

# MHS Newsletter



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Term 4, Week 9

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last Tuesday evening, the Link class of 2017 graduated with a function at the Golf Club attended by parents and well-wishers, Glencore, TAFE and school representatives and of course the students themselves.

Of the graduates, it was great to hear that five of them have secured traineeships or apprenticeships as a direct result of their participation in the course. It was great to hear of the success they have all had at TAFE, in the workplace and at school this year. It should be remembered that many of the students who engage with the Link program have either self-identified or been identified as young people at risk of dropping out of school.

Each year, Mrs Date seeks out a motivational speaker to address the graduation. This year's motivational speaker was Mr Khodadad Karimi, a Hazara man whose native region is Hazarajat in central Afghanistan. The Hazara people have been the subject of discrimination, ethnic cleansing and attempted genocide since the 1500s. In more recent decades, the Hazara people have been the victims of massacres committed by both the Taliban and al-Qaeda. Having fled their ancestral homes, many Hazara people have suffered further persecution at the hands of Sunni extremists in neighbouring Pakistan.

Mr Karimi's story of flight from his country was at times harrowing. It included his recount of being expelled from an Iranian school for no other reason than his ethnicity. He told of how he spent the three days that followed that expulsion pleading with school authorities that he be allowed to re-enter. He even promised that he would just sit in a corner and listen as he did not want to be some impostor. All he wanted was to be in a place where he could learn.

The overwhelmingly positive aspect of the story was without doubt Mr Karimi's experience of Australia. Living in a nation where your worth and life chances are not solely determined by your ethnicity, your gender, your political beliefs or the capricious nature of poorly educated, gun-toting men has made Mr Karimi and his family very happy people. As Australians, we are very lucky to find ourselves in such an enviable position; something none of us should take for granted.

It was a good night. A big thank you to Mrs Date and Mr Payne for their work in organising the night, as well as Glencore, whose sponsorship of the program is now seven years strong.

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Reports and the delivery of precious metals

Student reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be handed out at cohort presentation assemblies on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

Students who have earned Gold and Silver recognition for their continuing safe, respectful and responsible approach to their schooling will also be acknowledged. While I understand that a great many of you have work commitments, if you do have the time, please come along. These assemblies provide a great opportunity to share with your children in the observance of their achievement.

Year 7's presentation assembly will be at 11.30 (Period 4).

Year 8's presentation assembly will be at 12.50 (Period 6).

Year 9's presentation assembly will be at 09.55 (Period 2).

Year 10's presentation assembly will be at 14.10 (Period 7).

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Cudgong Learning  
Community*

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE  
FOR THE COMPLETE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### COMING EVENTS

- Nov 29 - Yr 7 2018 Orientation Day
- Dec 5 - MAD Concert 7.00pm in the Gymnasium \$5 payable at the door.
- Dec 12 - Presentation Evening 7pm in the Gymnasium
- Dec 13-15 - Yr 11 Camp
- Dec 14 - Yrs 7-10 Report, Gold & Silver Award Assembly
- Dec 15 - last day of Term 4
- Jan 30 2018 - Yrs 7, 11 & 12 return to school
- Jan 31 2018 - Yrs 8, 9 & 10 return to school

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## School Profile II

This week you may have received a call from a company tasked by the Department of Education to ask questions of the community regarding experience and/ or satisfaction with Mudgee High.

I need to tell you that the calls are completely genuine and very much legitimate. With any luck, you didn't hang up on the caller!

As stated last week in these pages, we are keen to know what the community wants from its local high school. We are also keen to know what the community knows about Mudgee's high schools (there is another one) and its opinion(s) of those schools.

Also mentioned last week, we are also keen for a small number of parent volunteers who currently have students at Mudgee High to participate in a group discussion regarding Mudgee High School. Officers from the Department of Education's Communication and Engagement directorate will host the discussion. It will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December – TOMORROW - beginning at 5.30pm.

If you are interested in attending, please call us at Mudgee High on 6372 1533 or make contact via the school email – [mudgee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mudgee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) – and leave your name and contact details.

Access to the school on Tuesday will be via Douro Street. The group discussion should take around 45 minutes to complete. When you're done, you can head down to the MAD concert in the hall if you wish!

Thanks!

Until next week...

Wayne Eade





## TERM 4 WEEK 8 AWARDS

### P & C AWARDS:

Zachary Stewart - Yr 7, Alanna Drent - Yr 8, Josh Templeton - Yr 9, Jaclyn Byrne - Yr 10, Lachlan Munn - Yr 11

**SRR AWARD:** Olive Loughnan - Yr 11

## TALKING CAREER CHOICES

There are plenty of pathways to a rewarding career. The most common options are:

- Complete an Australian Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Take up a cadetship
- Study at TAFE or Registered Training Organisation
- Study at university
- Take a gap year to earn money, volunteer and/ or travel
- Start a business
- Find employment

The great thing is that a career or study choice made today does not limit a person's range of choices in the future. It's no longer common or necessary for people to stay in the same job or even the same field of work for their entire life.

This flexibility is wonderful and can be a source of great personal satisfaction. To get the most from this freedom of choice, everyone should make it a priority to learn and to keep learning. In fact, in order to expand their options, many adults return to formal study to upgrade their qualifications.

Research shows that people are more likely to get a job if they have a Year 12 or equivalent education. They are also more likely to be able to take advantage of new career choices if they continue to learn. Today, many people are working in jobs that didn't exist when they first entered the workforce.

Mudgee High School offers many opportunities and experiences for students to investigate potential careers. Students are encouraged to participate in these activities to assist them secure their vocational futures. It is important that all stakeholders contribute to this process. Career related information for parents / carers is available by contacting the school.

B Kempton

Careers Advisor

## Mudgee High School Giving Tree



Take a moment to think about how it feels to wake up Christmas morning.

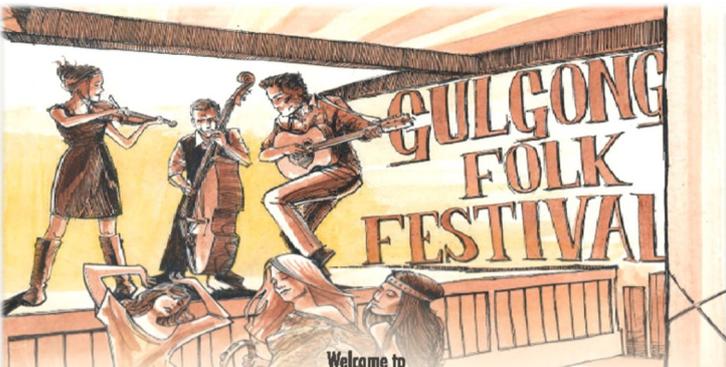
Excitement and expectation brimming for the gifts to be given and received; of bountiful breakfasts and lazy lunches and delectable dinners, mixed with laughter and good cheer and the noise of ripping paper, accompanied by gasps of surprise and delight.

Now, take a moment to think about how it would feel to wake up on Christmas morning with no feelings of expectation or sounds of joy. Maybe, without even the prospects of a decent meal to get you through the day.

Are you aware that each year the Mudgee High School SRC encourages students and the wider school community to think of those among us less fortunate than ourselves and to donate a small non-perishable item to place under the Mudgee High School's Giving tree. All gifts are given to Barnardos for distribution at the end of the school year in a hope to help share the message and happiness of Christmas a little further in our community.

All you need to do to contribute is to drop in to the front office with your small gift, or send it in with you child for collection in roll call. All donations are passed on to Barnardos for appropriate distribution. Thank you.

## ADVERTISEMENTS



Welcome to  
**GULGONG FOLK FESTIVAL**  
29 - 31 December 2017  
Traditional and contemporary folk - blues - celtic - roots  
New Year's Eve Bush Dance

**The Bushwackers Bush Band**  
Gleny Ray Virus  
Whiskey Dram  
Henk Groot  
Stringline  
and many more great acts

- Guitar Competition - a **Cole Clark** guitar will be won!
- John Dengate Political Parody Songwriting Competition

blackboard concerts sessions workshops poets' breakfasts

*Gulgong is a friendly little town with links to history through Henry Lawson, gold mining & more.*

Season tickets available at [TryBooking.com](http://TryBooking.com) until 8 December

Get your season ticket! [www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au](http://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au) Like us on Facebook!



All acoustic guitar players are invited to enter the  
**GULGONG FOLK FESTIVAL 2017**

**GUITAR COMPETITION**  
Saturday 30 December at 3.30pm

Entry fee \$10.00

The winner of this acoustic competition  
will receive a fine Cole Clark guitar

*Cole Clark*



**Gulgong Folk Festival • 29 - 31 December 2017**  
more details at [www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au](http://www.gulgongfolkfestival.net.au) and on facebook 

**SHAUN BROWN'S CRICKET COACHING NSW COUNTRY CAMPS**

Mudgee 16, 17 January 2018

9am – 3pm

Venue TBC

7 – 16 year olds

\$149 (early bird before 24 Nov \$139)

Freecall 1800 35 14 15 or book online [www.cricketchoaching.com.au](http://www.cricketchoaching.com.au)

The camps are designed for the keen young player of all abilities and run on the popular two-day format across NSW. As always, they provide 12 hours of coaching, with all camps running from 9.00am till 3.00pm. Camps cover T/20, Test and One Day skills.

Fun, safe environment

Photo example report

Video analysis

Great master coach ratios 1:12

Insightful talks from former test players

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