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Term 3 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter

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THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- August 27 – Bruce Sullivan for parents 6.30pm
- August 28 – Parent Teacher Evening Y8, 9 & 10
- September 4 – 12 Y11 Exams
- September 19 – Last Day of Term 3
- October 7 – Term 4 Commences for Staff and Students

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A fantastic afternoon and evening with our CLC Gala Concert. Both concerts went exceptionally well with a good size audience in attendance. There were some just amazing acts, reflecting some excellent music and dance education in our schools. A big thank you to all the students, parents and staff who contributed to the excellence of the concerts.

We also received great support for the concert from Glencore Coal, The Kandos/Rylstone Rotary Club, the Mudgee Rotary Club and the Sunrise Rotary Club of Mudgee. All made a sizeable financial contribution towards the equipment we used last night. They helped make it truly a community event. Thank you also to the staff from Kananda, Pioneer House and Life Skills Plus who brought their clients to our matinee. We hope seeing the wonderful young performer from primary and secondary schools was a highlight of their day.

A reminder that the Bruce Sullivan Parent Seminar is on next Wednesday evening at 6.30pm at Mudgee High in the Performance Centre next to the Gym. I am sure parents will find his talk both entertaining and informative. Friends and community are welcome and older students too. Years 11 and 12 students will have an opportunity to hear Bruce Sullivan talk about their planning for the future, on Thursday 28th August from 9.00 am.

Another big event from last week was the Year 6 Transition Testing and Treasure Hunt. A large group of very excited year 6 students from our many local primary schools had a great day, firstly demonstrating their skills in literacy, numeracy and general knowledge and then finding the answers to our treasure hunt. It was fantastic to see the students making new friends and having a chance to become familiar with the high school. We will be holding another transition day – this time as orientation students will have lessons in their 2015 classes which will be taught by high school teachers. A big thank you to Mrs Quinn and Mr Couch for organising this day.

On Tuesday 26th August Year 12 drama students will be examined for their HSC on the group and Individual Performances. They have prepared well and we know they will excel. Next week Year 11 begin their Preliminary examinations. We wish them all the best as they prepare this week.



On Thursday our LINK students from the TVET Hospitality course catered for the Trainee of the Year Awards. They demonstrated a range of learning in the Hospitality area and very good customer service skills. The LINK students from the construction TVET course demonstrated excellent social skills with their good manners and social graces during morning tea. Well done, they impressed all the invited visitors including Mr Andrew Gee our local member.

Term 3 Week 6 Awards

P & C Awards – Year 7 – Timothy Rava Year 8 – Rawiri Poppe Year 9 – Dylan Fitzgerald Year 10 – Tamkia Muscat Year 11 – Terrance Roach Year 12 – Reece Hill

SRR AWARD Term 3 Week 4 – Congratulations to: Marco van Dijk (Year 7)

Student Achievements – Congratulations to:

Jackson Walster Sievers (Yr 9) has been accepted into the LiveIt Program at Newcastle University. Ethan Millsom has been accepted into a NASA space workshop at Sydney University.

Louise Manwaring - Principal

**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 18th – Fri 29th August

Round 2 – Maximum of 1 ticket

These can be purchased from
Mon 1st – Fri 5th September

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

GOODOOGA INDIGENOUS GAMES

Mudgee High students once again shone at the recent Indigenous Games Day, held at Goodooga Central School on the 7th August. This event involved a three day excursion which took the nineteen students who participated eight hours west; out of their comfort zones and into the arid north western region of NSW where they encountered kangaroos, emus, brolgas and even the local opal miners in Lightning Ridge.

The highlight of the excursion for the students was hard to pin down. Many felt that visiting a region so different to their home was a wonderful opportunity to open their eyes to life outside of Mudgee. They particularly enjoyed swimming in the artesian baths at Lightning Ridge, taking the 'Car Door Tour' to a hand-made castle, the John Murray art gallery, as well as visiting a working opal mine where they attempted to find their fortune 'specing' for opals. Other notable moments included visiting Hebel in QLD for morning tea, bathing at the bore head in Goodooga, making jonny cakes around a campfire, and the unfailing hospitality of the Goodooga school staff who opened their doors to the Mudgee travellers with cheerfulness and generosity.

Although watching every petrol station and supermarket between Mudgee and Goodooga get cleaned out of lollies, soft drink and beef jerky was a remarkable site, the actual highlight for the staff who attended the excursion was seeing the wonderful way our Mudgee students participated whole-heartedly in the Games. The Indigenous Games are a mix of traditional Aboriginal and modern sports and are designed to encourage fun, co-operation, sportsmanship and cultural awareness. Our students excelled in Keentan (like netball), Buroinjin (similar to touch football) and Wana (resembling French cricket), among others. Star players included prize winners Travis Clarkson and Rosie Dray. Special mention must go to Harrison Degoumois who was the recipient of the overall individual fair play award, the team fair play award, as well as being a member of the winning team on the day. In every activity on the excursion the students were curious, open-minded and eager to be involved. They were outstanding ambassadors for this school.

PARENT ON-LINE SURVEY

Mudgee High School has been participating in the Tell Them From Me online student surveys in order to hear directly and anonymously from students and teachers. We ask their views on things that matter to them such as student engagement, student wellness and the school's learning climate to help us in the planning process.

Now we would like to hear from parents/guardians of all of our students to help us understand the views of parents/guardians to provide us with information on how we can work together to provide the best possible educational experience for your child(ren). As such, we are requesting that you complete an on-line survey for parents/guardians by Friday 12th September.

A sample letter is attached and you will soon receive a letter posted to you with the unique Username and Password. I encourage everyone to read the letter and complete the survey.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY - SAMPLE LETTER (Check the post for your letter this week)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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We hope you will take us up on this offer to have your voice heard in an anonymous and direct manner. Your responses are mixed with all the other parent responses so you cannot be identified. It will likely take about 20 to 30 minutes. If you are interrupted, you can leave and come back to it, and nothing will be lost. Using your username and password, you will pick up at the page where you left off. Once the survey is submitted you are unable to return to the survey.

You need to have access to the Internet, type in your browser the following address www.tellthemfromme.com. An alternative way to access the survey will be to log onto the Mudgee High Schools Homepage which will have the link to the Parent Survey. This is a secure site operated by The Learning Bar Inc., a very reputable survey partner. Once you access the secure web site above, you will see a box asking you for your username and password.

Username: will be supplied in your letter

Password: will be supplied in your letter

When you have entered your username and password, click on "login" and you'll go to the parent survey page. Clicking on "Begin Survey" will take you to the first set of questions. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer. However, once you move on to the next page, you cannot go back to change your responses. The questions will ask you what year your child is in. If you have 2 or more children at Mudgee High School please focus on one child and complete the survey with reference to that one child only. If you wish to complete the survey with reference to additional children you have enrolled at Mudgee High School please contact Mr David Roach for additional Username and Password.

When you have completed the survey and submit it, your results are combined with those of other parents in the school, and your results will remain anonymous. The deadline for the survey is 12th September.

If you require assistance with this survey, or do not have Internet access at home or in another location, the school will provide you with access to a computer where you can complete the survey. Please make arrangements with the school office if you need assistance or access. **Please bring your username and password with you so that you are able to access the survey site!** Be assured that we value your voice in our school, and we look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your support.

Louise Manwaring

Principal Mudgee High School

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Year 12 are raising money to support two organisations this year – Lifeskills Plus Ltd Mudgee and Assisi Sister School Fatuberliu East Timor. As part of the fundraising efforts Year 12 are running a raffle.

First prize: Signed 2011 Brumbies jersey – approx. value \$400

Second prize: Carpet Court gift voucher – value \$300

Third prize: Mudgee Friendly Pharmacy gift basket – value \$150

Fourth prize: Isabelle's Trattoria gift voucher – value \$100

Fifth prize: Bella Medi gift voucher – value \$100

Sixth prize: Signed 2014 The Block hoodie – approx. value \$80

Seventh prize: Mitre 10 assorted garden ornaments – value \$80

Tickets are \$2 each.

Raffle to be drawn on Rainbow Day, Thursday 18th September 2014, at Mudgee High School.

You can purchase tickets from Year 12 students or through the HSIE staffroom.

Please support Year 12 in their fundraising efforts.

Community Announcements

MUDGEES SWIMMING CLUB

Registration Nights – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September 2014
4-6pm at the Club House – First Club Night: Tues 7th 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 MUDGEES

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



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
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