

Monday

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Term 4 – Week 8



# MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- 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

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week 8!

You'd think things would be winding down at this time of the year, but nothing could be further from the truth. In addition to the 1000 plus lessons that will occur this week, under 15s Western Netball Knockout will take place, as well as the Dunn Swamp PD08 excursion from Wednesday to Friday. There will be an "Engineering Without Borders" presentation for senior students, Open Boys Cricket, a Link Prospectus meeting for Year 9 students, the Special Ed. Students will be off to Ilford PS for their annual Christmas get together, there's a "Beef Tour" for our Aggies... busy times. In addition, the HSC class of 2017 has assessment tasks due for completion and submission in these final weeks of term because for them, their HSC year began just seven short weeks ago.

Last Friday – a crazily hot day over which I swear I had no control – we farewelled the Class of 2015 at Parklands. It was a great night and from all reports enjoyed both all present. There were frocks and suits, coiffed engineering feats and perilous heels, and the customary speeches butted up against slide shows that demonstrate just how much the young people in our care change so very much in six short years.

A highlight of the evening was the delivery of the cheques made possible by the fund-raising efforts of our Class of 2015. The Mudjee District Hospital Maternity Ward received \$20,000, while the Mudjee Police Citizens Youth Club received \$15,000. The hard work of so very many Year 12 students and the generosity of the Mudjee community made these substantial donations possible. In addition, the students were also able to make a sizeable donation to "Rhiannon's Wish for Wheels", a local charity effort to raise funds to help purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle for local girl, Rhiannon Taylor.

Hard not to be proud of the efforts both made and realised.

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It is worth noting in these pages that former Mudjee High student Grace Segal (Class of 2009) finished her medical training this week just passed. She is now Dr Grace Segal. The message to take from this news is simple; as a student of Mudjee High, if you possess the requisite drive, you can achieve anything to which you set your mind.

Another reason to be proud of Mudjee High School.

Wayne Eade  
Principal

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## TERM 4 WEEK 4 AWARDS

**P & C AWARDS:** Yr 7: Ned Dickson Yr 8: Grace Angel Yr 9: Rachael Green  
Yr 10: Olivia Webb Yr 11: Isabella Ghanem

**SRR AWARD:** Sarah Rohr (Yr 10)

## MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

It has been a busy year for the Mudgee High School Chess Teams. We entered the Country Schools Chess competition with a team of four and travelled to Dunedoo to play our first round. Despite their valiant efforts the team was narrowly defeated 2.5 – 1.5 with Edward Zhong winning his match up and William Bates managing to lure his opponent into a draw. The second round of the competition saw us host St Marys from Wellington. Dylan McFarlane managed to defeat their number one but the rest of the team proved too strong for us and we were unfortunately out of the competition. The team entered in this competition consisted of Dylan McFarlane, Edward Zhong, Levi Leighton and William Bates. In Term 3 a new team of 3 was formed consisting of Edward Zhong, Daniel Trevethan and Conor England. This team headed off to Dubbo to compete in the NSW Junior Chess Tournament. This is a huge event with schools from all over the western area entering into the one day competition. The boys played really well, securing a couple of wins and draws. They gained a wealth of experience which will put them in good stead for next year's competitions.



## GIRLS TENNIS

The girl's tennis team has done really well in the Western Area Tennis knockout this year making it to the semi - finals in Parkes. The girls knocked out Dunedoo and Dubbo on the way to the finals and played some really high quality tennis. They were unfortunately knocked out of the competition by a very strong West Wyalong team. The girls' team was made up of Alleginah Hornery, Rachel Sharpe, Emily O'Connor, Emily Barnes, Azrun Paulson and Sally Cook. Their sportsmanship was a credit to the school.





## TVET OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

A number of Mudgee High Yr 12 2016 students participated in a 10 day Outdoor Recreation course in the Blue Mountains recently. The students enjoyed tent accommodation for part of the time and were involved in a range of activities including abseiling, canyoning and canoeing, all of which put them outside their comfort zones.

The students received high praise from the camp supervisors for their participation, teamwork and leadership skills. The program also required a significant amount of resilience as some of the activities and situations proved quite challenging.

A number of schools undertook the program though the Mudgee High students came in for special mention for their cheerful willingness to give everything a go and the commendable manner in which they encouraged and supported each other.

These students were a credit to themselves and the school.



## TUTORING TUESDAYS

In English we are starting an after school tutorial to help our students. It will run on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 in K06 (next to the English staffroom) and all students from all years are welcome. They can come for a 5 minute clarification or stay for an hour of intensive help.

This is opportunity for our students to access the over 150 years of English study and teaching experience held by the English staff. We will help with homework and assessment tasks, give advice about improving work and help students to edit their writing.

If your son or daughter is having difficulty with something in English, encourage them to come along. We can help.

## YEAR 10 – GETTING READY FOR NEXT YEAR!

Our Year 10 classes will change on Monday. Students will move into new groups based on their course selection for 2016. Traditionally students get a little 'flat' towards the end of year 10 and start to feel that they've finished. We hope that the challenge of different classes, different teachers and new approaches will give them a boost.

Those students who elected to do Advanced English next year will undertake an intensive study of Satire with Miss Tetley and Mrs Davies. They will learn about the origins and purposes of satire, examine cartoons and sketch comedy as well as satirical literary text. We hope they will enjoy the challenge of this thought-provoking genre.

Standard students have had opportunity to choose between analytical and creative writing styles. Mrs Daniels and Miss Heckendorf will lead two classes focused on analytical writing; mainly essays, but also some blogs or opinion pieces. They will base their work on relevant current issues. Mr Hayward will take the creative writing group and will lead students through the process of writing for the HSC. It will be mainly narrative, but may include journal and personal reflective writing. These topics have been chosen to help students to be confident in their writing styles.

The world of documentary will be the focus for students who chose English Studies for their senior course. Mr McNeill and Mrs Willetts will help students to develop their understanding of both the way documentaries tell stories and the serious issues they explore. The material studied is all chosen to be interesting and relevant for students and will help them become great global citizens.

**Take home message: interesting, relevant lessons for every student every day to the end of the year!**



### **Need assistance with your English?**

The English faculty is running an **after school** tutoring and homework help on Tuesday afternoons **until 4:30pm in K06**.

Come along and receive help with your class work, assignments, homework or just to ask a question.

**All years** are encouraged to attend and you can stay a little while or the whole hour.

*See you there!*



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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### Welcome the world to your home!

Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in February and they require volunteer host families for their stay in New South Wales.

Make a friendship that can last a lifetime. Participants come for 5 months to 11 months and attend high schools and become an active member of the school, community and your family. They come from countries including France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Japan, Costa Rica, Argentina and Brazil.

If you are interested in going on an exchange overseas we would also love to hear from you to discuss the opportunity of becoming an exchange student.

For more information please call **Sharon Toohey on 02 9215 0077**, [aus.hosting@afs.org](mailto:aus.hosting@afs.org) or contact the AFS Hosting team on 1300 131 736 or visit [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host) to make an inquiry!

#### MUDGEES NETBALL ASSOCIATION DEBUTANT BALL - 2016

On behalf of Mudgee Netball Association, I would like to inform students aged 16 years and over to express their interest to participate in the Mudgee Netball Association Debutant Ball on the proposed date of 26th March 2016 which is to be confirmed.

Students and/or parents are invited to attend an information night on Thursday 10th December 2016 from 6pm - 7pm at the Mudgee Netball Association Clubhouse at Glenn Willow Sporting Complex. The information night is to inform the Debutants of what commitments are involved before choosing to participate in the Deb Ball as well as a chance for the Debutants especially, to express their ideas and discuss what they would like to obtain from 2016 Deb Ball to ensure it is a successful and enjoyable Ball for all Debutants.

Please RSVP your attendance to the information night to Rachel Jackson on [rachjack@icloud.com](mailto:rachjack@icloud.com) or 0402 378 702. Text messages are welcomed. If you are unable to attend the information night, please don't hesitate to contact me anyway if you would like to express your interest to participate in 2016 Deb Ball to ensure you don't miss out."

# LOST WORLDS

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## Summer Reading Program

2015-2016

You could win these awesome prizes!!

### Preschool & Infants Prizes

Milkshake Maker \*\* Mousetrap board game \*\* Minions  
dvd & book pack \*\* Dr Seuss Classic Collection \*\* Disney  
Magical book set \*\* Pig the Pug book and toy set

### Junior Prizes

Slushie Maker \*\* Jenga Quake game \*\* Diary of a Wimpy  
Kid dvd & book pack \*\* Roald Dahl Treasury \*\* 26-  
Storey Treehouse set \*\* My Explosive box of books

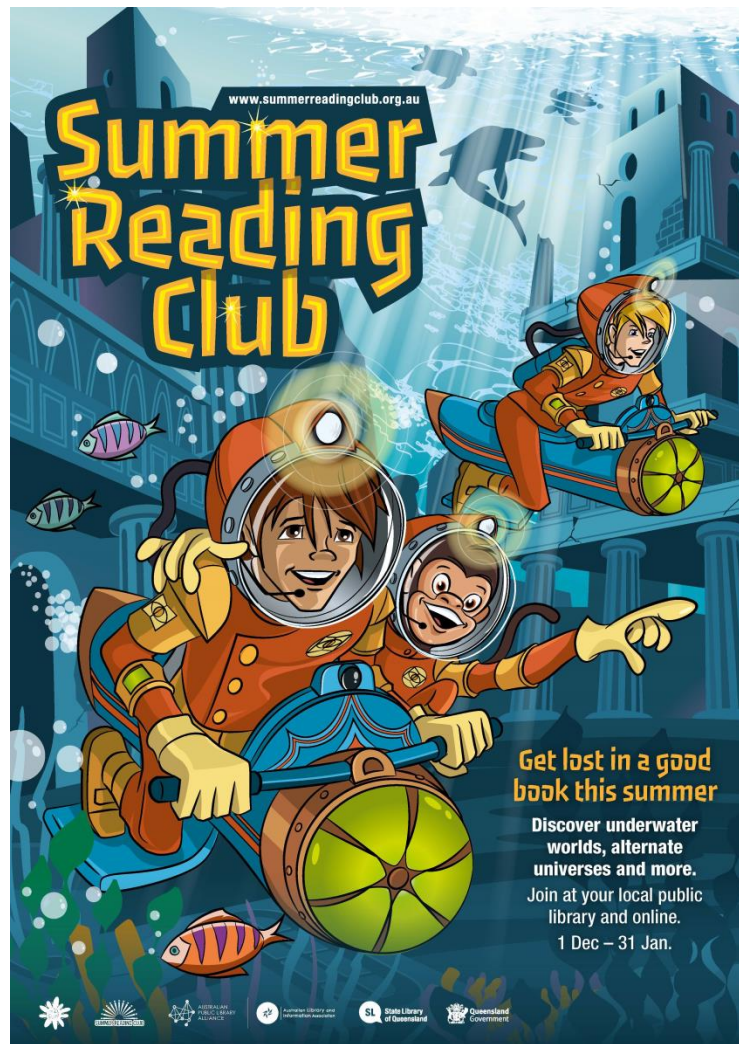
### Senior Prizes

Bluetooth Alarm Clock \*\* Shout game \*\* Maze Runner  
dvd & book pack \*\* John Green dvd & book pack \*\*  
Divergent Series box set \*\* Impossible Quest Series box set

and a MAJOR PRIZE of an iPad Mini

Plus a great Parent's Prize, too!

OVER \$1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES!





# TOWN HALL CINEMA

\*\*\* SHOWING December 4th, 5th & 6th 2015 \*\*\*

Tickets on sale Monday 30th November at all Council  
offices



## SESSION TIMES

**The Dressmaker**

Friday Dec 4th	7.00pm
Saturday Dec 5th	4.30pm
Saturday Dec 5th	7.00pm
Sunday Dec 6th	4.30pm

**Blinky Bill**

Saturday Dec 5th	11.00am
Saturday Dec 5th	2.00pm
Sunday Dec 6th	11.00am
Sunday Dec 6th	2.00pm

## TICKET PRICES

Adults:	\$14.00
Children/Concession:	\$10.00
Children under 5 years:	Free

Tickets available at Mid-Western Regional Council offices from Monday 30th November 2015 or at the door (if not sold out prior).

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