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Term 3 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Sep 11 – Yr 11 Exams finish
- Sep 16 – Yr 12 Farewell Social
- Sep 17 – Rainbow Day
- Sep 18 – Yr 12 Presentation Day
- Sep 18 – Last day of Term 3
- Sep 6 Oct – Staff and Students return

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Gold.

What a great word.

I also like the periodic table symbol: Au. The symbol comes from the Latin "aurum" meaning gold. The word is in all likelihood older still as it can almost be tasted in the Greek "eos" and the Sanskrit "usah". Aurum is the source word of Aurora, who was the Roman goddess of dawn.

Auroras are magnificent things. They shine out in the darkness of polar nights. Aurora is also the shimmering colour of dawn when, as the American poet Robert Frost put it, "Nature's first green is gold..."

Gold itself is chock full of symbolism. Human achievement is frequently rewarded with gold, in the form of medals, trophies and other decorations. Winners of graded competitions are usually awarded a gold medal. Nobel Prizes, Golden Globes (naturally) Academy Awards and the Palme d'Or are all made of gold (or are at least gold-plated).

In life, we are each told to obey the golden rule.

Before old age became unfashionable, we were advised that the wisdom that came with age occurred in our "golden years".

Weddings are often sealed with a gold ring, those generous of spirit have a "heart of gold" and the favoured child is often the "golden boy"!

Here at Mudgee High, we recognise the achievements of students who have applied themselves across a broad range of school activities with a *Principal's Gold Medal*.

In their written application, students are required to demonstrate their commitment to their studies. They don't need to necessarily be first in the courses they study but they do need to demonstrate that they have been dedicated to achieving their personal best. They must be able to demonstrate a regular pattern of good attendance; no one does well in *anything* if they do not show up. Finally, a gold medallist needs to exhibit both cooperation and positive behaviour in all that they do. If they can do all of these things, they are invited to interview. On Monday, I and two colleagues had the distinct pleasure of speaking to seventeen students from Year 12 who were all seeking a *Principal's Gold Medal*.

Principal's Gold Medal interviews are a strange thing in that they are always revelatory, often moving and sometimes quite amusing. I have been a judge on several *Principal's Gold Medal* panels and always leave with a very strong sense that the future of this great nation is very bright.

So, a big thank you to all of the Year 12 students who made application for *Principal's Gold Medals* this year. You made my Monday, my week and quite possibly my term.

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 8 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Year 7 – Nicola Hayes, Year 8 – Kylie Campbell, Year 9 – Alexandra Harris, Year 10 – Thomas Tremain, Year 11 – Samantha Forgione, Year 12 – Hannah Price

SRR AWARD WEEK 8: Elise Stanley (Yr 12)

SUITCASES NEEDED: OLD, NEW, SMALL, LARGE, ANY COLOUR



We are calling out to all our *Friends of Walgett* around the world, to send us a suitcase for every student at Walgett Community College. The 2015 NSW School Spectacular theme is "This is Our World". *Our world going global* is a special education project that starts locally but thinks globally. We are asking our students to consider the world they live in and how they travel in it.

Q. What do you take on a freedom ride?

A. A suitcase packed full of dreams.

Walgett Community College needs over 100 suitcases for this project to help our kids understand they are citizens of the world, and so they know that their world matters.

We are embarking on a journey using the

humble suitcase as a vehicle for self-discovery and proud representation of country. Artwork will be made using the suitcases as showcases of the world within the world without. Travelling from our home town bringing with us the essentials of who we are as individuals and as a community – how the world changes us and how we change the world!

If you are someone who read the recent newspaper articles about Walgett High School and wanted to know what you could do to help, then this project is the perfect opportunity. All you need to send a suitcase to Walgett Community College, Connected Communities, Arthur Street, Walgett NSW 2832 as a donation. Or contact Roslyn McGregor 0488 044 253 for a way to get them to Walgett.



CAREERS CAPERS

Year 12 Parent/Carers

Year 12 students are currently considering education, training and/or employment options for 2016. Eligible students are encouraged to apply for University even though they may be considering a gap year in 2016.

The on-time, online closing date for applying for university courses for 2016, is Wednesday September 30. Mudgee High year 12 students are encouraged to submit their preferences by Friday September 18 (last day of Term 3) to avoid any last minute rush on the UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) website. Students can nominate up to 9 course preferences and application is via www.uac.edu.au. After their initial application, students can change their preferences up until Wednesday January 6 2016 (for main round offers). All university information is available in the 2016 UAC Guide, a free copy of which is available to all students. This resource also contains scholarship and accommodation information for 2016.

Students should also be applying for EARLY ENTRY where they can be accepted into their university course of choice BEFORE seeing their HSC results. The SRS (School Recommendation Scheme) is an online process accessed through the UAC website. The closing date for SRS applications is September 30.

EAS (Education Access Schemes) and Equity Scholarships are also available to students who have encountered long term educational disadvantage and/or financial difficulties. This information is available from the Careers Room. Students who are looking at TAFE courses for next year should consult their local TAFE college, Cassilis Road, visit www.tafewestern.edu.au or phone 1300 823 393. TAFE information is also available in the Careers Room. Students seeking employment post school should be checking out relevant websites eg. www.jobsearch.gov.au and have an updated, presentable resume. Assistance is available to compile a resume if required.

In short, students are encouraged to keep employment and training options OPEN, apply for as many courses/scholarships, etc., as possible and seek help and support where necessary. If parents/carers have enquiries about any of the above information, please contact the school's Careers Adviser by phone (6372 1533), in person or email bill.kempton@det.nsw.edu.au

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KIDS IN THE PARK – School Holiday Activities

Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this spring school holidays! There are activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25.

Archery – Kids on Target and Little Archers, All Day Holiday Recreational Program, Science, cooking, writing workshops, Gymnastics, Circus Skills and Flying Trapeze, Circus Solarus Kids' Games – Free, Park Patrol – Minibeasts, Sport and Adventure camps, Walk and Squawk – New, And lots more.

Contact details- email: info@sydneyolympicpark.com.au or visit sydneyolympicpark.com.au

Mudgee Softball Registration

The 2015-2016 Summer softball competition starts 10th October.
Registration days will be held at Westend on :-

- Wednesday 16th September 4-5.30
- Thursday 8th October 4-5.30

For more information email mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com

