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Term 3 – Week 5



# MHS Newsletter

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*A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Coming Events:

- Aug 11-19 Year 12 Trial Exams
- Aug 29 – P&C Meeting 7pm Library
- Sep 1 – Parent Teacher evening Yrs 8, 9 & 10 3.45pm – 7.00pm
- Sep 21 – Year 12 Farewell Social
- Sep 22 – Rainbow Day
- Sep 23 – Year 12 Presentation Assembly
- Sep 23-Oct 12 – Year 12 Study Leave
- Sep 23 – Last day of Term 3
- Oct 10 – Day one Term 4 – Staff and Students

## This issue:

- Principal's Message
- Awards
- CHS Cross Country
- Western Area Athletics
- Year 9 Geography
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### The Importance of Regular Attendance.

We all want our kids to get a great education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day. The good habit of regular attendance is essential to success after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, possibly leading to social isolation.

Be aware that there is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Traditionally, Year 9 attendance rates are the lowest across the state, but the habit begins earlier than that. If you're having attendance issues with your child, contact the school about ways to address the issue.

Of course, there will be times when students are unavoidably absent. If a student is genuinely ill, he or she should remain at home until sufficiently recovered, particularly if the source of the illness is contagious. Sound sleeping patterns, regular exercise and eating well are great, proactive ways to combat potential illnesses.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do to ensure they don't fall too far behind. You can:

- speak with your child's teachers and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

If your child must miss school for an extended period, let us know as early as possible. Be aware too that the NSW Department of Education employs Home School Liaison Officers who follow up attendance issues.

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## Readers Festival

In about 1440, Johannes Gutenberg produced the first Gutenberg bible using his newly invented printing press. Gutenberg's action revolutionised communication, allowing books to be mass produced, bringing the printed word to much greater audiences. By about 1580, people who could lose themselves in books had become "bookworms". In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century the term "bibliophile" was coined; literally a lover of books. In 1880, government-sponsored free, secular and compulsory education becomes the norm in New South Wales, making literacy a hallmark of good citizenship.

This weekend just passed saw Mudjee's CBD full of bibliophiles, here for the 7<sup>th</sup> Mudjee Readers' Festival. It was an optimistic local who decided to frequent any of the Market Street cafés on Saturday morning!

Well done to the organisers and especially to all of those Mudjee High staff – both present and past – who assisted to make the event the success it was. Well done too to Mrs Davies, who facilitated Friday sessions for several groups of interested students with visiting author David Burton.

## **BUILDING WORKS – a continuing update**

Noise and dust and a little reclamation by the Industrial Artists that borders on hoarding, although I'm sure they would say, "Waste not, want not" in response to that accusation. We are still very much in the demolition phase, but what omelette was ever made without breaking a few eggs? All clichéd out yet?

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## **TERM 3 WEEK 4 AWARDS**

**P & C Awards:** **Year 7** – Naomi Cussen; **Year 8** – Jessica Reid; **Year 9** – Jayden Angel; **Year 10** – Travis Clarkson; **Year 11** – Matthew Allen; **Year 12** – Grace Kelley

**SRR Award:** Makayla Vella – Year 10

## **CHS CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the following students who competed at State Cross Country at Eastern Creek on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. They ran extremely well and represented our school outstandingly on a very wet course.

Guy Rohr, Molly Forrest, Jesse Boness, Lachlan Wall, Morgan Hurrell, Nathan Payne, Daniel Lowe, and Jade Cooksley. congratulations.

## **WESTERN AREA ATHLETICS**

The Western Area Athletics Trials were held in Dubbo on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July at the state of the art Athletics Facility at Barden Park. MHS had over 60 students participating in the trials and many achieved several personal bests on the day.

The following students qualified in the top two places in their events and as a result have been selected in the Western Area Athletics team to compete in the State Carnival at Homebush in early September.

Karen Aylett in 400m and 3000m, Douglas Bennett in Triple and Long Jump, Jesse Boness in 800m, Jade Cooksley in 400 and 800m, Wade Faucett in Shot Put, Jed Hayes in Javelin, Lucy Sebelic in 800m, Alan Simpson in 100m and Long Jump and Lachlan Wall in the 3000m.

Four of our relays teams also qualified.

13 year girls: Ella Maynard, Isabelle Hauville, Ruby Forrest and Ally Henry.  
14 year girls: Jaya Maddock Delph, Jess Lynch, Tayla Riley and Natalie Hibberd,  
16 year girls: Stephanie Bartlett, Kylie Campbell, Felicity Smith and Hayley Lynch.  
17 year girls: Jade Cooksley, Ruby Marshall, Ruby Burrows and Madalyn Newell.

Congratulations to all the students involved in the day and those who made it to State. A very big thankyou to Mrs Kurtz and Mrs Bennett for all of their help organising.

## **YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY – DUNN'S SWAMP FIELDTRIP**

As part of the Year 9 Geography course, students are studying the physical environment of Australia. They have the opportunity to visit Dunn's Swamp to conduct a range of environmental assessments of the area as part of their Geography studies. This fieldtrip is also a major part of their assignment for this semester.

The fieldtrip is on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**, from 9am to 3:25pm. **The cost is \$15**, which covers the cost of bus transportation. Students may wear casual clothing, however, they must wear enclosed shoes suitable for walking through the scrub. They are responsible for bringing their food and water for the day as there are no shops, etc., at the location.

If your child is studying Geography this semester he or she will have already been issued with a permission note for this excursion. *You can pay either at the front office of the school, or pay online with **payment reference 044-383**.* *Please make sure your child returns the permission note to the front office no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> August.*

If you have any further questions about this excursion please call the school and ask for Claire Windeyer in the HSIE faculty.



Dunn's  
Swamp



**Bawamarra**  
(Relate news, Communicate)



## SEAN CHOOLBURRA – LIVE AND DEADLY



*Charming, captivating, cheeky, clever and charismatic, Sean Choolburra has carved his niche as Australia's No 1 indigenous entertainer.*

*Sean's comedy is uniquely and truly Australian. His is a fresh new voice in a comedy scene inundated by white fellas. He blends pop culture, dance, comedy and hip hop in a high energy, feel good show.*

*Sean gives audiences a chance to get in on many hilarious 'Black Fella Yarns'. Perhaps it is his ability to share the naivety of a small town aboriginal boy, still coming to grips with the big city lights, that makes him all that much more inviting and engaging as a performer. Sean is a dynamic and versatile comedian, rap singer, dancer, storyteller, actor and hip-hop didge player. He is a rising star of not only the comedy world, but also as an all-round entertainer, and is guaranteed to raise your spirit while splitting your spleen.*

Check out Sean on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHOOfSJIKLA>

(Source: Nexus Arts promotional flyer)

Sean Choolburra is coming to Mudgee High School to perform. He will be here **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, periods 1 and 2.** If you would like to attend you will need to collect an information note from Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom and then pay **\$5.50** to the Front Office. This opportunity is open to all students in the school.

## YEAR 12 PARENT EVENING

A Year 12 Parent evening will be held on Wednesday August 24, beginning at 7.00pm in the MHS Performance Centre (enter via Denison Street gates).

Presentations will occur relating to the following topics:

- Expectations of Year 12 students in their final weeks of schooling including fundraising, Rainbow Day, etc.. (Principal/Deputy Principal)
- Students 'keeping well' in the lead up to and during the HSC. (MHS School Counsellor)
- Post school options, eg University applications, TAFE courses, etc.. (MHS Careers Advisor)
- Financial assistance post school. (Centrelink representative)

Refreshments will be available at the completion of the presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

B Kempton  
Careers Adviser

Parents...  
It can be a little daunting  
helping your child apply  
for university.



As a parent, we realise the process of your child choosing a university can sometimes be just as overwhelming for you as it is for them! For this reason, Charles Sturt University (CSU) is hosting a number of Parent Evenings to answer your questions about starting university. The information evenings will be held at various regional locations around CSU campuses, as well as Sydney.

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will also be presenting at a number of these events and cover topics such as the ATAR and how it is calculated, as well as the university preference system.

Closest to Mudgee are:

**Thursday 25 August – Bathurst**  
6.00pm – 8.00pm  
(UAC attending)

Bathurst Panthers, Panorama Room  
132 Piper Street, Bathurst

**Wednesday 31 August – Orange**  
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Orange Ex-Services Club, Tobruk Room  
231-242 Anson Street, Orange



Our 'Little Bird' will give you all the information you need. Just register online:

[www.csu.edu.au/parents](http://www.csu.edu.au/parents) | 1800 334 733

Mudgee Running Festival  
Sunday, August 21  
Lawson Park  
Marathon, Half Marathon, 10k Fun Run, 5.4k Fun Run  
Festival medals to all participants  
Registrations and further details - [www.mudgeerunningfestival.com.au](http://www.mudgeerunningfestival.com.au)

**Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize 2016**  
**Entries close 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

The Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize is an annual competition for school students aimed to promote research and discussion of racism among young people.

Students in Years 10 and 11 in an Australian school are eligible to enter.

**Entrants may write an essay** (maximum 1,000 words) **or record a speech** (video or audio maximum 7 minutes) and submit it to the Commission via the entry form by **17 September 2016**.

**Prize and judging:** The winning student will be awarded a book voucher from Dymocks worth \$150.00. Their work will also be featured in the Commissioner's monthly newsletter.

The winning student's school will be awarded a book voucher from Dymocks worth \$500.00. The best entry will be selected by the Race Discrimination Commissioner and the winner will be awarded their prize at the Annual Kep Enderby Memorial Lecture in Sydney in October 2016.

Enter online at: <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/race-discrimination/projects/race-discrimination-commissioners-student-prize>



# 2017 Junior Mudcrabs Representative teams - Expression of Interest

## Exciting news Mudcrabs

Junior Rep team's trials are just around the corner!

If you are keen little touchy, aged between 10 and 18 and interested in representing Mudgee at events such as Junior Hornets Champs, Gala days and the big JUNIOR STATE CUP, then make sure you are at our trial session

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 3-5pm Glen Willow Sports Complex  
(further trials may be deemed necessary in some age groups)**

**We also like you to send us an email at [mudgeetouch@outlook.com](mailto:mudgeetouch@outlook.com) indicating your child's intention to trial (including their date of birth).**

Representative teams are a prestigious part of our game, it is at this level we observe the great skills some of our mini Mudcrabs possess. MTA have a very experienced panel of selectors and coaches who will dedicate many hours to both the selection and coaching of these representative teams.

To be eligible for selection juniors MUST attend the selection trial and BE REGISTERED IN A CURRENT TOUCH COMPETITION.

Team training this year will be at a time arranged between the coach and players. There will be monthly club training sessions held on a Sunday afternoon. It is expected at this level of touch football children attend club training sessions, designated coach training sessions and carnivals.

### CARNIVAL DATES

Sunday 20th November 2016- Wellington

Sunday 11th December 2016 - Mudgee

Sunday 29th January 2017 - Dubbo

### JUNIOR STATE CUP

Friday 17th- Sunday 19th February - JUNIOR STATE CUP PORT MACQUARIE

If you have any questions or queries relating to the representative trials, carnival or Junior State Cup, please do not hesitate in contacting the committee ASAP.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE TRIAL!

WE ARE JUST AS EXCITED AT THE MINI MUDCRABS!

MTA

Mudgee Touch junior rep trials are being held this month. The trials will be on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at Glen Willow from 3-5pm. If you are aged between 10-18 years and want to play touch football for your region, then make sure you are at the trials.

**Celebrate 100 years of public education at Mudgee High School over two days:**

**14th October 2016** - School based activities - more information to come

**15th October 2016** - Celebration activities at school 10-2pm

**15th October 2016** - Celebration dinner - Robert Oatley Vineyards 7pm start - tickets via [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com)



# MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL CENTENARY



**Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October 2016**



## **FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER - MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL**

School based celebrations for current students and their parents. Further details will be sent home via students, the school newsletter and the school website.

## **SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER - MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL**

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Public Celebration Day. All are welcome to celebrate 100 years of public education and meet again the students and staff who attended Mudgee High School. There will be tours, interviews, memorabilia on display, cadets parading and a BBQ lunch.

## **SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER - ROBERT OATLEY VINEYARDS**

Time: 6:30 for a 7:00pm start

Cocktail Dinner - All welcome (18+ event). Catering by Rachael McCarthy.

Ticket price includes cocktail style menu and return transport via Ogden's Coaches. There will be a cash bar offering wine and beer.

Tickets will go on sale 25th July and can be purchased via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) / buy tickets / Mudgee High School Centenary 2016.

We are also publishing a keepsake Centenary Magazine that can be purchased via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or directly from Mudgee High School for \$25.00 (available from October).

Further information can be accessed via our Facebook page **Mudgee High School Centenary 2016**, or via [www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/centenary-celebrations](http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/centenary-celebrations) or the Mudgee Guardian.

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## Disability & Community Expo

*This free community mini expo is specifically designed to deliver information and advice to high school students and others with a disability, about the types of support services and programs available when they finish school or later in life.*

A range of disability and community services will be represented at this event including:

VERTO  
Centrelink  
TAFE  
Disability Advocacy Central West  
Ability Links  
Mudgee Disability Support service  
Lifeskills Plus  
Glenray  
OCTEC  
and others

For more information head to:



[www.facebook.com/NDCOwesternnsw](http://www.facebook.com/NDCOwesternnsw)

**Come and meet services that could assist and support you or someone you may know in achieving their future goals and dreams.**

**Date:** Wednesday 17th Aug 2016

**Time:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Where:** Mudgee High School  
41 Douro Street Mudgee NSW

For more information contact:

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National Disability Coordination Officer  
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