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Term 3 – Week 5



# MHS Newsletter

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Cudgegong Learning  
Community  
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WEBSITE FOR THE FULL  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## COMING EVENTS

- Aug 10 to 18 – Trial HSC Exams
- Aug 28 – P&C Meeting Library 7pm
- Aug 31 – Y8,9,10 Parent Teacher Evening Gym 3.45pm – 7pm
- Sep 11-15 Prelim HSC Exams
- Sep 21 – Rainbow Day
- Sep 22 – Y12 Presentation/Graduation
- Sep 22 – Last day of term 3

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Word of the Day

Several years ago, an idea was thrown up at an executive meeting – our regular Monday meeting of Head Teachers, Deputy Principals and the Principal – about including in day notices a “Word of the Day”. The thought that underpinned this was a desire to stretch student vocabularies; to improve their lexical capacity.

After all, words are important.

The ability to communicate through words is what makes us human. Robotic machines on the surface of Mars have the capacity to snap and send images of the environment in which they find themselves, thanks to the ingenuity of a multitude of scientists. However, the ability to capture a moment in well-chosen nouns and verbs, working in partnership with their attendant adjectives and adverbs, and all in cogent order... that's a human thing.

Words allow us to explore the abstract in a way no image ever can. Consider the simplicity and the majesty of Shakespeare's weighing up the value of a continued existence when life seems a procession of indignities, slights and heartbreaks: “To be or not to be – that is the question.”

Words provide us the capacity for stories and the ability to share those stories not just with each other but indeed across geographical divides and the temporal gulfs of decades, centuries and millennia. Through words we are permitted to explore the memories of people long dead. Words have the power to allow us to experience thoughts and feelings well beyond our own, engendering empathy and connecting us to the human condition; all of the things that make us human.

Words are the stuff of imagination. They are the tools by which practice can be passed on to new generations. They are the nuts and bolts of the canon of all human endeavour.

In a world increasingly dominated by status updates, 144 word tweets and Instagram image sharing, words would seem to have declined in importance. But within the realms of science, technology, engineering and the arts, words are as important today as they have ever been.

So at each morning roll call, young people at Mudgee High have been and will continue to be exposed to words that at times will be familiar, but more often than not unfamiliar. They will be exposed to the meanings of those words and, just as importantly, their etymology.

Feel free to test your kids regularly on what any given day's Word of the Day was. See whether they can surprise with their attentiveness. By the way, if you want to know what the Word of the Day is on a given day, just keep an eye on the electronic noticeboard in Douro Street.

Last week's words included mucid, plebiscite and prolix. This week's words include facile, wax and wane.

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Finally, well done Year 12's Azrun Paulson! Azrun is quite a community-spirited and well-performing HSC student who made application for the Dame Marie Bashir Peace Award this year. It is with great pleasure that I make it public here that Azrun was one of four recipients state-wide to earn a Highly Commended certificate, which will be presented at Parliament House, Sydney, on Monday 25 September.

Quite a feather in the cap!

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 3 WEEK 4 AWARDS

**P & C AWARDS:** Henry McNamara – Yr 7, Joseph Ellem-Pertovt – Yr 8, Connor Rae – Yr 9, Ryan Montgomery – Yr 10, Natasha Hill – Yr 11, Lucas Reedy – Yr 12

**SRR AWARD:** Brandon Smith – Yr 7

### POWER OF ENGINEERING EXCURSION – by Lachlan Wall

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July Mr Kempton, myself and all of my engineering-minded peers set off for the 'Power of Engineering' excursion in Lithgow. After the small bus trip to Lithgow, we were ready to enhance our knowledge and understanding of what an engineering career could hold for us. We were invited into a hall full of students and teachers from other schools, and engineers from a wide variety of backgrounds. After a short introduction explaining/outlining the day ahead, the Mudgee High School students were directed to the library where we were met with our first workshop.

Our first workshop was chaired by two engineers from the energy industry. This workshop had each group of six students trading electricity and trying to make the most profit. It was a great way to look at the world of buying and selling electricity. Though it was a very simplified version of what happens in real life, it was still an elegant display of jobs in the energy field.

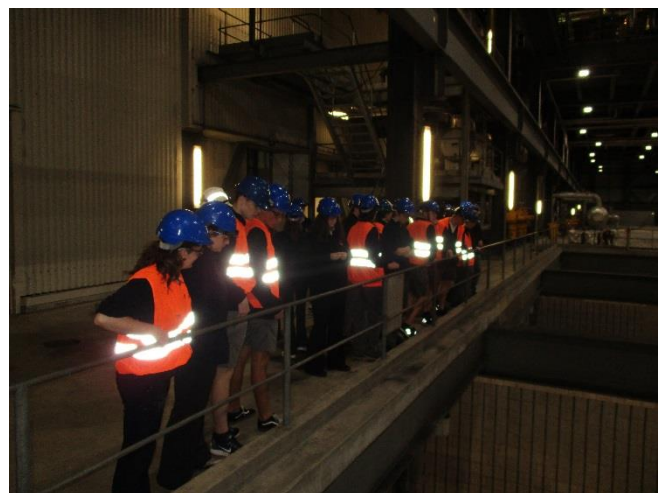
The second workshop was a computer based workshop focused on bits and binary, and taught us how to count in binary. The two people leading the workshop had backgrounds in Mechatronics (robotics engineering) and civil engineering. They taught us to count in binary using numbers on our fingers. This will definitely be useful in the future and it gave us a small taste of engineering in the computing and software sector.

Our last workshop was aimed at chemical engineering. In this workshop, we undertook three different experiments which were i) colour changing slime, ii) exploding lunch bags and iii) elephant toothpaste. All of these experiments were fun and taught us how and why we saw the reactions that we did. Simply by adding or tweaking a ratio we saw radical changes in viscosity, size and energy. This was a great workshop giving us a taste of the field of chemical engineering.

We then headed back to the main hall for a question and answer session. During the session, all of the engineers talked about how great they thought the engineering field was for job opportunities, growth and availability. They talked very highly of all the engineering fields and about just why it is such a great career option. I was surprised to hear that all of the engineers thought that mathematics was not as important as the engineering stereotype would have us believe. After our burning questions were answered, MHS set off to our next location; the Mt Piper Power Station.

Most of us had already been to Mt Piper previously, however, it was just as great and informative as the first time that we went. During our tour, we saw all of the major sections of the plant when we walked past the mills, turbines, control centre, condenser and much more. During the near blizzard conditions, we also scaled the main buildings exterior and overlooked the cooling towers and the rest of the facility. Mt Piper gave us some great lessons and was a fabulous experience.

All of my peers and I had a great time and took a lot of ideas out of the excursion. It allowed us to better understand what a career in engineering could be like and whether or not it is a career to pursue. It also clarified the subject choices needed to secure a university course in engineering. This was a great excursions that gave us a valuable insight into several engineering fields and the basis upon which to consider engineering as a career.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# MUDGEE NORTH-WEST LEGACY



## Legacy Badge Day, 1 September 2017

One unique organisation stands by the dependants of veterans who gave their lives or health in the service of their nation. Legacy cares for the families of defence force personnel killed in war or other hazardous service, in peacekeeping operations or in accidents whilst training for war, and those who have died subsequently or are incapacitated. Caring for this extended family is a big task as we seek to assist them in coping with their lives, both financially and emotionally, whether they are young or old. We help organise housing, education, medical expenses and important special things, like simple companionship. Legacy is funded by public donations, which enable us to perform our legacy of care.

There are over 200 widows and dependants in Mudgee North West Division who depend on Legacy.

Badges are available at our office at 133 Market Street, Mudgee, in \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and larger denominations. We also have pens, wristbands and Army, Navy, Nurse, Digger and Air Force bears.

## Mudgee Host Family Respite service moves to Lifeskills Plus.



Lifeskills is pleased to be the new providers of host family respite services in MWR area. Registered host family volunteers open their lives, and often their homes, to provide safe environments and positive experiences. This is where opportunities, fun and friendships happen.

People interested in accessing respite, or people wishing to become host family volunteers please contact Janet 0263726440

*All volunteers are required to undertake a national criminal record check as well as a working with children check prior to commencing volunteering*



Families who play together, stay together.  
Come and join the Mudgee Region MudDragons



Are you interested in a sport that the whole family can take part in at the same time?

**Dragon Boating** is a non contact sport for participants aged 12 and upwards.

There are opportunities to take part socially and competitively.

Teams of 22 consist of a drummer (1), up to 20 paddlers (2), and a sweep (3) to steer the boat.

**Mudgee Region MudDragons** provide all the equipment needed.

Come and try this sport on

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00am and 12 noon at Windamere Dam.**

There will be a free BBQ after paddling.

To register your interest email: [muddragons1@gmail.com](mailto:muddragons1@gmail.com)

**SAFER DRIVER COURSE**  
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Mudgee  
**Saturday, 26 August 2017**

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in our Safer Driver Course.

**\$140 for 20 log book hours**  
For bookings contact 02 6330 1400 or email [safedrivercourse@skillset.com.au](mailto:safedrivercourse@skillset.com.au)

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**STARTS SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**  
@ West End Mudgee

**Registrations OPEN for 2017-2018**  
Rego table at netball & soccer  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> & Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 12pm

Tee Ball – Years 3 & 4  
Sub Junior Mod Ball - Years 5 & 6  
Junior Softball – High School  
Senior Softball – 18 years & over  
*Can register & play in school teams*  
Fees based on age not playing division

Fee Division & Age	Total
Sub Junior 12 years & under as at Dec 31	\$55
Junior 17 years & under as at Dec 31	\$75
Senior 18 years & over as at Dec 31	\$100
On Diamond officials (coach, umpire)	\$35
Off Diamond officials (grounds, canteen)	\$15

[mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeeamateursoftball@gmail.com)

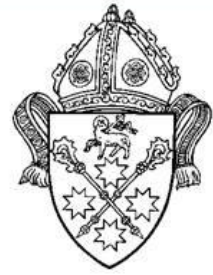


# Confirmation Service

Sunday 26 November 2017 at 8.30am

The Right Rev'd Ian Palmer – Bishop of Bathurst presiding  
at

St John's Anglican Church, Mudgee



Children should ideally be 12 years or older  
Adults by appointment

Preparation classes: (weekly)  
begin on Tuesday 10 October 2017  
4.00pm to 5.00pm Cost: workbook



**RSVP:** Friday 29 September 2017  
Ph: 02 6372 1126 or by  
email: [office@mudgeeanglican.org.au](mailto:office@mudgeeanglican.org.au)

**PHOTOGRAPHIC TREASURE HUNT!**  
SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH  
Starts at 9am at the Stables & runs all day to 5pm,  
so don't worry if you have kids sport on!  
Free to join in, great prizes

For more info contact Renee Lamshed on 6372 6797 or  
email: [renee.lamshed@livebetter.org.au](mailto:renee.lamshed@livebetter.org.au)

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