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Term 4 – Week 9



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The very busy end to the year has continued with lots of excursions planned for students and additional Professional Learning for staff on CPR and Emergency Care. Ms Penny Smith has volunteered to train all staff which is a marathon effort and I thank her personally for her commitment to assisting staff gain these vital skills.

Mad Concert

Mr Carl Holleman has been a very busy man not only organising the MAD Concert, but also standing in for Mr Whittington as Head Teacher Administration. Mr Holleman has been auditioning acts over the last few weeks and he has arranged an excellent program for the evening. Students will perform from all years and there will be a guest appearances from several members of staff. The advertisement for the night is in this edition of the newsletter.

Year 12, 2017 Bonding Camp

The annual bonding camp for our senior students will take place from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th December, 2016. The students will travel to Morrisett to undertake a wide range of adventure activities and will be accompanied by Mr Hayward, Ms Tyrrell, Ms Wilson and myself. I just couldn't miss out on attending with this great group. Mr Finter will take the reins of Principal for Wednesday and Thursday of that week as Mr Eade will return on Friday, the last day of term.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Many students are now working in class with their own computers. If you are thinking of purchasing a computer (device) for your child for Christmas please visit the Mudgee High School website to see the BYOD policy and additional information on devices that can be accommodated on the school network.

On the website click on the Curriculum Activities tab at the top and BYOD is on the bottom of the page. There is also a FAQ's section. Next year in the first weeks of term one all students with their own device will have to complete an agreement to abide by certain rules of use.

Industrial Action

On Thursday 8th December there will be a short Federation Meeting for teachers to vote on the new salaries award. This will take place during period one and all students will receive a letter explaining the change in arrangements for the morning to accommodate this meeting.

Jim Browning
Relieving Principal

TERM 4 WEEK 8 AWARDS

P & C Awards: Year 7 – Thomas Sebelic; Year 8 – Lacey Bennett; Year 9 – Molly Forrest; Year 10 – Thomas Loughnan; Year 11 – Tiarna Templeton

SRR Award: Katherine Byrne Year 11

MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SELECTED FOR STEM SUMMER SCHOOL



Year 10 student, Lowanna Paulson, has been selected to attend the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS) for her outstanding achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Lowanna Paulson is one of only 105 students from across Australia to be selected to attend one of the three summer schools which will take place during December 2016/January 2017. Lowanna Paulson will attend the summer school in Newcastle in January 2017.

ASSETS is part of a broader Indigenous STEM Education Project funded by BHP Billiton Foundation and delivered by CSIRO. www.csiro.au/indigenous-education

RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE SCHOOL AGRICULTURE PLOT

Ulan Underground apprentices have been at the school over the last 3 days clearing, grading and cleaning up the Perry Street Agriculture Plot. The team has been working closely with Mr Troy Whittington from the school and has reconstructed the raised garden beds and has made small animal cages and new benches for the plant nursery. This work has occurred as part of the Community Pay Back Scheme operating at the mine. Mudgee High School would like to thank all the Ulan Underground apprentices involved in the project for their hard work and their efforts will make a tremendous difference to the teaching and Learning opportunities for students at the school.



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.

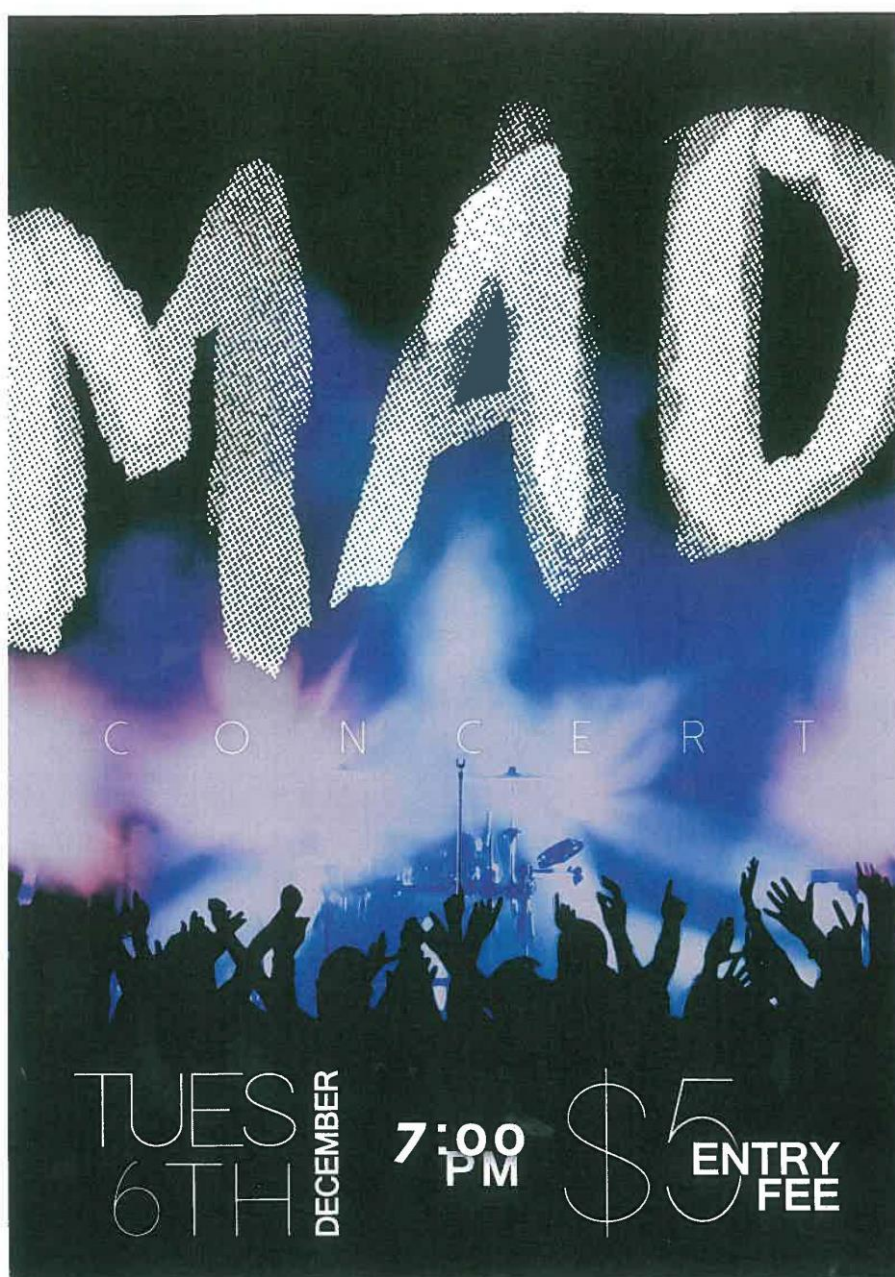
World Vision

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.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS





EXCITING NEW HOPE AT LAST

Learn how you can be free from
PTSD | DEPRESSION
ANXIETY | FEELING OVERWHELMED

Learn how to make decisions with clarity and let go
of limiting beliefs that hold you back.

Dimity Bagley brings to you the same processes used in
the UK Warrior Program for soldiers.

Processes she had been using with clients for the past
7 years with 100% success rate.

It is time to be free. Live life to its fullest.

90 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSION
CLUB MUDGE • MUDGE
6.30PM THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016
\$10 • BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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A photograph of a man and a woman in a jungle setting. The woman is wearing a floral headpiece and a leopard-print bikini, and the man is shirtless and wearing a leopard-print loincloth. They are sitting on a tree branch, looking at each other.

DANCE Unlimited Presents:

A Tarzan Tale

Jungle Jam & Jive

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SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

PARKLANDS RESORT

MATINEE -11AM-
EVENING SHOW -5PM-

ADULTS \$30
CONCESSION / CHILD UNDER 12 \$26

BUY TICKETS ONLINE
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM
OR TEXT TANYA
0417 269 413

23rd ANNUAL MUDGEE BASKETBALL DEBUTANTE BALL
*Registrations for Expressions of Interest are now being taken for
intending debutantes and their partners from Years 10, 11 & 12
Please ring or text Helen, on 0427 220 776 for enquiries or to register*

SPONSORSHIP

**MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL – LINK PROGRAM
GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY
GLENCORE
Ulan Coal Mine**

THE CUDGEGONG CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PRESENT
TWILIGHT CAROLS – December 11, 2016 – Anglican Church Grounds, Mudgee
Beginning at 6.30pm
BBQ, Face Painting, Nativity dress up and more -
Join us in celebrating the reason for the season

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.

131 500 PVC DL / TD 004 10/2016

SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES



Transport for NSW



Transport for NSW

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