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MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Dec 13 – EoY Presentation Evening in the Gym 7pm
- Dec 15 – Year Assemblies in the Gym
- Dec 16 – Last day of Term 4
- 2017 Jan 27 – Staff Development Day
- 2017 Jan 30 – Y7, 11 & 12 return to school
- 2017 Jan 31 – Y8, 9 & 10 return to school

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MAD Concert

Congratulation to Mr Carl Holleman for co-ordinating such a fantastic event.

Thank you to all the staff and students involved in preparing quality music and drama acts and for the amazing artwork.

It was an outstanding success.

Mandatory Staff Training in CPR and Anaphylaxis

Staff have been busy over the last two weeks completing on-line and face to face professional learning in these areas.

A special thank you to Ms Penny Smith and Ms Alison Wilson for completing five training sessions with staff after school.

Presentation Evening and Year Assemblies

Our Presentation Evening is tomorrow (Tues Dec 13) at 7pm.
Year Assemblies – Thursday Dec 15 as follows: Years 8 – 9.30am;
Years 7 – 11.00am; Years 9 - 12.30pm; Year 10 – 2.30pm

Year 11 Bonding Camp

On Wednesday morning Dec 14 ,79 Year 11 students will leave for Morrissett for four days of adventure activities.

The group will be accompanied by Ms Chantal Tyrrell, Ms Alison Wilson and Mr Josh Hayward and myself. (Mr Finter will be relieving Principal on Wednesday and Thursday and Mr Eade will return on Friday.)

Year 11 goes to the camp at a similar time each year and the school has a great reputation built on fantastic student interest, participation/resilience and staff always comment about how polite and friendly the Mudgee High students are.

It is for this reason a marketing firm will be at the camp with us taking photos and video of our students having a great time.

Jim Browning
Relieving Principal

SRR Award: Bayden Endacott – Year 8; Amelia Sauerbier – Year 9

YEAR 7 CONCERT

It's time, again, to see the stars of tomorrow shine. Some of our best year 7 students will show their music skills at the annual Year 7 Concert on Thursday 15th December. We will begin at 12.30 in the Performance Centre. Parents, Grandparents and carers and teachers of year 7 are asked to attend. Older students are not invited because the little guys get scared! Hope to see lots of supporters at the concert

END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS

As the end of the school year fast approaches, so does the time to acknowledge the fine efforts of our student body. Throughout the year, the efforts of students are recognised in sporting, academic, cultural and community pursuits. At the end of the year, student achievement is acknowledged at the School Presentation Evening, which this year will take place on **Tuesday 13th December at 7.00pm** in the school's gymnasium.

At this ceremony, students will be presented with Effort and Achievement awards for individual subjects in addition to Special Awards. The parents of students who are receiving awards on Presentation Evening will receive an invitation in the mail.

In addition to this ceremony, individual year groups will have their own Year Assemblies on Thursday 15th December, in the gymnasium. It is at these assemblies they will receive their reports. They will also receive Gold and Silver Awards, as well as Attendance, Canteen, Participation and Sporting Excellence Awards. Students will be able to ascertain whether they are receiving an award at this ceremony by checking their Year Group's noticeboard.

The schedule for Year Assemblies is: Year 8 – 9.30am; Year 7 – 11.00am; Year 9 – 12.30pm; Year 10 – 2.30pm

Christmas Giving Tree

From November 28th the SRC will be collecting non-perishable items and gifts for Barnardos to benefit our local community.

As items are for gifting please ensure they are of suitable quality.

World Vision

This year The SRC would also like to support World Vision. They would like to purchase items for a third world community such as a cow, toilet or access to a teacher.

Cash donations can be given to Mr McNeill at the English staff room from 28th November until the end of term.



PDHPE NEWS

Little Gym

Over the past year PDHPE have been raising money to update the little gym at school so it can be utilised in all weather conditions. There is also the view to purchase some much needed new equipment. In conjunction with a Bootcamp being conducted, a number of community groups and local businesses have kindly donated goods and money to assist with the upgrade of this valuable resource.

Many thanks must go to Petries Mitre 10 for donating a whirly bird and CSR Bradford for donating the insulation. Also a big thank you to Mick O'Connell for his electrical services.



Thank you to Moolarben Coal for a community grant to purchase some equipment.

As a result of the generous support we have been given by these groups, our students will have greater access to a facility where they can to exercise in 'comfort'.

Resurfacing of the Basketball/netball court

A long awaited and much needed update of the courts is coming to fruition.

On December 19th – 23rd the start of the resurfacing will take place with new sleeves for 4 volleyball courts and a netball court being installed. Parts of the court surface will be levelled in preparation for resurfacing.

From January 16th – 29th the courts will be fully resurfaced ready for the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Please be aware that the gates will be locked and fences installed so this process goes smoothly.

Many hours have been spent applying for grants and we were lucky to secure enough money to be able start this year. Thanks to the Department of Education and Club Mudgee for assisting us in making our facilities at Mudgee High School better for our students. Thanks also to the school P & C for supporting our grant applications to various organisation. Fingers crossed we might secure more funding to finish off the area.

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MAD CONCERT 2016



This year's annual MAD concert was better than ever with 26 acts, two of which featured staff members singing, playing guitar and acting.

The standard of performances was very high and most involved the use of live music rather than backing tracks. Students from year 7 -11 performed a range of musical items including rock, pop and classical.

There were also some entertaining drama acts – one of which featured Deputy Finter in an hilarious role reversal as a parent fronting up to an interview with the principal – played by Jackson Sievers.

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MID- WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL YOUTH FORUM

Dillon Robinson addresses the Youth Forum



On Monday 6th December at 6.00pm, MWRC conducted a Youth Forum with purpose of garnering the opinions of the region's youth with a view to using this as the basis of developing a Youth Strategy to address the needs of the young people in the Local Government Area (LGA).

The forum sought opinions on what facilities currently exist in the Council's LGA and what facilities could be built in the future or ways in which current facilities could be better utilised. The Forum was attended by representatives of Non-Government Organisations who work closely with young people, Council Officers such as the General Manager Brad Cam and Julie Robertson.

Director Development, Mayor Des Kennedy and Councillors O'Neill, Karavas and Holden.

The eighteen Mudgee High students gave their opinions in a forthright and respectful manner and worked co-operatively with adults. Their work has provided Council with a sound basis to develop the Youth Strategy. The students demonstrated that they have a commitment to their school and the wider community and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Daniel Reinhard, Will Evans, Harrison Newton, Chloe Staub, Claire Finter, Daniel Trevathan, Dillon Robinson, Andrew Blewitt, Sam Bambrick, Azrun Paulsen, Lowanna Paulsen, Olive Loughnan, Grace Frost, Elizabeth Laidlaw, Taylah Ralston, Campbell Stubbs, Andrea Holden, Adam O'Connell, Connor Rae.

Daniel Trevathan addresses the Youth Forum



Lowanna Paulsen and Olive Loughnan work with representatives of REAL FM and Councillor Alex Karavas at the MWRC Youth Forum

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Frequently asked questions

Which will be better for me – PVC or School Drive Subsidy?

It depends on:

- How many children you have on the scheme.
- The type of school they attend (boarding school, day school or mini-school).
- The distance you need to drive.
- If you have children to add to your school trips in the future.

You should consider staying on the PVC subsidy if you're receiving a PVC subsidy for more than one child.

We suggest you check which scheme is better for your individual circumstances by using the online comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What are the School Drive Subsidy rates?

You can find the latest rates for the School Drive Subsidy and the PVC at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016.

Keep in mind, if you stay on the current PVC subsidy, you won't be able to add new students after 17 January 2017 without switching all the existing PVC students to the new School Drive Subsidy.

Need more information?

Find out more, including examples of school trips, at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive or call 131 500.

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SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES



What's happening?

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced with the new School Drive Subsidy.

This change will make it fairer for everyone who drives their children to school or to the nearest public transport location.

If you're a parent or guardian currently receiving the PVC subsidy, you can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017.

What are the main changes?

If you're driving one or more eligible students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Other differences include:

- A flat per kilometre rate (indexed annually to the cost of living) will apply under the School Drive Subsidy, unlike the flat payment per distance band in the current PVC subsidy.
- The requirement to do a special return trip each morning and afternoon will be removed.
- The 300km per trip payment cap will be removed.
- The limit of eight trips per year for distance education students to attend mini-schools during term time will be removed.
- The PVC subsidy rates will remain at 2017 levels in 2018 and beyond.
- Payments to third parties will stop (e.g. payments to a bus operator hired by parents from pooled PVC subsidy payments).

Note, you can't be on two schemes at the same time. If you add new students after 17 January 2017, all eligible students will automatically go onto the new School Drive Subsidy, including existing PVC subsidy students.

How do I check which scheme is better for me?

Check the comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What do I need to do?

If you want to stay on the existing PVC subsidy, you don't need to do anything.

Assuming the school trip doesn't change, your payments will continue for all existing students until they leave school or until you need to re-apply because a student is moving up to Year 7 at high school.

If the school trip changes because you move homes or the student changes schools, you will need to re-apply under the new School Drive Subsidy.

Remember, you can't re-apply for the PVC subsidy after 20 December 2016, but you can switch to the new School Drive Subsidy at any time after 17 January 2017.

If you want to switch to the new School Drive Subsidy, apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Just like the PVC subsidy, payments will be made twice a year, around August and February, based on the student's school attendance for the preceding semester.

The online application process only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to call 131 500 for assistance.

After you've applied and been approved for the School Drive Subsidy, payments will be made automatically into your bank account twice a year.

You won't have to re-apply until a student reaches the end of Year 6, or until you next update any details – such as a change of school, school trip or address.

What happens if I stay on PVC now but want to add a new child later?

For new eligible students, you can either:

- Add the new student into the new School Drive Subsidy and also switch the existing students to the new scheme, or:
- Stay on the current PVC subsidy where existing students are covered, but not add any new students and not receive any additional subsidy.

What are the distance requirements under the School Drive Subsidy?

School year band	Minimum distance to school/TAFE	Minimum distance to the nearest public transport pick up point (where available)
Infants and Primary students (Years K-6)	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance
Secondary students (Years 7-12)	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance
TAFE	More than 3.2km walking distance	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance

You can read about these changes in more detail at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive