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Term 3 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- July 21 - Presentation Ceremony Yrs 7 – 10
- July 21 - Yr 12 Parent/Carers evening
- July 23 Yr 7, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Evening
- July 27 P&C Meeting Library 7.00pm
- July 27 to 31 Education Week
- July 28 – Yr 10 to 11 Subject Market – Gym 4pm to 7pm
- July 29 & 30 – Futsal State Titles

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- Principal's Message
- P&C and SRR Awards
- Information evening for Year 12 students and parents
- Languages
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

So much reporting in so small a space... here we go!

A big thank you to the parents, carers and students who came to our information session for Year 10 into 11 (2016) last Thursday. Despite the cold, the Performance Centre was filled. Remarkably and not least by many parents and carers who have "been there, done that" with their older children, yet turned out because every child is unique, even the ones under our own roofs.

Well done to the X-Country CHS representatives who braved the cold and frozen roads of the Central West to represent at Easter Creek on Friday. While memories of the competition may fade, the novelty of constructing snowmen on the return over the Blue Mountains will almost certainly endure for some time.

This week will be marked by Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 presentation assemblies on Tuesday. Reports will also be handed out at that assembly.

There is an information evening for parents, carers and students in Year 12 on Tuesday evening from 6.30pm in the Performance Centre. I will talk about the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank and do my best to dispel any of the mythology or misunderstanding that may surround ATARs. Mr Bill Kempton, Careers Adviser, will talk about the various early entry schemes offered by universities, university entry, TAFE options, private provider courses and employment opportunities post school. We'll also have a representative from CSU Bathurst to talk specifically about courses offered there, as well as accommodation and their particular early entry program. With fewer than 45 school days left, this is a great opportunity for Year 12 students, parents and carers to get a better handle on what life after MHS may hold.

On Thursday afternoon, from 4pm until 7pm, teaching staff will be available for parents and carers of students in Years 7, 11 and 12 to discuss their progress, successes and ways in which they can further improve. I would urge you to attend in the spirit of knowledge is power!

Next Monday is our P&C meeting for July, beginning at 7pm in the school library (West Wing). Many years ago I lived in a town that was within the seat of a chap called Tony Windsor. He was a frequent visitor to the school where I worked for events like presentation evenings and the like. I heard him once tell an assembled group of district Student Representative Council students that, "the world is run by those who turn up." P&C works very much in the same fashion. It is a place to find out what is going on at school and have some input into its governance. I look forward to seeing as many of our parents and carers there as possible.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 1 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: None this week

SRR AWARD – Congratulations to: Grace Kelley (Y11)

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

On Tuesday 21st July there will be an information evening for parents and students currently enrolled in Year 12. The evening will begin at 6.30pm and is expected to finish at around 7.30pm. It will be held in the Performance Centre at Mudgee High School. Entry to the Performance Centre is via the Denison Street gate.

There will be 3 speakers for the night:

1. Mr Bill Kempton, Careers Adviser, will make a presentation about career options for 2016 and beyond. Topics such as early entries, University entry, scholarships, TAFE, private provider courses and employment information including resumes will be discussed. This is an opportunity for parents and students to gain some valuable information and timeline for the next few months and ask questions.
2. A student adviser from CSU will be talking about courses, accommodation and early entry specifically in relation to Charles Sturt University.
3. Mr Wayne Eade, Principal, will speak about the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), how it is calculated and what it means.

There will be time for questions and discussion at the end of the presentations. You are most welcome to attend the evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Penny Smith
Year 12 Year Advisor

LANGUAGES

It has been a successful first semester for students in both mandatory and elective classes of Japanese. Year 7 have completed language units focusing on Greetings, Introductions, Hometowns and Numbers. They are building on their vocabulary and developing their speaking skills in simple, everyday situations. Students are particularly enjoying their Culture studies where a significant festival has been investigated each month. The Japanese calendar is full of important celebrations and Year 7 have engaged in a range of activities to heighten their understanding. They have had a great deal of fun making a variety of craft items to represent Setsubun (Bean Throwing Festival), Hinamatsuri (Doll's Festival), Kodomo-no-Hi (Children's Day) and Tsuyu (Rainy Season). Their work is adding to some lovely, bright displays in the Japanese classroom.

The J03 elective class learned their first writing script of Hiragana and have been developing their reading and writing skills in this area. Most have been surprised at how easy it has been to learn something that looks so strange!

「ごめん、ごは すこい です!」 Their studies this semester will see the language content presented entirely in Hiragana script with a focus on developing proficient reading and writing skills.

Stage 5 language learners have been developing their skills in the third writing script of Katakana. This is used to represent words used in the Japanese language that are of a foreign origin. Sports, food and drink are common topics that feature words written in Katakana.



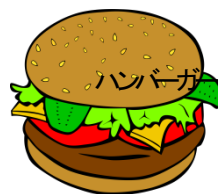
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Japan Visit

We are very excited to welcome another group from our sister schools in Osaka, Japan. 17 students and 3 accompanying staff will arrive in Mudgee on July 29th for 12 days of fun-filled adventure. They will stay with host families and experience the Aussie way of life in our beautiful area. We would particularly like to thank those families who expressed an interest in hosting. These programs would not be possible without such wonderful support and we are confident that this will be an amazing experience for all involved. Over the last 12 years, this program has built an extensive friendship network and we can't wait to add new friends.

Tanabata

Tanabata, or the Star Festival, is held on the evening of July 7. The festival traces its origins to a legend that the Cowherd Star (Altair) and Weaver Star (Vega), lovers separated by the Milky Way, are allowed to meet just once a year – on the seventh day of the seventh month.

Children and adults write their wishes on narrow strips of coloured paper and hang them, along with other paper ornaments, on bamboo branches placed in backyards or entrances of their homes. They then pray hard that their wishes will come true.

Sendai (Miyagi Prefecture) and Hiratsuka (Kanagawa Prefecture) are particularly famous for their elaborate Tanabata displays. Shopping arcades in these two cities feature huge decorations that are sponsored by local shops, which try to outdo one another in the size of their displays.

As Tanabata approaches, decorated bamboo branches can be seen all around the neighbourhood, signalling that summer has finally arrived and that summer vacation is just around the corner.



Paper wishes on bamboo branches



Tanabata decorations in Hiratsuka

Ms Date and Ms Kim

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

The Subject Market evening for Year 10 into Year 11 is only a couple of weeks away. Come along and discuss why you should study 2 Unit Marine Studies for the HSC!!!

COURSE STRUCTURE	
Preliminary Year 2016	HSC Year 2016 - 2017
<p>Core Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Safety and First Aid <input type="checkbox"/> The Marine Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Life In The Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Humans In The Water <input type="checkbox"/> Marine and Maritime Employment <p>Option Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Marine Creatures <input type="checkbox"/> Skin Diving and Diving Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Learning to SCUBA Dive (Optional)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Life in the Temperate Marine Environment • Anatomy of a Marine Park – Port Stephens 	<p>Option Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Coral Reef Ecology <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology of Marine Organisms • Marine Archaeology • Shipwrecks and Disasters

EXCURSIONS:

Preliminary – Nelson Bay (4 nights) Learn to Scuba Dive (optional) and Field Study of Port Stephens Marine Park.



HSC – Sydney Aquarium and National Maritime Museum



**JANUARY 2018 (AFTER THE HSC) – Overseas trip to
HIDEAWAY ISLAND VANUATU!!!**



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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Once again the Mudgee Readers' Festival will be holding a Second Hand Book Fair. You are invited to participate by booking a table to sell second hand books in the Auditorium at Parklands Resort and Conference Centre on Saturday 15th August 2015. More information, conditions of participation, and the registration form, can be found on the website.

If you'd like to be part of this event, or if you have any questions, please contact us no later than the 31st of July. Contact details are: Jane Munro, Second Hand Book Fair Co-ordinator, Mudgee Readers' Festival, C/- PO Box 1473, Mudgee, NSW, 2850 - P: 0457 733125 - E: info@mudgeereadersfestival.com.au
Website: www.mudgeereadersfestival.com.au

Hi my name is Teagan and I work for the Dubbo Neighbourhood Centre. We have an amazing program for immigrants who are new to Australia. If you need help with navigating local services, knowledge of Conversational groups or something else, feel free to give me a call on 6882 2100.



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TVET Open Day Mudgee College

You are invited to our TVET Open Day

Get the answers to your questions about TAFE at School options

When: Wednesday 22 July 2015

Where: Student Hub, Mudgee College, TAFE Western

Time: 12.00pm to 5.30pm open campus with displays for students to find out more about TAFE at school options

Parents and guardians welcome.

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