

Monday

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Term 2 – Week 2



# MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **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

#### **This issue:**

- **Principal's Message**
- **Awards**
- **Study Skills Evening**
- **UNSW Science Comp.**
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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Week 2. It would appear that the cool weather is already kicking in!

A big thank you to all of those Mudgee students, parents and carers who braved the cold to attend the ANZAC Day dawn service on Saturday, as well as to those students who represented the school in the parade. We may have some work to do on what moving in columns looks like, but it was great to see so many volunteers on the ground.

This week, Year 11 half-yearly examinations are taking place. It may seem odd having "half-yearlies" in April, but when you consider the Preliminary HSC only goes for three terms, it begins to make some sense. It would be easy to say "good luck" to Year 11, but luck only plays a small role in examinations of any kind. What really pays off is study and practice. Get these things right and the luck will come by the bucket load.

A heads up that next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, there will be an information evening for parents of students in Year 6 who will make the transition from primary to high school at the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Andrew Laurie on his appointment to the role of Year Adviser to next year's Year 7 – the class of 2021. The role of Year Adviser is not an easy one, so it was heartening that several teachers at Mudgee High were prepared to go the extra yards and submitted EOIs for the position. Mr Laurie brings six years teaching experience and a number of years as an active member of the Learning Support Team – a kind of Year Adviser's apprenticeship – to the role and will undoubtedly make an excellent Year Adviser.

On Wednesday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a Senior Students (Years 11 and 12) study skills and information evening from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in Performance Centre. This is always a worthwhile evening and can go some way to relieving some of the anxiety that surrounds studying for the HSC.

Building works in the area formerly known as the IQ Café are going full steam ahead and we would appear to be on track for a Week 8 completion, giving Mudgee High School an extra, enclosed learning space. Recent works in the support playground area have transformed the covered learning area from a mud-tinged swimming pool in inclement weather into a usable facility in all kinds of weather. Mr Whittington's fish arrived from the Narrabri fish hatchery last week, bringing the aquaponics project just that little bit closer to start-up. The area where the aquaponics will be established has also been cleared and levelled in anticipation. The interest from students in the project to date has been very encouraging.

Finally, thank you to those people who took the time to comment on last week's newsletter editorial. It's good to know that so many of us are on the same page. It's also good to know that the newsletter has a reasonably wide readership!

Wayne Eade  
Relieving Principal

**SRR AWARD** – Congratulations to: Jenaya Maher (Yr7)

## **STUDY SKILLS EVENING – Senior Students (Y11 & 12)**

The evening planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> March will now be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May

**The University of NSW Science Competition** will be held in June. This is a highly regarded assessment program, and a great opportunity. An entry fee of \$8.00 can be paid at the front office. Any enquiries please see Mrs Laidlaw.

## NAPLAN TESTS 2015

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

A letter providing parents and guardians with information regarding NAPLAN 2015 was sent home with students in Week 10 of Term 1.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 12 – 14 May 2015.

| TUESDAY 12 MAY   | WEDNESDAY 13 MAY | THURSDAY 14 MAY  |
|--|------------------|--|
| <b>Language Conventions</b><br>(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)<br><b>Writing</b> | <b>Reading</b>   | Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space) |

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Students will require a lead pencil, an eraser and a pencil sharpener.

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> May **students will require a calculator for the Numeracy section** of the NAPLAN test. Students are required to sit a Non-Calculator and a Calculator section.

**Friday 15 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed any tests.

Please make an appointment with Mrs Best or Mrs Quinn at Mudgee High School if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN. For more information about the tests, please visit the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) or the Mudgee HS website: [www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## MHS Sheep making an impression

Mudgee High School has exhibited its White Suffolk sheep at the Mudgee Show, Dunedoo Show and Sydney Show so far this year.

The next and final event is the Dubbo Show, which will conclude the sheep showing for 2015.

Curtis Wright, Tim Cheetham, Emily Blackwell, Alysha Papps, Miranda Riley and Grace Pearce helped to show sheep at the Mudgee Show. There was some tough competition but MHS managed to come away with the Reserve Champion Ewe.

Curtis, Emily, Alysha and Brody Lesson then attended the Dunedoo Show. There was a wide range of competition, with some exhibitors travelling up to 4 hours to attend.

Again, MHS managed to bring home the Reserve Champion ribbon with the same Ewe.



Tim, Curtis and Nick Pearce then exhibited at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. This was the first year MHS has exhibited at Sydney and it took a great deal of dedication and hard work, but the results made the whole journey worthwhile.

In the schools classes, the MHS ram placed first in the Milk Tooth Ram class from 16 exhibits, outclassing the likes of high performing Agricultural Schools such as Yanco Agricultural, St Gregs College, Macarthur Anglican, St Lawrences and more. This ram then went on to win Reserve Champion Ram, only to be beaten by St Gregs older Corriedale ram, who had more size and class about him because of his age.





The ewes performed well amongst stiff competition. One ewe placed 4<sup>th</sup> from 23 exhibits in the Short Wool Milk Tooth Ewe class. The other 2 ewes placed 8<sup>th</sup> from 15 exhibits in the Pen of Two Ewes class.

Tim managed to place 6<sup>th</sup> from 30 competitors in the Junior Handlers competition to cap off the experience. The students' behaviour was exceptional, even under stressful and draining conditions.

The school is exhibiting at Dubbo State Sheep Show in May, and will then focus on breeding more exceptional progeny to carry the stud forward in the years to come.



## THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YEAR 12 PARENTS/CARERS

### UAC key dates for 2015–16 admissions

Key dates, fees and charges for 2015–16 admissions are to be confirmed.

#### Applications

Wednesday 5 August 2015

Applications open

Year 12 processing charge \$30

Wednesday 30 September 2015

On-time applications close

Friday 30 October 2015

Applications close with higher charge

Monday 30 November 2015

Applications close with higher charge

Friday 19 February 2016

Applications close for Semester 1 courses with higher charge

#### HSC and ATARs

Wednesday 16 December 2015

NSW HSC results released by BOSTES

Tuesday 15 December 2015

ACT Year 12 results released by ACT BSSS

Thursday 17 December 2015

ATARs released by UAC at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

#### Change of preferences

Wednesday 6 January 2016

For consideration in Main Round

20–27 January 2016

For consideration in February Round 1

2–7 February 2016

For consideration in February Round 2

#### Offers

There are a number of offer rounds for 2016 admissions. The major ones for Year 12 students are listed here. Check the UAC 2015–16 Guide or UAC's website for details of all offer rounds.

Tuesday 5 January 2016

January Round 1 offers released at 7.30am

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Main Round offers released at 6pm

Tuesday 2 February 2016

February Round 1 offers released at 6pm

Tuesday 9 February 2016

February Round 2 offers released at 7.30am

### Open days for 2015–16

#### APM College of Business and Communication

The Rocks campus 3 May, 1 August 2015

#### Australasian College of Natural Therapies

Pyrmont campus 3 May, 1 August 2015

#### Australian Catholic University

Canberra campus 29 August 2015  
North Sydney campus 5 September 2015  
Strathfield campus 12 September 2015

#### Australian College of Applied Psychology

Information nights 14 July, 12 August, 11 November 2015

For more information, visit [www.acap.edu.au](http://www.acap.edu.au)

#### Australian Maritime College

Beauty Point campus 30 August 2015  
Newnham campus 30 August 2015

Campus tours can be arranged by appointment year round. Visit [www.amc.edu.au/visit-amc](http://www.amc.edu.au/visit-amc)

#### Australian National University

29 August 2015  
For campus tours, visit <http://anu.edu.au/study/events/campus-tours>

#### Billy Blue College of Design

Ultimo campus 3 May, 1 August 2015

#### Charles Sturt University

Open day every day. For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit [www.csu.edu.au/campustour](http://www.csu.edu.au/campustour)

#### CQUniversity

Sydney campus 13 August 2015, 2–6pm

Virtual Open Day

(online only) 10 September 2015, 10am–6pm

For more information, visit [www.cqu.edu.au/events](http://www.cqu.edu.au/events)

#### Griffith University

Gold Coast campus 26 July 2015

#### International College of Management, Sydney

Manly campus 16 August 2015

#### Jansen Newman Institute

Pyrmont campus 3 May, 1 August 2015

#### La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga campus 28 August 2015  
Mildura campus 19 August 2015

For other campuses visit [www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)

#### Macleay College

Surry Hills campus 22 August 2015, 16 January 2016

For a personalised campus tour, call 1300 939 888

#### Macquarie University 12 September 2015

#### MIT Sydney

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call (02) 8267 1400 or visit [mit.edu.au](http://mit.edu.au)

#### National Art School

29 August 2015

#### SAE Creative Media Institute

Sydney and Byron Bay campuses 8 August 2015  
For up-to-date information, visit [sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events](http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events) or freecall 1800 SAE EDU (1800 723 338)

#### SIBT

29 August 2015

#### Southern Cross University

Info days and 'virtual' info sessions  
Coffs Harbour campus 7 December 2015  
Lismore campus 9 December 2015  
Gold Coast campus 11 December 2015

For more information visit [www.scu.edu.au/scuinfodays](http://www.scu.edu.au/scuinfodays)

The Hotel School Sydney 12 September 2015  
For more information visit, [hotelschool.scu.edu.au/about/infodays](http://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/about/infodays)

#### University of Canberra 29 August 2015

#### University of New England 1 May 2015

For personalised tours, call 1800 818 865 or visit [www.uned.edu.au/campustours](http://www.uned.edu.au/campustours)

#### University of Newcastle

Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 22 August 2015  
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 15 August 2015  
Port Macquarie campus 6 August 2015

#### University of Sydney 29 August 2015

#### University of Technology, Sydney

City and Kuring-gai campuses 29 August 2015

#### University of Western Sydney

Parramatta campus 30 August 2015  
UWS Campus Experience tours are held throughout the year. To register, visit [www.uws.edu.au/campusexperience](http://www.uws.edu.au/campusexperience) or call 1300 897 669

#### University of Wollongong

Wollongong campus 15 August 2015  
Sydney CBD campus 29 August 2015

#### UNSW Australia

Kensington campus 5 September 2015  
UNSW Canberra at ADFA 29 August 2015

#### William Blue College of Hospitality Management

The Rocks campus 3 May, 1 August 2015

For information on school visit days, contact individual institutions.

## YR 10 – WHY NOT STUDY 2 UNIT MARINE STUDIES IN YEAR 11 2016!!!

Current and ex-marine studies students have travelled and dived throughout the world since completing Marine Studies at Mudgee High School. Some past destinations have included:

- Shark diving in Beqa Lagoon Fiji, with tiger, bull, nurse and lemon sharks and three species of reef sharks – silver, white tip and black tip.
- Swimming with the VERY rarely seen thresher sharks and 5mm pygmy seahorses in the Philippines
- Wrecks, reefs and hearing earthquakes underwater in Vanuatu
- Diving the depths of the Blue Hole in the Caribbean
- Swimming with humpback whales in Tonga, and
- Diving in New Zealand, Thailand and many more places.



*This 4m tiger shark swam over the head of Mr Willetts and Bridget Harvey as they patted the sharks' belly!!*

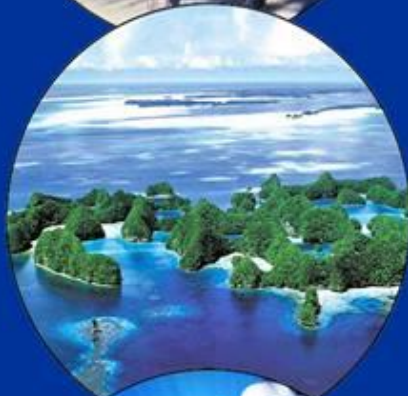


*The thresher shark is easily identified by the enormously long tail which accounts for half the shark's entire length. It only comes to diveable depths at dawn to be cleaned by small cleaner fish.*

In January 2016, some past Marine Studies and Mudgee High students will be travelling to one of the **TOP 3** dive destinations in the world! **PALAU** in Micronesia (Carolinas Island Group) is recognised as having 2 or 3 of the TOP 20 recognised dives in the world!!! In a remote area of the Pacific Ocean, close to the deepest part of the world – the Mariana Trench, this beautiful island chain has some of the best big fish action in the world, coupled with shallow ship and plane wrecks from WW 2, underwater caves with stalagmites and the curious jelly fish lake.







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**Price Includes: ( Non Diver - \$3353 pp )**

- Return flights ex. Sydney to Palau via Taipei with China Airlines (conditions apply - fares subject to availability at time of booking)
- 10 Nights at Palasia Hotel – deluxe twin share rooms with daily breakfast & airport transfers included
- 12 Boat Dives (based on 2 dives / day) with Sams Tours Palau. Includes: tanks, weights, dive guide services, lunch on diving days & hotel transfers
- Unlimited shore dives at Sams Macro Wall (in front of the dive center)
- Bonus Inclusions: 3rd dive at Chandelier Cave free Nitrox for Nitrox certified divers,
- 1/2 day kayaking tour of Rock Islands incl. lunch, refreshments, naturalist guide
- Australian Departure taxes ( Value: \$372.00 - subject to change)

**NOTE:** Optional at extra cost Nautilus Dive + Optional Dive & WWII land tour at Peleliu



**Cost Does Not Include:**

- Travel Insurance & Personal spending monies and Excess Luggage Surcharges
- Koror State Permit (with Jellyfish Lake) USD 100
- Palau departure tax \$50.00 USD per person

**Conditions Apply:**

Prices are subject to change without notice due to fluctuations in exchange rates. Based on 1 AUD = .78 USD

**Booking Requirements:**

To secure your place on this expedition, you will need to complete a booking form and return it together with a non refundable deposit amount of \$500.00 per person. Balance payment due 10 November 2015

Booking Reference # S15399

Date : 25/03/2015

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MUDGEE 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 21<sup>st</sup> Mudgee Basketball Debutante Ball to be held at Parklands Resort Cassilis Road Mudgee on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015.


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