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Term 2 – Week 9



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coming Events:

- Week 9 – Yr 11 Reports issued
- June 30 – Yrs 7-10 Reports issued Term 2 concludes
- July 17 – Staff Development Day
- July 18 – Students commence Term 3
- Aug 4 - Yrs 7-10 Effort & Achievement Awards

This issue:

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GONSKI IN THE CROSSHAIRS

Back in March I spoke about the needs-based funding model referred to in the mainstream media as "Gonski". As a history lesson, the model takes its name from Michael Gonski, the businessman who conducted what was the most comprehensive investigation into education funding held in more than forty years. He reported his findings to the then Federal Labor Government, citing the very real need to restructure the way in which education in Australia is funded if the intention is the creation of a system that is even remotely equitable.

This week, Gonski gets serious.

Between now and Thursday, when parliament rises, a decision will almost certainly be made on what becomes of "Gonski". What is being offered – the so-called "Gonski 2.0" – is a much-reduced needs-based funding model that will continue to deliver huge chunks of change to the publically-funded, notionally-private schools – I'm going to call them "exclusive public schools" – while short-changing the very many inclusive public schools.

And by way of short-changing, consider this:

Under the existing, **enshrined-in-law** funding model, Mudgee High should expect \$395,581 in federal funding in 2018. Under the proposed Gonski 2.0, Mudgee High will receive \$154,300. The Federal Minister claims all schools will have their funding increased. Well, that's an 'increase' of \$-241,281. Under the existing model, Mudgee High should expect \$751,076 in federal funding in 2019. Under the proposed Gonski 2.0, Mudgee High will receive \$161,706. Another 'increase', this time totalling \$-589,370.

For the two years 2018–2019, Mudgee High will be short-changed a total of \$830,651. That's needs-based funding that has allowed your high school to put school learning support officers into our learning support centre and classrooms to assist students who struggle with the basics. That's needs-based funding that has allowed us to improve the facilities used by all students including additional robotics kits, additional microscopes, additional interactive whiteboards, access to things like Britannica On-line and Clickview, additional textbooks, a laser cutter, resurfaced basketball courts, additional student seating in the playground... an array of resources and assets that otherwise would have been beyond our reach.

Last week I heard Rob Stokes, the NSW Minister for Education, stand before 300+ secondary principals and tell them that his government signed up to the original Gonski funding agreement – an agreement that is law – and that he was not prepared to settle for less. As parents, carers and teachers, we too should not be prepared to settle for less.

Over the weekend, you may have heard the Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce, selling Gonski 2.0 as the Federal Government offering a "real" \$50 dollars compared to the \$100 Myrtle offered that, "she never had" (a reference to the model that is currently law and perhaps a reference to Julia Gillard).

While it is true that the Labor model had flaws, the greatest of which was that no school would be worse off under their needs-based funding model, an idea that is at odds with what needs-based means,* it is specious to claim that governments cannot find money when they think it necessary. The Federal Government found \$15billion to buy seventy-two F-35 aircraft just last February!

Wanting the Feds to honour the existing agreement as it affects state schools should be the line in the sand. If in the process the Feds were to develop enough intestinal fortitude to reign in the profligate munificence it bestows on the "exclusive public schools", weaning them off the public teat and assisting them to become truly private, maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing either.

What can you do?

You can call Senator Xenophon's office between 8am and 8pm today on 02 6277 3713 or via Parliament House switch (02) 6277 7111. You can let his staff know you want to talk to him or leave a message for him about the critical importance of not supporting Malcolm Turnbull's cuts to Gonski funding that will mean \$846 million less for NSW schools or, at the local level, \$830,651 less for Mudgee High over the next two years.

You could also keep an eye on the activities of Senator Richard Di Natale. If the Greens block the Birmingham/Turnbull bill, an email of appreciation for their efforts, as well as support for their continuing push to have the original agreement honoured, would not go astray.

Next week I plan to talk a little more about STEAM and the opportunities available to our students, but the Gonski funding issue is both upon us and so very important to this school and its students' future that it needed airing this week.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

* The statement that "no school will be worse off" was a nod and a wink to the "exclusive public schools" sector that they would face no reduction in the government largess they had come to expect, making "Gonski" far more expensive than it should have been.

TERM 2 WEEK 8 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Ethan Blamire – Yr 7, Chelsea Smith – Yr 8, Jada O'Brien – Yr 9, Ryan Staub – Yr 10, Emma Fay – Yr 11, Isaac Maynard – Yr 12

SRR AWARD: Lachlan Roberts – Yr 9

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Each term, the SRC tries to hold one event aimed to build community between the year groups and staff. In Term 1, a social was held to welcome Year 7 to the school. This term the SRC decided to hold a 'Quad Jam'. This involved the senior music classes performing live music, Year 12 holding a sausage sizzle, the Leadership Roll Call staging a hand ball competition and the SRC running a hot chocolate/ milkshake drinks stall.

The day was glorious, weather wise, and many students participated by buying food and even dancing! Teachers also got involved, showing moves not seen before, unless you are well aware of Peter Garrett (thanks Mr Finter). All of this helped to provide a fun lunch that achieved its aim of building community at Mudgee High.



ATHLETICS

A reminder that the Western Area Athletics Trials will be held on Friday July 28th July at Barden Park in Dubbo. Students have been notified at school if they qualified and have been given permission notes. They were also told that they would need to tell the PDHPE staff if **they do not wish** to compete by Friday 16/6... last week! This is to ensure deadline for entries to Western Area are met. Any questions, please contact the school.

WESTERN AREA CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Congratulations to the MHS Cross Country Team which competed in the Western Area Trials at Geurie last Wednesday. All students ran so well and should be proud of themselves.

The following students placed in the top six in their age groups and as a result have been selected to compete for the Western Area Team at the CHS Trials on July 21st at Eastern Creek.

Dale Aylett 2nd 12 Years Boys
Claire Finter 5th in 14 Years Girls
Campbell Wall 1st, Lewis Roth 3rd and Guy Rohr 4th in the 14 Years Boys
Grace Woodgate 5th in 15 Years Girls
Laura Treverrow 5th in 16 Years Girls
Sam Brennan 2nd in the 18 Years Boys



The students had a fantastic day and were an absolute pleasure to take away. Well done. Thanks also to Mr Evans for driving the bus.

Students are reminded that their paperwork for CHS needs to be in by the end of this term.

PBL WEEKLY FOCUS- THE OVAL



Being Safe, Respectful and Responsible whilst using the oval is:

Following staff instructions . Staying in bounds . Using active area appropriately . Reporting issues of concern . Maintaining appropriate personal space . Caring for your equipment and that of others .

Staying off the oval during the morning before the bell. Eating on sideline nearest the school. Putting rubbish in the bin

INDIGENOUS TRAINEESHIP

The National Australia Bank has opportunities at Dubbo, Wellington, Orange, Bathurst, Oberon, Nyngan, Mudgee, Parkes, Warren and Bourke branches.

- The opportunity is over 2 years completing year 11 and 12 in combination with achieving the HSC
- The successful students will work 1 day per week and potentially throughout the school holidays to complete 100 days
- Earn and national award wage
- Complete a certificate II Business, gaining skills working with a leading corporate organisation
- Become part of the AES family and work one on one with our mentors
- Successfully kick start a career providing endless opportunities for the future!!

If you are a current Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, year 10 student interested in undertaking a school based traineeship throughout year 11 and 12 please give us a call today to find out more.

Contact Ash 0409702927 or Cecil 68828100 to make an appointment and register your interest today.

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SMILES ONSITE DENTIST

Mudgee High School is collaborating with Smiles Onsite to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), and comes along with the chance to grab some amazing prizes.

All students will be given a consent form to take home so that they can participate, and also so that they can go in the draw to win prizes!!

How does it work?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule grants all eligible parents with \$1000 Medicare benefit which can be used towards dental expenses per child, over a two year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their unique mobile Clinics. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable.

This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

You can fill out the dental consent form for your son or daughter by selecting this link - <https://form.jotform.co/71589284146870>

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on 1800 276 453.

Hi parents and carers

Mudgee High School will play host to Smiles Onsite a mobile dental clinic later this year. Please find below a link that directs you to our company's online consent form. If you would like your child/children to participate in our free service please fill in the consent form and lodge it online. This form can be completed on a computer, laptop or smartphone. If you do not have access or have any troubles filling out the online form, you can pick up a physical copy from the school front office.

Smiles Onsite will be visiting Mudgee High School, Term 3, Weeks 9 and 10.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we hope to see your child/children at our clinic!

Online Consent Form Link: <https://form.jotform.co/71589284146870>

Kindest Regards,

Erin

Changes for 2018 admissions



THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS THROUGH UAC:

The number of course preferences is being reduced from 9 to 5

Offers were rarely made to preferences 6 to 9 in the old system and applicants can change their preferences as many times as they wish, so it's up to 5 preferences per offer round.

There will be an offer round after ATAR release and before Christmas

This is so that ATAR-based offers can be made to Year 12 students earlier than January.

The early January round and the mid-January round will be combined into one round in the second week of January

This is so that more offers can be made earlier in January.

Offers may not be made to all courses in December

Some universities may wait until January to make offers to highly competitive courses. Consequently, those courses will be excluded from the December offer round. Details of courses that will not be included in the December round will be available on UAC's website in November 2017.

Universities will not exhaust their quota of offers in December

While universities will be able to make offers to NSW HSC students in December, they will still be waiting for the results of other significant groups of students, such as IB students, interstate Year 12 students and current tertiary students. Consequently, universities will not fill the quota for any course in December; they will reserve sufficient offers to make offers to eligible students in January. The cut-off for entry in January Round 1 will not be higher than the December cut-off.

There will be no "Main Round"

As more offers will now be made in December, there will no longer be the concept of a January Main Round. We expect most offers will be made in December and January.

All offer rounds will be named using the convention of month and sequence (eg December Round 2, January Round 1 etc.).

There will be no restrictions on making offers in the early offer rounds

All offer rounds will be treated equally. Offers can be made to the highest eligible preference to any applicant in any round.

The SRS offer round will be in November

Offers to Year 12 students based on Schools Recommendation Schemes applications will be earlier, now mid-November.

These changes simplify the process for applicants and institutions, allowing offers to be made earlier in the cycle, where possible, while still giving applicants plenty of choice and without disadvantaging those applicants who will still need to wait until January to receive their offer.

KEY DATES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS:

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| 2 August 2017 | applications open |
| 31 August 2017 | August Round 1 offers released |
| 14 September 2017 | September Round 1 offers released |
| 28 September 2017 | September Round 2 offers released |
| 29 September 2017 | on-time closing date for applications |
| 12 October 2017 | October Round 1 offers released |
| 26 October 2017 | October Round 2 offers released |
| 16 November 2017 | November Round 1 (SRS) offers released |
| 23 November 2017 | November Round 2 offers released |
| 7 December 2017 | December Round 1 offers released |
| 15 December 2017 | ATARs released |
| 17 December 2017 | change of preference closing date for December Round 2 |
| 21 December 2017 | December Round 2 offers released |
| 3 January 2018 | change of preference closing date for January Round 1 |
| 12 January 2018 | January Round 1 offers released |
| 24 January 2018 | change of preference closing date for January Round 2 |
| 31 January 2018 | January Round 2 offers released |
| 8 February 2018 | February Round 1 offers released |
| 15 February 2018 | February Round 2 offers released |



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mudgee High School - the performance on the night of Friday 23rd June is a benefit performance in aid of the Year 12 Rainbow Day Appeal.



MPAS' much awaited 2017 pantomime production of "Robin Hood" opens June 16 at Mudgee's iconic Town Hall Theatre!

Cheer the dashing outlaws! Boo the wicked Sheriff! Gasp at the amazing swordfighting! Shudder at the One Doored Tower of Doom!

Terrific panto fun for all ages!

Dates: 23rd, 24th and 25th June. Matinees available.

Cost: Adults \$20, Conc \$15 (High School student, senior), Child \$10 (primary and preschool)
Family \$50 (2 adults and 2 primary aged children).

Tickets: Online at mpas.org.au, over the counter (cash only) from Hannaford Cox, Market St (between the Library and the Anglican Church). Please book early – assigned seating and our pantos usually sell out.

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