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Term 1 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Mar 17 – Yrs 8, 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher night 3.45pm – 7.00pm
- Mar 18 – Study Skills Day Yrs 10 & 11
- Mar 21 – P&C AGM (a week early because of Easter)
- Mar 22 – Vaccinations for ALL Yr 7 students and Yr 9 boys
- Mar 25 – Public Holiday Good Friday
- Mar 28 – Public Holiday Easter Mon
- Apr 8 – Last day of Term 1
- Apr 26 – Staff Development Day
- April 27 – Term 2 Commences

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's message – 29 February 2016

I want to begin this week's message with a huge nod to the achievements of our under 15s netball side. The young ladies in this team last week defeated Dubbo South 37 to 29, making them the Western Region Champions. They're soon off to Sydney with a view to being state champions. Well done, Kaylee Consadine, Gabby Dziura, Alleginah Hornery, Paige Martin, Kyah Priest, Grace Quinn, Jaz Robertson, Lucy Roe, Piper Sievers, Brooke Smyth and Brianna Stewart!

Some other thanks are in order too. A big thanks to Kim Currie and the Zin House for making available through donation tickets that have allowed several of our music students to attend "Seven Sopranos" and more recently the Leo Sayer concert. The opportunity to see professional singers and musicians at work is a valuable experience for any budding student of music and very much appreciated.

Thanks too to Coates Hire. Our first parent/teacher afternoon/evening coincided with one of the hottest days we have experienced in Mudgee this summer. While the school gymnasium offers shade it does not offer a great deal of difference from extremes in temperature. Knowing this, Coates Hire was approached with a view to hiring an industrial fan or two to keep the air moving and the conditions a little more tolerable. The good people at Coates allowed us to use their fan gratis.

Finally, thanks to all of those parents and carers who made it to the parent/teacher afternoon/evening. Successful partnerships, and that is exactly what a child's education is built on, is best developed when the lines of communication are open. Be aware that parent/teacher meetings for parents and carers of students in Years 8–10 will be held on Thursday 17 March.

In other news, sometimes we get requests at school for the names and contact details for potential tutors. Unfortunately, private tutorial services are not part of our brief as the tutors themselves are not on Department of Education payroll and as such, we are in no real position to know the credentials of any potential tutor.

That said, be aware that both the **Mathematics** and **English** faculties run **free homework centres** for students seeking additional help in either of these subject areas. The teachers who operate these homework centres do so for free – they are not paid for their services – because they have recognised a need. All it will cost your child to attend is an hour on a Monday afternoon (3.30pm – 4.30pm) if it Mathematics where he or she needs a little more assistance, or an hour on a Tuesday afternoon (3.30pm – 4.30pm) if it English where he or she has that need.

I began this week's message with several thank you messages and will conclude with the same; thank you to the staff in Mathematics and English who give their time freely to offer the additional support they provide.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 1 WEEK 5 AWARDS

P & C Awards: Yr 7: Wade Faucett, Yr 8: Bailey McMurtrie, Yr 9: Karen Aylett, Yr 10: Kasia Biffin, Yr 11: Tameka Blowes, Yr 12: Rachel Hibberd & Isabella Ghanem

SRR Award: Curtis Sebelic Yr 9

UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION

Education is lifelong. As a secondary school student, your child is moving towards adult life and closer to determining their future career path.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us identify potentially gifted students and those who may need more focused and purposeful teaching to achieve their best.

Each student receives:

- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

[The competition will be held on Tuesday 31st May during periods 1&2](#)

To enrol in ICAS, your child must bring their entry fee of \$8.00 to the office by Thursday 7th April.

Cath Laidlaw
Co-ordinator

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Australian Geography Competition is an opportunity for students to participate in an extra-curricula opportunity which not only challenges them academically, but also provides them with vital exam-style assessment skills. This year the competition will be sat on Monday 23rd May periods 3 & 4.

Students who wish to participate need to pay \$4 to the front office by Friday 1st April.

The competition is open to all students, from Years 7 through to 12.

All students will receive a certificate for participation, specifically noting their grade range – Credit, Distinction, High Distinction. These certificates are great additions to a student's curriculum vitae.

The highest-scoring student in each year level in Australia, in each State and in the combined Territories each receive a book prize and a special certificate. Year 11 students can win a place at the 2016 Geography's Big Week Out from which the Australian team for the 2017 International Geography Olympiad in Belgrade, Serbia will be selected.

Further information is available from Miss Windeyer in the HSIE faculty.

FROM THE OFFICE

Absences: One day- advise by phone or note on return to be given to Roll call Teacher or Office.

2 or more days – need written note. Ask for an Absence booklet from the Office OR

If you are registered for the **Parent Portal**, go to <http://web1.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>

This way you can access your students' absences and update online.

If you would like to register, contact the school and we will send login details to your email address.

Leave/Appointments: Please complete Absence Note or write note, student is to present this to the Office before Roll call. They will be given a printed leave slip and will meet parent in foyer (or arranged spot) at the given time.

Last minute: we realise that some appointments are arranged at the last minute. Please contact the Office to arrange these appointments.

Payments: Student fees letters have been mailed for Semester 1. You can pay fees: 1. Online <http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> Click on "Make a payment" and follow the prompts

Sick Students: When students feel unwell at school, the correct procedure is for them to see a teacher. The teacher will give them a note to give to the office staff. Office staff will then ring home. If your child rings you direct, please let them know that they need to follow the school procedures.

Excursions: Close by dates for payments and notes. These time lines are in place so we are able to finalise payments and bookings, etc. If you are unable to meet these deadlines, please notify the school prior to the close by date so we can accommodate the student participating. If you are unable to meet the deadline due to financial reasons, Student Assistance may be available, but conditions apply. Once again this needs to be applied for on or before the close by date. Deposits/instalments may also be made to secure a student's place on an excursion but final payment must be made by the due by date.



Bawamarra
(Relate news, Communicate)



**Welcome BBQ for our Aboriginal and Torres
Islander Students and Families**

Strait

You are invited to the Mudgee High School Welcome BBQ. This is an opportunity for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families to meet with the school and community in an informal and fun way.

As well as a BBQ, we will also be showing some short films by Black Screen Films.

Date: Thursday 3rd March

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Place: Mudgee High School Performance Centre area; enter the school from Denison Street

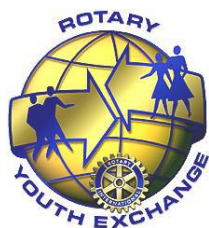
An invitation has been posted out to all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Please return the slip at the bottom of the invitation to the front office of Mudgee High School to let us know if you will be attending the event. This will allow us to adequately cater.

For further information please call Claire Windeyer on 6372 1533.

We look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



INFORMATION SESSION FOR **2017 OUTBOUND STUDENTS**

TO BE HELD AT Mudgee Golf Club Tuesday 1st March, 2016 starting at 6:30pm

A year of study overseas on a Rotary Youth Exchange Program gives secondary school students an opportunity to develop an understanding of differing cultures, learning a new language, the making of international friendships and much more. It provides personal development and a sound basis for future education and career goals.

Come along and find out more information on how you can be involved in a Rotary Exchange to countries all over the world. Current Inbound Students will be in attendance to answer your questions and to tell their stories. Enquiries to Geoff Smith 6889 5447



UNLEASHED GRAD TRIPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MUDGEE TRAVEL AND CRUISE

Venue: **Club Mudgee , Auditorium**

Date: **Monday the 7th March**

Time: **6pm**

2017 school leavers are welcome to attend in order to plan ahead and get in early.

Since their inception in 2007, Unleashed Travel has quickly become the market leaders in overseas school leaver holidays. With a focus on creating trips that balance cultural experiences and quality time with friends. Come and meet with Yanni, Verity, Glenn and Beck to learn more.

Fantastic fund raising opportunity for Rainbow Day!

LIVE IT! BE IN IT!

The Benevolent Society, CareWest & Sport and Recreation are teaming up for the Mudgee Fitness Festival

Sometimes children need some extra help to join in activities in the home, school, sport and local community activities. That's where we can help.

Drop into our stand at the Mudgee Fitness Festival on Saturday 12 March, 10am to 1pm at Lawson Park.

Find out more about our programs that may help you and your family participate, learn and play. Want to know more? Staff will be at our stand for you to talk to. Or just come along and have some fun – join in our fun family activities and games.



Ready Set . . . Go!

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