



# **MHS Newsletter**

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# **Coming Events:**

- Aug 27 Parent/Teacher evening yrs 8, 9 & 10
- Sep 3 Yr 11 Exams begin
- Sep 11 Yr 11 Exams finish
- Sep 16 Yr 12 Farewell Social
- Sep 17 Rainbow Day
- Sep 18 Yr 12 Presentation Day

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week finished with our first big day with the class of 2021.

On Friday, Year 6 students from our many feeder primary schools – and some from a little beyond who will relocate to Mudgee in the New Year – came for their first taste of high school. I spoke to a few of them as the day passed and our paths crossed. All appeared happy and expressed at least a modicum of excitement at the prospect of beginning Year 7.

All of this is a far cry from the way things used to be. My first day at high school was my first day at high school. No transition program in the 1970s... and I didn't know another kid in the place, save one boy by appearance because we'd sat the selective high schools' test together, albeit from different schools. Anyone who refers to those now far off days as "the good old days" wasn't there!

In other news, we now have our captains elect. Congratulations to Tom Christofis and Ashley Whittington – our captains for 2016 – and Aillie McNeill and Sam Pattison – our vice captains for 2016. The field of candidates was large, and inspirational when you consider the current disconnect and historically low levels of youth (18-25) participation in the political process in Australia, evidenced by registrations to vote.

Congratulations to Joanna Endacott from Year 12 who has been accepted through application and merit into a double degree at Macquarie University next year. The world of law and international relations beckons and this is a fine outcome for one of our many great senior students. At this time of the year, a good number of our Year 12s are working hard alongside their Year Adviser, our Careers Adviser and Mr Browning, the Deputy Principal responsible for Year 12, to shore up their prospects for next year. They are all wished well.

Congratulations too to Jasmine Russell in Year 9, who has secured a place at the University of Newcastle's *Girls' Choices Summer School*, where she will engage in activities focused on maths, science, engineering, health and careers, all using the facilities of the university. This is a worthy program and one our female students in Year 9 are encouraged to pursue.

Finally, I have it on good authority that sometimes my word choice has some readers reaching for the dictionary. First, may I thank you for reading my missives. Second, if you learn something from these despatches that goes beyond a knowledge of what is happening at Mudgee High School, great! Education should never stop. Remember, if you're no longer learning you must be dead.

Wayne Eade Principal

# **TERM 3 WEEK 6 AWARDS**

**P & C AWARDS:** Year 7 – Lucille Evanoff, Year 8 – Conor England, Year 9 – Daniel Walters, Year 10 – Caleb Lynch, Year 11 – William Radzievic, Year 12 – Rachael Byrne

SRR AWARD: Brianna Stewart (Yr 8), Luke Price (Yr 10)

## YEAR 12 FORMAL INFORMATION 2015

On behalf of the school community of Mudgee High School, I have much pleasure in inviting all Year 12 students and their parents/caregivers, to the Year 12 Formal, on Friday 20 November 2015, at the Parklands Resort.

The Year 12 Formal is one of the most significant occasions on our school calendar, celebrating the final step in the school education of Year 12 students. It is one to be shared by the students, their parents and loved ones.

The organisation of the evening is outlined below:

- The Formal commences at 6.00pm and concludes at approximately 8.00pm. Please note that doors will close at 6.15pm and reopen after the formal introduction of students (6.45pm).
- Dress is Ladies "After 5" and Gents "Tie".
- Tickets may be purchased at the school's main administrative office, at a cost of \$75 per person. This year, the following procedures will apply:
  - Each student is allocated four (4) tickets, one student ticket and three guest tickets
  - o Students need to pay for their ticket as well as those of their guests
  - o Tickets will be numbered and a register of tickets will be kept
  - Sales for allocated tickets will commence on Monday 17 August and must be purchased by 3.30pm on Friday 28 August
  - Sales for all remaining tickets will commence on Monday 31 August, there will be a limit of 1 per family. Sales will conclude at 3.30pm on Friday 4 September in order to finalise numbers for catering purposes.
  - If there are any remaining tickets, they will be available for sale from Monday 7 September on a first come - first served basis. Ticket sales close at 2.00pm on Friday 11 September. No Exceptions
  - Tickets may not be replaced if lost please store your tickets in a safe place as entry is by ticket only
  - With regard to seating, private arrangements between ticket bearers CANNOT be accommodated without prior arrangements (4 week's notice) with the Year Advisor
- In keeping with the Department of Education and Training Drug Policy, no alcohol will be served during, nor should be brought to, the Formal.
- The establishment will not allow bags to be brought into the function. An evening purse for ladies is acceptable.
- Anyone bringing alcohol onto the premises will be asked to leave the function.

### Post Formal

Those attending the Year 12 Formal are invited to remain after the official ceremony is finished to enjoy music and dancing until 12 midnight as guests of the licence holder.

This is <u>not</u> a school function and those participating must comply with the following guidelines of the licence holder.

- Any patrons under the age of eighteen years must not consume alcohol and must leave the premises by 11pm.
- No person, other than guests who have attended the Year 12 Formal, will be allowed into the function.
- Guests are to remain within the function room until they leave.
- Once guests leave the function room, they must leave the property of the Parkland Resort.

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Fantastic career opportunities via school based part-time traineeships are available locally in Financial Services (banking) and Education Support (Primary school). These are paid positions and contribute to the HSC. They are available right now to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students currently in Year 10. Please see Mr Kempton for details and details about the application process.

# http://astar.tv/yourtutor/

Need help with your writing? Quadratic equations getting the better of you? Or are you just not sure where to start with your essay? No dramas! We all get stuck sometimes. Whenever you have a question in maths, English, biology, chemistry, physics or business studies, or want some feedback on an assignment or essay, hop onto yourtutor, and a real live teacher or tutor who will help you work it out. Even better. It's fast, easy, and totally anonymous.

# Walan-Maya (Empowerment) Camp

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, four students from Mudgee High School attended the overnight Walan-Maya Empowerment Camp at Red Hill Environmental Education Centre in Gulgong. Jaz Robertson, Lucy Roe, Lillyandra Laurie-Daylight and Kylah-Marea Demmery participated in a range of activities over the two day camp. The girls created artworks using symbols and tile painting, ochre grinding and hand prints. The creativity continued with dance and song being taught by Uncle Ralph. The students also tested their athleticism in the Indigenous games, followed by engagement with the traditional craft of netmaking, woven wrist bands and gunyah constructions. All students had a fantastic time. Making friends with students from other schools, our students all stated that they wished they could attend next year's Walan-Maya Camp. This camp is open to students in years 7 and 8 only. If you are currently in Year 7 and like the sound of this camp, keep an ear open for the announcement next year to attend.

The University of Sydney is offering two summer camp programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The <u>Wingara Mura</u> camp is for students starting years 9 or 10 in 2016. The <u>Bunga Barrabugu</u> camp is for students starting years 11 or 12 in 2016.

The camps are held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Students will stay on campus in one of the university colleges within Sydney University.

The camps are designed to give students an experience of the opportunities that come with studying at Sydney University.

More details available from Miss Windeyer in the HSIE faculty.



# THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School 10-16 January 2016

The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS), is an annual event established by Engineering Aid Australia. It provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from around Australia with the opportunity to experience engineering studies and careers.

In January 2016, the University of Sydney will host the IAESS. Open to 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering Years 11 and 12, the six-day live-in summer school gives these students a taste of engineering as a university course and career. It involves hands-on and challenging activities within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies as well as site visits to engineering companies.

Studying engineering helps you develop excellent problem-solving, design and research skills that will allow you to drive and lead innovation that will help shape our future.

If you are good at maths and science, like working with machinery or practical tools and enjoy tackling challenging problems, then engineering may be just what you're looking for.

See Miss Windeyer if you would like to know more about this opportunity.



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#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mudgee Cancer Support and Friends Will be holding their annual Daffodil Day Stall In Byron Place Laneway near St George On Friday August 28th 2015 from 9am. Fresh Daffodils \$7, Dougal Bears \$10, And other items from \$3. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council.





# We're looking for bold stories about a human experience with nature, to inspire a new generation.

What inspires you? **The (re)Generation Project** is calling on 15-25 year olds for your stories about the people and places that keep you connected. Personal connections with nature are powerful. They are essential to our health and mental well being, and they encourage ties with the earth that we depend on. So, in this everincreasing modern world, how do we inspire a new generation back to the bush?

The ten best story ideas will be given editorial and production training including digital storytelling workshops and a mentor to help you craft it into a powerful and impacting digital story. You will then have the opportunity to participate in a premier event and online campaign, to share it with NSW youth.

Build valuable skills and networks, win prizes, show your work and have a lot of fun in an opportunity to create a positive change for our planet.

Online applications due 6 September 2015.

To apply and for more information, visit research.science.mq.edu.au/theregenerationproject

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# CSU information evening for parents and students

Charles Sturt University (CSU) is holding an information session for students in Years 10 to 12 and parents who would like to know more about CSU. Find out about:

- courses and opportunities
- ATARs and pathways into uni
- how to apply
- early entry schemes
- important dates
- accommodation options
- scholarships and help with costs.

A Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) representative will also be presenting an information session on applying for study through UAC.

When: 5.30pm, Wednesday, 26 August 2015 Where: CSU Dubbo Campus

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND: www.csu.edu.au/parents 1800 334 733



