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MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- 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

I'm going to kick-off Week 8's newsletter with a couple of noteworthy events from the last couple of weeks. Be mindful that a great many things happen in a school of 900+, so not everything that has occurred in the past fortnight will be covered. That said, below are a couple of cultural events worthy of being shared.

Premier's Debating Challenge – Juniors

On Wednesday 31 August, the all Year 7 debating team of Emma Clulow, Maree Ioane, Lucinda Lillis and Isabella Shearman, led by coach Mrs Daniels, headed off to Molong to engage in verbal combat with teams from both Molong and Wellington.

In their first debate against worthy adversaries, the Wellington High's A Team, they contested the premise that "Self-defence classes in schools should be compulsory".

In their second debate, this one against Wellington High's B Team, they contested the premise that "On-line comments shouldn't be allowed to be posted anonymously".

In their third debate they were pitted against Molong Central School's team. In this debate, they contested the premise that "All beauty pageants should be banned".

These four young ladies did not fail to deliver. They defeated all of their opposition on the day in the kind of contest that demands not argument and counter argument but rather balanced, rational discourse framed to move an audience to a particular outcome that appeals to the intellect rather than the instinctive.

Their wins made them zone champions. Watch these pages for more news of their exploits.

A big thanks to Mrs Lillis, who served as both the cheer squad leader and transport operator on the day.

Making Music at the Opera House

Two week ago, Year 7 students Phoebe Smith and Cooper Treeve travelled to Sydney to play at the Opera House as part of the Junior State Wind Band. The Junior State Wind Band is a public school initiative, made up of students from across the state in Years 5 to 9. To be selected for the band – more an orchestra than a band given it is made up of about sixty performers – both of these students attended Western Regional Band Camp in February. From the attendees at this camp, they were selected to perform in the State Band at the Festival of Instrumental Music in the Sydney Opera House. Trickier still was the rehearsal regimen, as the only rehearsal time they had as a whole band was crammed into two intensive days at the Arts Unit in Sydney.

And then they performed.

In interview, Phoebe, whose forte is percussion, said it was a fun experience, especially playing before what was a "massive audience". She was quick to add that she would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Cooper qualified Phoebe's comments, stating it was "really fun", that the band sounded "excellent" in the Opera House, that the audience was huge and that he would do it all again. Cooper is a clarinet man.

Well done to both Phoebe and Cooper in their selection and their respective achievements. We should all look forward to hearing more about their exploits.



BUILDING WORKS – a continuing update

While building works within the old administration area have yet to begin, the earthworks in what will be the “journey” area of the project are taking shape. With demolition works almost at an end, some of the earlier noise has abated... much to the relief of several members of staff, not least the occupants of rooms D1, D2 and E3.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 7 AWARDS

P & C Awards: **Year 7** – Maree Ioane **Year 8** – Angus Blackwell **Year 9** – Rachel Carrier **Year 10** – Dylan Burgoyne
Year 11 – Rebecca Allen **Year 12** – Daniel Lowe

SRR Award: Natalie Stubbs – Year 11

VISIT TO THE NICHOLSON MUSEUM

On Wednesday 17 August, nine keen Year 11 Ancient History students along with three adult drivers met in the dark hour before dawn to drive to Blackheath to catch the train to Central. Their destination was the Nicholson Museum at Sydney University, but first they had to negotiate the acquisition of the essential Opal card at the Lithgow newsagency.

The Nicholson Museum is the largest antiquities museum in the southern hemisphere and houses wonderful artefacts from Egypt, Greece and Rome in its location in the main quad.

Students started their visit with a hands-on session: choosing an artefact to investigate, wearing white gloves and sketching the object are all important aspects which archaeologists undertake. The students put into practice the questions they had learnt to ask of artefacts.

‘Death and Magic’ in ancient Egypt saw them examining mummies’ X-rays, coffins, amulets and symbols to determine what they can tell about the dead person and their beliefs. They had an interesting demonstration of how the environment affects statues which involved one student assessing the effect of water on a statue of Hermes by running his hands over its buttocks. Evidence and discussion amongst historians linking the mysterious Etruscans to the Trojans was an interesting update on their study of Homer and the Trojan War. Another interesting ‘artefact’ was the large and detailed Lego model of ancient Pompeii, including several anachronisms from the last few centuries.

The staff at the museum were, as usual, welcoming, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. The behaviour of the students was exemplary and, while most did not enjoy getting up at 4am, everyone agreed it was worth it. They had the opportunity to practise tapping on and off, a new experience for most!

Many thanks to Kerston Endacott and David Mort for volunteering to drive students to Blackheath and back and, giving up their days for staff and students alike.

HSIE COMPETITIONS

In addition to the mainstream curriculum, students have a range of opportunities to participate in extra-curricula competitions and events to further their knowledge and skills in HSIE subjects.

Economics and Business Studies Competition

At the end of Term Two, a small group of students sat the Economics and Business Studies Competition. This competition is organised by the University of New South Wales and attracts competitors from across Australia. The questions are not based on the syllabus for either subject, testing instead each student's overall understanding and general knowledge of these topics. While at this stage the final results are not known, the school has received early notification that one of our students, Daniel Reinhard, has received a major prize. Mudgee High students always do well, but Daniel's performance has been outstanding.

The Australian Geography Competition

The Australian Geography Competition is an annual competition. Students participate in this event through the school. They sit a multiple choice test based on a wide range of Geography skills. The highest-scoring Year 11 male and female students in each State and the combined Territories who sit the Australian Geography Competition each win a place at Geography's Big Week Out.

In 2015, Geography's Big Week Out was held on North Stradbroke Island. The Geography Big Week Out is a mix of stimulating and hands-on geography activities designed to challenge and extend high-performing Year 11 students. Costs (airfares, accommodation, meals, and activities) of participation in the Big Week Out are met by the Australian Geography Competition.

From this event, the four member Australian Team is selected based on performance throughout the Big Week Out. The 2016 Australian Team won FIRST place out of 46 countries at the 13th International Geography Olympiad held in Beijing last week. The International Geography Olympiad is held in a different location each year, and will be held in Belgrade, Serbia in 2017.

Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the International Geography Olympiad are supported by: Australian Government, Department of Education and Training, Macquarie University, School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management and the University of Queensland.

This year we had two outstanding participants in the Geography Competition:
Campbell Stubbs (Yr 9), who achieved a high distinction. This means he came in the top 8% of his cohort.
Ebonique Lees (Yr 10), who achieved a distinction. This means she came in the top 12% of her cohort.

Congratulations to all students who took advantage of this opportunity. All students are encouraged to participate next year.

LANGUAGES

Semester II programs in Japanese classes are well underway, and students are working hard to develop their communication skills in a variety of topic areas.

Year 7 are currently studying "Sports – Olympic style"; a unit aimed at developing their skills around the topic of sports where the focus is on being able to give a self-introduction. Language content includes nationality, language they speak, sports they play, what they're good at/bad at, and likes/dislikes. This builds on previously learned 'personal information' such as name, age, where they live, grade at school and phone number. Students are also learning how to recognise Japanese writing scripts by learning the names of countries in both Hiragana and Katakana or Kanji.

Elective classes are cementing proficient language skills as they progress through a range of units in the Obento textbook series. Year 9 students are focusing on speaking skills and developing their capacity to engage in a conversation without prior scripting. Their reading and writing skills in the Katakana script are pleasing and they have demonstrated consistent revision practices to build their recognition skills. Competitive games have proven very handy for motivation!

Year 10 students have been making some big decisions regarding their path of study for the HSC. It's been pleasing to see their enthusiasm for continuing their language study. Students are broadening their writing skills in a variety of text types, and are developing their ability in extracting specific information and making inferences from written text. Their confidence in speaking Japanese is blossoming and they are interacting within a range of situations. More importantly, they have learned to take risks in communication.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE – by Mel Date

We enjoyed another successful visit from our friendship schools in Osaka, Japan earlier this term. 16 students and 3 teachers from Suita Higashi, Fukui and Ohkanmuri Senior High Schools stayed with host families, and participated in a 12 day cultural and language program. I have to say, that in 13 years of running this program, this group of students had one of the highest standard of English ability I have ever seen. It wasn't that they knew a great deal more vocabulary or grammar structures; they were more confident and willing to get involved and have a go despite the results. Access to social media, which allowed communication to begin before they arrived, certainly had an influence.

Mudgee High once again came together in a supportive fashion to provide a full and exciting experience. Mrs McNeill taught some screen printing and the Japanese students loved their 'Blinky Bill' prints. Mr Holleman had the cups spinning and the guitars strumming and was even given his own 'drumming' lesson by one of the Japanese girls. Miss Ridgewell had the group getting sticky with an 'Anzac biscuit' lesson. Mr Laidlaw invited us to his ranch where we were treated to cuddles with all the newest arrivals. Mrs Holly Manwaring and Ms Kim ran some creative and engaging ESL lessons providing some insights to "Aussie slang". Our full day excursion was a day of hands on activities at Red Hill that introduced us to Colonial times and Indigenous culture. The students had a go at churning butter and making damper. We set up camp and panned for gold, and learned about the importance of storytelling for Aboriginal people. This culminated in crushing ochre and telling our own story on the bird hide. Our Japanese guests also enjoyed a chance to perfect their boomerang throwing skills.

Our Farewell Party was a great night of photo booths, dancing and awesome food. (Thanks to Jacqui and Mel from the canteen for their catering expertise). Our Japanese visitors had prepared performances of songs, a traditional fisherman's dance and 'Manzai', a style of Japanese stand-up comedy. We finished the night with 'Nut bush City Limits', flash mob style.

Ms Kim and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many staff who generously gave their time to provide a range of exciting learning experiences. Also to the families for joining us in this year's exchange to offer a supportive, friendly and caring home environment for our visitors. The warmth of the Mudgee community never ceases to amaze and the streams of tears at the departure were testament to this.



Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize 2016

Entries close 17th 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>



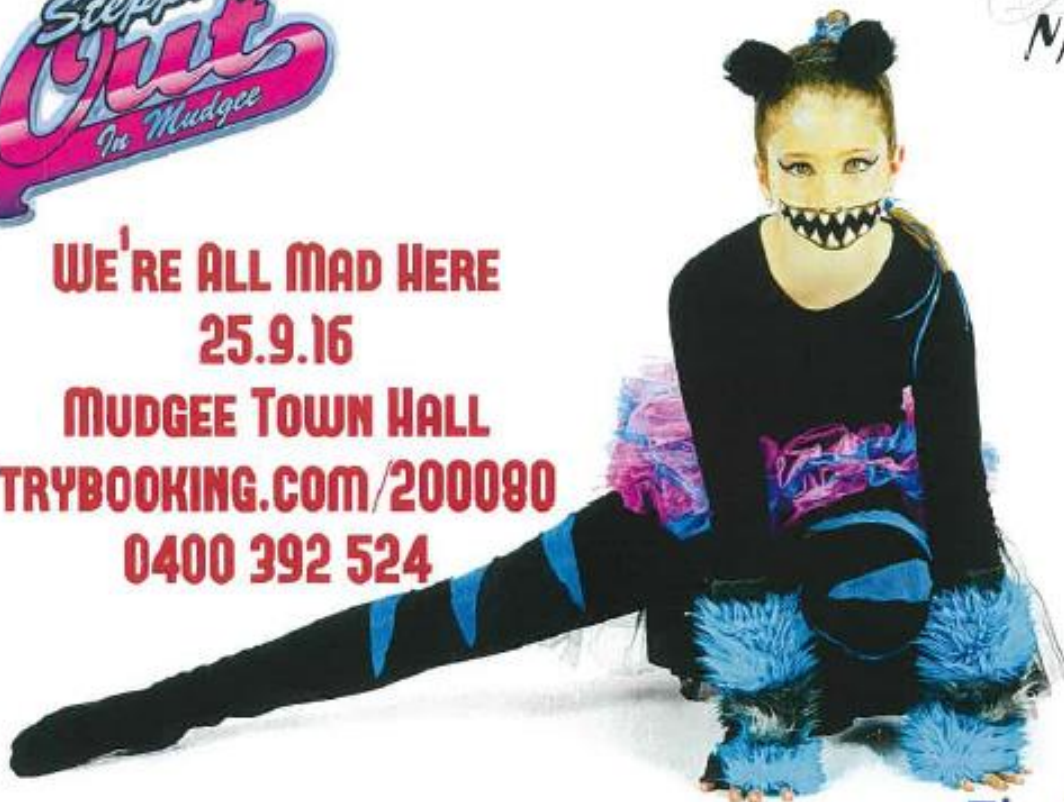
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Entry Form

Artist name: _____

Age: _____ years

School: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Age Category (select one):

Preschool (3-5 years) ☐

High School (12- 18 years) ☐

Primary School (6-11 years) ☐

School Leavers (18+ years) ☐

Artwork Title (Optional): _____

**Entries to be submitted to Rylstone Council Chambers by close of
business on Wednesday 28th September.**

Organised by the Family Fun Day committee, hosted by Kandos Interagency. For
more information please contact:

Marian: 0427 163 674 OR Sue: 0424 751 099

Mudgee little athletics registrations are now open online. To register visit <http://www.lansw.com.au>

Season starts Friday September 16th at 4pm at Walkers Oval, Mudgee.

Numbers and uniforms can be collected on September 8th at Walkers Oval from 3:30pm to 5:30pm or alternatively from inter sport Mudgee on September 9th.

All registration and payments must be completed before attendance.
Season calendar and event sequence will be available shortly.

For more information check the Facebook page or phone Toni on 0418 722 596 or Kirsty on 0488 555 938 or email mudgeeathletics@gmail.com

Mid-Western Regional Youth Council proudly present 2 Great Aussie Films;

Friday 9th Sept at The Stables Community Complex, Market Street Mudgee (enter at the side door).

\$3 to watch 1 movie, \$5 for 2! Value! Snacks and drinks for sale.

6 pm Odd Ball

8 pm The Big Steal



For more information
please call Councils
Community, Youth
Development Officer
Virginia Handmer on
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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



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 / buy tickets / Mudgee High School Centenary 2016.

We are also publishing a keepsake Centenary Magazine that can be purchased via 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 or the Mudgee Guardian.

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