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Term 3 – Week 4



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

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

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Principal's Message

The CLC Leadership forum was a great success on Monday and the presentation from former Olympian Lisa Forrest on the many forms of leadership was very well received by the audience. The Alumni Guest Speaker Lara Brett also showed the students that there a lot of possibilities for young people educated in a CLC school and that they need to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities presented to them. The students also enjoyed the workshops on Team Building, "Friends Forever" (Anti-bullying), Stop that Squealing Microphone and Making a Good Speech. Many thanks again to Catherine McNeill and her wonderful team of teacher and student leaders for a very successful day.

The Year 10 Subject Market on Tuesday evening was well attended and parents and students were able to discuss the varying post school pathways as well as get details on the extensive range of courses on offer at Mudgee High School for the HSC. Students now have until the 13th August to finalise their course selections and to get their selection form into the General Office. The school Under 16 Rugby side had a very successful visit to Dubbo on Tuesday for the Western Division Coast to Country Cup. The team played three games and had three decisive wins. They defeated Macquarie Grammar 41 -0, Dubbo College 23 -0 and Saint John's Dubbo 31 -10. The team will now go to Forster on the 15/16th September for the semi-finals of the competition. The team is coached by Stew Thomas and John Tyrrell and managed by Chantal Tyrrell. The boys lost in the grand final last year and hope to go one better in this year's competition.

We said goodbye to our Japanese visitors on Friday after a wonderful two week visit. The staff and students from Osaka Prefecture were involved in a wide range of activities during their stay some with their host families and others as a whole group. A highlight of the group activities was the trip to Featherdale Wildlife Park on Thursday. The staff also enjoyed the dinner at a local restaurant on Saturday night and the excursion to the Drip on Sunday. A special thankyou to Melissa Date and Min Kim for their organisation of the visit and to the host families who helped our visitors feel very welcome in Mudgee and their homes.

The Max Potential Future Leaders Showcase at Club Mudgee on Friday afternoon was very impressive and well attended by the people of Mudgee. Congratulations go to Elisha Cameron, Russell Bulliman, Kaitlyn Yeo, Lucy Hawkins, Tom Brown, Holly Lynch and Aimy Kelly for their efforts in showcasing their achievements in this year's program. Thank you to Club Mudgee for their support of the program and to the other local employers/businesses who allowed their employees or gave their own time to be involved as mentors to the students in the program. A special thank you also, to Fiona Brown and Carol Cockerill-Wright, for their co-ordination of the program in Mudgee.

Next Wednesday Ms Heckendorf, Mr Gianmarco, Mr Browning and 20 students will be heading off to the Goodooga Indigenous Games. This has become an annual event and from past feedback the teachers and students are in for a very enjoyable few days. The students will participate in the games on Thursday with local students and others from visiting schools. The group will also visit sites around Lightning Ridge, including the bore baths, Lunatic Hill, Amigo's Castle and the John Murray Art Gallery.

Term 3 Week 3 Awards

P & C Awards – Year 7 – Ashleigh Robinson, Year 8 – Jacinda Malsem, Year 9 – Adam Miller, Year 10 – Tom Ashton, Year 11 – Lucy Finter, Year 12 – Maddie Quinn

SRR AWARD Term 3 Week 3 – Congratulations to: Monique Moerkerk (Year 9)

*Jim Browning
Deputy Principal*

MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

Monday Homework room

With the Trial Exams quickly approaching, it is pleasing to see many of our HSC students taking advantage of the extra tuition that has been made available by several Mathematics teachers outside of normal class time. This enthusiasm and dedication will hopefully strengthen their chances 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. Any student, Years 7 to 12, requiring extra assistance is also encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

10 into 11 Subject selection

Year 10 students are currently considering subject choices for Year 11, 2015. Choosing the correct Mathematics course is very important. If any student was unable to attend the Subject Market on Tuesday night, they are encouraged to talk to their Mathematics teacher to help make an informed choice.

Mathematics Competition

A small but talented group of Mathematicians will be sitting the Australian Mathematics competition on Thursday 7th of August. Mudgee High has always done very well in this competition and it is expected that this group will do us proud. Best of luck to all to all those students next Thursday. It is hoped that next year more of our talented Mathematicians will take up the opportunity.

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. 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 practised as part of the course. 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 calculators, they will last throughout their time at school and beyond.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

The 2014 Year 12 formal is fast approaching. Whilst the formal is on Friday 21st November, the tickets will be going on sale from Monday 18th August from the front office. The ticket price is \$70 per person and includes a three course meal at Parklands Mudgee.

From Monday 18th August, students will be able to purchase a maximum of four tickets, consisting of one student ticket and three guest tickets. Students will be able to purchase these tickets for a two week period. After this time, students will then be permitted to purchase one additional ticket from Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September. All remaining tickets will then go on sale from Monday 8th September with all ticket sales ending on Friday 12th September. If you have any questions or concerns regarding tickets for the formal please contact the school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Week 4 Personal Space

This week Mudgee High School's PBL focus is *Personal Space* in the Playground. Students are reminded to be sensitive to other student's personal space in the playground. This will reduce issues of safety and respect students' personal feelings. Students are reminded that they are responsible for their actions and are accountable for their actions. Students should keep to the school rules and respect that public spaces are shared by everyone.

CANTEEN NEWS

As of Monday 4th August, students will no longer be able to heat food brought from home. This is due to an increasing number of students bringing food everyday, and it is causing many WHS (Work Health and Safety) issues. We also will no longer fill cups of home brought noodles. Canteen provides a broad range of food to purchase.

YEAR 11 2015 SURVEY

Included in this Newsletter is a survey which has been handed out to the Y10 students, could you please remind your student to make sure they fill it out and return it to the front office by 12th August.

MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL

SUBJECT SELECTION SURVEY SHEET - YEAR 11 2015

Student name:

Current school:

Parent Name:

Parent Email:

Parent Address:

Parent Phone Number:

Welcome to the beginning of the transition process of your education from the Junior School to HSC study. This is an exciting aspect of your education. Your focus now is increasingly on your preparation for post school life. We wish you every success in this process and remind you that success in the HSC is predicated on, application, ability and dedication.

When you select your subjects for Year 11 2015 you must follow the rules which apply to every student in NSW. These are summarised in the bullet points below. English must be included in this selection as it is the only compulsory subject for both the Preliminary and HSC Courses. If you wish to select more than 13 units you must see Mr Eade.

Remember to qualify for an HSC you must:

- include 2 units of English
- include at least 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- include at least 3 courses of 2 unit value or greater
- include at least 4 subjects

To qualify for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) you must have at least 8 units of Category A courses and any other 2 units of Board Developed courses. You are advised to select at least 10 units of Category A courses if you are sure you would like an ATAR. Please submit the subjects you wish to study in YOUR priority order. You should select subjects because you wish to study them and not because a friend is intending to do so. TAFE courses are also to be included in your selection summary and priorities but only as your 13th and 14th units. Remember that TAFE courses conclude at the end of Year11, they are not HSC courses.

Please remember that the subjects you choose here are NOT your final selection. This is a survey to allow us to make up the lines for final selection.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

NAME: _____

1. Please tick one of the following:

I am definitely returning to Yr11

I am possibly returning to Yr11

I am definitely not returning to Yr11

2. Please tick one of the following:

I need an ATAR

I do not need an ATAR

Please complete this section with your selected subjects. Heed the advice given by the teaching staff, your Outline of Senior Courses Handbook and at the Subject Market Evening:

SUBJECT

UNITS

ENGLISH

2 unit Advanced / Standard/ Studies
(Circle One)
(English Studies is not an ATAR subject)

TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS

(Must total 12 units. If you wish to study more than 13 units, other than TAFE, you will need to check with Mr Eade)

Please return to the front office no later than Tuesday 12 August 2104

Community Announcements

MUDGEES RUNNING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY August 24 – Lawson Park

Start training and bring the family down for a great morning

Choose your distance: Marathon 7am; Half Marathon 7am; 5km Fun Run 9am; 10km Fun Run 9am

Festival Shirts available to order; Jumping Castle; BBQ; Food Kiosk; Coffee Van

Register online at MUDGEETRICKLUB.HWY.COM.AU

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