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Community



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Nov 14-18 – HSC Exhibition at The Stables
- Nov 16 – Yr 12 sign out 10am – 12pm
- Nov 17 – Yr 7 2017 Orientation Day
- Nov 17 - Yr 7 2017 Parent Information Evening 6pm
- Nov 18 – Yr 12 Formal Parklands Resort & Conference Centre 6.00pm-8.00pm
- Dec 16 – Last day of Term 4

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Child Protection

A warning: you may find what follows challenging at times.

The wellbeing – academic, emotional and physical – of the young people in our care lies at the core of what we do as teachers.

All state school teachers and school-based staff are required to undertake mandatory training in child protection. This training is made up of induction training when beginning a career with the Department of Education, followed by annual updates. This training instils in each of us a firm grasp of our responsibilities and the important role we have in supporting young people with special regard to identifying issues or problems that may put their safety, welfare or wellbeing at risk.

All state school staff members are tasked with the responsibility of reporting risks of harm or concerns they have for the young people in their care, guided by the roles they play at school.

And there are very good historical reasons that underpin the system we have in place. During the late 1990s and early 2000s, allegations of child sexual abuse in Australia surfaced in a number of religious and non-religious institutions. Some of these allegations led to convictions. They have also led to a heightened awareness of the need for vigilance and accountability. The DoE's system of accountability is part of the NSW Government's response to the recommendations made by the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW, headed by the Hon James Wood, AO QC.

Last week, remarks were attributed to The King's School principal, Dr Timothy Hawkes, via Sky News that, quite frankly, I found more than a little disturbing. Hawkes was reported as having told the Royal Commission into child abuse that the sensationalist tendencies of the media are a "strong disincentive" for principals to report abuse allegations. This was part of his response to suggestions that his failure to report an incident of sexual assault was influenced by his concern for the school's reputation.

It was reported that in 2000, Hawkes sent an email to colleagues heading up other such institutions, in which he stated:

*If in reporting an incident, it means the broad flapping ears of the press will be allowed to sensationalise the case on the front page of their newspapers, then this will be a very strong disincentive to report anything.  
No threats from legal quarters will come close to persuading a head that it is worth reporting something if this is the reward they are going to reap.*

On reading this, I revisited the DoE's policy. Strange to relate, nowhere in the policy that governs our system's response to allegations of abuse of children and young people is there reference to concern for an individual school's reputation trumping mandatory reporting.

Abuse happens. For too many years it was swept under the carpet to avoid embarrassment and to protect the reputations of individuals and institutions. Mudgee High is part of a state system that has zero tolerance for such behaviour and an extraordinarily good reputation for responding to and dealing with such allegations, as it should.

When a school is prepared to put its reputation ahead of the welfare and wellbeing of the children in its care, heads should roll!

Wayne Eade

## TERM 4 WEEK 4 AWARDS

**P & C Awards:** Year 7 – Cooper Treeve; Year 8 – Dylan McFarlane; Year 9 – Curtis Sebelic; Year 10 – Nikki Kurtz; Year 11 – Luke Beckingham

**SRR Award:** Emma Hawkins Y7

## DECADE DAY



On Friday 14th October, Year 10 students celebrated Decade Day, culminating in the celebrations of the MHS centenary. Students showcased a range of outfits from various decades, showing the fashion faux pas from the 20's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's.

Students spent three weeks of class time preparing for Decade Day researching fashion, music, entertainment and sport from each particular decade. Using this information they then put together a stall in the Performance Centre showcasing their presentations.

Students then competed to be crowned King and Queen of their decade, awarded best performance and best booth. Judging was extremely difficult as students had gone to great lengths to dress the part and create informative and engaging displays and performances. After much deliberation, Mr Golden (the esteemed adjudicator) announced the following students as winners in their category:

1920's fashion - Hayden Woods  
1950's fashion - Natasha Hill, Hannah Peggs and Alexander Hofbauer  
1960's fashion - Caitriona Ridler and Joshua Montgomery  
1970's fashion - Natalie Jeffrey and Jack Swords  
1980's fashion - Amanda Woodgate and Jack Tant



Best booth went to Felicity Smith, Grace Frost and Taylah Ralston for their creation of a 1960's photo booth  
Best performance went to Isaac Dickie, Jacob Barnes and Joshua Hunter for their rendition of a Nirvana song.

Other highlights included the creation of a 50's juke box and hopskotch, and walking and talking 80's television, an interview with Peter Sterling along with a dance performance of the hand jive.





All students should be congratulated on their Decade Day efforts as there were many great outfits, performances and stalls. Students were excellent role models for Mudgee High and should be proud of not only their work but also their behaviour on the day. Hopefully students enjoyed their time at Decade Day, learning and experiencing elements of Australia's historical pop culture.



# VOTE & WIN!

## PETRIES MITRE 10 SCHOOL TRADE AWARDS 2016

Mudgee High, St Matthews & Kandos High

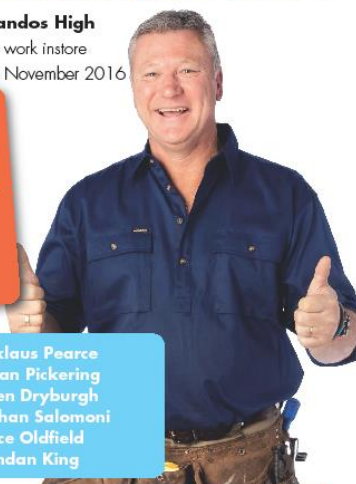
Year 12 Students will be displaying their work instore

Monday 31 October – Wednesday 9th November 2016

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Christopher Murphy

Nicklaus Pearce  
Rhyann Pickering  
Aiden Dryburgh  
Nathan Salomoni  
Reece Oldfield  
Brendan King



**AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT PETRIES MITRE 10  
WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016 FROM 6 – 7PM**

## MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10

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