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Term 2 – Week 1



MHS Newsletter

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Coming Events:

- **May 5 Yr 7 2016**
Prospective
Students - parents info
evening 7.00pm
Performance Centre
- **May 6 – VI Selection**
Sem 2 Seniors (11&12)
Study skills & info
evening 6.30-7.30 pm
Performance Centre

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2!

This term promises a reasonable amount of change. We welcome aboard Emma Stanley. Ms Stanley has joined our support unit as a permanent member of staff. She has many years of experience working in Special Education. We say goodbye to Ms Sharelle Fellows, who has earned promotion through merit selection to the position of Head Teacher English/History at Gulgong High School. Finally, by the time this term concludes, Mudgee High should have a new principal as the position will be advertised in the coming weeks.

I think it would be safe to say that you would have to have been living beneath a rock not to realise that at the end of this week, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings and the birth of Anzac Day. As we have done for many years, Mudgee High students will volunteer to march on the day as a mark of respect. All students enrolled at Mudgee High are invited to do so. By way of contrast to previous years, this year 25 students, each of whom was drawn in a ballot, will march separately to the rest of the school. These 25 students will join 75 students from each of the other schools in Mudgee – Cudgegong Valley PS, Mudgee PS and St Matthews – carrying a poppy. Each poppy will carry the name of a soldier from the Mudgee district who lost his life in the Great War.

It's interesting to reflect on what ANZAC day has come to mean in Australia. In 1971, when Eric Bogle penned the lyrics to his now famous "And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda", he suggested that Anzac Day had essentially passed its use by date in the lines:

"... the old men march slowly, old bones stiff and sore.
They're tired old heroes from a forgotten war
And the young people ask, what are they marching for?
And I ask myself the same question."

44 years later and quite the opposite would appear to be the case.

The challenge for us, one hundred years after the Gallipoli landings, is to not let the day morph into something commercial or worse, a jingoistic grotesque. While it is a shared and very public day, it is also a day for individual reflection. 100,000 Australians have died in wars over the past 100 years. Each one of them had a family. Each one of them equates to unrealised potential. A great many of them were little older than the students that attend this school and indeed some were school age. Mateship, courage, privation, horror, sacrifice and waste – these are things worthy of consideration on this special day of commemoration. There is a place for a consideration of heroics and daring-do, but not at the expense of these other considerations.

The March begins at 10.30. Students who intend to participate in the commemorations are expected to be in uniform and will assemble at the corner of Perry and Mortimer Streets by 10.15 so that marshals can prepare the parade.

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TERM 1 WEEK 10 - P & C AWARDS – Year 7 – Reagan Haysom Year 8 – Lucy Roe Year 9 – Caitlin Shoulders Year 10 – Anneliese Woods-Smith Year 11 – Tom Brown Year 12 – Claudia Hughes

SRR AWARD – Congratulations to: Keely Croft (Y8)

STUDY SKILLS EVENING – Senior Students (Y11 & 12)

The evening planned for the 18th March will now be held on 6th May

FOUR SILVER MEDALS FOR MUDGEES HIGH AT THE NSW CHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Twelve Mudgee High School students represented Western at the Combined High Schools Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on the 26th – 28th March. Macy Morley made a strong start to her campaign with a 3rd in the 100 Fly heats. She later claimed the Silver medal in a PB time of 1:07.41. Next was the 100 Freestyle where she placed 2nd in the heats and narrowly missed the bronze in the finals to place 4th in a PB time of 1:00.63. Macy placed 2nd in the 50 Freestyle heats and later claimed the silver medal in the finals. On the last day of competition, Macy placed 6th in the 200 Freestyle heats and moved up one position to 5th in the finals in a PB time of 2:16.98. She placed 1st in the 50 Backstroke heats and narrowly missed the gold in the final by 15/100 of a second to claim her third silver medal of the meet. Macy swam a total 5 individual events and made the finals in all of them.



Luke Beckingham placed 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke heats and later took out the silver medal in the final in a PB time of 1:10.77. Luke placed 11th in the 100 Freestyle heats in a PB time of 57.30. He placed 16th in the 50 Freestyle heats, 14th in the 200 Individual Medley finals and 13th in the 200 Freestyle heats.

Luke now joins Macy as a collector of CHS silver medals.



Melissa Campbell started the event with the 400 freestyle. She placed 15th in a PB time of 4:57.07 breaking through the 5min barrier. Mel placed 9th in the 100 Freestyle heats and moved up to 8th in the final. She placed 11th in the 50 Freestyle in a PB time of 28.86. Mel placed 12th in the 100 Breaststroke heats and placed 10th in the 800 Freestyle wiping a massive 31.01 seconds off her previous best time.

Kylie Campbell had her first swim in the 100 Fly where she placed 22nd producing a PB time of 1:17.34. Kylie placed 28th in the 100 Freestyle event in a PB time of 1:09.66. She placed 27th in the 50 Freestyle and also produced another PB time of 31.22. Her final event was the 100 Backstroke where she placed 26th in a time of 1:22.59.

Campbell Wall placed 25th in the 100 Backstroke event in a time of 1:49.38. Campbell also did a great job modelling the CHS apparel.

Charli Hayes placed 28th in the 100 Freestyle in a PB time of 1:11.69. She placed 30th in 50 Freestyle producing a PB time of 32.65. and placed 26th in the 100 Backstroke also producing a PB time of 1:28.05.



Ethan Robertson placed 21st in the 100 Fly producing a PB time of 1:22.88 shaving 5 seconds of his previous best. He placed 22nd in the 100 Freestyle producing a PB time of 1:09.93 again shaving 5 seconds of his previous time. Ethan placed 20th in the 100 Breaststroke producing a PB time of 1:35.33. His last event, the 200 Freestyle, Ethan produced yet another PB dropping a massive 15 seconds to produce a time of 2:34.14.

Elijah Robertson placed 24th in the 100 Fly in a PB time of 1:17.78 dropping 2 seconds from his previous best and making sure he still had a quicker time than his younger brother.

Thomas Smith placed 18th in both the 100 Fly and 100 Freestyle heats. He Placed 6th in the 100 breaststroke final repeating last years performance. He placed 12th in the 200 freestyle heats but was later included into the finals where he placed 8th and produced a PB time of 2:11.33. Thomas also received the Western Team Boys Captain Medal for 2015. This award is given to a senior student who has represented western for many years and has served as a role model for younger swimmers.

Relay Results

Our Girls all age 6 x 50 Freestyle Relay team consisting of Lucy Burke, Charli Hayes, Kylie Campbell, Macy Morley, Mellissa Campbell and Katrina Campbell placed 9th in a time of 3:12.39 reducing their entry time by almost 5 seconds. Our Open Girls 200 Medley Relay team consisting of Macy Morley, Kylie Campbell, Mellissa Campbell and Katrina Campbell placed 13th in a time of 2:17.53.

Our Senior Girls 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay team consisting of the same awesome combination, Macy Morley, Kylie Campbell, Mellissa Campbell and Katrina Campbell. The girls placed 6th in the prelims in a time of 2:00.78. This was a time improvement on their entry time of 1.47 seconds. The girls fought harder in the finals to narrowly miss the Bronze medal by less than a second. Their 4th place was a 2.15 second time improvement over their previous time.

Our Senior Boys 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay Consisting of Luke Beckingham, Adam Dziura, Elijah Robinson and Thomas Smith placed 14th and dropped their entry time by 2.15 seconds. Elijah produced a split time of 29.88. This was the first time he had swum under 30 seconds for a 50 Free. Thomas Smith also produced a first split PB 50 Free time of 27.64.

Well done to all members of the MHS swim team. From the results, it can be seen that many Personal Best times were achieved during this carnival. These results are a direct reflection of the time, effort and dedication given to training. Many of these swimmers are training 3hrs a day 5 days a week and have been for the last 6 months. Macy and Luke will now represent CHS at the All Schools Championships at Homebush on the 18th May. Macy will contest the 50 Fly, the 100 Fly, the 100 Freestyle, the 50 and 100 Backstroke events. Luke will contest the 50, 100 and 200 Breaststroke events. We wish Macy and Luke well for this next level of competition.

Thank you to the swimmer's parents for taking the time to travel to Homebush with their children as well as Mudgee Indoor Swimming Coach Mick O'Sullivan who also made the trip and offered his support and encouragement to the swimmers over the 3 days of competition.

Peter Smith - Mudgee High Swim Team Manager.

MATHS FACULTY NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday the 30th of July this year, Mudgee High School students will once again be invited to attempt the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is a test of mathematical, logical and problem solving skills involving 30 multiple choice questions. All students are encouraged to enter this competition, especially those with talent in the subject or who enjoy a challenge. There are 3 different levels in the high school section, although students are only compared to those in their own year group. All entrants receive a certificate of participation, with higher credentials for different levels of success also on offer (great certificates for resumes and CV's). Exceptionally talented students may also be in line for some of the many cash prizes available.

Although the competition is on later in the year, we need to send our entries early in week 3 Term 2. To enter this competition, students will need to pay \$5.50 to the front office by Friday 30th April (Friday week 2). More information and sample papers can be obtained from Mr. Lynn in the Maths staffroom at MHS.

Calculators

Calculators are now available once again in the front office. These BOSTES approved calculators can be purchased for \$20 which is cost price to us. All students in years 7 to 12 need to use calculators in their Mathematics classes. The Mathematics courses are designed to make use of calculator technology to assist students to develop skills and knowledge in more difficult concepts without becoming slowed down in manual calculations. Mental calculation skills are also practised as part of the course.

Mathematics Homework Room

A reminder that the Mathematics homework room operates each **Monday afternoon in room B09 between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.**

The Mathematics Faculty understands that many of the concepts taught in this subject are demanding and difficult. So homework, which is an essential step in retaining this important information, can be a problem for many students. To help alleviate student stress, the Mathematics staff provide their expertise in the Homework room.

Students are also encouraged to seek help during breaks if they are having concerns with their work. There is always someone in the Mathematics staffroom that is willing to help.

Woolworths and Dominoes

If parents are collecting the dominoes from Woolworths there are some useful ideas to strengthen your child's numeracy skills. See the following website:

<http://engagingmaths.co/2015/03/22/woolworths-and-dominoes-how-parents-can-turn-marketing-ploys-into-mathematical-learning-opportunities/>

NETBALL



The Open Netball Team recently competed in the Western Area Girls CHS Netball. The team comprised students from both Years 11 and 12. The team faced strong competition from Dubbo Delroy, Kandos and Wellington but were successful in winning these matches. Unfortunately, the team lost by four goals in a close contest against Lake Cargelligo, who then went on to win the carnival. In hot conditions, the girls played extremely well, with accurate shooting and great defensive and attacking skills. A special thankyou to Bridget Condon for volunteering to umpire and to all parents who came and supported the team as well as assisted with transportation.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival is on Friday, 15th of May at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea of the carnival is about participation, having fun and getting involved in the house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.



A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising.

YEAR 8 WEBSITE – Site Link – Would you like to know more about what is happening in Y8 see our site <https://sites.google.com/a/mudgeehighschool.net/year-8-2015/>

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Welcome parents , carers and students to the Mudjee High School year 8 2015 website. Here you will be kept up to date with high school news.

23rd March 2015

Year 8 GLOBAL INEQUALITIES FUNDRAISER: There will be a meeting for any Year 8 students interested in helping to organise this activity today, MONDAY 23 March in E05 at lunchtime. Bring your lunch and your enthusiasm

20th March 2015

Thanks for attending Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday. Teachers were kept busy keeping you updated on your child. It was a great turn out

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

21st ANNUAL MUDGEES BASKETBALL DEBUTANTE BALL

Registrations for Expressions of Interest are now being taken for intending debutantes and their partners from Years 10, 11 and 12 for the 21st Mudgees Basketball Debutante Ball to be held at Parklands Resort Cassilis Road Mudgees on 13th June 2015.


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- Sunday 3rd May 10am till around 2pm.
- Call Dale on 0458302845 for more information

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