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Coming Events:

- Oct 6 Staff and Students return
- Oct 8 Vaccinations Year 7 (third)
- Oct 12 HSC commences
- Oct 14 Y10 Maths & Science Exam
- Oct 26 P&C Meeting 7pm Library

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- Principal's Message
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Unfavourable fortune or fate we call adversity.

And adversity comes in all shapes and sizes.

So whether it's a jaw-breaking kick in the teeth or a mere slap to the back of the head, it can be called adversity.

That isn't to say adversity isn't entirely without benefit. Adversity can show us the true colours of those we count as friends, separating the wheat from the chaff.

Adversity can also tell us much about ourselves when we have time to pause and reflect on how we have reacted to a particular adversity.

On Thursday morning 17/9, the morning our Year 12s were to operate their Rainbow Day roadside donation stations, our very good friends at the Mudgee Rescue Squad were called upon to attend a serious car accident between Mudgee and Gulgong. The Mudgee Rescue Squad operates the Stop/Slow signs that are necessary to such an operation as the donation stations and without them the stations cannot proceed.

Phone calls were made to various bodies such as Mid-Western Council, the RFS and SES, but they too were either attending the accident or could not, despite their best efforts, gain permission from their superiors in Sydney to take on the role because of insurance issues.

Directing staff from the school informed the students at the three stations of the situation and of course they were disappointed, but not a one of them complained. There was no wailing or gnashing of teeth. They understood that our rescue squad is first and foremost a rescue squad and that was what it was doing.

The students were advised to man remain available as our changed traffic plan was in force until 09.15 and there was still a chance that the stations could be opened.

Detective Whiteside from the Mudgee LAC arrived at the Church Street station and was quick to offer what assistance the police could provide. Mid-Western Council provided staff to open the station on the Ulan Road and Mudgee Rescue Squad staff, returning from the accident cold and hungry, gave up thoughts of breakfast and a shower so as to open the station in Market Street.

And all the while, the station announcer at 2MG/Real FM kept the wider community aware of the situation and its ultimate resolution.

By 08.45, all stations were up and going and the response from the community was, as it always has been, magnificent.

The response of the kids and the good people of the wider Mudgee community to what was an unprecedented Rainbow Day adversity was simply brilliant. It demonstrated so very much about the community in which we all live.

Well done all, and thank you all very much!

Wayne Eade Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 10 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Year 7 – Alexander Fothergill, Year 8 – Emily King, Year 9 – Megan Mason, Year 10 – Chloe Staub, Year 11 – Blake Stanley, Year 12 – Verity Morley

SRR AWARD WEEK 10: Adam Callaghan (Yr 11)

RAINBOW DAY — 2015











PICTURE BOOKS

Miss Eslick's Year 8 English class spent a number of weeks last term looking into the world of picture books. During this unit, students learnt about the many facets that make up the average picture book. Using a number of Shaun Tan's books, such as *The Arrival*, *The Rabbits* and *The Lost Thing*, students discovered how an author/illustrator composes their work for a specific purpose, using images and words to convey meaning.

After they had developed the necessary knowledge and skills, students were asked to create their own picture book that delivered a message to their target audience. Each student is to be commended for their dedication and application during class in composing their own text.

Below are some photographs of what students produced.

Elizabeth Cain weaved a created tale about Mariah in her book, The Magic Thread Weaver Girl -



Hannah Boland spent her time illustrating her story during class and then submitted her book after she had transformed her pencil drawings into digital art in her text, *Love you to the Moon and back* -



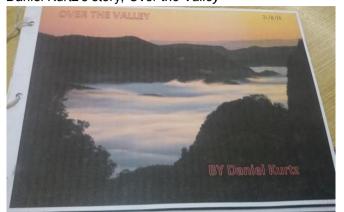


Milla Jones successfully conveyed the possibilities of one's imagination in her book, Imagination -



Here are the covers of a few more books:

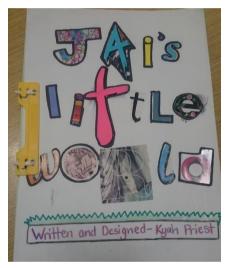
Daniel Kurtz's story, Over the Valley -



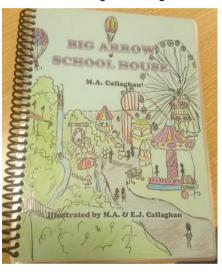
Ethan Reinhard's Rain Drops have Feelings Too -



Jai's Little World, composed by Kyah Priest -



Mackenzie Callaghan's Bog Arrow School House



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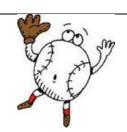
Mudgee Little Athletics will be holding a registration/activities night on Friday, 9 October 2015 from 7-9pm. Alternately you can register online via http://www.lansw.com.au Competition will commence on Friday, 16th October, running until the end of March 2016. Contact Kieren on 0488103807 or Toni on 0418722596 for more information.

Mudgee Softball Registration

The 2015-2016 Summer softball competition starts 10th October. Registration days will be held at Westend on :• Wednesday 16th September 4-5.30

- Thursday 8th October 4-5.30

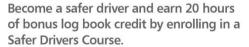
For more information email mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com



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