

Monday  
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Term 3 – Week 6



# MHS Newsletter

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**A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community**

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR  
THE FULL CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**Coming Events:**

- August 19 – CLC Gala Concert
- August 27 – Bruce Sullivan for parents
- August 28 – Parent Teacher Evening Y8, 9 & 10
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## Principal's Message

### Trial HSC Successfully Concludes

Congratulations to year 12 students on the completion of the trial HSC exams. Students demonstrated excellent preparation and skills in their responses. Feedback from teachers will now enable students to fill in the gaps in their knowledge and skills prior to their actual HSC exams. Best wishes to all the students undertaking performance exams in the next few weeks in languages, music, drama and to those putting finishing touches on their major works.

### CLC Gala Concert Tuesday 12.00 noon and 6.00 pm

On Tuesday parents and students as well as friends and family have an opportunity to see some of our best performers in action in the CLC Gala Concert. Tickets are available at the door for both the matinee concert at 12.00 noon and the evening concert commencing at 6.00 pm. Performers are asked to arrive a minimum of half an hour before the start of the concert. Students and teachers will be aware of what needs to be done from their rehearsals on Monday. Parents should bring students to the performance centre and they will be allocated an area to prepare for their performance.

### Bruce Sullivan on Surviving Parenthood and Building Resilience in Your Child

A very exciting opportunity for parents and other community members will be held at the Mudjee High School gym on Wednesday 27 August commencing at 6.30pm. Come along and find out how to get your child to do what you ask the FIRST time you ask. We are pleased to welcome internationally renowned speaker Bruce Sullivan to a free parent evening. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to hear Bruce. He is entertaining and has a worthwhile message for parents to develop their skills. Teachers found his talk very enjoyable and useful at our CLC staff development day in April. Thanks to the CLC we have been able to get Bruce Sullivan back to talk to parents – see you there.

### School Planning and Evaluation

In the next week all parents will receive a letter about our school evaluation survey. Students and parents will have the opportunity to give us detailed feedback on how you think Mudjee High School is going and what we can do to improve. This survey will provide us with very useful data to inform our planning for the next three years. I encourage you to take the time to complete the survey through our website. Every family will be sent a log in and password which ensures confidentiality of your responses. Students will complete the survey at school unless parents have indicated they do not want their child to participate. Please look out for the letters about the student survey and the one addressed to you which contains your password and log in information.

### Claim the Date Saturday October 11 2014

Early in term 4 we will be holding a planning day to which parents will be invited. We will share the data gathered from this survey and from other sources and develop our major focus for the next three years. Please put Saturday October 11 in your diary so we can hear the views of as wide a range of parents as possible.

### Term 3 Week 5 Awards

**P & C Awards – Year 7 –** Jaclyn Byrne **Year 8 –** Georgia Delarue **Year 9 –** Jane Bament **Year 10 –** Lachlan Sydney-Jones **Year 11 –** Kelleigh Allport **Year 12 –** Grace Parker

### SRR AWARD Term 3 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Reese Williams (Year 7)

*Louise Manwaring*  
*Principal*

### YEAR 8, 9 & 10 PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING – 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Booking sheets for the above evening will be given out to students this week. We will include a copy of the booking sheet is included in this newsletter.

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**YEAR 12  
FORMAL TICKETS 2014  
\$70.00**

**Round 1** - Maximum of 4 tickets  
(1 student ticket and 3 guest tickets)

These can be purchased from  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> August

**Round 2** – Maximum of 1 ticket

These can be purchased from  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Round 3** – any remaining tickets are  
for sale and can be purchased from  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> September

**PEER TUTORING SEMESTER 2 2014**

Mudgee High School's Peer Tutor Reading program during Reading Roll Call has continued in 2014.

The school would like to thank the following 21 Year 10 students for offering to be part of this very important group. They all attended two training sessions before the program began: Lachlan McRae, Alli McNeill, Maddie Hartfield, Bella Ghanem, Emily Barnes, Steffanie Horton, Breanna Lucas, Lochlan Mortenson, Koby Barker, Renae Schwebel, Taryn Lynch, Tom Dowell, Madalyn Date, Samuel Pattison, Helena Shearman, Maxine Pocock, Brea Fitzpatrick, Lucy Hawkins, Elise Stanley, Sarah Lowe and Madison Ward.

These tutors each worked with one Year 7 student throughout Semester 1 and now a new group of Year 7 students is being tutored. The majority of Year 7 students improved in their reading during Semester 1.

Congratulations to all the Peer Tutees for their diligent efforts during Semester 1 and also the new group who joined the Reading Roll Call at the beginning of Term 3.

**Quicksmart Literacy**

The Quicksmart Literacy program which began at Mudgee High School in 2013 has been implemented again in 2014. This year a group of 18 students, mostly Year 8 students are participating for 3 periods each week.. Two students are paired with an instructor for the program which continues for 30 weeks.

All students have shown improvement in their reading skills so far this year. *K Gooley, Learning & Support Teacher*

**NSW FUTSAL STATE TITLES CHAMPIONSHIP**



NSW Futsal State Titles Championship was held at Penrith Sports Centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Mudgee High School had representation from boys 14 years and girls 14 years. Our trip began with a team dinner on Tuesday night to carbohydrate build and work on some team play tactics. A great night was had by all including the mums and dads. Wednesday morning started with the girls at 8:50am with a narrow loss of 1-0. The boys then played their three games one after another. All games were hard fought and very close but we were unable to come away with a win. With the boys campaign over they moved on to their team bonding afternoon activities. The girls then played three more games resulting in a loss, draw and a win narrowly missing out on a semi-final position.



## LANGUAGES

At the end of Term 1 this year, Mudjee High was fortunate to visit our sister schools in Osaka Japan. Just a few weeks ago we had the pleasure of reciprocating that hospitality by hosting 25 students and 4 teachers from Nose, Fukui, Ohkanmuri and Suita Higashi Senior High Schools. 2014 marked the eleventh year of this exchange program with Japan. The group spent 11 nights with host families and enjoyed a full program of activities.

Travelling from a rather hot and humid summer to the cold, frosty weather of Mudjee required some adjustment and our Japanese guests made the most of their pocket sized, instant heat packs. The school program included English lessons, class integration, a walk around the Putta Bucca Wetlands, an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park, a visit to the school farm, an Anzac biscuit cooking lesson, a music lesson, sport activities and souvenir shopping at a Rotary sponsored gift shop.

The middle weekend of the visit was 'free time' with families and many took in the local sights around Mudjee. The Drip was a popular destination on Sunday with several families running into each other and joining up for a bushwalk experience full of laughs. Our Japanese guests are amazed by our countryside and nature, and revelled in being in the outdoors. This is not something they commonly experience back in Osaka. They were also in awe of our night-time sky and the expanse of stars. One student commented that he felt lucky if he could see even 3 stars at night in Japan. As a result, many families found their students enjoying some quiet time laying on the trampoline at night.

The tour culminated in a farewell party for all host families and their new family members. The Japanese group entertained us with a kendo demonstration, a traditional fisherman dance, and songs. There was also a photo booth to capture the occasion. Our families looked fabulous in Kimonos and Happi Coats, while our Japanese visitors went for the 'Crocodile Dundee' look in dri-za-bone and akubras.

Overall, it was an extremely successful tour with many special memories created for all involved. We would like to extend a personal, heart-felt thank you to all of our very special families who opened their homes and hearts to our guests and provided a truly wonderful experience. Without this support, Mudjee High School would not be able to run such programs. We would also like to thank the staff and students of MHS for their ongoing support in welcoming our Japanese visitors into their school and classes.

ほんとうありがとうございました！

Ms Date

Miss Kim



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The Positive Behaviour Focus in the playground this week is the use of Mobile Phones and Mobile Devices. Students should look to use these devices in a responsible manner. This includes knowing when to use them, and their appropriate use in the playground. Students also need to acknowledge that mobile devices are only to be used in the classroom when they have explicit permission from the teacher.

## CAREERS CAPERS

### Year 12 Parents/Carers

Having recently completed their HSC Trial Exams, Year 12 students should consider applying for tertiary education in 2015. For university applications, the on-line, on time closing date for lodging course preferences is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Application is via the internet ([www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)) and students can nominate up to 9 course preferences. After their initial application, students can change their preferences up until 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (for the main round of offers). Related issues for students and parents are accommodation and scholarships. This information is available on university websites, in the UAC guide or the Careers room. Application closing dates for accommodation and scholarships vary so please check with each institution. A free copy of the 2015 (UAC) Universities Admission guide is available to each Year 12 student.

Students should also consider applying for early entry to university where they can be accepted into their preferred course before receiving their HSC results – a terrific way to gain entry to university. In some cases both ATAR and non ATAR students are eligible to apply under this scheme.

For the first time this year, the SRS (School Recommendation Scheme) will be an on line process administered through UAC. There are 9 participating universities. The closing date for SRS applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September. Students looking at TAFE courses next year should contact the local TAFE (Cassilis Road), phone 131601 or visit [tafensw.edu.au](http://tafensw.edu.au) for the latest course, career and application closing date information.

Private training providers (which often either DO NOT require an ATAR or the ATAR is very competitive) also offer a wide range of courses and can be accessed via the internet. Closing dates for application vary so once again check with individual institutions.

Many private training providers offer scholarships and other assistance with tuition fees so check with the institution. Direct employment and apprenticeships (trades) are also popular career destinations and students should be contacting employers in the next 4-6 weeks or replying to advertised positions. Students will require an updated resume and a willingness to persevere with their job search.

In summary, when making post school career choices students are encouraged to:

- i) Keep education and training options open
- ii) Apply for as many scholarships and courses as possible
- iii) Have contingencies (back up plans)
- iv) Be realistic in their course/career choice
- v) Seek help and support where necessary

Students and parents are encouraged to contact by phone (6372 1533), email or visit the school Career Adviser to discuss options for 2015. The Careers Adviser's email address is [bill.kempton@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bill.kempton@det.nsw.edu.au). Below is a summary of some upcoming career events.

- North Parkes mine has career opportunities available in a range of fields, including Nursing, Accounting, and Environmental Science. Details at [northparkes.com](http://northparkes.com). Indigenous Scholarships also available.
- Puggy Hunter Indigenous Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships are available (up to \$15,000/yr FIT study). Details at [acn.edu.au](http://acn.edu.au)
- UTS (University of Technology) Sydney open day is Saturday August 30. Details at [openday.uts.edu.au](http://openday.uts.edu.au)
- The Actors College of Theatre and Television (Sydney) offers courses in eg – Stage & Screen acting and Musical Theatre. Register for Auditions at [act.edu.au](http://act.edu.au). Open day is Saturday September 27.
- UNSW (University NSW) Open day is Saturday September 6. Programs available or see [openday.unsw.edu.au](http://openday.unsw.edu.au)
- The National Art School (Sydney) open day is Saturday August 30. Details at [openday.nas.edu.au](http://openday.nas.edu.au)
- SCHOLARSHIPS are available to children/grand children of defence force ex-service personnel. See [avcat.org.au](http://avcat.org.au)
- USA Summer Camp opportunities for employment exist for June-August 2015. See [ccvsa.com.au](http://ccvsa.com.au) or details available
- Canberra Tertiary Day is Saturday August 30. Visit University of Canberra. UNSW (ADFA). Canberra Institute of Technology, Australian National University and/or Australian Catholic University. See [tertiaryopenday.com](http://tertiaryopenday.com) for details
- Le Cordon Bleu Hospitality College information evening is Thursday September 4, 3-6pm. [Lecordonbleu.com.au](http://Lecordonbleu.com.au)
- A \$6000 SCHOLARSHIP is available for students considering wine science or viticultural careers or tertiary study in 2015

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Mudgee High School as part of its school improvement process is conducting a student survey to be completed online and will require approximately 35-40 minutes to complete. The student survey measures include such topics as social/emotional outcomes (e.g. student engagement, emotional health), physical health outcomes (e.g. physical fitness, risky behaviours), and drivers of student outcomes (e.g. quality instruction, classroom context). The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in an open-ended question response. Below is an information letter explaining the process fully. Each student will also be given a copy of this letter to bring home.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In our continuing effort to increase school effectiveness, we will be implementing an online school survey for students – Tell Them From Me (TTFM).

TTFM is an online school survey that allows students to give their input into school improvement initiatives in an anonymous way. Over the course of the next few weeks commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August til Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, all students will be given an opportunity to participate. They are encouraged to complete the survey, but if you do NOT wish your child to participate could you please complete the section below and return to the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Everyone completing the survey will be given a random username and password. Thus, respondents cannot be linked to their responses, ensuring anonymity.

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TTFM was created by The Learning Bar, based on the work by co-founder Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known internationally for his work on the development of educational monitoring systems, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. .

If you would like more information, please contact either Deputy Principals Mr Jim Browning or Mr David Roach.

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### Mudgee High School - School Improvement Survey

I \_\_\_\_\_ (please print your name) do NOT wish my child to participate in the online school survey which is intended to seek constructive feedback from students to help design our 2015 – 2017 Mudgee High School Strategic Plan.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Student Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2014

Students of Years 8, 9 and 10 - BOOKING SHEET

**NOTE: Interviews *MUST* be restricted to 5 minutes. A double booking (10 mins) is also appropriate if necessary. Please make other arrangements if you require more *time*.**

TIME	TEACHER	SUBJECT	TIME	TEACHER	SUBJECT
3.45 - 3.50			5.25 - 5.30		
3.50 - 3.55			5.30 - 5.35		
3.55 - 4.00			5.35 - 5.40		
4.00 - 4.05			5.40 - 5.45		
4.05 - 4.10			5.45 - 5.50		
4.10 - 4.15			5.50 - 5.55		
4.15 - 4.20			5.55 - 6.00		
4.20 - 4.25			6.00 - 6.05		
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5.00 - 5.05			6.40 - 6.45		
5.05 - 5.10			6.45 - 6.50		
5.10 - 5.15			6.50 - 6.55		
5.15 - 5.20			6.55 - 7.00		
5.20 - 5.25					

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDING PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_



### Community Announcements

#### MUDGEE CANCER SUPPORT AND FRIENDS

Will be holding their annual DAFFODIL DAY STALL in Bryron Place Laneway (near St George)  
On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 from 9am. Fresh Daffodils \$7, Dougal Bears \$10 and other items \$3  
All proceeds to the Cancer Council

#### MUDGEE SWIMMING CLUB

Registration Nights – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014  
4-6pm at the Club House – First Club Night: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Learn to Swim: Tuesdays 4-6pm (qualified coaches, limited numbers so be quick)  
More information phone Kylie 0421 458 123

#### ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH MUDGEE

Will be holding a Confirmation Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 8.30am  
Preparation classes begin on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Please contact the Parish Office for further details and bookings  
Telephone 6372 1126 or email [stjohnsmudgee@bigpond.com](mailto:stjohnsmudgee@bigpond.com)



#### Sept Screenings



Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – 4.30pm  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – 4.30pm



Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – 11.00am  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – 11.00am  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm

#### MUDGEE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISER

MARK ANDREW – LEGEND TRIBUTE SHOW – Parklands Resort – Orana Room

13<sup>th</sup> Septebmer 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*



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## **A Free Parent Workshop**

by

**Bruce Sullivan**

*Keynote Speaker, Author and Business Leader, CSP*

### **How To Get Your Kids To Do What You Ask – The First Time You Ask!**

#### The Workshop

Being a parent is no easy task. Demands on us as parents and our children seem to be mounting continually, placing stresses on our relationships and in our confidence that we are “doing the right thing”.

**For the most part, we know what we should be doing, however, we all have times when the world seems to take over and we just can’t muster the motivation to do anything! Of course no child is the same and that goes for parents too. So how do we focus our attention to ensure that we get what we truly want for the relationship with our children?**

**We will go through an educational and entertaining journey that will provide you as a parent with practical insights that can help you to build resilience and rediscover how to keep yourself focussed and energised to do what really counts!**

Topic areas include:

- Promoting resilience in your child
- Learn how to create a safe environment for your child
- Communicating effectively
- Coping with the stresses associated with parenthood
- How to have the energy of a 4 year old almost every day
- Providing a supportive environment

**Where:** Mudgee High School Gymnasium [Enter from Denison Street]

**When:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August      6.30pm



## Your Presenter

**Bruce Sullivan** - Keynote Speaker, Author and Business Leader, CSP

**(CSP is the highest possible international qualification and accreditation for professional speakers. There are only 464 CSP's in the world, with only 52 in Australasia).**

Bruce Sullivan is one of the world's leading presenters on personal motivation and relationships. Based in Brisbane, Australia he brings to the professional speaking environment a diverse and successful career. Managing his own businesses since his teens, he has confirmed his business acumen in the areas of retailing, service, wholesale operations and real estate. By age 24 he had established his own million-dollar network of businesses.

In 2007 Bruce was awarded the Keynote Speaker of the Year by the National Speakers Association of Australia. He was also presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for his outstanding contribution to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award which is a Youth Leadership Program for up and coming leaders in the 18 to 25 year old category. Bruce has been presenting at this program for over 25 years.

*It has been my pleasure to experience Bruce Sullivan presentations for three consecutive years. Bruce is an inspiring dedicated speaker...*

**John Kolbisen, President, United States Swim Schools Association**

*Bruce is high energy, be prepared for action in his sessions, motivating, dynamic, entertaining, uplifting, deep messages wrapped in fun & entertainment.*

**Janine Ramsey, New Zealand**

*We first saw Bruce Sullivan present eleven years ago. We were so impressed with his dynamic presentation style, his knowledge of people and his ability to relate it all back to practical situations, that we contracted him to do some work for our own staff. No matter how many times we see him present, he always brings something new and insightful, and he always delivers it with a sense of humour attached. If you get the chance to see him, DON'T MISS IT!*

**Forbes Carlile, John Coutts and Richard Cahalan, Sydney, Australia**

*In 2014 Bruce presented to the staff of the Cudgegong Learning Centre for the second time. He was entertaining, insightful and very down to earth. Asking him back to speak to our parents was some of the feedback we got from the day. We are delighted he is coming to Mudgee on 27 August to give parents a chance to hear him.*

**Louise Manwaring Principal Mudgee HS**

