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MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Coming Events:

- Jun 8-10 – CLC Artshow
- July 1 – Last day of Term 2
- July 18 – Staff Development Day
- July 19 – All students return to school
- Jul 21 - Yr 10 to 11 Parent Information evening
- July 28 – Parent Teacher evening Yrs 7, 11 & 12

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am going to begin this week's newsletter with a thank you... a big thank you. Thank you to all those students – the vast majority - who have the common sense to realise that in a man v. car encounter on the road, 1500kg of steel, rubber, plastic and glass moving at 40km/h trumps 60kg of bone, muscle, blood and sinew. Thank you so very much to those same students – and their parents – for developing such a keen sense of self-preservation that the thought of crossing the road without looking to see whether it is safe to do so is so foreign to them as to be almost inconceivable.

... and brickbats to the rest.

Both Mr Browning and I have reminded students on assemblies of the need to exercise due care and diligence when on or near a road following a couple of near misses earlier in the year. I'm now asking you – the parents and carers – to reinforce the message at home if you're not already doing so. There are students at this school who exercise a kind of bovine road etiquette, students who seem to feel that there is safety in numbers, safety within the herd, who will nonchalantly wander into the path of a vehicle. They do so seemingly clueless to the peril in which they place themselves and heedless to the stress their actions places on drivers.

... and it seems in the five or so minutes that follow 3.25pm, when lessons have ended for the day, that this bovine road etiquette manifests itself in the worst way.

At present there are substantial earthworks taking place in Winter Street. The spoil from these works is being moved to Glen Willow. This movement necessitates trucks using Douro Street to transport the spoil; trucks with a gross weight exceeding 40 tonnes... 40,000kg. Even travelling at 40km/h, a physical showdown with that above mentioned 60kg person can really only have one outcome; and that's a lay down misere result.

Last Thursday afternoon, a group of students numbering perhaps fifty, reported to me by a shaken truck driver, wandered into the path of such a vehicle near where Horatio and Douro Streets intersect. If not for the quick thinking of that driver, Mudgee High School could have been the scene of an awful tragedy.

I will talk to the students on assembly again about this most recent event. I will talk to them again about the potential for catastrophe; the potential for tragedy. The problem is, these kinds of events are never so serious as after they have occurred; after they have happened. The students who heed advice will continue to heed the advice offered and a fringe, that oblivious minority who think I'm talking about someone else and only then if they hear me at all, will continue to place themselves at risk.

So please, talk about it at home – one on one. Let's see if in partnership we can make a difference to the casual, potentially fatal approach a very few of the kids in our community have to road safety, and turn them around in their thinking before it's too late.

Finally, well done to the students who represented the school at the Lithgow Festival of Speech last week. It was the 50th anniversary of this well-supported event and so very good to see our teams and individuals do well. The debaters had three wins arguing the merits of topics like "Australia should adopt the same gun laws as the U.S." and "Offshore processing should be banned in Australia", a real non sequitur given if it's occurring offshore how can it be banned *in* Australia? A stand-out on the day was Ethan Spice from Year 11. Ethan beat speakers from a range of both private and state schools spread from the Blue Mountains through Lithgow to Bathurst and Orange, to become the senior public speaking winner.

Remember, if you have news or photographs of our kids doing well, please feel free to share them with us through these pages and on our Facebook page.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Lithgow Festival of Speech

TERM 2 WEEK 6 AWARDS

P & C Awards: Yr 7 – Dallas Carpenter, Yr 8 – Madeline Knott, Yr 9 – Kalista Heathcote, Yr 10 – Makayla Vella, Yr 11 – Dominic Ghanem, Yr 12 – Aimee Orchard

SRR Award: Nathaniel Riley – Yr 11

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

There are 6 tickets remaining for this excellent excursion in July. See the Creative Arts team for a note. You will enjoy a day trip to Sydney and a professional performance, live on stage, of this wonderful rock musical. Don't miss out!



TRY-A-TRADE

Years 9-12 students from 6 local area schools participated in Try-a-Trade on 26th & 27th May in the Mudgee High School gymnasium. The purpose of Try-a-Trade is to provide students with 'hands on' experience in a range of vocational areas eg: floristry, signwriting, bricklaying, beauty therapy, boiler making, panel beating and more.

Students undertook tasks relating to respective industries and spoke to representatives about their careers. This kind of forum is invaluable in providing students with information to assist with future career decision making.

The contribution of time and expertise from the participating businesses and organisations is greatly appreciated by the local schools.



A special thanks to Moolarben Coal for providing a number of apprentices who assisted in the many organisational aspects of Try-a-Trade. Moolarben Coal was also generous in their financial support of the day.

The Mudgee Skillset office is also acknowledged and thanked for its significant input into Try-a-Trade.

Overall, the feedback from students and employers regarding Try-a-Trade was positive and it is envisaged that more worthwhile careers related events will be offered to students from schools in the local area in the future.



Bawamarra
(Relate news, Communicate)

NAIDOC Celebrations



Mudgee High School will be celebrating NAIDOC on Wednesday 29th June (week 10). The event will begin at 11:30am in the MHS gym with a whole school assembly. A Welcome to Country will be conducted, followed by the raising of the Aboriginal flag. A short presentation will be conducted to explain this year's theme for NAIDOC - "Songlines." Following the assembly, during periods 5 and 6, those students who have nominated to be involved will participate in an art workshop, where they will be working on a large banner to reflect this year's NAIDOC theme. At lunch time, 1:34pm, the whole school is invited to share in a BBQ lunch with crocodile, emu and kangaroo sausages.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the school to invite parents and community to share in the events here at our school. If any parents or carers would like to attend the assembly, the art workshop, or the lunch, please sign in at the front office as a visitor to the school upon your arrival. You are most welcome to join in with the events.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Claire Windeyer on the school's number.

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Songlines:
The living narrative
of our nation

Mudgee High School supports full school uniform to promote equality and uniformity. With the change of season comes some confusion over what is correct uniform. Below is some information outlining what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. Thanks for your support!

Mudgee High School Uniforms 2016

UNIFORM POLICY

After extensive consultation with the Mudgee High School Council, the P & C Association, students and staff, it has been established that the Mudgee High School community believes that school uniform is a desirable feature of our school for the following reasons:

- **Safety of students** - intruders into the school grounds can be easily identified if all students wear the required school uniform. Given the recent experiences here and overseas this is vital. On excursions students in uniform are easily identifiable and more effectively and safely supervised.
- **Learning social responsibility** - students need to learn that sometimes the welfare of the whole society over-rides the individual beliefs of some of its members e.g. road rules.
- **To promote a positive image to our community** - which will in turn benefit our students e.g. offers of support for work experience placement, sponsorship, employment.
- **Training for the workplace** - where uniform and acceptable dress is commonplace.
- **To prevent competition** - in clothing between students and provide a low cost clothing option.



The Mudgee High School community has therefore determined that this school is a uniform school. Students are required to wear full school uniform every day and to bring to school a written explanation from their parent/carer on each occasion they are out of uniform.



Acceptable Options – Logo School jumpers, grey drill pants for boys, Navy pants for girls

PDHPE AND SPORT UNIFORM

- Students are to wear sports uniform for all practical PE lessons – if this is not possible, students should wear clothes similar to the sports uniform and appropriate for a practical lesson and bring an explanatory note from home.

BOYS Uniform:

- Grey shorts with the school badge OR grey trousers (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).
- Navy weatherproof jacket with the school badge.
- Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
- Black or white shoes which must be enclosed and comply with Work, Health and Safety Requirements which require that the upper toe section of the shoe be leather or leather like.
- Sport Uniform: all students to wear red polo shirt with school badge, navy blue shorts with MHS embroidery or navy track pants.

Senior Option

- Polo shirt may have navy collar with red stripes. A navy jumper OR deep red jumper with embroidered badge for seniors OR navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).

GIRLS Uniform:

- Navy skirt OR navy dress shorts with the school badge OR navy dress pants (**track pants or ruggers are NOT permitted**).
- A white polo shirt with embroidered badge OR business style shirt.
- Navy blue MHS school jumper or navy blue sloppy joe with the school badge (**no hoods**).
- Navy weatherproof jacket with the school badge.
- Hats are recommended for protection from the sun.
- Black or white shoes must be enclosed and comply with Work, Health and Safety Requirements which require that the upper toe section of the shoe be leather.
- Sport Uniform: all students to wear red polo shirt with school badge, navy blue shorts with MHS embroidery or navy track pants.

No commercial logos, stripes or other decorations are permitted.

Please make sure all articles of clothing are marked with student's name.

Where students are unable to wear full uniform a note must be brought to roll call and a uniform pass will be issued. Where full sports uniform cannot be worn students must provide a note from a parent. Those without approved sports uniform will attend non-sport.

Items of uniform are available from; Mudgee Embroidery - 2 Moufarriage Mall, Grace's Uniforms – Shop 5 The Gateway, Honey Pot Boutique - Market Street (Girls slacks only) Mudgee, Grace's Uniforms – Mortimer St Mudgee

Any queries or concerns regarding uniform please contact the school on (02) 63721533



Unacceptable Options
No logos, no hoodies, no jeans, no
tracksuit pants other than plain
navy for sports uniform





**Cudgegong Learning
Community
2016 Gala Concert
Wednesday 3rd August
Mudgee High School
Gym
Tickets**

Matinee 12 noon
All tickets \$5.00

Evening 6.00pm
Adults \$10.00
Child/Pensioners \$5.00
Tickets available at the door



Education

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

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