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Term 2 – Week 5



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- May 24 – Cross Country
- May 25 - Vaccinations – 2nd clinic Yr 7
- May 26 & 27 – Try a Trade

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our annual athletics carnival at Walkers Oval rounded out last week.

I really like our sporting carnivals. They offer all of our students the opportunity to challenge themselves physically in a variety of track and field events while in the company of friends and always at a level at which they are comfortable; you don't have to be the best, you just have to be prepared to have a red hot go.

Well done to all of those students who variously ran, ambled, leapt, hurled, sprinted or jogged their respective ways through the many events offered on the day. An especial well done to those students who had put in a great deal of training and practice leading up to the event, and those for whom physical activity is a rarity that invariably leaves them physically depleted but still had a go. The willingness of so very many of our students to test the boundaries of their physical ability in a range of events is always a pleasure to witness.

It was also good that so many senior students were prepared to get involved. It's Years 9 and 10 – too cool for school (athletics) perhaps? – who are now conspicuous by their relative absence... a trend that seemingly affects schools far and wide. But to those students from those middle years who bucked the trend and were there to do their best, well done too!

Naturally a huge "Well done!" to the organising staff from PDHPE and TAS who put it all together, as well as the great body of teachers we have at Mudgee High who made it all happen like clockwork on the day. You can rest assured that your kids are in good hands with this crew of dedicated professionals.

Even Mother Nature was in a good mood, providing MHS with weather on Friday described best by Mr Finter, one of our Deputy Principals, who called it, "... a cracker of a day."

Continuing the sporting them, X-Country was held yesterday and was very well supported. Again, another superb day to be out and about, our kids giving it their best and enjoying what is both a great sporting and social event.

Moving to the more cultural, a big day out was had by our Year 12 Advanced English students who struck out at 7am on Tuesday 24 May, to see what was from all accounts a worthy staging of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Naturally, their return coincided with the reduction of the M4 to a peak hour carpark, so it was no surprise when they rolled in a little after 9pm, world-weary and ready for bed. I've heard it said that the best thing about Sydney is the road out of it, and big days out are the price you pay for getting to spend the rest of your days in a great place like Mudgee!

In other cultural news, good luck to the team headed to Gulgong Eisteddfod this Friday 27 May. I'm sure we will all read and see more of their successes on our FB page and within these pages in the not too distant future (hint, hint). Next Wednesday, Mrs Daniels and her Festival of Speech orators and arguers will be headed off to Lithgow to challenge the best of the West (and Blue Mountains) in both speaking and debating. They too are wished good luck in their endeavours.

There's always so much happening in this place!

So, until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 2 WEEK 4 AWARDS

P & C Awards: Yr 7 – Hayley Hawkins, Yr 8 – Lachlan Sargent, Yr 9 – Tyler Flick, Yr 10 – Madison Carr, Yr 11 – Lachlan Henry, Yr 12 – Christobel Medina Yome

SRR Award: Thomas Ashton – Yr 12

WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO 2016

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June, 9am – 3pm and Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June, 10am – 3pm

Halls 5 and 6 Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

The Western Sydney Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing information on tertiary and training courses, career and employment opportunities, HSC subjects, study skills and gap year programs. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 100 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career, employment and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all four days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details visit westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au

DOES YOUR CHILD CATCH A BUS?

Transport of NSW have made changes to the way you get a bus pass for your child (effective May 12, 2016). Please see information at the end of this newsletter.

The blue bus forms have been replaced by online application (link below).

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If your child already has a bus pass, they must ensure they have it with them when travelling to and from school.

Note: If your student does not have a bus pass OR is travelling to an address other than their home address (per school records) they will be required to pay the bus driver (prices available from Ogden's).

If you want to apply for a new bus pass for your child to **travel to and from school to their home address** and they meet the School Student Transport Scheme eligibility criteria, you must use the link above to apply. When the application is complete you will need it to bring it into the School for verification and we will forward to Transport of NSW.

If you are unsure of what bus your child will need to catch please ring Ogden's 6372 2489 and they will assist you with the details to complete your application.

SUPPORT UNIT 9/10 ART CLASS

This year the 9/10 Support Unit Art class have been producing some AMAZING artworks!

During Term One the class explored how to look at light and shadow and produce greyscale artwork only using black, white and grey. The results were fantastic and speak for themselves, and can be seen in the following pictures. This term the class has started exploring OP Art - artworks made to look like Optical Illusions. The students OP Art artworks look eye catching, bright and remarkable.

The students are all hardworking and take great pride in their work, which is evident from their results. Stay tuned for more fabulous creations...

E. Stanley



Jacob McManus



Karen Aylett



Bradley Kelly



Destiny Thorpe



Gerel Waddell





Bradley Kelly



Destiny Thorpe

MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL TURNS 100!!

Mudgee High School 100 year Centenary Celebrations

Please join our Facebook page on Mudgee High School Centenary 2016

Mudgee High School website <http://mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/centenary-celebrations>

School based celebrations for students will be Friday 14th October 2016 –

Details will be sent home via students, the school website and the school newsletter.

Public School based celebrations on Saturday 15th October 2016 – 10am – 2pm – Venue – Mudgee High School.

All welcome – further details will be advertised via the Mudgee High School Centenary Facebook (see link above), the Mudgee High School newsletter and website, Mudgee Guardian, Sydney Morning Herald and 2MG.

Public Celebration Dinner on Saturday night 15th October at 6.30pm – Venue – Mudgee Showground.

Ticket sales will be released from June 2016. Further details to be advertised as above.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

22ND ANNUAL MUDGEES BASKETBALL DEBUTANTE BALL

Registration for Expressions of Interest are now being taken for intending debutantes and their partners from Years 10, 11 and 12, for the 22nd Mudgee Basketball Debutante Ball, to be held on a date to be advised, during this year.

Please ring or text Helen by 31 May 2016, on 0427 220 776 for enquiries or to register

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Do You Remember??

*Boarding at a Mudgee **hostel** as a high*

*school student? Or the **convent** to go to St Matthew's?*

*Or living at the **nurses' home** in Mudgee?*

The local National Trust Branch is looking for people who remember the hostels for students attending MHS. If you were a **STUDENT** or a **MANAGER** at one of the hostels up to the late 1980s when the last one closed, we would love to hear from you. The Heritage Festival theme this year is “Discoveries & Rediscoveries” and as this is the centenary year for MHS, it seems appropriate that we ‘rediscover’ the role of the hostels in MHS, and experiences of students and adults who lived or boarded there. In the same vein, we are looking for people’s experiences & memories of staying in the **nurses’ home** attached to Mudgee Hospital.

Stories, memories, names and photos are all welcome! If you have any information to share, please get in touch!

CONTACT: Clarissa Mort phone -63 733576

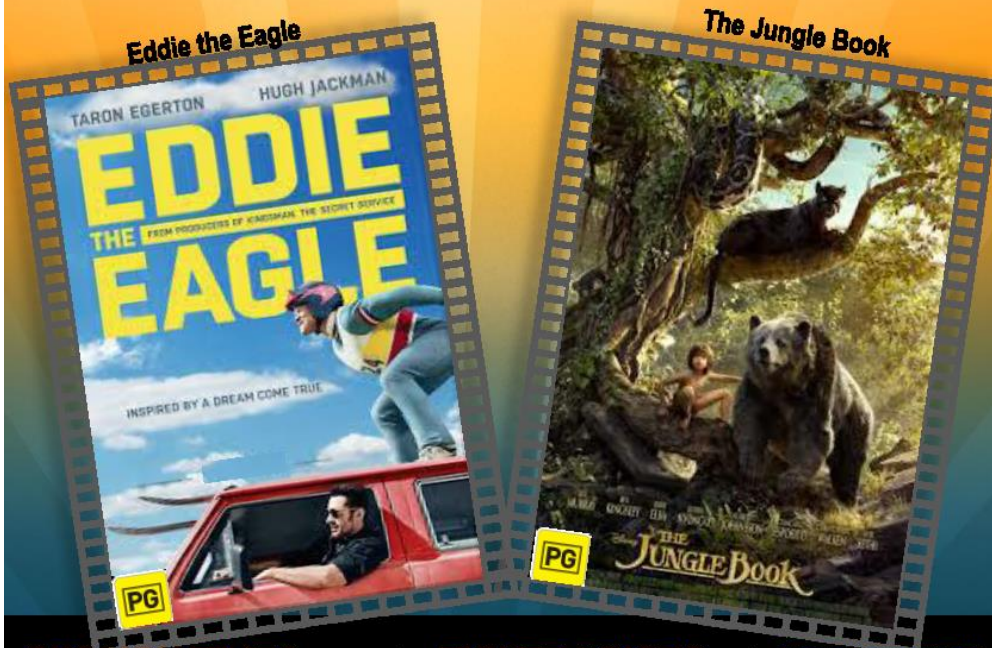
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TOWN HALL CINEMA

*** SHOWING June 3rd, 4th & 5th 2016 ***

Tickets on sale Monday 30th May at all Council offices



SESSION TIMES

Eddie the Eagle

Friday June 3rd	7.00pm
Saturday June 4th	4.30pm
Saturday June 4th	7.00pm
Sunday June 5th	4.30pm

The Jungle Book

Saturday June 4th	11.00am
Saturday June 4th	2.00pm
Sunday June 5th	11.00am
Sunday June 5th	2.00pm

TICKET PRICES

Adults:	\$14.00
Children/Concession:	\$10.00
Children under 5 years:	Free

Tickets available at Mid-Western Regional Council offices from Monday 30th May 2016 or at the door (if not sold out prior). For more information, visit www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au like Council on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

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Transport
for NSW

Rural & Regional FAQs

School Student Transport Scheme

For Schools and TAFEs - May 2016

General questions

1. When will the online application form for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) become available to customers?

The updated online application is available from 12 May 2016 for all students at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

2. Has there been any change to SSTS policy?

No. There has been no change to SSTS policy.

3. Do applicants need to re-apply every year?

Parents, guardians and students should apply for an SSTS travel pass if the student is travelling between home and school and meets the SSTS eligibility criteria and:

- ☐ has not had a travel pass before
- ☐ is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- ☐ is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- ☐ is changing school or campus
- ☐ is changing address
- ☐ as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Applications

4. Will the paper form (blue form) still exist?

The *Application Form for Subsidised Travel and Update Student Details* (also known as the blue form) is being replaced by the online application form. The SSTS form can be downloaded and printed at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

We understand that some applications will be submitted on the old blue forms. If this occurs, or you currently have any applications completed on a blue form, please endorse them and send them to:

Transport for NSW

Parramatta Office

Locked Bag 5085

Parramatta NSW 2124 **School Student Transport Scheme** School and TAFE FAQs, May 2016

5. What if applicants do not have access to the internet or a printer?

Applicants can call **131 500** for assistance.

6. Should students 16 years and over submit the application themselves?

Students 16 years and over must complete and sign the application form themselves. They should read the School Pass Terms and Conditions including the Code of Conduct. The form includes a box to tick to confirm they agree.

7. How are shared parental responsibility situations managed?

In a shared parental responsibility situation, such as joint custody, a student is eligible for subsidised travel from both addresses, subject to meeting the normal eligibility criteria. A separate SSTS application should be made for each address.

In the first instance you do not need to provide a court order or statutory declaration to Transport for NSW for shared parental responsibility situations. However, Transport for NSW reserves the right to request these or further evidence documents if required to determine eligibility for subsidised travel from both addresses.

8. How does the new application process impact schools?

Schools and TAFEs will receive a printed version of the completed online applications, from parents, guardians and students. Schools and TAFEs need to endorse these forms. Do not send forms to operators; all forms are now sent to Transport for NSW:

Transport for NSW
Parramatta Office
Locked Bag 5085
Parramatta NSW 2124

9. Does the online application form cater for rural & regional address types?

Yes. The application form will recognise Lot and DP address types.

10. Can multiple modes or operators be selected on the same online application?

Customers should only nominate operators that are required for their journey between home and school, as stated in the current SSTS policy. Most rural and regional areas will only have buses as an option.

11. Report a lost, stolen or damaged rural & regional school travel pass.

To report a lost, stolen or damaged rural and regional school travel pass, contact the relevant transport operator to find out the replacement procedure.

Processing Applications

12. How long does it take for Transport for NSW to process applications?

Typically, validated applications are processed by Transport for NSW within two to three business days.

School Student Transport Scheme School and TAFE FAQs, May 2016

13. Who is responsible for contacting customers regarding the outcome of their application?

Transport for NSW will be responsible for contacting customers about the outcome of their application.

14. What happens if the application is unsuccessful based on distance?

Where the system determines the customer is not eligible based on the distance eligibility checks, the customer will be provided with a map showing the walking distance calculated. If the customer believes this is not accurate they are able to request a review of the decision.

Choosing a Bus Operator

15. How will schools, TAFEs, parents and guardians find out the different services offered by operators?

Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to contact bus operators directly to plan their journey. Schools may also provide assistance and information.

16. How do you select an operator?

Applicants will select their preferred operator(s) from a drop down list within the online application. Transport for NSW maintains the ability to move students between operators to maximise the efficiency of the existing network.

17. How will an operator's name appear on the application form when customers are selecting operators?

The bus operator trading name will appear as the operator name on the online application form.

18. What is the process for customers that need to update their bus operator?

Customers can use the 'Update your details' function online to update their nominated bus operator.

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

19. How do students travel while waiting for their application to be processed?

Students should always travel with a valid ticket. Please refer parents, guardians and students to their local operator for more information.

20. How is the bus operator shortlist determined?

These operators will be geographically relevant based on the student's home address and the school they attend. Transport for NSW will utilise its GIS (Geographical Information System) platform to determine the operators on the short-list. **School Student Transport Scheme** School and TAFE FAQs, May 2016

Role of bus operators

21. Who is responsible for providing eligible customers with a travel pass?

Bus operators are responsible for issuing travel passes. Travel passes are issued at the operators' discretion.

22. Are bus operators obliged to issue a travel pass to eligible customers?

There is no obligation for Rural & Regional bus operators to issue a travel pass. Travel passes are issued at the operators' discretion.

23. Can bus operators issue term bus passes for students not eligible under SSTs?

Yes, if available. Bus operators should manage normal operations as per their existing business processes.

24. Do bus operators receive a copy of the application form from schools?

Schools will forward all validated SSTS application forms directly to Transport for NSW. Operators will receive an email alert of new applications and any changes.

25. What customer information will be provided to bus operators?

Student full name, student home address, postal address, school, turning 12 flag, joint custody flag, parent/guardian full name and phone number (if provided).

26. How will operators find out who is eligible to use their services?

A full set of currently eligible students allocated to the operator will be available to search and export using the same login details as used for the incremental/annual data uploads. Reports of changes will be available weekly.

For more information go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call
131500