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Term 4 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Nov 12 – Yr 7 2016 Orientation tour of school 6pm
Information session 7pm Performance Centre
 - Nov 17-19 MHS HSC 2015 Exhibition at the Stables Gallery
 - Nov 20 – Year 12 Formal 6pm Parklands Resort
 - 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

Tomorrow night – Tuesday 10/11, there will be an information evening for parents and students regarding **Japan 2017** – our proposed two week cultural visit to Japan in April, 2017. Be aware that attending the session does not demand a commitment on your part. It is instead a chance to make an informed decision about what has been in the past a brilliant cultural opportunity for students at Mudgee High. The information evening will begin at 6pm and take place in the school library, accessed from Horatio Street.

On Thursday this week, we will host the Year 6 students of our partner primary schools on a full-day transition day. The purpose of the day is to give the Class of 2021 a taste of high school life, complete with lessons, the same regular breaks that the older high school students enjoy and the freedom to look about at what will be their new educational environment from the beginning of next year.

On Thursday evening 12/11, parents of **Year 6** students who will begin at Mudgee High next year are invited to come to the school for a guided tour of the facility that will precede an information session as we all prepare for next year. For those parents returning to their alma mater, those who attended this fine institution “back in the day”, it is an opportunity to see just how much the place has change – and what has remained the same – in the hour before our information evening. The tours kick-off at 6pm and the information evening will begin at 7pm in the Performance Centre. Access is from Denison Street.

I would like to invite all of the readers of the Mudgee High School newsletter to the HSC 2015 Exhibition. It is a great opportunity to inspect firsthand the accomplishment of our Visual Arts, Timber, Multi-media, and Textiles and Design students. The creativity, diversity and sheer attention to detail are all sure to delight. The event will take place at **The Stables** from 17-19 November.

Gonski – Part I

What has Gonski funding allowed us to do this year?

It has allowed us to employ extra support learning officers to assist students who struggle with the basics of literacy and numeracy. Survival in this world demands at least a modicum of skill with both words and numbers. For a host of reasons, not all students who arrive here in Year 7 have those skills. Being able to develop said skills in students makes them more likely to succeed in later life, making society the winner too.

In computing we have been able to update our robotics equipment, providing students (and more of them) with the opportunity to become both familiar with and experiment with the latest technology in this innovative field.
More next week.

Wayne Eade
Principal

YEAR 6 INTO 7 ORIENTATION DAY

This Thursday 12th November Year 6 students will be attending Mudgee High for an orientation day. Students must arrive by 9am wearing their sports uniform. The day will conclude at 3.25pm. Following this day, parents are invited to an information evening in the Performance Centre. The evening will commence at 6pm with a tour of the school. The information session will follow at 7.00pm.

TERM 4 WEEK 4 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Yr 7: Matthew Adams Yr 8: Ryan Staub Yr 9: Jasmin Morrison
Yr 10: Chaz Gillespie Yr 11: Emily Wake

SRR AWARD: William Wiseman (Yr 7)

JAPANESE

HIRAGANA SKILLS

(ひらがな)

Year 7 students have been applying themselves to the task of learning Hiragana. This is the most basic of three writing systems in Japanese and can be used to write the entire language except for words of foreign origin. It consists of 46 main characters and all classes have been working through a variety of tasks designed to develop their recognition and writing skills. Students are particularly enjoying our game activities. Karuta, a card game like 'snap,' is proving very popular. We have been very impressed with the engagement of students in these lessons.

Learning to read and write using this script is quite an achievement and students deserve to be very proud of their efforts. The focus in class now, is to continue to introduce the remaining characters in the chart and to reinforce those already learned. Students need to ensure they continue to revise the hiragana characters, on a regular basis at home, to cement their knowledge.

In upcoming weeks, Ms Date's and Ms Kim's classes will try their hand at SHOODO (Japanese calligraphy). Students will have an opportunity to test their skills at using traditional brushes and ink stones and writing on rice paper. They will also be practising their skills by reading some simple Japanese children's stories.



VISIT FROM OUR FRIENDSHIP SCHOOLS

Mudgee High School hosted another successful visit from our friendship schools in Japan. 18 students and 3 teachers from Suita Higashi High School, Ohkanmuri Senior High School and Hokusetsu-Tsubasa High School spent 11 nights with host families and enjoyed a full program of activities.

Having travelled from their rather hot and humid summer, the group found the cold weather of Mudgee a little difficult to adjust to but did not let it dampen their spirits. The school program included ESL lessons, class integration, a walk around the town of Mudgee, an excursion to Dubbo Zoo, a visit to the school farm, a visit to 5/6N at Mudgee Public School, sport activities and souvenir shopping at a Rotary sponsored gift shop.

On the middle weekend of their visit, a number of families made their way out to 'The Drip' for a bushwalk and picnic. Our Japanese guests never get to experience such beautiful bushland and they were particularly impressed by the ever changing scenery throughout the walk. Another unique experience for the students was our stunning night sky, littered with bright, shiny stars. Their gasps of wonderment serve to remind us that we really are blessed to live in such a gorgeous place.

The tour culminated in a farewell party for all host families and their new family members. The Japanese group entertained us with a traditional theatre demonstration, dance performances, some traditional songs and Japanese games. On the last day of their school visit, we hosted a 'cultural exchange', enjoying more games, singing and dancing.



JAPAN TRIP 2017

The time has come to start, in earnest to prepare for Mudgee High School's third visit to Japan. Ms Date and Ms Kim are inviting students from Year 9 to Year 12 (in 2017) to join them for a twelve day tour of Japan in April 2017 (school holidays after Term 1).

Naturally, priority will be given to students studying Japanese as an elective. However, to assist with numbers, it may be possible for ex Japanese students or those who have hosted our inbound Japanese visitors to join us. To get the ball rolling we are holding a Parent/Student information evening this Tuesday, November 10th starting at 6pm in the school Library. (Please enter from Horatio Street).

An invitation is extended to all interested families to come along and learn about what we have planned for the tour, estimated costs and what will be involved. Invitations have been handed to students who expressed an interest in this trip. We look forward to seeing as many keen travellers as possible and are very excited about offering this fantastic opportunity to travel and experience a different culture.



Ms Date, Ms Kim



Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

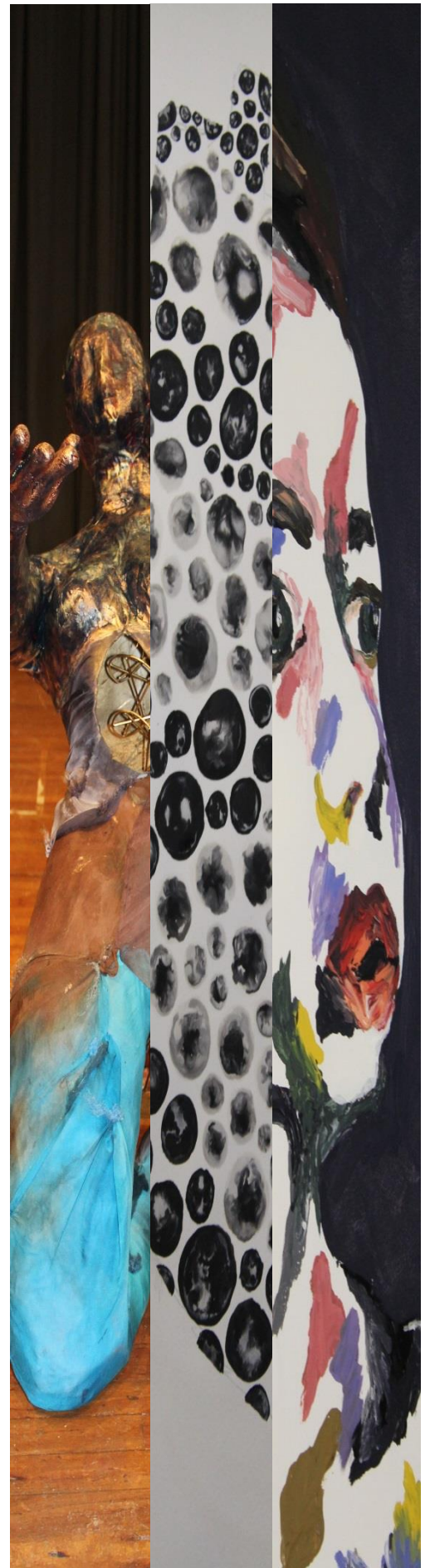
Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

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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Year 10 'LOVE BITES' Parent Information

The Love Bites sexual assault and domestic violence prevention program is going to be run for Year 10 in conjunction with the PD/H/PE core subject. Outlined below is some information for you on the program. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Karen Quinn at Mudgee High School.

What is Love Bites?

- Love Bites is an extremely successful, school-based sexual assault, domestic and family violence prevention program that has evolved on the Mid Coast of NSW
- Over 10,000 high school students throughout NSW have participated in this interactive and innovative program aimed at Year 10 students.

The Love Bites Program consists of two interactive workshops on sexual assault and family / domestic violence and then workshops that consolidate the information from the morning workshops by working alongside the students to produce artworks that will then be printed on posters, coasters and resources for the students and community.

The artworks, music and radio advertisements from all students are used to develop a local campaign to challenge violence against women in the community. This campaign is led and delivered by young people.

The Love Bites program presents a consistent approach to the issues of violence against women and children that is firmly focused on factual statistical information that consistently confirm that sexual assault and domestic violence are gender issues as women are overwhelmingly the victims of men's violence and that men are overwhelmingly the perpetrators of this violence. Love Bites advocates that young people can change these statistics and can make different choices, resolve issues in non-violent ways and can develop respectful relationships.

The program will involve all of Year 10 who will be placed into three groups. Each group will then participate in a one day workshop that will take place over three days in Week 6, Term 4.

Group 1: Monday 16th November

Group 2: Tuesday 17th November

Group 3: Wednesday 18th November

Students will need to bring their own morning tea but lunch will be provided. If your student has any special dietary requirements or questions, please see Mrs Quinn by Wednesday 11th November.

Please return this note ONLY if you do not wish your student to participate in this program. If this is the case your student will need to return this note by WEDNESDAY 11th November 2015.

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I _____ (Parent / Guardian) **do not** wish my student

_____ (Student) to participate in the Love Bites program.

I understand that my student will still be required to attend school and follow the directions of teachers on this day regarding alternative arrangements.

_____ (Parent/Gaurdian Signature)

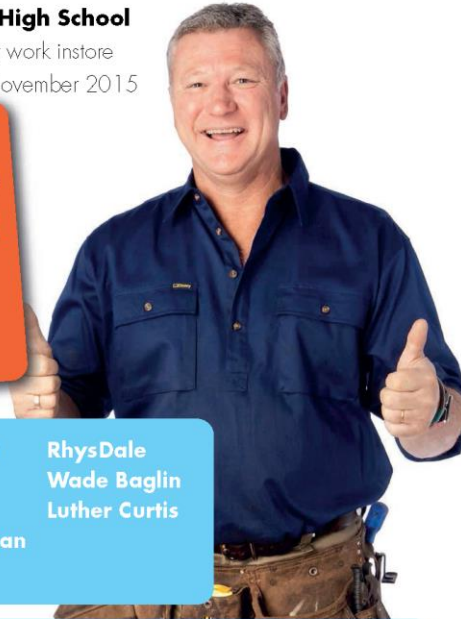
VOTE & WIN!

PETRIES MITRE 10 SCHOOL TRADE AWARDS 2015

Mudgee High School & Kandos High School

Year 12 Students will be displaying their work in store
Monday 2 November – Thursday 12 November 2015

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
A \$50 MITRE 10
GIFT VOUCHER**
Vote for your
favourite piece to
go in the draw!



Zoe Da Roza
Luke Dunstall
Jesse Lewis
Rhyan McNair
Jayden Roberts

Thomas Smith
Josh Thurlow
Amy Young
Angus Loughnan
Coen Herbert

Rhys Dale
Wade Baglin
Luther Curtis

**AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT PETRIES MITRE 10
THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015 6PM – 7PM**

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Mudgee Interclub Triathlon

Sunday 15th November 2015

Full details:
www.mudgeetriclub.hwy.com.au

Little Devils

Start 8am

Big Devils

Start 8.20am

Inter-Club

Run 2k, Swim, 250m, Bike 17k, Swim
150m, Run 2km. Starts 9am

**Members and non-members invited to
participate**

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