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Term 2 – Week 10



MHS Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Something that public schools do better than other schools is inclusivity. Granted, there are performing arts schools and sports high schools and academically selective schools and even some remaining boys and girls schools that limit their enrolment to students who meet particular criteria, but public schools don't discriminate on religious grounds or sexual orientation or the amount of folding stuff a potential student's parents carry in their wallets. Public schools, as their name implies, cater for everyone.

This inclusivity is vital to the development of empathy and tolerance in young people. This inclusivity promotes shared understanding and is fundamental to the development of a healthy spirit of community rather than the self-limiting promotion of individual good over collective good.

Which leads me to NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Although NAIDOC Week 2015 will be celebrated nationally from the 5th to the 12th of July, the second week of the school holidays, Mudjee High will celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people this week.

In case you were not aware, NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC kicked off in the 1920s. Initially the committee sought to raise awareness in the wider Australian community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians, both of which left a lot to be desired back then.

NAIDOC has morphed into a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. It is now an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Public recognition of these achievements lies at the heart of on-going reconciliation and the raising of awareness of all of the positive things Australian Indigenous cultures bring to the wider community.

In other news, it's Week 10.

On Tuesday, those students who have achieved Gold Level will be the benefactors of our reward afternoon. There is more information on Reward Day on page 2 of this newsletter. On Thursday, Year 10 student will be involved in the HSIE faculty's "Decade Day" where students, having researched a particular decade, dress and surround themselves in the things that have come to symbolise that decade. "Decade Day" began in 2012 and has only grown stronger since its inauguration and this year, parents have been invited to partake in the day. It really is worth a look.

On Friday, we finish Term 2 and Semester 1. All students are wished a safe and productive seventeen day break and reminded that school resumes on Tuesday 14 July – Bastilles Day!

Au revoir!

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 2 WEEK 9

P & C AWARDS: Year 7 – Jess Lynch, Year 8 – Haylee Schneider, Year 9 – William Simmonds, Year 10 – Chloe Staub, Year 11 – Tom Dowell, Year 12 – Pascal Holden-Rodgers

SRR AWARD – Congratulations to: Samantha Cussen (Y11)

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Community*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- June 25 – P&C Meeting, Library 7pm
- June 26 – Last day of Term 2
- July 13 – Staff Development Day
- July 14 – Students first day of Term 3
- July 20 – P&C Meeting, Library 7pm

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YEAR TEN DECADE DAY

Each year Year 10 finish their studies of Australian Post World War Two History with a show case of the Popular Culture study. Each student selects a decade and completes research on the information they have learnt. This year we are inviting parents to come and look at the displays that they present.

Date: Thursday the 25th June

Time 10.00am – 10.30am

Where – Performance Centre Mudgee High School.

We award prizes for the best costume, and best booth.

Parents will be provided with a voting slip and given the opportunity to vote as part of this process.

We look forward to seeing you all there – Year 10 have participated in some innovative teaching and learning this year and we are excited by the work they have produced.



GOLD REWARD DAY

Tuesday 23rd June, MHS will be holding its Semester One Gold reward celebrations during Periods 5 and 6. All students who have progressed to Gold this semester (see criteria for movement attached) have had an opportunity to choose from a number of rewards. These have included; hot chips in the park, movie in the gym, sporting activities, skate boarding at the skate park, Minecraft, hairdressing, library activities, chalk art and mountain bike riding.

The turn out for voting on reward options in week 9 was overwhelming and a clear indication that this initiative is valued by students.

Congratulations to all our safe, respectful and responsible

TAS COMPUTING

There was much excitement recently when we were advised, at short notice, the carpets were to be replaced in our two main computer rooms. The rooms were stripped bare, including the built-in computer benches, in double quick time. There was a sea of cables, computers, monitors, desks and books left that had to be reassembled the following day. This too was completed in double quick time and the disruption to regular lessons was kept to a minimum. Thanks to everyone pitching in and the co-operation of students, the whole process ran very smoothly. This also gave us the opportunity to tidy up and clean out some resources that had passed their use-by dates and has made the computer learning environment much more pleasant.

Among the many interesting resources we have available to us are a number of Lego robotics kits. While they are still quite functional and are able to be used by students to learn the fundamentals of robotics and solve some real world problems the technology has moved on. We are in the process of ordering updated kits that include features such as sound and infrared sensors along with the usual touch and light sensors. This will make it possible to complete much more complex problems and with the updated software and interface, the solutions can be much more interesting and allow the students to really demonstrate their high order thinking.



CRITERIA FOR MOVEMENT UP THE COLOUR LEVELS

GOLD

Maintain SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE behaviour by:

- Meeting all the criteria below
- Having 100% explained attendance.
- Absence of level placement in the 9 weeks prior to the review.

SILVER

Maintain SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE behaviour by:

- Meeting all the criteria below
- Having unexplained absences (including partial) < 5%
- Consideration by the committee of multiple discipline entries

BRONZE

Maintain SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE behaviour by:

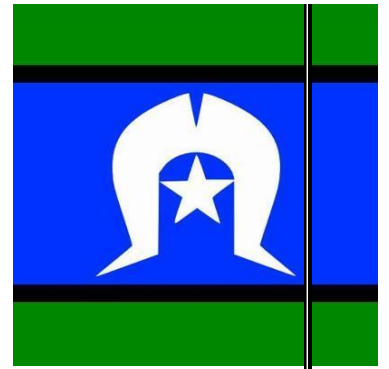
- Absence of a level 2, 3 or 4 since the previous review
- Having unexplained absences (including partial) < 10%
- Having not had more than two level 1s since the previous review
- Having no stage warnings, N determinations, unsatisfactory progress letters since the previous review.
- Satisfactory uniform.

GREEN

ALL STUDENTS BEGIN EACH SEMESTER ON GREEN LEVEL (unless otherwise determined by the senior executive.)



NAIDOC DAY



CELEBRATIONS AT MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday 24th June

Roll Call – collection of gold coin donations from students. Money to go towards funding the day's events.

11:30am – Whole school assembly, including Welcome to Country by Aleshia Lonsdale and raising of the Aboriginal Flag

12:20-1:30pm – Aboriginal Art Workshop with Aleshia Lonsdale

1:30pm – BBQ with crocodile, emu and kangaroo sausages

You are invited to participate in this year's
NAIDOC Day Celebrations.

- *Wear mufti to show your support* – either **red**, **black** and **yellow** (the colours of the Aboriginal Flag) or **green**, **blue**, **white** and **black** (the colours of the Torres Strait Islander Flag)
- Bring a **gold coin** donation to give during Roll Call
- Get involved in the **Art Workshop** – you need to register with Mr Browning before the day

YR 10 – WHY NOT STUDY 2 UNIT MARINE STUDIES FOR THE HSC in 2016 - 2017!!!

MARINE and MARITIME EMPLOYMENT

There are many opportunities for further education and employment in the marine fields than you could possibly ever imagine. We can categorise marine employment opportunities in the following areas:

- Marine Tourism Centres
- Armed Forces
- Fishing Industry
- Marine Retailing and Manufacturing
- Marine Science
- Education
- Local Government
- Harbours and Port Authorities

The following pictures give you some idea of where and how you could have a future in this field.



Learn all about this and other amazing areas of the marine world, by choosing to study 2U Marine Studies in Year 11 and 12. See Mr Willetts in the TAS staffroom for more information.

AFTRS Stop Motion Animation workshop

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.

WHEN? Monday the 29th and Tuesday 30th June 2015 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 63575010 or check out the youth council facebook page or MWRC website



DUBBO GAOL

The Old Dubbo Gaol offers a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the history of Dubbo and 19th century prison life. We believe that there is no better way to understand our history than to experience it, incorporating many interactive elements as they move through the heritage listed site.

Macquarie Regional Library – Dubbo - ComicCRAFT weekend in the holidays

A fun comics weekend on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 July. ComicCRAFT has something for everyone 9 years and over – professional comics artists/writers/publishers will present interactive workshops and talk for 9-adult. Something for the whole family. Check out all the details and book online at <http://www.mrl.nsw.gov.au/comiccrafft>
Bookings are essential and are now open.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

KIDS COOKING CLASS

Tuesdays and Thursdays – July School Holidays

Tuesday 30th June: Baking 11am (ages 9 to 12 years) – Pizza & Pasta 2pm (ages 9 to 12 years)

Thursday 2nd July: Baking 11am (ages 5 to 8 years) – Winter Feast 2pm (ages 13 to 16 years)

Tuesday 7th July: Baking 11am (ages 9 to 12 years)

Thursday 9th July: Baking 11am (ages 5 to 8 years) – Winter Feast 2pm (ages 13 to 16 years)

\$40 per child (2 hr session) ages 5 to 12 years : \$60 per child (3hr session) Winter Feast
Limited places available – bookings and information info@rachaelmccarthy.com.au or 0477 791 059

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