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Term 1 – Week 2



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Jan 30 – Yrs 7, 11 & 12 students return to school
- Jan 31 – Yrs 8, 9 & 10 students return
- 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

It's 2017 and...

We're back!

Welcome to the New Year. The staff is back, the kids are back, lessons are underway and Federal Parliament will return in a week's time for seven gruelling sitting days before once more going into recess (I had to get that in after the comments made by Andrew Laming MP over the summer break regarding teachers not being at work and probably at home "preparing lessons" suggesting the profession is one of slackers...).

Opportunity.

Each and every day is an opportunity and students were reminded at their welcome back assembly of just what that means. It was Shakespeare who said that "There is nothing good or bad, but thinking makes it so." Arrive each day with a positive outlook matched to a desire to grasp every opportunity that presents itself and wring it for all that it is worth and the chances of meeting with success will always be multiplied. The opportunity to develop new skills and hone abilities, the opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new ones, the opportunity to expand personal knowledge and vanquish ignorance are all opportunities to be seized.

Mudjee High provides great opportunities each and every day the gates are open and school is in! We look forward to all of our students grasping those opportunities; doing their best and achieving their best.

Students were also reminded of those two words that open so very many doors and, by extension, opportunities; "please" and "thank you." I would be surprised if there were many homes out there where these words were not the currency that makes things happen. They are certainly the words that make membership of our social species so much easier to maintain!

As this year kicks off, we welcome Mrs Carr in the Support Unit, Ms May in English/History, Mr Saunders in Japanese and Mr Smith in English. We also welcome Ms Pauline James to the role of counsellor. Ms James will share this role with Miss Ashleigh Walsh, who will undoubtedly be familiar to some of you. Miss Walsh will be available Monday to Wednesday each week, while Ms James will be available Thursdays and Fridays.

Over the next five weeks, Deputy Principal Richard Finter will be relieving Principal at Lightning Ridge Central School. During this time, Ms Wilson, whose substantive role is HT PDHPE, will be the relieving DP. Amongst a host of other responsibilities as RDP, Ms Wilson will have oversight of welfare in Years 7, 9 and 11.

The handover date for the renovated administration area is in the calendar as 10 February – Friday week! While this may occur, the front office will not move from its current location within the school library (accessed from Horatio Street) until access is possible from Douro Street...

... so until then, keep watching this space.

Until next week!

Wayne Eade
Principal

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.

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 2017 REPRESENTATIVE SPORT AT MHS

School teams

At Mudgee High we offer students the opportunity to represent in sport at both a junior and senior (Open) level. There are many different sports available to you, ranging from team to individual, and from traditional sports such as cricket and football to the less traditional sports such as lawn bowls, futsal and equestrian.

Each sport will have a teacher who is responsible for coaching and managing the students involved. The information for each sport is usually communicated to you via the daily announcements which are read during roll call. Teachers will advertise training days and trials for their sport, usually early in Term 1, so listen out for some great opportunities!

Western Area Trials – Sports

A number of sports conduct selection trials for students who wish to represent Western Area. These sports include: softball, cricket, golf, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby union, football (soccer), squash, tennis and many more...

Year 7 students may need to take into consideration that the majority of these sports are Open teams (7-12), not junior (e.g. U/15's) therefore making selection more difficult competing against older students. I would still encourage students to attend trials as this gives students valuable experience and alerts area managers to their interest in competing at a higher level.

Most sports have 'trial days' where you need to complete nomination form and consent forms (signed by the Principal) and arrange your own way to venues. Information about these trial days are given to the various coaches or are advertised in the daily announcements. It is important to get nomination forms in on time or you will miss out!

Information is also available on the Western Area Sport Website: (Please note that this website is being updated in 2017*) http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/western/trial_chp_info/index.htm

Western Area (WA) and CHS - Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country

SWIMMING

If you wish to swim at the **Western Area Trials (Thursday 9th March 2017)**, you need to collect a nomination/information form from Mr Smith in the TAS staffroom. This usually needs to be **completed by early February**. Students will need to make their own way to this venue. **YOU MUST GET YOUR NOMINATION FORM IN BY THE DUE DATE. Note: MHS Carnival is on Friday 24th February.**

If students' progress from WA trials they compete at **CHS Swimming at CHS Swimming (SOPAC) Sat 1st April- Tuesday 4th April.**

CROSS COUNTRY

Each year group from Years 7-9 (and nominated participants 10-12) run a cross country course (usually in sport time, 23rd-25th May with a date TBC). From these results, students may wish to compete at Western Area if they are suitable.

The **Western Area Cross Country** is being held on **Wednesday 14^H June**. **CHS Cross Country** will be at **Eastern Creek on 21ST July**.

ATHLETICS

The school's carnival is held on **May 19TH at Walkers Oval**. Again students must nominate if they wish to compete at the **Western Area Trials 28th July Term 3 at Dubbo**. Those students who gain selection in the Western Area team compete in the **CHS Carnival at Homebush September 6th-8th**

ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY (AWD)

Swimming – there is usually a carnival for athletes with a disability, held in **March**. Athletics – there is usually a carnival held in **March**. Details of AWD events are advertised through announcements and by the Special Education staff.

Any questions see Ms Rachel McCann – MHS CHS Sports Organiser 2017 OR Log on to:

<http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/>

SRC

As the new year kicks off it is a great opportunity to announce the 2017 SRC (minus Year 7) to the wider school community.

- Year 8: Claire Finter, Isabelle Hauville, Harrison Kruger, Harrison Newton
- Year 9: Ella Werth, Grace Woodgate, Ned Dickson, Connor McNeill
- Year 10: Lucy Roe, Amelia Sauerbier, Bradleigh Kelly, Daniel Trevethan
- Year 11: Jacob Barnes Olivia Harvey, Catriona Ridler, Dillon Robinson
- Year 12: Azrun Paulson, Tiarna Templeton, Mario Gaballa, Ethan Spice, Bethany Haysom, Isobel Finter, Macy Morley, Ethan Reinhard, Sam Bambrick

Last year was very successful with many students being involved in organised activities and generously contributing to fundraising. The Leadership Roll Call was supportive in our efforts, particularly in regards to the Giving Tree at Christmas.

From our fundraising efforts in 1015/16 the SRC was able to contribute to the cost of fans in the Gym.

Upcoming Events for 2017

Year 7 SRC Elections

Term 1 Social

A-Day (Admirer's Day)



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

MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2017

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

CHICKEN & CORN ROLL	\$ 1.70	
PIZZA ROUNDA	\$ 3.00	
BEEF TRAVELLER PIE	\$ 3.50	
CHICKEN CHEESE & BACON PIE	\$ 4.00	
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$ 2.70	
BEEF & GRAVY ROLL	\$ 5.00	
HOT DOG WITH CHEESE	\$ 4.00	
HOT DOG	\$ 3.50	
GLUTEN FREE BEEF PIE	\$ 3.50	Order only
GLUTEN FREE SAUSAGE ROLL	\$ 3.00	Order only
MAYO/SAUCE PORTIONS	\$ 0.30	

ROLLS & SANDWICHES

A VARIETY OF ROLLS INCLUDING		
HAM, SALAMI, CHEESE, EGG &		
CHICKEN ALL WITH SALAD	PRICES	
CHICKEN CAESAR ROLL	START	
SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN	FROM	
AND AVOCADO ROLL	\$4.50	
VEGETARIAN WRAP with Tzaziki,		
chick peas, semi dried tomatoes and		
salad (Mondays only)	\$ 5.00	
CHICKEN AND AVOCADO WRAP		
with salad (Mondays only)	\$ 5.00	
PLAIN BREAD ROLL	\$ 1.20	

SALADS

GARDEN SALAD	GF	\$ 5.00
MEAT & SALAD	GF	\$ 5.00
FRESH FRUIT SALAD		\$ 4.00
SEASONAL FRUIT		\$ 1.00

CHECK AVAILABILITY OF THESE SALADS

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	\$5.00
GREEK SALAD	\$5.00
COUS COUS SALAD	\$4.00
SUSHI	\$4.00
PASTA SALAD	\$5.00
ANTI PASTO SALAD	\$5.00

MILK AND DAIRY

MOOVE 300ML	\$ 2.00
MOOVE 500ML	\$ 3.50
PLAIN MILK	\$ 2.00
THICK & CREAMY YOGHURT	\$ 2.50
DARE 500ML	\$ 3.50
NIPPY'S MILK 375ML	\$ 3.00
CUSTARD 600ML	\$ 3.00

CHECK OUR DAILY MENU BOARD FOR OTHER SPECIALS INCLUDING HOMEMADE

JUICES

BERRI 350ML	\$ 2.50
Apple/blackcurrant, pineapple, orange, tropical, apple	
DAILY JUICE 500ML	\$ 3.00
Apple, orange, orange/mango	

BEVERAGES

PUMP WATER 750ML	\$ 3.50
WATER 600ML	\$ 1.50
POWERADE ZERO	\$ 3.50
HOT MILO (Winter only)	\$ 2.00
PEPSI MAX 600ML	\$ 3.50
COKE ZERO	\$ 2.00
SPRITE ZERO	\$ 2.00
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SNACKFOOD

RED ROCK DELI CHIPS	\$ 1.00
JJ SNACKS	\$ 1.50
GRAIN WAVES	\$ 1.00

ICECREAMS

PADDLEPOPS	\$ 1.50
MILO SCOOP	\$ 3.50
Bulla FROZEN YOGHURT	\$ 2.50
Twisted FROZEN YOGHURT	\$ 2.50
SUNNYBOY	\$ 1.00
CYCLONE	\$ 1.80
SHAKY SHAKE	\$2.00
LEMONADE TWIST	\$ 1.00

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN	\$ 5.00
WRAP (ORDER ONLY)	

TUESDAY

PIZZA SUB	\$ 2.50
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WEDNESDAY

WEDGES	\$ 2.50
sour cream/sweet chilli sauce	\$ 0.50

THURSDAY

CHICKEN BURGERS	\$ 4.00
GLUTEN FREE CHICKEN BURGER	\$ 4.00
GF Order only	

FRIDAY

THAI CHICKEN ROLL	\$ 6.00
ORDER ONLY	

SOUPS, PASTAS, FOCCACIAS, TURKISH MELTS, CURRIES, BURGERS AND SALADS

PLEASE NOTE: PINENUTS ARE USED IN PESTO, CASHEWS, ALMONDS & WALNUTS MAY BE USED IN SOME SPECIALS. IF YOU HAVE NUT ALLERGIES PLEASE CHECK WITH CANTEEN LADIES

Please note these prices are subject to change throughout the year due to the increase in wholesale prices

*** GLUTEN FREE LUNCHES...ALL DAILY SPECIALS CAN BE ADAPTED TO GLUTEN FREE**

PLEASE ENQUIRE AND THESE WOULD NEED TO BE PRE ORDERED

The following items will increase in price on the Canteen 2017 menu:

Pizza Rounda \$3.00
Beef Traveller Pie \$3.50
Hot Dog \$3.50
Hot Dog with cheese \$4.00
Salad rolls from \$4.50
Fresh fruit salad \$4.00
Nippy's milk 375ml \$3.00
JJ's snacks \$1.50
Frozen Yoghurts \$2.50
Chicken Burgers \$4.00
Thai Chicken Rolls \$6.00

Some of our extra daily specials may also increase in price.

We have held off as long as possible to implement the price increases, however it is necessary for 2017.

Thank you.



Mudgee Gulgong
WARRIORS FC INC. 1977

REGISTRATION DAYS

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

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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



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	AND	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