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Term 1 – Week 3



MHS Newsletter

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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

Week 3!

As you're all no doubt aware, Mudjee High is a Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) school. PBL is about explicit teaching of expectations. We have three universals that underpin the expectations we have of everyone at Mudjee High, students and staff alike. In all that we do, we expect people to be safe, respectful and responsible.

This week, the focus areas are:

How to be safe, including following staff instructions, maintaining personal space, staying in bounds, and reporting issues of concern.

How to be respectful, including arriving to class on time, showing regard for other people's personal space and property, and using appropriate language.

How to be responsible, including being accountable for your own learning, taking care of your own and school property, being accountable for your behaviour, and being prompt especially when it comes to getting to class.

Each student who attends Mudjee High is only physically on site for six and a half hours each day, so a great way to reinforce these very basic expectations is to have them at home. To the lion's share of parents and carers out there who already do make explicit that they too have similar expectations at home, thank you. If these expectations are the "unwritten law" at your place, only given voice when breached, feel free to plagiarise any and all of the things you see above and use them in a pre-emptive strike!

The **all new** handover date for the renovated administration area is 17 February, a week later than the date posted last week. Work has been progressing much faster of late, giving us all hope that we may be out of the library and into our revamped and renovated new digs quite soon.

Concreting is all but finished out the front, paving is underway and the new grass, plants and trees should follow. The senior COLA (Covered Outside Learning Area – not a fizzy, caffeinated drink) may well be finished by the end of this week!

Finally, congratulations to Milla Jones (Year 10) who has won a place at State Vocal Camp. I only became aware of this when Milla asked if she could have a week off school to attend! The message I want to put out there is a simple one; never hide your light under a bushel!

Australia Day honours seemingly go in overwhelming numbers to career politicians and high-profile sporting identities. The rest of us need to get vocal (pun alert), spurn those scythe-carrying tall poppy lumberjacks and revel in the great things we achieve. Parents and carers, if you've news of the achievements of your kids, whether current or past students, that you feel is newsworthy, let us know at school and we'll look to provide a little column space to celebrate those achievements.

Until next week!

Wayne Eade
Principal





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 all areas of the school

How to be safe:

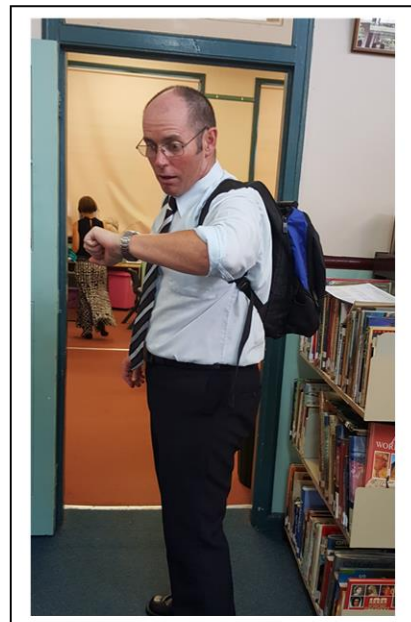
- Follow staff instructions
- Maintain personal space
- Stay in bounds
- Report issues of concern

How to be respectful:

- Arrive to class on time
- Show regard for others' personal space and property
- Use appropriate language

How to be responsible:

- Be accountable for your own learning
- Take care of your own and school property
- Be accountable for your behaviour
- Be prompt (arrive to class on time)



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

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 it is **compulsory for years ALL students at Mudgee High School** to attend the carnival. 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 get 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 bring sunscreen and hat.

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

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

MSP Photography

School photography made simple

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

1. School choice

Your school has selected the 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"
Black and White
Forrest

+


 1 x 5" x 3"
Black and White
Forrest

+


 1 x 3.5" x 2"
Black and White
Forrest

+


 4 x 6" x 4.5"
Black and White
Forrest

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 4 x 6" x 4.5"
Black and White
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 Portrait Download
Print quality

3. Extras

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


 3 x Photo Bookmarks
8" x 3"

+


 8 x 10" x 6"
Black and White
Forrest

+


 7 x 5" x 3.5"
Black and White
Forrest

+


 1 x Photo Calendar
12" x 12"

+


 4 x Photo Gift Bags
3.5" x 5.5"

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** (uniform is 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mudgee Gulgong

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

JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Junior basketball registrations for year 7 to year 10 will be held at the Mudgee PCYC on Wednesday 8th February between 3-30 and 6pm



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.

131 500 / 131 500 102016

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