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Term 4 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- Oct 16 – Nov 7 HSC Examinations at AREC
- Oct 26 – Pink Up Day
- Nov 3 – Yr 11 Reports issued to students
- Nov 6 – HSC Exhibition Opening 6pm The Stables
- Nov 7-9 HSC Exhibition The Stables 10am-4pm
- Nov 10 – HSC Exhibition The Stables 10am-2pm
- Nov 10 – Yr 12 Sign out 10am – 12noon in the Library
- Nov 17 – Yr 12 Formal at Parklands 6pm-8pm
- Nov 29 – Yr 7 2018 Orientation Day
- Nov 29 – Yr 7 2018 Parent Information Night 6pm – School Tour
6.30pm – Meeting in the Performance Centre

THIS ISSUE:

- Principal's Message
- P & C Awards
- SRR Award
- M Cubed Mathematics Challenge Day
- Yr 10 Love Bites
- Community Announcements
- Sponsorship

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Fans of the Terminator franchise, that collection of films that tells the story of a plucky bunch of American-speaking individuals pitted against a cybernetic killing machine with a distinctly Teutonic accent, could be forgiven for thinking *The Rise of the Machines Judgement Day* has finally arrived after the announcement by ACARA that NAPLAN writing will be marked by robots.

As a former HSC marker and Senior Marker – a leader of marking teams – of both Standard and Advanced English, I think I'm in a pretty solid position to argue the case against such a move. Instead, I have provided below an article from *Education Review* which does it quite well:

The case against automated NAPLAN marking

By: Kirstie Chlopicki, October 18, 2017

Concern surrounds a move towards the automated marking of NAPLAN English exams.

The Independent Education Union Australia this week released a statement opposing the proposal, which it says will undermine teacher professionalism, promote poor practice, and induce worry in parents.

Secretary John Quessy said plans by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to use automated marking for NAPLAN exams have also come under fire from Dr Les Perelman, an international expert in writing assessment from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr Perelman was commissioned by the NSW Teachers Federation to review ACARA's plans and said the idea of automated marking was "flawed".

Quessy said the Independent Education Union was concerned about the growing commercial influence of companies such as Pearson Australia – which would administer the automated marking – on education and NAPLAN.

There was also concern over a lack of consultation with teachers, with plans in place to introduce the automated marking system before 2020.

"Students and parents would have a reasonable expectation that a trained human – a teacher – would mark their written responses," Quessy said.

"The HSC has been developed over 50 years and is always double marked by two expert teachers.

"NAPLAN is undermining tried and tested educational practices which rely on the experience, judgment and professionalism of trained teachers, in favour of a machine marking. One would wonder where this will end?"

When both the union representing teachers in private schools and the union representing the largest group of public teachers in Australia, as well as an expert from MIT, see this move as a terribly flawed one, alarm bells should begin to sound.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal



TERM 4 WEEK 2 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Stevie-Rae Gant – Yr 7, Emily Nott – Yr 8, Phillip Riley – Yr 9, Jacob McManus – Yr 10, Zeyu (Max) Niu – Yr 11

SRR AWARD: Jessica Stokes – Yr 10

M CUBED MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE DAY – Mr Lynn

On Tuesday 17th October, eight of MHS's finest mathematicians were invited to attend the M cubed Mathematics Challenge day at St Matthews Catholic School. A combined Yr7/8 team (Stage 4) and a Yr 9/10 team (Stage 5) pitted their mathematical nous against teams from a variety of schools from Mudgee, Gulgong, Wellington and Dubbo.

The students were set both individual and team tasks using a wide range of mathematical skills in unfamiliar situations. Mudgee High School's talent was obvious in all areas, with both teams compiling competitive scores in all sections of the challenge. Our Stage 4 team came away with a resounding victory, amassing a total well above all opponents. The Stage 5 team came second, losing by the barest of margins in a closely fought 3-way battle to a school from Dubbo.

Congratulations go to Sammi Atkinson, Ethan Blamire, Ruby Forrest, Steven Marshall, Ethan Reinhard, Ryan Staub Lara Stubbs and Ella Werth, who all represented their school with pride and great talent.

Thank you to St Matthews Catholic School for hosting and organising the event. Thank you also to Rotary, Peabody, Moolarben Coal and Kepco for their respective sponsorship.





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Year 10 'LOVE BITES' Parent Information

The Love Bites sexual assault and domestic violence prevention program will run for Year 10 in conjunction with the PD/H/PE core subject. Outlined below is some information on the program. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Karen Quinn at Mudgee High School on 6372 1533.

What is Love Bites?

- Love Bites is an extremely successful, school based sexual assault, domestic and family violence prevention program that evolved on the Mid Coast of NSW
- Over 10,000 high school students throughout NSW have participated in this interactive and innovative program aimed at Year 10 students

The Love Bites Program consists of two interactive workshops on sexual assault and family/domestic violence and then workshops that consolidate the information from the morning workshops by working alongside the students to produce artworks that will then be printed on posters and resources for the students and community.

The artworks, music and radio advertisements from all students are used to develop a local campaign to challenge violence against women in the community. This campaign is led and delivered by young people.

The Love Bites program presents a consistent approach to the issues of violence against women and children that is firmly focused on factual statistical information that consistently confirm that sexual assault and domestic violence are gender issues as women are overwhelmingly the victims of men's violence and that men are overwhelmingly the perpetrators of this violence. Love Bites advocates that young people can change these statistics and can make different choices, resolve issues in non-violent ways and can develop respectful relationships.

The program will involve all of Year 10 who will be placed into three groups. Each group will then participate in a one day workshop that will take place over three days in Week 7, Term 4.

Group 1: Monday 20th November

Group 2: Tuesday 21st November

Group 3: Wednesday 22nd November

Students will need to bring their own morning tea but lunch will be provided. If your student has any special dietary requirements or questions, please see Mrs Quinn by Wednesday 8th November.

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Please return this note ONLY if you do not wish your student to participate in this program. If this is the case your student will need to return this note by WEDNESDAY 8th November 2017.

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) **do not** wish my student

_____ (Student) to participate in the Love Bites program.

I understand that my student will still be required to attend school and follow the directions of teachers on this day regarding alternative arrangements.

_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

MUDGE HIGH
SCHOOL CANTEEN
PINK UP MUDGE
THURSDAY 26.10.17

PINKEN BURGERS \$4.00

MEAL DEAL \$6.00

*(Pinken Burger, Rainbow Paddle
Pop & Strawberry Milkshake)*

Strawberry Milkshake \$2.50

Strawberry Sundaes \$2.50

Pink Spiders \$2.50

Pink Chips \$1.00

Cakes \$1.00

Lollies

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dento Ryu Karate

Traditional non contact Karate

Mudgee Public School 6 -7pm

Tuesday and Thursday

Gulgong Public School

Wednesday and Friday

6 - 7 pm

Cooyal Hall

Monday 6 -7pm

Ages 5 years and over \$ 3.50 per class

Sensei Harvey 6373 8304

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TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

1. **Keep it fun**
don't take it
too seriously
It's not the World Titles



2. **Be enthusiastic**
but don't *scream*
& *shout* instructions
from the sideline



3. **Emphasise**
trying hard
not winning



4. **Cheer &**
acknowledge
good plays by
all players,
both teams



5. **Accept decisions**
by officials
they are human &
can make mistakes



6. Let **coaches**
do the
coaching



7. *Always remember,*
volunteers
run kids sport



8. *Understand, uphold*
and *support* your club's
code of
conduct



9. Allow your child to
play for
themselves
Let kids make the decisions
on and off the field



10. **Think before**
you speak
Your words may
harm others



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FOR KIDS

If your comment
is negative,
then **SHOOSH!**

Reward good
effort with applause;
if you can't then
SHOOSH!

If your negative
comment is directed
at an official, then
SHOOSH!

If your negative
comment is
directed at a child,
then **SHOOSH!**

Show respect to kids and officials. **Remember, sport should be fun!**



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The Mudgee Miniature Railway *Invite you to enjoy:*

a train ride in a 95 Year Old Vintage Rail Motor

Saturday 18th November 2017

Depart from Gulgong at 4.30pm & travel to Dunedoo
for a 3 course meal and a 'murder mystery show'.

Fare \$80 per person - inc. meal & entertainment.

Sunday 19th November

Depart Gulgong at 9.30am, travelling to
Dunedoo & return. **Fare \$20 per person**

Depart Gulgong at 11.45am, travelling to
Ulan & return. **Fare \$15 per person**

**For details and
to book tickets:**

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Mudgee Girl Guides invite
girls aged 6-14 years to
Come and Try Guides



on

Mondays

5:00-6:30pm

**Uniting Church Hall Mortimer St (opposite
Woolworths)**



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Girls are welcome to try Guides for 2 weeks before joining.

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