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Term 2 – Week 3



# MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- May 2-9 – Yr 11 Half Yearly Exams
- May 17 – Yr 7 2017 Prospective Students Info Evening 7pm
- May 10-12 NAPLAN Yrs 7 & 9

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

You may have seen advertised a Year 6 into Year 7 information evening set for tomorrow evening, Tuesday 10 May. Unfortunately, our "head hunting" for a Year 7, 2017 Year Adviser has been a little more arduous than expected. That said, I am pleased to announce that the position has been filled. In 2017, the Year Adviser for Year 7 will be a split position between Robyn Burke and Katrina Gallen. Both of these teachers come with a lot of experience. In Robyn's case, as a previous Year Adviser, a role she filled well from 2006 until 2011.

So, when can you expect the Year 6 into Year 7 information evening to kick off preparations for next year's Year 7, the Class of 2022? Lock in Tuesday 17 May. It will take place in the Performance Centre, starting at 7pm.

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Thank you to the people who have signed up as members of our newly established Facebook page, the "Official Mudjee High School Page". Membership this morning (Monday 9 May) stood at 112. That's not too shabby given that the page is just 10 days old.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so far... always a relief. If you're not a member of the page and would like to join us, you can use the following URL to access the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1109783359071723/>

... or simply search for us next time you're on Facebook.

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Finally, and it is related to social media and some of the guff that passes for "information" on some sites, I have seen what follows doing the rounds on social media. It is sometimes posted by people I really thought would know better. It goes a little like what you see below except the version I offer is without the random capitals, garbled syntax or bizarre punctuation that often blights the ones you actually see:

*Remember when we used to pledge allegiance to the flag?*

*My generation grew up reciting this pledge every morning in school with our hands on our hearts. But they no longer do this in schools for fear of offending someone.*

*Let's see how many of you will re-post this and not care about offending someone.*

Well, quite honestly, no I don't remember doing that at all. In fact, NO ONE in my experience, pledged allegiance to the flag in NSW schools, and my experience goes back to 1970 when I began Kindergarten.

We certainly sang the national anthem. For a time, we called on God to save our gracious and noble queen – from what I never knew – and send her victorious, happy and glorious, to reign over us for as long as possible. Later we rejoiced in the fact that we lived in a country where we were all "young and free" in a home "girt by sea". The "joyful strains" were not always obvious in the delivery, but we all knew the first verse and regularly delivered it without hands on hearts.

Make no mistake, this "meme" is a dog-whistle. It is a political message put out there by people seemingly unaware of the second verse of *Advance Australia Fair*, which tells, "... those who've come across the seas/ We've boundless plains to share". It masquerades as a call to arms to defend a cultural practice that never existed.

What has this to do with school? Plenty. We teach the kids in our care to be aware of how those who tell us things often position us to share a particular world view. We teach the kids in our care to be prepared to fact check. We teach the kids in our care to be prepared to question the source. What works in History, Business Studies, Science and English works in life too. Question the source. And this is a questionable nonsense.

So, until next week ....

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 2 WEEK 2 AWARDS

**P & C Awards:** Yr 7 – Djer Kenny, Yr 8 – Steven Marshall, Yr 9 - Gabrielle Rupek, Yr 10 – Taylor Henwood, Yr 11 – Samantha Elias, Yr 12 – Timothy Cheetham

**SRR Award:** *Held over until Week 3 – when there will be two!*

## TRY A TRADE ACTIVITY

On Thursday 26 May and Friday 27 May 2016 a Try a Trade event will be held at Mudgee High School. Participating students will be involved in practical activities relating to a range of trades.

This 'hands on' activity will almost certainly allow students to gain realistic insight into a variety of trades. There will also be an opportunity to discuss career options with the 'tradies'. Some of the trades available over the 2 days include horticulture, mechanics, carpentry and beauty therapy.

Students will need to wear covered shoes for the activities and will be provided relevant PPE.

This event will be held in the MHS gymnasium. There is no cost to students and they will be timetabled to participate in Try a Trade during their allocated double period on the day.

If any parents/careers have 'trade' skills or qualifications and would be prepared to assist with a stall at any time over the two days, that would be hugely appreciated. Please phone Bill Kempton at Mudgee High School on 6372 1533 if you are able to assist.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2016

The athletics carnival is on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is required. Students will need to bring their ID cards to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea that underpins the carnival is participation, having fun, getting involved and in showing house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and to get dressed up in House colours.

A canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will once again be providing goodies for their fundraising. Bus companies will be diverted to Walkers Oval and students will need to be at the carnival by 8.55am.

The longer events will be held prior to the carnival and students will be informed of this date in the daily messages during roll call. This includes the 800m, 1500m, 3000m and triple jump. Students must nominate to attend by coming to the PE staffroom.

Any parent helpers are greatly appreciated and if you would like to help, please contact the school on 63721533.



## MUDGEES HIGH CROSS COUNTRY 2016

The Cross Country will take place on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May (Week 5). It is compulsory for students in years 7, 8 and 9. Students in Years 10-12 may nominate if they wish to participate and are encouraged to do so. Students must participate in the school event to be eligible for Western Area Trials selection.

The course will start and finish at Walkers Oval and run along the walking track to Lawson Park.

Students will walk under teacher supervision to Walkers Oval at the beginning of Period 3 and will be brought back to school by lunch time.

Students will need to listen to the announcements in roll call and on assembly for further information.

## HOST FAMILY NEEDED FOR A CURRENT STUDENT AT MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL

*Student Exchange Australia New Zealand* is looking for a volunteer host family for a 17 year old Japanese student who arrived in Mudgee in February 2016 and is currently attending Mudgee High School.

She is a cheerful and compassionate person interested in the movies, listening to music, outdoors, reading, visiting museums and learning about Australian culture. Together with her host family, she would love to experience new activities and simply be part of her host family's daily life.

We are looking for a volunteer family able to host her from early May to 26 November 2016

If you can help, please phone Sarah at the Student Exchange Office on 1300 135 331 or alternatively Suzanne Zell on 6372 1430

Thank you very much for your help.



## *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!

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 –**

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

**Public School based celebrations on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm – Venue – Mudgee Showground.**

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



**Building Kinnections 2016**  
Forum for the Aboriginal community

Over two days come along and listen to:

- NDIS Learn the lingo
- Yarning Circles
- What is a package?
- Information on how the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will support Aboriginal people with disability living in rural remote NSW
- Carer Supports
- NDIS Jobs
- Kids Club

**Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 May 2016**  
Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre  
8:30 registration starting at 9:00 am – 4:30pm

A reflection and acknowledgment ceremony will be held on 26 May for  
**National Sorry Day**

This is a FREE event but places are limited  
Please confirm attendance by 10 May 2016  
[western.iri@facets.nsw.gov.au](mailto:western.iri@facets.nsw.gov.au)  
Or free call 1300 134 450

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# *Celebrating 175 years of parish life*

## *St John the Baptist Anglican Church Mudgee*

All Welcome to these community events

### Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 10am

Bishop Ian will be presiding at a special service to bless the new vestments and other items for the 175th Anniversary as well as a number of restored furniture items. At the conclusion there will be a 'Munch' in the Parish Memorial Hall to celebrate a Royal Birthday. Bookings essential. \$10 p. p.



### Saturday 14th May 2016 at 6.30 for 7pm

A Black Tie Dinner will be held at Wild Oats Restaurant, Robert Oatley Vineyard. Bookings essential \$100 p. p.

### Sunday 15th May 2016 at 10am

The Anniversary Service — Bishop Ian Presiding and Bishop George Preaching. Bookings appreciated.

### Sunday 15th May 2016 at 2.30pm

The Cudgegong Choir will join the St John's Choir for a Hymnfest in the Church as part of the celebrations. At the conclusion an Elegant Afternoon Tea will be served by our AWA ladies in the Parish Memorial Hall. Bookings appreciated. There is no charge for this event.

### Monday 16th May 2016 - 10am — 12noon

The church will be open to the public to view the floral displays, the church will be dressed as it was for the anniversary service as well as church memorabilia on display. Historical talks on the church will start at 10am & 11am.



### 175 years History of St John the Baptist Church Mudgee

A lovely booklet has been prepared with information and photos on the history of St John's. This will be launched at the Anniversary Dinner and available for purchase at the Elegant Afternoon Tea for \$10. Copies also available from Monday 16th May and thereafter at the Parish Office.

*Bookings for the events can be made at the Parish Office during office hours*

*(Tues—Fri. 9am—1pm) Payment required when booking.*

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