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MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Aug 6 – Yr 12 Trial Exams begin
- Aug 14 – Yr 12 Trial Exams finish
- 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
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- St Judes Tanzania
- English Faculty News
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a week last week was.

Well done the company of students, led capably by Mr Hayward, who formed *The Small Poppies* ensemble. While modern drama can be traced back to the Greeks Aeschylus, Euripides and Sophocles, humans have almost certainly been play-acting since before the Stone Age. The passing of tradition often causes older generations to lament. Those same generations should be heartened by the very real preparedness of so many Mudgee High School young people to enter the thespian world and "tread the boards."

Well done too the students who were recognised on Thursday evening for their commitment to Max Potential. Max Potential has become a bit of a Mudgee institution and enjoys the support of Club Mudgee, Mid-Western Regional council and several of the town's prominent businesses. Our student participants get a great deal out of Max Potential each year, as do their coaches from all reports. It is, after all, a great opportunity for many of our civically minded business leaders to connect with Mudgee's young people. The students are challenged to undertake projects that remove them from their comfort zones; challenges that help foster and develop skills, habits and behaviours that are useful in both the work environment and in everyday life.

Last week we also welcomed a large group of teachers and students from several schools located within Japan's Osaka Prefecture. This annual visit, our twelfth, is a great experience for both our visitors and their many hosts. It is a way to bridge cultural divides and come to understand that while some things may separate us, a great many things unite us. It's also a very good opportunity for our students studying Japanese to test their respective linguistic skills.

This week, a bus load of students will make their way to Goodooga to take part in the Indigenous Games. This has been an outstanding success in the past and, like our Japanese visits, helps broaden understandings and cultural awareness for all of the participants; students and staff alike.

It is that time of the year when HSC Trial Examinations kick-off and HSC Major Works are up for submission. The Trial Examinations should *never* be seen as the end of Year 12 study. As much as they are a summative series of examinations, they are also used by teaching staff as a diagnostic tool. The results of these examinations can often inform us as to where some skill or content holes may still exist so that those holes may be addressed – back-filled if you like – so that our Year 12 students have the best possible chances of meeting with success in the October examinations. And for those students for whom "examinations" is a dirty word that only ever inspires dread, think of them as merely quizzes. These up-coming quizzes are about discovering what you know. They are not intricate trip hazards, designed to leave you feeling inept. Your markers look up and reward what you know, not down and punish you for what you don't know.

With regard to Major Works, Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects, Extension English 2, Industrial Technology, Visual Arts and Textiles Major Works will all be submitted over the coming days and weeks. These Major Works represent many hundreds of hours of work. Many of these works will feature later in the year in our annual display at The Stables, so keep an eye out for that event.

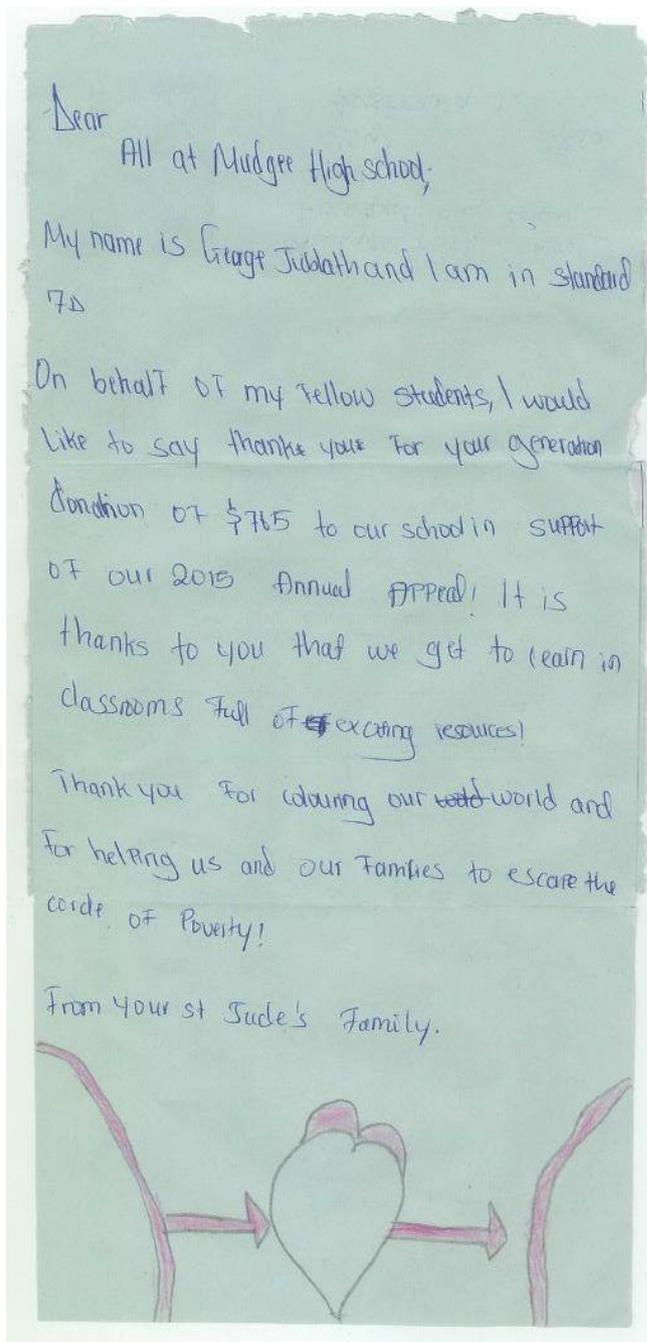
Until next week... sayonara.

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 2 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Year 7 – Tasmin Cox, Year 8 – Mackenzie Callaghan, Year 9 – Abbie Robbins, Year 10 – Melissa Campbell, Year 11 – Maisie Mahon, Year 12 – Joanna Endacott

SRR AWARD – Congratulations to: Ed Bevege (Yr 7)



In Term 1 2015, Mudgee High School held a Mufti Day to raise much needed funds for St Jude's in Tanzania. St Jude's is run on donations and provides education and care to impoverished students. We recently received this letter from a St Jude's student and are extremely proud we have been able to make a difference

ENGLISH FACULTY

It has been a very busy term so far for the English faculty . . .

This week a number of our students sat **the ICAS English Competition**. This is a global competition sponsored by the University of New South Wales and challenges students to extend their skills. Our students regularly take part and have achieved highly creditable results. One particularly good aspect of this competition is that each student receives a detailed analysis of their performance which can help them to extend and develop their skills.

Fiction Addiction, the Mudgee High Book Club initiated by Miss Heckendorf, meets on Wednesdays at lunchtime in the West Wing of the library. This is open to all students who love books and reading. If your son or daughter is interested, encourage them to come along – there is no sign-up process and no demand that they come every week. The group's members read, talk about books they have enjoyed, share recommendations for future reading and review those they think others will enjoy. It's a lovely and enjoyable way to spend a lunchtime.

Goodooga games

This week Miss Heckendorf is taking a group of students on our annual visit to Goodooga for the Indigenous Games. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn about Indigenous culture and to make friends in an Indigenous community. One of the keys to developing tolerance and overcoming preconceptions is to break down barriers and have students learn that what unites us is so much greater than what divides us. Students will have the chance to play a range of indigenous games as well as taking part in cultural activities. Evenings are filled with social activities and friendship. Our students love going and always come back bubbling about the terrific time they have had.

Author Visit

Mudgee High School is pleased to welcome a visit from the renowned author Emily Rodda. Ms Rodda is visiting Mudgee as part of the Readers' Festival and will be visiting primary schools as well. She is perhaps best known for the Deltora Quest novels but has written a range of other books which appeal to many different readers. She will visit Mudgee High School after lunch on Friday 14th August. Students in Years 7 & 8 will be given the chance to attend this free presentation.

Year 10 choosing Year 11 courses.

Last Tuesday evening there were many Year 10 students seeking help to choose between English Studies, English Standard and Advanced English and considering whether they would enjoy Extension English. If you are unclear about the courses available, or you think your son or daughter may not have selected a suitable course, it is not too late to get advice. Your child can speak to any of the English teachers in breaks, we are always happy to help.

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 begin the Trial Exams on Thursday 6th and English is first. Students should be well prepared if they have studied. Again, it is not too late: reading through class notes to refresh memories is useful. Students also have access to past HSC questions to do quick planning activities.

After the Trial Exams, classes will focus on intensive revision programs. This intensive program focuses on areas students have identified as weaknesses: we target knowledge, understanding and skills specific to the exams. Students who work hard to get the most out of this process usually improve their marks considerably.

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