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Term 4 – Week 2



# MHS Newsletter

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## Coming Events:

- Oct 12 – HSC commences
- Oct 14 – Y10 Maths & Science Exam
- Oct 20 – Year 7 into Year 8 Information Evening 6pm Performance Centre
- Oct 26 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Nov 4 – HSC final exam
- Nov 20 – Year 12 Formal 6pm Parklands Resort

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HSC written examinations began today (Monday 12/10) for the Class of 2015. It was a pleasure to see so many beaming faces at the Baptist Hall, ready to do their best, secure in the knowledge that they have prepared as well as possible and that the HSC examinations are an opportunity for each of them to show what they know and what they can do in a space of 2 to 3 hours.

The HSC also began last week for the Class of 2016. Year 11 is the shortest year for all students as it only lasts for three school terms. Our Class of 2016 became Year 12 HSC students on Tuesday.

The challenge for each member of our new crop of Year 12s is to stay on top of their respective workloads and find an effective balance between study, free time and any part-time work in which they may engage. It's all very adult and very much puts the onus on each of them to get this balance right. The mentoring system that has been in place for many years is about to kick-off again too. This puts individual students in contact with teaching staff who have "been there" and "done that". Students are encouraged to work closely with Mr Hatch so as to make the best use of what is a voluntary and yet very effective practice with a proven track record.

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Over the weekend, the following headline appeared in the Sydney press: *Most radicalised Australian teenagers attended public schools.*

Well here's another scoop, and I'm going to borrow from Chris Bonnor, a former state school principal of many years standing and outspoken advocate for public education; more redheads, nurses and footballers have attended state schools. Why? Because two out of every three kids in NSW attend a state school.

Anyway, state schools copped a hammering because, as the article argued, they allow jihadist sentiment to ferment within their walls. A possible solution, spruiked by a sociologist in religion from Southern Cross University within the same paper, was **more** dedicated religious schools where students of the "one faith" can interact "with each other" and talk "about issues" which will all serve as "a vaccination against extremism." Religious apartheid; keep the flocks separate. I must be missing something here as I struggle to see how this will promote tolerance.

A real problem with this argument is of course that, as the My Schools website makes clear, those kids who attend Islamic schools come from above-average socio-educational families. Advantage in family circumstances goes a long way to countering disenfranchisement. The Islamic youth who attend state schools overwhelmingly come from poorer families and, as a result, already experience economic and social marginalisation long before they have started school. It is a tribute to these schools that so very many of their students emerge as productive and valued citizens, people for whom jihadi rhetoric is abhorrent.

There is nothing new about disaffected youth engaging in dangerous behaviours. The first challenge may well be for the wider community – both in the city and beyond the sandstone curtain – to more seriously consider more effective means by which to tackle the root cause; disadvantage.

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 4 WEEK 1 AWARDS

**P & C AWARDS:** No awards this week

**SRR AWARD:** Bowdee RILEY-SHAW (Yr 8)

## MATHEMATICS FACULTY TERM 4

The start of Term 4 is full of activity for our classes.

Year 11 are now starting the HSC component of their senior mathematics courses. The scheduled assessment tasks undertaken in the next 4 terms comprise at least 50% of the final HSC mark. Students are encouraged to ask for assistance if needed and reminded of the Monday after school homework room.

Year 10 are sitting a Yearly Examination on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This will take place in the Gymnasium to give students the experience of a formal examination which covers a wide range of topics such as they will encounter in their senior studies. The Mathematics exam will start at 9.05am, so students are reminded to be at school on time and to move directly to the northern side of the Gymnasium at 9.00am.

Year 8 and 9 will also be tested on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. These tests will be conducted in class and will assess the students' use of basic skills. Calculators will not be permitted in this assessment.

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

Once again Mudgee High School had a small but high quality group of students accepting this challenge. Our results have once again proved that we have a high calibre of students.

Of the 23 students who attempted the competition the achievements included 2 Distinction awards, 8 Credit awards and 10 Proficiency awards, with other students receiving a certificate of participation.

As we are yet to receive the official certificates, names have been withheld, although it is expected that such information will be available very soon.

Congratulations to all students who showed the eagerness to attempt such a rigorous challenge.

## REAL ESTATE VISIT

Towards the end of Term 3, a number of Year 12 Mathematics classes had the opportunity to attend a talk given by one of the local property managers. Steve Goodwin from First National Real Estate provided students with information on leasing a rental property. Steve drew from his extensive experience in property management and also that as a parent of a student who attended university in the city.

Topics covered included the requirements for a lease including ID, bond requirements and referees. The legal obligations and tips to use when choosing a property to lease were also discussed.

Feedback from students was very positive and they found the practical advice very useful for their future.

## HSIE ASSESSMENT TASKS UPDATE

"Do you have any homework to do?" How many times have you asked your child this question? The answer they should be giving you is "Yes, I have some HSIE study to do!" Below is a table of approximate dates for the upcoming HSIE tests and assessment tasks for the junior school.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Task Date</b>
Year 10 Geography	Topic Test	Week 1 or 2
Year 9 Geography	Natural Hazards Oral Presentation and assignment	Week 2
Year 9 History	Topic Test	Week 2
Year 7 Geography	Skills and Topic Test	Week 2
Commerce 2	Topic Test	Week 3
Commerce 4	Topic Test	Week 3
Year 8 History	Topic Test on Vikings and Japan Under the Shoguns	Week 4
Aboriginal Studies Elective	Case Study on Aboriginal Perspectives and Perceptions in Film	Week 4

If you have any questions about any of these tasks or would like to discuss your child's progress in their course, please contact their teacher or the Head Teacher of HSIE Claire Windeyer.



***Bawamarra***  
(Relate news, Communicate)



Applications are open for the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS). If you are an Indigenous student going into year 11 or 12 in 2016 and you have an aptitude for Maths and Science and an interest in Engineering, you should apply.

IAESS runs from 10th-16th January 2016 and is fully sponsored with all activities, accommodation, flights and meals covered by Engineering Aid Australia and The University of Sydney.

The week-long program will involve site visits at key Sydney locations, curriculum exercises and participation in cultural activities. Further highlights include networking opportunities with engineering industry representatives and the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb.

Applications close very soon on Friday, 16th October, 2015.

For more information and application forms please see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom.



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**VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES**



Sport and Recreation are again holding the **Central West Winter Sport Volunteer Award**. It's the end of the winter sporting season, but it's not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded \$250 & \$100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It's a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It's a simple process that won't take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website [sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward) or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

# Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers



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The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October (9am-12pm)**

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**ADULT: \$20**

### WEBSITES

[mudgeerotary.  
wordpress.com](http://mudgeerotary.wordpress.com)

[portal.clubrunner.](http://portal.clubrunner.com)



### DATE

**Wednesday, 21st  
October 2015**

### PROGRAM

**7:00 PM**  
**Wine and cheese**  
**(Included in ticket  
price)**

**7:30 PM**



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