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Term 4 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Oct 26 – P&C Meeting
7pm Library
- Nov 4 – HSC final
exam
- Nov 20 – Year 12
Formal 6pm
Parklands Resort

This issue:

- Principal's Message
- P&C Awards
- Tom Bass Prize for
Figurative Sculpture
- Science News
- Bawamarra
- Sponsor – Glencore
- Community
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

HSC written examinations have continued this week and will do so until November 4. So far, so good with no major dramas to report... this is always a stressful time for students, their families and their teachers. Perhaps the best news has been the feel good comments of students upon exiting their examinations, declaring that they felt well prepared for what was asked of them.

This week's examinations have included or will include Biology, Hospitality, Automotive Studies, Extension 1 English, Agriculture, General Mathematics, Mathematics and Extension 2 Mathematics, Legal Studies, Chemistry, Community and Family Studies, and Software Design and Development... another huge week!

Last week I headed a selection panel that chose a new Deputy Principal for Mudjee High School. It would be fair to say that the selection process was not made easy by the stellar nature of the candidature. It is interesting to consider that because Mudjee is a town of less than 10,000 and more than 100km from the nearest regional centre it is classified as "remote" which connotes thoughts of spinifex and desert sands. Yet as we all know, Mudjee is a great place in which to live. It would seem a great many other people outside of the town feel the same way and, as a result, many excellent applications are often submitted for the positions that become available.

This position was certainly one that did just that.

So, after deliberations that began with a half-day of shortlisting in the first week of school and concluded with a day of interviews and further deliberations that began at 8.15am and concluded at 5.15pm last Tuesday, the panel decided on its preferred candidate.

And although we are still in the 10 day appeal period, I think I can safely announce that the preferred candidate was Mr Richard Finter, who is currently the substantive Deputy Principal at Gulgong High School and who will begin at Mudjee High in 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr David Tooney who has relieved in the position of Deputy Principal for all of this year. Mr Tooney has performed the role exceedingly well. We are all indebted to him for the professionalism he has brought to the role, his preparedness to tackle any issue and his willingness to continue in the role for the remainder of this year.

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 4 WEEK 2 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Yr 7: Riley Leeson & Jess Lynch Yr 8: Benjamin Ward Yr 9: Jack Sewell & Tyarna Dowell Yr 10: Isaac Maynard & Alysha Papps Yr 11: Mitchell Tubnor & Aimee Orchard

SRR AWARD: Charli Hayes (Yr 7)

Tom Bass Prize for Figurative Sculpture



THE TOM BASS PRIZE: \$12,000

YOUTH PRIZE: \$1000

HIGHLY COMMENDED: \$1000

VIEWER'S CHOICE: \$1000

Open to Australian residents 16 years and over, professional and non-professional artists.
All prizes are non-acquisitive.

Entries close 22 January 2016 www.tombassprize.com

As you would know, Tom Bass AM had a particularly close affiliation with the figure and it is with this in mind that we have created the Tom Bass Prize.

In March 2016 the Prize will have its inaugural Exhibition which will be held at Juniper Hall, Paddington, and will run every two years.

Our judges have been finalised and are three prominent and diversified sculptors and educators: Richard Goodwin, Jim Croke and Claire Healy.

- The judges will be looking for sculptures which have been inspired by the human form. Representational as well as abstract, innovative and contemporary interpretations are welcome.
 - There are no restrictions on medium.
- Must have been completed within the last 2 years, i.e. after January 2014.
 - To read all the conditions of entry and apply for the Prize go to: <http://www.tombassprize.com/enternow/>

SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 8

VALID, previously known as ESSA, is a statewide science assessment program based on the NSW Science Years 7-10 Syllabus, which mandates the teaching of science in contexts that assist students to see the relevance of science and to make meaning of scientific knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes. It is mandatory for all Year 8 students in NSW government schools.

The VALID test is an interactive multimedia assessment. In 2015, it will occur **between Monday 9 November and Friday 13 November**. Mudgee High School Year 8 students will do this test on the **13th November 2015** and students are asked to bring their own earphones please.

Students are asked to demonstrate their:

- knowledge and understanding in science
- skills in planning and conducting investigations, including a simulated experiment
- skills in understanding and responding to a range of scientific information in a variety of media (including video, audio, animation graphics and text)
- skills in critical thinking and problem solving.

VALID online contains:

- three extended response tasks
- approximately 80 multiple choice and short response items.

The test results provide information about student achievements which are used to support teaching and learning programs.

Analysis of these results assists school planning and can be used by schools to monitor development of scientific knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes through time.

For further information please visit the link below:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/yr7_12assessments/essa/etestinfo.pdf

YEAR 10

This week, Year 10 will have completed their final assessments for the year. The task was the Open ended Investigation. Students had the opportunity to set up an experiment of their choosing and then report on their results. There have been some interesting and original ideas researched.

On Wednesday 14th October, Year 10 completed their final Examination. The results of this task will form a reasonable percentage of students' overall achievement in Science. This will be reflected in the RoSA Grade given to students if they leave before completing their HSC.



Bawamarra

(to relate news, communicate)



Invitation to meet to discuss indigenous youth incarceration

The Mudgee group of Amnesty International has committed itself to working on our national organisation's five year campaign, Community is Everything. This campaign is drawing attention to the increasing numbers of indigenous youth who are being imprisoned, and in trying to reverse this trend nationally aims to promote the introduction of indigenous-led measures that are proving successful elsewhere in this country.

We will be holding a barbecue on **Thursday, 29th October** to bring together indigenous members of the community, and organisations and individuals who may be already active on this issue, in order to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to explore other alternatives to incarceration.

Our local state member, Mr Troy Grant, and local federal member, Mr Mark Coulton, have been invited to attend.

The barbecue will be held at the **Uniting Church Hall in Mortimer Street, Mudgee, starting at 6.30 pm**. There will be a \$5 charge per person.

Further information on this issue can be found at:

<http://www.amnesty.org.au/indigenous-rights/archive/C10/>

To RSVP call Amnesty Mudgee group convenor Heather Drew on 0432081742 or email amnesty.mudgee@gmail.com

Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers



Preparing you for your P's

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

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 31st October (9am-12pm)

To Book: Ph: 6330 1400 or email

cevans@skillset.com.au

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48A Market Street, Mudgee

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Fantastic opportunity and
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TICKETS

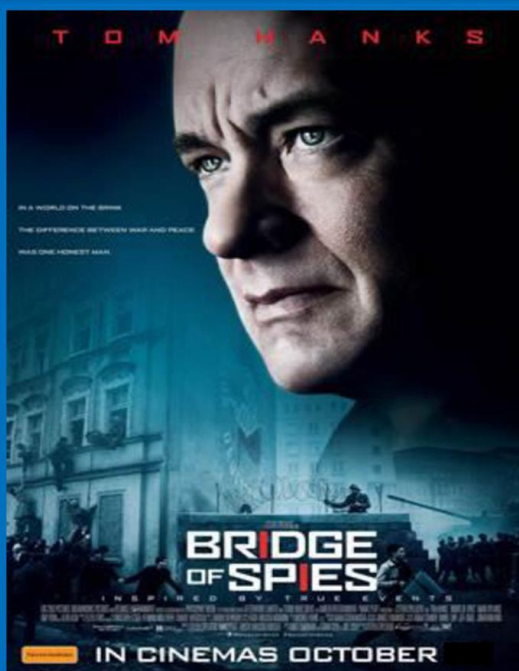
Available at
MUDGEES GUARDIAN
(or at the door unless
sold out)

ADULT: \$20

WEBSITES

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

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



DATE

**Wednesday, 21st
October 2015**

PROGRAM

7:00 PM

**Wine and cheese
(Included in ticket
price)**

7:30 PM



All profits matched by Bill Gates Foundation \$2 to \$1 to eradicate polio worldwide

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 its 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 (25years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroot 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 wont 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 or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.

Get More Skills



Start thinking about a good life

- **Hear** about changes to the disability support system and what it will mean for you
- **Talk** about planning and things to consider for your life
- **See** what some people are already doing.



Lunch will be provided.

My Choice Matters workshops are fully accessible.



MUDGEES WORKSHOP Tuesday 24th November

10.00am - 2.00pm

Club Mudgee
99 Mortimer Street,
Mudgee, NSW, 2850

For people with disability, their families and carers. Registration essential. Get in touch if you have any support or dietary needs.

To Register



1800 144 653



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MUDGEES CYCLE CLUB - TRY TRACK - MONDAY EVENINGS

With the re-surfacing of the velodrome and improved lighting, Mudgee Cycle Club would like to invite you to try track cycling.

We conduct races for beginners and experienced riders. A BBQ also operates for riders and spectators

Day and Time: Every Monday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Location: Perry St, Velodrome, Opposite Mudgee High School.

All ages welcome. No upfront fee.

For more information contact David 0498 338480 or Nicolette 0427 726852

TRIATHLON SEASON IS HERE AGAIN!

Our first race is on Sunday 18th October & we would love to see some new faces. Choose between our:

Short Course 150m swim, 6km bike & 2km run OR

Long Course 300m swim, 18km bike & 3km run

You can compete as an individual or as a team so grab some friends and bring them down to Lawson Park on Sun 18th October.

This year it's only \$36 for juniors to become a member of our club, then all club races are FREE.

For more details visit www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au or send us a message on Facebook.

RUNNING TRAINING SESSIONS:

All junior members of the Mudgee Triathlon Club are invited to participate in our new **Running Training** sessions held on Wednesday's 5pm @ Lawson Park (commencing from 14th Oct and running during school terms).

The session will be led by local triathlete (& winner of Mudgee's 2015 marathon) Matt Webster and will include a series of drills and activities specifically targeted towards juniors. Please note: For insurance purposes only current junior members of the Mudgee Tri Club are able to participate.

For more details visit www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au or send us a message on Facebook.