



MHS Newsletter

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FOR THE FULL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Feb 14 & 15 – School photos
- Feb 24 – MHS Swimming Carnival
- Mar 2 – Parent/Teacher interviews, Yrs 7,11,12 4pm – 7pm in the Gym
- Mar 16 – Parent/Teacher interviews, Yrs 8,9,10 4pm – 7pm in the Gym
- Mar 30 - Apr 7 Yr 12 ½ yearly exams

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lots of interesting and informative reading in this issue.

A couple of things struck me amongst the stories within the Mathematics faculty piece you will find in these pages.

First, I too would like to congratulate the very many students in the senior school who have put up their hands to undertake the Extension Mathematics courses. There has been a great deal of press about the “dumbing down” of the nation as young people turn their backs on what are considered by some as the more academically challenging subjects. Educational research in recent times suggests this resistance to tackling such subjects may stem from early childhood exposure to technologies like so-called smart phones. Increasingly easy access to whatever one desires and the corresponding instant gratification such devices offer seems to hardwire the brain to resist things that demand patience and continuing dedication. Success in so very many of the courses we offer – the extension subjects, the sciences, music, Japanese to name a few – demands a preparedness to make application in what are long-haul undertakings. So, well done on choosing to attempt a subject rare in other Mudgee schools offering senior study.

Second, I'd like to publicly acknowledge the preparedness of the Mathematics Faculty to offer afterschool tutoring on a Monday afternoon. The teachers who undertake this tutoring are not on O/T and certainly do not levy a fee for their time. It is all gratis and offered with one aim in mind; to improve individual student skills and abilities in mathematics. Be aware too that they are not alone. English offers a similar support program each Tuesday afternoon, while individual teachers across the range of subjects we offer at Mudgee High also willingly give up their time to assist students to achieve their best, a fact easily attested by the number of cars parked around the school during “holiday” periods.

Finally, I'd like to comment on the notes about what equipment is necessary to be prepared for study in mathematics, more particularly, the cost of a scientific calculator.

Somewhere, probably out in my shed in a box unopened since moving here eight years ago, I still have my steam-powered Casio calculator from the days when, as a student, I dabbled in 3 Unit Mathematics. It was a time when Malcolm Fraser ran the nation and Bill Hayden led the Federal ALP from the opposition benches. It was a time when The Swingers' “Counting the Beat” was at the top of the charts and not a commercial jingle, petrol was just 30c a litre, “selfies” took a week to come back from the chemist, and it cost 30c to travel return anywhere on the Sydney suburban rail network.

It was a time when the average house price in Sydney was just under \$79,000.

That calculator set my mum back the princely sum of \$8. If compared to petrol prices – Super versus 98 – it would now cost about \$43. If compared to average Sydney house prices, it would cost \$101.90!

... and the new calculators are so much more powerful than that old clunker of mine!

A new one will cost you through the school just \$20? An absolute steal!

Leadership

Finally, a shout-out to Macy Morley who spoke to the Year 6 students at CVPS about leadership and what it both demands and provides. From all accounts, it was a very good presentation and demonstrative of both the great links MHS has with its partner primary schools and the leadership capacity fostered in our own students.

Until next week!

Wayne Eade
Principal



TERM 1 WEEK 3 AWARDS

SRR Award: Renee Bevege – Year 11

FROM THE OFFICE

Absences: One day - advise by phone or note on return to be given to Roll call Teacher or Office.

2 or more days – need written note. Ask for an absence booklet from the Office OR if you are registered for the Parent Portal, go to <http://web1.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>

This way you can access your students' absences and update online.

If you would like to register, contact the school and we will send login details to your email address.

Leave/appointments: Please complete absence note or write note. Student is to present the note to the Office before Roll Call. The student will be given a printed leave slip and will meet parent in foyer (or arranged spot) at the given time.

Last minute leave/appointments: We realise that some appointments are arranged at the last minute. Please contact the Office to arrange these appointments.

Payments: Student fees letters will be mailed in the near future for Semester 1. You can pay fees online <http://www.mudgee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> Click on "Make a payment" and follow the prompts. Alternatively, payments may be made to the office. Cash/cheque or EFTPOS is acceptable.

Sick Students: When students feel unwell at school, the correct procedure is for them to see a teacher. The teacher will give them a note to give to the office staff. Office staff will then ring home. If your child rings you direct, please let them know that they need to follow the school procedures.

Excursions: Close by dates for payments and notes. These time lines are in place so we are able to finalise payments and bookings, etc.. If you are unable to meet these deadlines, please notify the school prior to the close by date so we can accommodate the student participating. If you are unable to meet the deadline due to financial reasons, Student Assistance may be available, but conditions apply. Once again this needs to be applied for before the close by date. Deposits/instalments may also be made to secure a student's place on an excursion but final payment must be made by the due by date.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival will be held **Friday 24th February**.

This year, as it was last year, the carnival is **compulsory for years ALL students at Mudgee High School**. Students can be dropped off at the pool from 8.20am onwards or if they catch the bus, get off at St. Matthews School and walk to the pool supervised by staff members. The roll will be marked as students enter the pool complex. The carnival starts at 9am and students are expected to be there before this time.

As always, the spirit of the carnival is for students to have fun and participate. **ALL** students are expected to participate in at least 2 events. If your son/daughter is not a strong swimmer, there will be assistance available to enable them to swim and earn valuable House points.

The house colours are:

- Cunningham-Yellow
- Blaxland-Red
- Lawson-Blue
- Wentworth-Green



Students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the carnival and dress in their house colours. Please remember to send them with sunscreen and hat.

Canteen facilities are available and Yr 12 will be running activities throughout the day so students should bring some money to support the seniors fundraising initiatives.

If students are interested in representing Mudgee High in swimming, they need to see Mr Smith in the Computer Pod. This is the second year we have run a FULL school carnival and after the success of last year, it will be great to see students attend and get into the house and school spirit.

PBL Focus this week

Mudgee High School is a positive behaviour for learning school. We expect all students to follow our universals and be **SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE** in the canteen area

How to be safe:

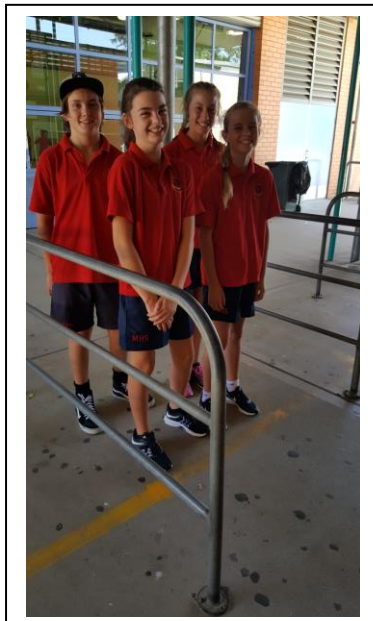
- Follow staff instructions
- Wait behind the yellow line
- Queue at appropriate window
- Leave the area once purchases have been made

How to be respectful:

- Show politeness to staff and students working
- Use manners - "please" and "thank you"

How to be responsible:

- Make and pay for your own purchases
- Use garbage bins to dispose of waste



HSIE ~ Junior Assessment Program ~ Sem 1 2017

Students in Year 7 are studying Stage 4 Geography for the whole year. Students in Year 8 are studying Stage 4 History for the whole year. Half Year 9 are studying History whilst the other half studies Geography in Semester One. They will swap subjects for Semester Two. All students in Year 10 are studying Geography for Semester One and will switch to History for Semester Two. Some students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have elected to study Commerce.

<i>Year & Subject</i>	<i>Assessment Task</i>	<i>Due Date</i> <i>Please note that the due date for the task falls within the listed week. The exact due date for each task will vary within that week depending on which day the student has that class.</i>
Year 7 Geography	Topic Test Landscapes Geomorphic Hazard Research Assignment Topic Test – Place & Liveability	Week 6 Term 1 Week 10 Term 1 Week 4 Term 2
Year 8 History	Topic Test – ‘Out of Africa’ & ‘Ancient Australia’ ICT Research Task – Ancient Australia Extended Response Task – Ancient Greece Topic Test – Ancient China	Week 5 Term 1 Week 9 Term 1 Week 1 Term 2 Week 8 Term 2
Year 9 Geography	Terminology Test - Biomes Biomes Assignment Topic Test – Changing Places	Week 4 Term 1 Week 9 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2
Year 9 History	Industrial Revolution Poster Assignment Movement of Peoples – In class Extended Response Topic Test – Australians at War	Week 4 Term 1 Week 10 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2
Year 10 Geography	Terminology Test – Geographical Issues Urban Growth & Decline Assignment Lawson Park Fieldtrip Topic Test – Land & Water Management	Week 5 Term 1 Week 8 Term 1 Week 9 Term 1 Week 2 Term 2
Commerce 1	Consumer Choice Assignment Topic Test – Consumer Choice Topic Test – ‘Investing’ and ‘Towards Independence’	Week 7 Term 1 Week 8 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2

If your child is unable to meet the due date for an assessment task, they will need to complete an application for Special Consideration. These forms can be collected from the HSIE staffroom. It is the responsibility of the student to collect this form, complete it and return it to the head teacher of HSIE or their classroom teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN – HELP REQUIRED

Our canteen requires volunteers to help throughout the year between 9.00am – 2.30pm (these hours are flexible). If you are able to assist the canteen during these hours (which are flexible), please contact Jacqui or Mel at the canteen on 6372 3276

MATHEMATICS NEWS

The Mathematics Faculty would like to welcome students back to school for 2017. A special welcome to our new Year 7. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or concerns. Students are encouraged to be responsible for their own learning by organising and bringing their equipment to each and every lesson. Every student should have a scientific calculator, workbook, textbook (if issued), pens, lead pencils, glue stick, eraser and rule. Calculators that should meet the needs of students for many years can be purchased at cost price of \$20 from the front office.

Having the correct equipment makes it easier for each student to take advantage of the great learning opportunities provided here at Mudgee High.

HOMEWORK ROOM

The Mathematics Faculty at Mudgee High runs a homework room each Monday after school from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm in room B9. Students from all years and levels of ability can receive assistance with classwork, homework and study skills.



EXTENSION MATHEMATICS

Mudgee High is a fully comprehensive school which caters for all levels of mathematics.

Senior students elect the level of mathematics in which they need to study for their future career requirements.

Courses are available in:

- General 1 and 2 Mathematics
- Mathematics, Extension 1 and 2 Mathematics
- Life Skills students catered for based on individual learning needs.

Students studying Preliminary Extension 1 Mathematics and HSC Extension 1 and 2 Mathematics are congratulated on choosing these rigorous courses in their endeavour to be fully prepared for future studies.

There are 15 students studying the Preliminary HSC Extension 1 Mathematics course and 15 students studying the HSC course in Extension 1 Mathematics. 3 students have elected to complete the Extension 2 Mathematics course.



Year 11 - Preliminary HSC Extension 1 Mathematics class with Mrs Bennett



Year 12 - HSC Extension 1 Mathematics class with Mrs Best

There are many students who are currently studying Mathematics, with 24 students in Year 11 and 14 in Year 12. Students in year 12 should be commended for their efforts. Extension courses are run off line, with students committed to attending lessons before school, 5 days a week, to complete the course. Mudgee High Mathematics Faculty would like to say a big thankyou to parents and caregivers of students studying extension courses for enabling their children to attend early morning classes by organising lifts to school around their busy schedules.

Students develop a strong work ethic and resilience, as well as being given the opportunity to form great friendships and support networks with the staff and fellow students.



Year 7 NSW School Vaccination Program 2017

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). In 2017, the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 students*

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
 - varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
 - human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months for male and female students.
- * *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parental/guardian consent is required for students to be vaccinated. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school or telephoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. Consent forms will only be accepted if they are completed using blue or black pen and are original (photocopied or faxed consent forms will not be accepted).

Parent Information Kits have been distributed to all Year 7 students. Please ensure the consent forms are returned to the school and placed in the box in the front office as soon as possible. This is a key element to the success of the program. A 'Record of Vaccination' will be given to each child and it is important they provide this to their doctor to ensure that records are kept up to date. To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8. The Parent Information Kits have been translated for parents/guardians into 26 community languages and are available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation. **However, only the English-language consent form should be completed.**

MSP Photography

School photography made simple

Your photo day: **TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 2017**

1. School choice

Your school has selected this group photo style.



2. Parent's choice

Choose a quality portrait pack to suit your family needs and budget.

Our Premium Pack



- 2 x 10" x 8"
- 1 x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait
- 1 x 5" x 7"
- 4 x 5" x 3.5"
- 4 x 3.5" x 2.5"
- Portrait Download Print quality

3. Extras

Select from our range of gift items and extras (available online).



- 3 x Photo bookmarks 9" x 2"
- 4 x 2" x 3.5"
- 1 x Door Hanger 10" x 4"
- 1 x Photo Calendar 9" x 11"
- 4 x Photo Gift Tags 3.5" x 2.5"

Parents, please remember...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
NB: Family envelopes can be picked up from the office before photo day.
2. Best school clothes (Just as always best!!)
3. Their best smile!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Tuesday 14th February (week 4) school photos will be taken. All students are to have their photo taken for their ID card, and there is no cost to having your photo taken. Students wishing to purchase photographs should pre-pay online or bring cash in the envelope on the day. Wednesday 15th February (period 1 only) will be a catch-up day. Please remember to wear your school uniform.

Any student who would like a family photo taken should collect a form from the Science staffroom. Any queries please contact Mrs Laidlaw.

Please send the correct cash with the student as change will not be available from the office.

ZINE WORKSHOP

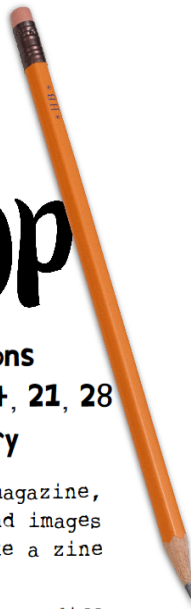
Eight Wednesday afternoons
May 10, 17, 24, 31 + June 7, 14, 21, 28
4-5pm at Mudgee Library

Learn how to create your own magazine,
from coming up with stories and images
to design and layout - and make a zine
with your friends!

Over eight weeks students will learn different
aspects of creating a magazine. Artist
and writer Sam Paine will drive the project
and special guests will teach you about
different aspects of design and writing.

During the term you'll work together to
create your own zine, which will be launched
at the Mudgee Readers' Festival in August by
a special guest author!

FREE, but registration essential:
info@mudgeereaders.com or at Mudgee Library



TOWN HALL CINEMA

*** SHOWING March 3,4,5 2017 ***

Tickets available online from Monday 20th February

Buy La La Land Tickets @
<https://www.trybooking.com/ORFC>

Buy Moana Tickets @
<https://www.trybooking.com/OOAA>



SESSION TIMES

La La Land	Friday March 3	7.00pm
	Saturday March 4	4.30pm
	Saturday March 4	7.30pm
	Sunday March 5	4.30pm
Moana	Saturday March 4	11.00am
	Saturday March 4	2.00pm
	Sunday March 5	11.00am
	Sunday March 5	2.00pm

TICKET PRICES

Adults:	\$15.00
Children/Concession:	\$10.00
Children under 5 years:	Free

Tickets available online from
Monday 20th February 2017
or at the door (if not sold out prior).
For more information, visit
www.midwesternnsw.gov.au or like
Mudgee Town Hall Cinema on Facebook.

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REGISTRATION DAYS

Mudgee - Glen Willow	Gulgong - Billy Dunn Oval
25 th Feb, 4 th March, 11 th March- 10am to 1pm	Thursday 9 th March - 4pm - 5.30pm Saturday 11 th March - 10am - 12 noon

Rylstone - Rylstone Showground
2nd & 9th March - 4pm to 5.30pm

Online registration
www.myfootball.com.au
Payment to club on registration days
by cash, chq or EFTPOS

Season Commences
7/5/17 - Proposed



Mudgee Junior Rugby League

Registrations for all age groups (Under 6s to Under 16s) will be taken on 24th of February, 3rd of March and 10th of March at Cahill Park

Fun Footy Friday for players Under 9 on these days too

For more information - facebook.com/mudgeejuniorrugbyleague

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Frequently asked questions

Which will be better for me – PVC or School Drive Subsidy?

It depends on:

- How many children you have on the scheme.
- The type of school they attend (boarding school, day school or mini-school).
- The distance you need to drive.
- If you have children to add to your school trips in the future.

You should consider staying on the PVC subsidy if you're receiving a PVC subsidy for more than one child.

We suggest you check which scheme is better for your individual circumstances by using the online comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What are the School Drive Subsidy rates?

You can find the latest rates for the School Drive Subsidy and the PVC at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016.

Keep in mind, if you stay on the current PVC subsidy, you won't be able to add new students after 17 January 2017 without switching all the existing PVC students to the new School Drive Subsidy.

Need more information?

Find out more, including examples of school trips, at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive or call 131 500.

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SCHOOL TRIP SUBSIDY CHANGES



Transport for NSW



Transport for NSW

What's happening?

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced with the new School Drive Subsidy.

This change will make it fairer for everyone who drives their children to school or to the nearest public transport location.

If you're a parent or guardian currently receiving the PVC subsidy, you can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017.

What are the main changes?

If you're driving one or more eligible students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Other differences include:

- A flat per kilometre rate (indexed annually to the cost of living) will apply under the School Drive Subsidy, unlike the flat payment per distance band in the current PVC subsidy.
- The requirement to do a special return trip each morning and afternoon will be removed.
- The 300km per trip payment cap will be removed.
- The limit of eight trips per year for distance education students to attend mini-schools during term time will be removed.
- The PVC subsidy rates will remain at 2017 levels in 2018 and beyond.
- Payments to third parties will stop (e.g. payments to a bus operator hired by parents from pooled PVC subsidy payments).

Note, you can't be on two schemes at the same time. If you add new students after 17 January 2017, all eligible students will automatically go onto the new School Drive Subsidy, including existing PVC subsidy students.

How do I check which scheme is better for me?

Check the comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What do I need to do?

If you want to stay on the existing PVC subsidy, you don't need to do anything.

Assuming the school trip doesn't change, your payments will continue for all existing students until they leave school or until you need to re-apply because a student is moving up to Year 7 at high school.

If the school trip changes because you move homes or the student changes schools, you will need to re-apply under the new School Drive Subsidy.

Remember, you can't re-apply for the PVC subsidy after 20 December 2016, but you can switch to the new School Drive Subsidy at any time after 17 January 2017.

If you want to switch to the new School Drive Subsidy, apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Just like the PVC subsidy, payments will be made twice a year, around August and February, based on the student's school attendance for the preceding semester.

The online application process only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to call 131 500 for assistance.

After you've applied and been approved for the School Drive Subsidy, payments will be made automatically into your bank account twice a year.

You won't have to re-apply until a student reaches the end of Year 6, or until you next update any details — such as a change of school, school trip or address.

What happens if I stay on PVC now but want to add a new child later?

For new eligible students, you can either:

- Add the new student into the new School Drive Subsidy and also switch the existing students to the new scheme, or
- Stay on the current PVC subsidy where existing students are covered, but not add any new students and not receive any additional subsidy.


What are the distance requirements under the School Drive Subsidy?

School year band	Minimum distance to school/TAFE	Minimum distance to the nearest public transport pick up point (where available)
Infants and Primary students (Years K-6)	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance
Secondary students (Years 7-12)	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance
TAFE	More than 3.2km walking distance	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance

You can read about these changes in more detail at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

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Fridays at 1930 – 2130 hours on school nights

MUDGEE AIR LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR SQUADRON!

Being a member of Mudgee Squadron gives you or your child the chance to learn about aircrafts (military and civilian), attend camps, march in competitions and ANZAC Day, and challenge yourself while earning badges for your uniform.

Ages 8+

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<p>WEDNESDAY'S MUDGEE CLASSES Perry Hall Studios 18 Perry St (Upstairs Studio)</p> <p>4.00-4.45.....3-8 yrs 4.45-5.30.....9-12 yrs 5.30-6.15.....13-16 yrs 6.15-7.00.....Ladies 7.00-7.45.....Seniors</p>	<p>TUESDAY'S DUBBO CLASSES St Johns Primary School 138 Sheraton Rd</p> <p>4.00-4.45.....3-8 yrs 4.45-5.30.....9-12 yrs 5.30-6.15.....Ladies 6.15-7.00.....Seniors</p>
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