

Monday  
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Term 3 – Week 4



# MHS Newsletter

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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

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a big week last week was.

Mudgee High hosted the biennial Cudgegong Learning Community concerts on Wednesday; a matinee and an evening iteration. Twenty acts performed in a little under two hours. It was a showcase of talented kids doing what were at times extraordinary things from across the range of our local schools. From Coolah and Dunedoo in the north to Kandos in the south and everywhere in between, young people from infants through to Year 12 were represented. Mudgee High fielded students in a quarter of the performances.

Thank you very much to all of the students who practised so very much to make it the great show it was, the many teachers and other community members who gave so much of their time to prepare the students for their performances, and of course the parents and guests who attended either the matinee, the evening performance or both, contributing to the successes they were.

The Year 10 into 11 Subject Market was held on Thursday. It was great to see so many students and their parents at the market. Mudgee High offers a comprehensive variety of HSC courses, all with full face-to-face teaching and staffed by well-supported and experienced teachers. The opportunity to investigate what the school offers so as to make reasoned, informed choices is an opportunity we proudly supply. Thank you to all who came along, and to the many teachers who made themselves available.

Well done too to Ms Date and Ms Kim on the conclusion of another successful "in-bound" Japanese visit. The broad smiles, friendships forged and tears shed on departure point once more to another successful cultural exchange accomplished.

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## Trial HSC Examinations

Trial HSC Examinations begin on Thursday 11 August, concluding on Friday 19 August.

The Trial HSC Examinations should be seen by all Year 12 students as an opportunity to practise before the *Main Event* in October. Mudgee High's teaching staff put in a great deal of effort to make the Trial experience as realistic as possible. The Trial Examinations are also the last opportunity for Year 12 students to gain marks that will contribute to their overall assessment results, so they are encouraged to give them their best efforts.

NB. Good luck in examinations begins with sound study habits that include regular revision and practice.

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## THE MOVE – a brief update



It would seem that the move to the school library has presented few difficulties, even if space is tight. The signposting is up, the directions clear and all appears to be working well... so far, so good.

A chap called Winston Churchill once said that "a change is as good as a rest". Using that former British PM's reckoning, all of the staff in the front office should be feeling very, very well rested by now...

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 3 WEEK 3 AWARDS

**P & C Awards:** Year 7 – Siobhan Bastow; Year 8 – Lachlan Roberts; Year 9 – Milla Jones; Year 10 – Brittney Barrett; Year 11 – Sarah Rohr; Year 12 – Ruby Marshall

**SRR Award:** Emma Clulow – Year 7

### 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.



**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.



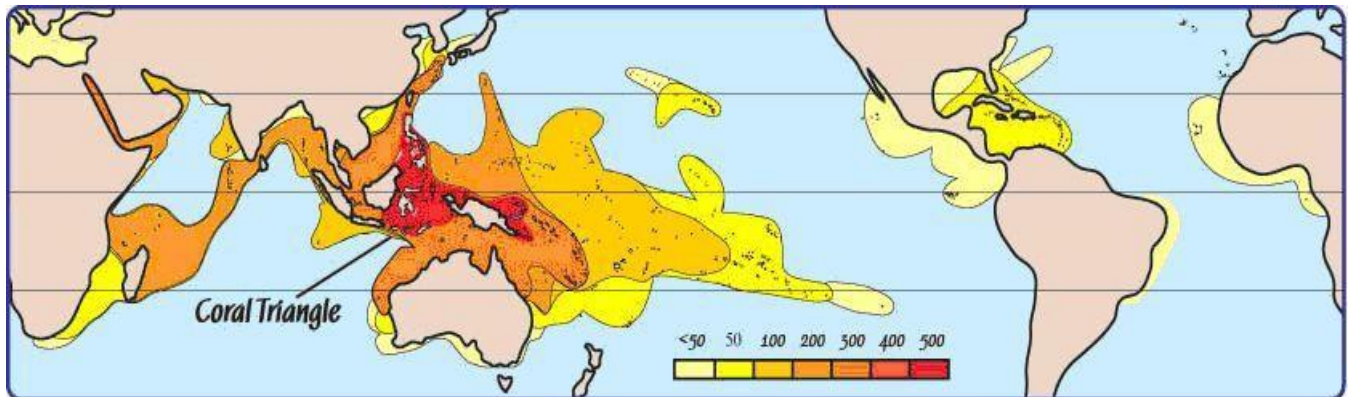
## YEAR 10 – WHY NOT STUDY 2 UNIT MARINE STUDIES IN YEAR 11, 2017

### THE IMPORTANCE OF CORAL REEFS - STORE OF BIODIVERSITY

Coral reefs are some of the most diverse and valuable ecosystems on Earth. Coral reefs support more species per unit area than any other marine environment, including about 4,000 species of fish, 800 species of hard corals and 100s of other species.

Scientists estimate that there may be another 1-8 million undiscovered species of organisms living in and around reefs. Discover a new species and it can be named after you!!! Mr Willetts knows many people who have discovered new species and have had them named after them.

This biodiversity is considered key to finding new medicines for the 21st Century. Many drugs are now being developed from coral reef animals and plants as possible cures for cancer, arthritis, bacterial infections, viruses, and other diseases.



Spread over 5.7 million square kilometres, the Coral Triangle has the highest diversity of marine life of any area on Earth. It contains three quarters of the world's known coral species, a third of the world's coral reefs, more than 3,000 species of fish and the world's richest mangrove forests. It generates \$2.3 billion in sea products each year and is a major spawning ground for tuna and other valuable species.



Learn all about this and other amazing facts about the Coral Triangle and the world's coral reefs by choosing to study 2U Marine Studies in Year 11. See Mr Willetts in the TAS staffroom for more information.

# Brainstorm Productions

## BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

### Verbal Combat

On 31<sup>st</sup> **August** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Verbal Combat' for **Years 7-10**. *The hour performance is at no cost to the students.*

**Venue: School gymnasium**

**Year 7 & 8 9.20am**

**Year 10 12.20pm**

**Year 9 2.10pm**

Words are powerful. Words can hurt and cyber bullying is devastating. Verbal Combat is a live theatre program that follows three friends who learn that their online words can last forever. The desire to fit in and be liked is strong and when one friend starts to post witty, but mean rumours to get more online likes, the play takes a cruel twist. All too soon, the posts are wreaking havoc in all their lives and the characters quickly discover that there is no easy way out. Verbal Combat is essential learning, that addresses the dire consequences of cyber bullying and will help students understand that their digital footprints are hard to erase and so are their mistakes.

Verbal Combat is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)

If you require any further information about this production please contact Karen Quinn at the school.

## YEAR 12 PARENTS, CAREERS NEWS

UoW (**University of Wollongong**) **Early Admissions** applications open 1 August 2016. Details and application process at [www.uow.edu.au/early](http://www.uow.edu.au/early) Closing date for application is Friday August 26 (after Trial Examinations).

The University of Sydney E12 scheme provides scholarships and possible ATAR concessions for financially disadvantaged students considering applying for USyd in 2017.

A **senior first aid** course will be held August 23 & 24 - evening (after Trial Examinations). Useful in general terms and for entry into health, sport and protective services (eg policing courses and careers). Cost \$90 (competitive).

Charles Sturt Uni. (CSU) is holding a parent/student evening at CSU Bathurst Thursday August 25 at 6pm.

Equity Scholarships are available to students who consider they have encountered financial challenges during their senior schooling. These scholarships will assist with tertiary training. Booklets available.

Students who have encountered long term educational disadvantage (measured in months not weeks) during their senior schooling due to eg disrupted schooling, personal illness etc, should apply for an EAS (Educational Access Scheme). Consideration is given for entry to university through ATAR adjustment. Closing date for applications September 30. Booklets providing details are available from Mr Kempton.

Also, a booklet providing details of SRS (School Recommendation or Early Entry Schemes) is available. SRS is a great way to gain early entry to university in 2017, before your HSC results/ATAR are known. Be sure to apply!

The online UAC application process is available from 3 August 2016 and closes Friday Sept 30. You can select up to 9 university course preferences. Use the 2017 UAC guide for reference (a free copy available from the Careers room).

Please see Mr Kempton about any of the above info.

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)



**Parent  
Information evening**  
Bathurst, 25 August, 6.00pm  
Register now at  
[csu.edu.au/parents](http://csu.edu.au/parents)



### **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>

**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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## Basketball trial for 2017 squad

On Sunday 28 August 2016  
the Western Region Academy of Sport  
is holding a trial for the 2017 basketball squad

### Who is eligible to attend?

Athletes born in 2002, 2003 and 2004 - living or attending high school  
in the following local government areas in 2017:  
Bathurst, Bland, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan,  
Lithgow, Mid Western, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, Western Plains and Young

### When:

10.00am to 3.00pm

### Where:

Charles Sturt University Gymnasium  
Panorama Avenue, Bathurst

### Cost:

Athletes: \$20

Payment direct to the WRAS credit union account is the preferred payment method  
BSB No 882 000, Acc No 300015812

### Nominations to trial close:

9am on Monday 15 August 2016

Nominations will be acknowledged by email when payment has been received by WRAS  
Late enrolments cannot be accepted

### 2017 WRAS scholarships

The 2017 basketball squad will be announced on the  
WRAS website [wras.org.au](http://wras.org.au) on Tuesday 30 August 2016

Further information and the nomination form are available  
on the WRAS website [wras.org.au](http://wras.org.au) under 'downloads'

For more information please contact the WRAS office by phone 6338 4821 or email to [tpallier@csu.edu.au](mailto:tpallier@csu.edu.au)

# 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.*



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



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)

**Date:** Wednesday 17th Aug 2016

**Time:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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



For more information contact:

Kris Lear  
National Disability Coordination Officer  
0458489597

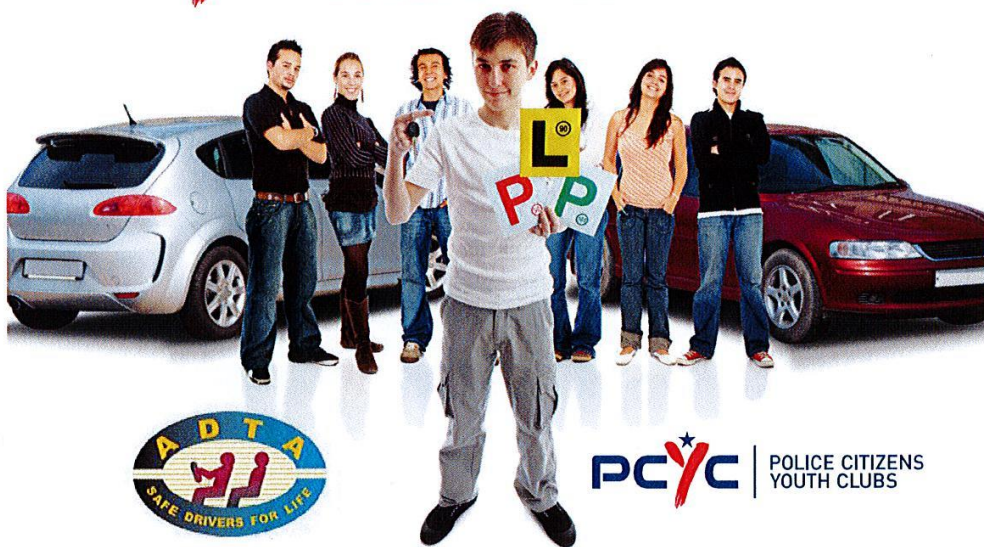
Robyn Lang  
Support Teacher Transition  
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# PCYC | Safer Drivers Course

For Learner Drivers



PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.  
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937



The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:

[www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

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