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MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- Nov 17-19 MHS HSC 2015 Exhibition at the Stables Gallery
- Nov 20 Year 12 Formal 6pm Parklands Resort
- Dec 2 SRC School Social 7pm-10pm in the Gym
- Dec 10 MHS Presentation Evening from 7pm in the Gym
- Dec 13 Dec 16 Year 11 Camp
- Dec 16 HSC results available via students online
- Dec 16 Final day for students

2016

- Jan 28 Years 7, 11 & 12 commence
- Jan 29 Years 8, 9 & 10 commence

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week I invited you all to take the time to visit our *HSC 2015 Exhibition* at The Stables. While I had the dates right, I failed to mention that the event will open this evening (Monday 16/11) at 6pm. As already stated, it is a really good opportunity to inspect personally the accomplishment of our Visual Arts, Timber, Multi-media, and Textiles and Design students. The students who have contributed to the display are a creative lot and the diversity of what is on show combined with the incredible attention to detail will delight. The event will take place at *The Stables* from 17-19 November.

In related news, Tianna Murkins' Textiles Major Work has been included in *Texstyles 2015*, an exhibition of Major Works at a state level. This is quite an accomplishment and reflects not only on the effort Tianna has put into her work but also the work of Mrs Bailey, her Textiles teacher.

Additionally, the Industrial Technology Timber works of Jake Abend, Luke Dunstall and Thomas Smith have been short listed for inclusion in the *Intech* display at the 2016 *Working with Wood* show at Homebush, as well as a Powerhouse Museum display of Year 12 Major Works. These too will be on display.

Gonski – Part II

What else has Gonski funding allowed us to do this year?

It has permitted us more than \$40,000 additional spending across all faculty areas to purchase items and materials for use with students who are enrolled now. Many of these resources will continue to be used by students well into the future. This has resulted in things like more new texts, better microscopes and more of them in Science, 3D printers in technology... resources that facilitate better preparation of our students for a world in need of lateral, creative thinkers.

With assistance from the P&C and through the use of Resource Allocation Model monies, we have also been able to put additional interactive whiteboards in classrooms. These devices facilitate more engaging lessons and are a far leap from the more traditional blackboard and chalk so many parents would remember from their own school days.

Gonski money has allowed us to run at least one additional VI class – Aboriginal Studies – by employing additional staff. Gonski money has allowed us to part-fund several excursions so as to lighten the financial load for students who through no fault of their own may not have been able to participate.

A funding model that recognises that the playing field never was level and, through very detailed calculations, determines funding not on the principle of everyone getting the same but rather everyone getting what they need is what this great nation has always been about; a fair go.

Wayne Eade Principal

TERM 4 WEEK 4 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Yr 7: Phoebe Hines Yr 8: Bowdee Riley-Shaw Yr 9: Ryan Biffin Yr 10: Katelyn Barwick Yr 11: Alana Fleming

SRR AWARD: Emma Pooley (Yr 10)



Mudgee High School Year 12 student Terrance Roach has landed his dream job as a Greenkeeper/Sports Turf Apprentice with Mid-Western Regional Council Parks and Gardens Department, thanks to his great work ethic and a

School Based Traineeship Program hosted by Mudgee High School and managed by Skillset Workforce.

Terrance completed a Certificate II Agriculture School Based Traineeship with Mudgee High School through Skillset during Years 11 & 12. In June, Terrance was awarded the Skillset Mudgee Trainee of the Year Award and then in August in Bathurst at Skillset's regional awards, was recognised with a Joyce Hawkes Achievement Award.

The School Based Program meant that Terrance had real life workplace experience as well as a head start in his horticulture studies and this made him an ideal candidate for Council's apprenticeship role. A great side effect of a school based traineeship is that candidates get a start in the workforce, whilst still being able to complete their HSC. Business gets the benefit of a committed trainee one day a week in the workplace.



Terrance on the job with Mid-West Councils Parks & Gardens

Skillset Workforce Regional Manager Annette Rhodes said "Terrance was an outstanding school based trainee, and the skills and experience he gained through that experience certainly helped him win the job with Council. This is exactly the kind of school to work model we recommend for businesses who want the best recruits – we start them as school based apprentices or trainees while they are still at school and then when they have left school they transition to a full time role with all that learning already under their belt and the knowledge that you have someone you know is a good fit for you and your organisation".

Council are delighted to be working in partnership with Skillset to provide employment to local school leavers and Mudgee High School is proud of the calibre of their students and the opportunities they provide them with. Terrance is a great example of our local community working together to provide our young people with the best future possible.

For more information about Skillset Workforce please call Annette Rhodes on 0428 257 557.

HSC 2015 Exhibition

Opening 6pm Monday 16th November Stables Gallery, Market Street

> **Exhibition Times:** 17th – 19th November **10.00am – 4.00pm** Tue – Wed **10.00am – 3.00pm** Thur

This Exhibition celebrates the very high standard of works by Mudgee High School's Visual Art, Textile and Design, Industrial Technology, Multi Media and Society and Culture students of 2015. Catering for opening organised by MHS Hospitality students



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