

Monday

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Term 4 – Week 10



# MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Dec 10 – Yr 7 Concert  
12.20pm in the  
Performance Centre
- Dec 10 – MHS  
Presentation Evening  
from 7pm in the Gym
- Dec 11 – Gold Reward  
Day excursions
- 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 10!

Another big week!

Presentation evening is on this Thursday, 10/12. This year we've given ourselves a challenge. Celebrate the many achievements and good things that have occurred at Mudjee High School in 2015, while keeping it all to 90 minutes! Many modern motion pictures now exceed 120 minutes, so 90 minutes should be a breeze. We look forward to your company and will kick-off at 7pm. Be aware too that there will be no "entry of the official party" as has occurred in previous years, so you'll need to be seated and ready to go without that anachronistic warning. On Friday 11/12, Year 8, 9 and 10 are off on their respective Gold Reward Day excursions. Gold Reward Day celebrates the on-going commitment of those students who come to school each day and get on with the business of learning, and it is learning that lies at the heart of what all good schools are about.

The other big event on Friday is the annual Driver Ed. Day hosted by the PCYC for our Year 11 students. This is always a powerful day as those who are either new to driving or on the long trek to achieving their Provisional Licences discover just how demanding and potentially dangerous driving can be. A driver's licence is a privilege, not a right, and this course drives home the very real need to be both alert and responsible at all times when behind the wheel.

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*There was movement at the station, for the word had passed around  
That the colt known as Dave Tooney had got away...*

If you've heard that Mr Tooney, Head Teacher Mathematics, has secured the Deputy Principal's position at Gulgong High School, then you've heard correctly. Mr Tooney has been HT Maths at Mudjee High for eleven years and while this certainly does not make him the longest serving teacher on staff, he has become a bit of an institution in his own right. This will be an excellent move for him, not least because it will bring his work and home closer together, but because it recognises the very many leadership and management skills he brings to the job. Well done!

Equally exciting news is that our librarian, Mrs Parrotta, has been successful in her application for the Head Teacher Special Education position at Mudjee High. Mrs Parrotta has made some dramatic and well-received changes to the library in her time as librarian. She brings a very rich background in Special Education at a number of schools, including Mudjee High School, to the position of Head Teacher and is also congratulated on her promotion.

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Finally, and it is a good one upon which to finish, I'd like to acknowledge the continuing sponsorship we receive from the various mining interests in the Mudjee region. Recently the good folk at Wilpinjong Coal provided the school with a grant as a part of their Community Support Program that will be used to install playground equipment within our Support Unit playground. This equipment will serve as a great sensory stimulus for so many of our most vulnerable students. Thank you, Wilpinjong Coal, for your support.

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 4 WEEK 9 AWARDS

**P & C AWARDS:** Yr 7: Charlie Stubbs Yr 8: Benjamin Hawkins Yr 9: Jessie Casha  
Yr 10: Ruby Burrows Yr 11: Emily Barnes

**SRR AWARD:** Casey Skinner (Yr 9)

## This issue:

- Principal's Message
- P&C Awards
- Year 7 Concert
- Christmas giving tree
- Ag Student News
- Jennifer Browning  
Careers Presentation
- Tractor & Freezer for  
sale by tender
- Community

## YEAR 7 CONCERT

This one is open to parents and carers of year 7 students and their teachers. It will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December beginning after the break, about 12.20pm. The concert will be in the Performance Centre. Students from all the music classes have been given an opportunity to perform at the concert.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The SRC are collecting non-perishable food items and gifts (items for babies and teenagers needed) for distribution by Barnardos.

If you would like to donate something to the Giving Tree please take your items to the School Library or leave at the Office.

## MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL AG STUDENTS TOUR TAMWORTH REGION

On the 26/27 November, 12 students from MHS travelled to Tamworth on a "Beef Tour". All students who attended are currently studying Agriculture for the HSC, or will be studying it next year, and are doing their Farm Product Study on beef.

The tour started with Caroona Feedlot. Caroona is one of the oldest feedlots in Australia and is part of the JBS group, which are the world's largest meat producers.

The group then visited Thomas Foods sheep abattoirs in Tamworth. It was a privilege to be given a behind the scenes tour of the facilities and see how efficient the process is.

An excursion is never complete without a group bonding session. The group decided that Ten Pin Bowling would suit this purpose. So, after having beef for dinner, we had many laughs and knocked a few pins down!

Friday morning started with a tour of the TEYS/Cargill beef abattoirs. This was also a great opportunity and the students enjoyed the experience.

The final visit was to the Tamworth Local Lands Services. They talked to the group about animal and plant production in the Tamworth region, specifically about the benefits that tropical grasses and legumes can have in our pastures.

It is also necessary to experience local attractions whilst travelling away, so a tour to Tamworth would not be complete without a photo with the Golden Guitar!

All students said they had a great time on the excursion and would definitely do it again. The thing we were all pleasantly surprised about was how each business goes above and beyond the animal welfare requirements to ensure the comfort and pain free experience for the animals.





## JENNIFER BROWNING CAREERS PRESENTATION

Jennifer Browning, who is a sports journalist with ABC radio and television, spoke with a group of Mudgee High School students recently. Jennifer outlined her career progression since leaving school and highlighted the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve them. She also emphasised that students should take all opportunities to participate in activities which enhance their own career progression.

It was a very interesting presentation and Mudgee High school is most appreciative of Jennifer giving up time in her busy schedule to meet with our students. The information provided will undoubtedly allow those students present to make more informed career decisions as they approach the end of their high school studies.



## FOR SALE BY TENDER

DAVID BROWN 885/1 TRACTOR (1971-1980). Has ROP frame, rear turf tyres, 47hp and in good working condition. Included is lawn conditioner (3 point linkage) which is not in working order but repairable.

For sale by tender with reserve price. Available for inspection by appointment from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Tender bids will close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 3.30pm.

**All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked TENDER: TRACTOR**

All enquiries please phone Mudgee High School on 6372 1533.



FISHER & PAYKEL 215ltr CHEST FREEZER. Excellent condition and has seen little use.

MODEL H215 DIMENSIONS: 881mm wide, 898mm high, 565mm deep.

This is a current model 2.2 STAR RATING-341KW/YEAR listed with The Good Guys \$599.00 new.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# AFTRS Stop Motion Animation workshop

**By popular demand!**

Develop your own character and animated story using claymation/stop motion techniques and characters (on ipads and software supplied by AFTRS).

This introduction to animation involves teamwork, story telling and design. Students will devise their own story, then create their animation using plasticine, lego or found objects. Movie makers can further develop their characters in a new medium.

This workshop is FREE for high school aged students in the MWRC area.  
LIMITED NUMBERS/ Bookings are essential

*WHEN? Thursday the 14th and Friday 15th January 2016 from 9 am–5pm*

*WHERE? Mudgee Town Hall Green Room & Theatre, Market Street Mudgee*

*Lunch and snacks provided (please let us know about dietary needs)*

*MORE INFO call Virginia Handmer on 63575000 or check out the youth council facebook page or MWRC website*



### 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 19th 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."



## SAFER DRIVER COURSE FOR YOUNG 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.

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Time: 9am – 12pm

Where: Skillset Office- 48A Market Street, Mudgee

Cost: \$140.00 for 20 log book hours

To Book: Call Skillset

Ph: 63301400 or email [cevans@skillset.com.au](mailto:cevans@skillset.com.au)

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