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Term 4 – Week 4



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Oct 13 – Nov 4
HSC Exams
- 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
- Awards
- Invitation
- Peer Tutoring
- Year 10 'Love Bites'
- Community
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assemblies

Mudgee High is a Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) school.

In a nutshell, PBL demands that we as educators explicitly teach students the behaviours we expect them to demonstrate. PBL demands that we not assume knowledge.

And it makes perfect sense!

Behavioural expectations are like cultural norms. No baby is born with a knowledge of the cultural practices that lie at the heart of the community into which he or she has been delivered. Language and ideas, customs and art, the particular social behaviours of a particular people or society are all learned. Behaviour is very much a fundamental of culture. No child is born knowing "please" and "thank you". None but the dullest fail to learn through explicit teaching and life experience the figurative doors these words have the capacity to open.

PBL at Mudgee High has at its core three universals: Safe. Respectful. Responsible.

These universals were decided several years ago after wide-ranging consultation with the school community; staff, students and parents.

The universals serve as an overarching guide as to what positive behaviours should generate; a safe environment in which people act responsibly and respectfully.

What PBL looks like in practice differs from context to context and this is something that needs to be taught, even when it may seem a "no-brainer". A behaviour accepted on the school oval at lunchtime like kicking a football is not going to be acceptable in the school's library. While this may seem obvious – and to tell the truth, it is an extreme example – there are a fringe minority of students who will ask, "Why?" when a behaviour the majority would consider not safe, responsible or respectful is challenged.

PBL allows us to talk to all students about what we want to see – the positive behaviours – rather than the listing all of the "don'ts".

I kicked off a few weeks ago a little explicit teaching of the behavioural expectations we have of students on assembly in the most appropriate of contexts... an assembly. Those expectations are really quite simple.

To be safe, we expect students to:

Follow staff instructions. Enter and exit by the correct gymnasium door. Sit where directed.

To be respectful, we expect students to:

Listen attentively. Acknowledge achievements appropriately.

To be responsible, we expect students to:

Move quickly to assembly. Leave bags where directed.

Fleshed out with the reasoning behind these expectations and examples, which were then followed up last week by Mr Browning with a reminder of those expectations, no student present was left in doubt as to what is expected of them.

PBL lessons serve to make students aware of the school's culture as well as make MHS a nicer place to be.

Mudgee High Alumni News

Dr Hannah Kempton, now based at Wagga Hospital, has been named as New South Wales' *Junior Doctor of the Year for 2016*. Hannah's win is a prestigious one and she should be deservedly proud, just as her family, her school and indeed the wider Mudgee community are proud.

If you'd like to see a Hannah in action use the link below and go to the 7 minute 10 second mark.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2iT5VBwZoc>



Secondary School Renewal Program

The inside walls are up, the electricians are working apace and most of the utilities are in place in the front garden. It still looks like a construction zone – because it is – but we're getting closer to a finish in the building works every day! The exciting part of the build at the front of the school will be the erection of the cantilevered awning just in from the footpath. The footings go 2.5m into the rock beneath the school and there will be a huge concrete pour on the day. I'll attempt to get some snaps. Perhaps they'll be trotted out for the bicentenary!

Until next week...

Wayne Eade

TERM 4 WEEK 3 AWARDS

P & C Awards: Year 7 – Bailey Steele; Year 8 – Ashley-Kate Wright; Year 9 – Blake Large; Year 10 – Jack Sewell
Year 11 – James Chamberlain

SRR Award: Connor Rae – Year 8

INVITATION TO PARENTS OF YEAR 6

We are holding a parent information night on Thursday November 17

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's year advisor, the principal, deputy principals and head teacher welfare as well as to tell us about your child's special needs.

What: Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evening

When: Thursday November 17th

- 6.00pm tour of the school
- 6.30 pm information session

Where: Mudgee High School Performance Centre

How to get there: Enter via the Denison St entrance

For further information contact Mudgee High School office on telephone **6372 1533**

PEER TUTORING

Mudgee High School offers a number of programs that have been implemented to assist in the development of student's literacy, numeracy and social skills. The Peer Tutor Reading program is one such program. The Peer Tutor program is designed to help students better access the high school curriculum both academically and socially by using trained Peer Tutors from Year 10. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from students in Year 9 who might be interested in taking part in this program next year. Any interested students can see Mrs Burke or Mrs Quinn in the Learning and Support Staffroom for more information.

YEAR 10 'LOVE BITES' PARENT INFORMATION

The Love Bites sexual assault and domestic violence prevention program will run for Year 10 in conjunction with the PD/H/PE core subject. Outlined below is some information on the program. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Karen Quinn at Mudgee High School on 6372 1533.

What is Love Bites?

- Love Bites is an extremely successful, school-based sexual assault, domestic and family violence prevention program that evolved on the Mid Coast of NSW
- Over 10,000 high school students throughout NSW have participated in this interactive and innovative program aimed at Year 10 students.

The Love Bites Program consists of two interactive workshops on sexual assault and family / domestic violence and then workshops that consolidate the information from the morning workshops by working alongside the students to produce artworks that will then be printed on posters, coasters and resources for the students and community.

The artworks, music and radio advertisements from all students are used to develop a local campaign to challenge violence against women in the community. This campaign is led and delivered by young people. The Love Bites program presents a consistent approach to the issues of violence against women and children that is firmly focused on factual statistical information that consistently confirms that sexual assault and domestic violence are gender issues as women are overwhelmingly the victims of men's violence and that men are overwhelmingly the perpetrators of this violence. Love Bites advocates that young people can change these statistics and can make different choices, resolve issues in non-violent ways and can develop respectful relationships.

The program will involve all of Year 10. Students will be placed into three groups. Each group will then participate in a one day workshop that will take place over three days in Week 7, Term 4.

- Group 1: Monday 21stth November
- Group 2: Tuesday 22nd November
- Group 3: Wednesday 23rd November

Students will need to bring their own morning tea but lunch will be provided. If your student has any special dietary requirements or questions, please see Mrs Quinn by Wednesday 16th November.

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Please return this note ONLY if you do not wish your student to participate in this program. If this is the case, your student will need to return this note by WEDNESDAY 16th November 2016.

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) **do not** wish my student
_____ (Student) to participate in the Love Bites program.

I understand that my student will still be required to attend school and follow the directions of teachers on this day regarding alternative arrangements.

_____ (Parent/Gaurdian Signature)

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

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
A \$50 MITRE 10
GIFT VOUCHER**
Vote for your
favourite piece to
go in the draw!



Connor Adlington
Thomas Ashton
Beeree Egan
Luke Hill
Samuel Maher
Christopher Murphy

Nicklaus Pearce
Rhyan 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

PETRIES MITRE 10, 144 CHURCH ST, MUDGEE. PH 6372 1111

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



PCYC acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original custodians of the lands on which our Clubs operate. We are committed to promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples and the broader Australian community.

PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

CHARITY GOLF DAY

4 PERSON AMBROSE NOV 17 2016

BONNIE DOON GOLF CLUB
PAGEWOOD, NSW

www.pycnsw.org.au/support-us/charity-golf-day

The banner features a background image of a golf course with a clubhouse and a golfer in the distance. The Schweppes logo is prominently displayed on the left side.



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