and show your support for such an amazing organisation. Buy a cupcake or money donation.

We are also taking donations of cakes to sell on the day.

Donations also accepted online at www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au

MUDGEES PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISER

MARK ANDREW – LEGEND TRIBUTE SHOW – Parklands Resort – Orana Room
13th September 2014 – 8pm start - \$35 per person

Tickets can be purchased at Mudgee Vet Hospital in Market Street

Mark performs as Elvis Presley, Austin Powers, Buddy Holly, John Lennon, James Morrison, Tom Jones and more.

Mark was voted Best Elvis impersonator at the Parkes Elvis Festival 2010.

The show runs for 2.5 hours with 30 minute intermission



Mid Western Regional Council Library

MWRC Library is pleased to announce we now have eBooks available to borrow. The web address is <http://mwrc.axis360.baker-taylor.com/> - with links available from the main Council webpage, and from the Library page. We currently have about 550 eBooks already on our 'Magic Wall', including a number of books from this year's Mudgee Readers' Festival authors, quite a few books from the 2014 Children's Book Council shortlist, a couple of classics, as well as a good selection of fiction, biographies, young adult and junior titles.

When you look at the Magic Wall, the first two tabs you see are 'Magic Wall' and 'App Zone' – Magic Wall will show you all the books we have available to borrow, and App Zone will show you which app you need to download for your specific device – all devices or computers require an app. At the bottom of the App Zone page are little pics of different devices – click your device and an instruction sheet will pop up, telling you how to download the app, and then how to download the books. May I suggest that 'axisReader' is very user friendly

A couple of things to be aware of:

- You will need to be a current Library customer, as you will need your Library barcode number and Library pin to borrow – contact the Library if unsure ...
- Our loan policy is 3 books for 3 weeks, however, finished books can be 'returned', enabling you to borrow again immediately
- Items already on loan can be reserved
- Items can be added to a 'wishlist' to borrow at a later date
- If there are any 'traps' on your card – fines, overdue books etc – the Magic Wall will not allow you to 'checkout' items
- We don't have any eAudio on the Magic Wall yet, but are likely to sometime in the future

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Infectious Disease Factsheet

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Pertussis affects people of all ages, but can be very serious in babies. It can be prevented by immunisation at two, four and six months of age. Booster shots are needed for four-year-olds and teenagers, and adults living or working with small children.

Last updated: 30 January 2008

What is the pertussis?

Pertussis (or whooping cough) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*.

What are the symptoms?

- Pertussis usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Sometimes people vomit after coughing.
- Pertussis can be very serious in small children. They might go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to the hospital.
- Older children and adults may have a less serious illness, with bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks regardless of treatment.

How is it spread?

Pertussis is spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, a person with pertussis can spread it to other people for up to three weeks after onset of cough.

The time between exposure and getting sick is usually seven to ten days, but can be up to three weeks.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get pertussis.
- People living in the same household as someone with pertussis are more likely to catch it.
- Immunisation greatly reduces your risk of infection, but reinfection can occur.

How is it prevented?

Immunise your child on time

- The vaccine does not give lifelong protection against pertussis, and protection is sometimes incomplete.
- Children need to be immunised at two, four and six months.
- Boosters are needed at four years of age and again at 15 years of age.
- Immunisation is available through general practitioners and some local councils.

Keep your baby away from people who cough

- Babies need two or three vaccinations before they are protected. For this reason, it is very important to keep people with coughing illnesses away from your baby so they don't pass on pertussis or other germs.

Get immunised if you are an adult in close contact with small children

A vaccine for adults is available. It is recommended:

- For both parents when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born
- For adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with pertussis:

- Watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your doctor, take this factsheet with you and mention your contact with pertussis.
- Some close contacts at high risk (e.g., children under one year, children not fully vaccinated, and women at the end of their pregnancy) and others who live or work with high-risk people may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection.



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Gala Concert 2014



Mudgee High School Gym
Tuesday August 19th Matinee

12 noon Evening 6.00

Tickets

Available from CLC schools & at the door

Matinee flat rate \$5

Evening Adults \$10 Children \$5

Family Evening \$25

FREE entry for pre-schoolers