

Monday
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Term 3 – Week 6



MHS Newsletter

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Cudgegong Learning
Community
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- 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

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

At Mudgee High we use an alert system prior to the bell that indicates the end of a break. That alert system consists of two minutes of music. This week, that alert music has been two minutes of Aretha Franklin's 1967 classic, Respect. What follows are some of the lyrics. I have included in parenthesis the unspoken truth in every line as they apply at school).

What you need (is an education)

Do you know I got it* (collectively, we* make learning available by the bucket load and are happy to share)

All I'm askin' (self-explanatory but apologies for the dropped "g")

Is for a little respect (conduct yourself in a manner that brings honour to you, your family and your community).

Simple stuff.

This week's positive behaviour for learning focus is the middle universal of our trio: Respect.

An audit of behaviours conducted by teachers on playground duty revealed that a major concern for those teachers was the way in which a significant minority of our students speak to one another. It would be easy to lay blame at the feet of the media they consume; the songs they listen to, the movies they watch and the video games they play. Certainly I have noticed that taboo words like the "F bomb" are far more common in all areas of the media. The challenge is to demonstrate that the use of such taboo words in particular contexts will bring with it negative consequences.

School is one such place. The use of such language is a choice and all choices have consequences.

Thankfully, the greater number of our students – your kids – understand the expectations we have around respect with regard to language modality; using language appropriate to the situation in which they find themselves.

Year 12 finished their Trial HSC examinations last week and this week will be receiving critical feedback on what was done well and what still needs to be honed in the lead up to the HSC examinations in October. Additionally major works submissions have been steadily rolling in. Last week, Extension 2 English students submitted their works. The relief for both teacher and students when all done and dusted is palpable.



If you're not on the school's Facebook page then you will not have been bombarded last week with the many photographs of our Year 10 students in the snowfields of the Southern Alps. From all accounts, the excursion was a resounding success and the students who attended had a great time away. Thank you to the staff members who made it all possible; the teachers who accompanied the kids, the organisers back at school and the many teachers who took extra classes to allow their colleagues to be absent for five days. Keep an eye out in coming weeks for the story of their adventure. Until next week...

Wayne Eade

Principal

TERM 3 WEEK 5 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Yr 7 – Mia Forgione, Yr 8 – Destiny Wrage, Yr 9 – Simone Napper, Yr 10 – Kristian Chadwick, Yr 11 – Rose Butler, Yr 12 – Ryan Tyrrell

SRR AWARD: Katinka Booth – Yr 8

CAREERS CAPERS – YEAR 12 PARENTS/CARERS

The UAC (Universities Admission Centre) application process involves students applying on line (see uac.edu.au). Students can include up to 5 course preferences. On time UAC applications close Friday September 29th.

For details on the application process see the 2018 U.A.C Guide (1 free copy available from the Careers room). All ATAR eligible students are advised to apply for university courses for 2018.

- Scholarship, accommodation and open day information is available from university websites or hard copy information is available.
- The SRS (School Recommendation Scheme) Early Entry program enables students to gain entry to their preferred university and course, before the release of the ATAR's. SRS applications are activated via U.A.C (applications close Friday September 29th) and details are available from the Careers room.
- EAS (Educational Access Schemes) allows students to be given consideration (ATAR conversion) due to long term (4-6months) educational disadvantage, eg carers and personal issues etc.
- University of Wollongong Early Entry applications close Friday August 25. Students apply direct to the University of Wollongong via uow.edu.au/early.
- There will be a Charles Sturt University (CSU) career/course information evening at Club Mudgee on Wednesday September 13th at 6pm. A great opportunity to find out more about eg, courses, early entry, scholarships and more at C.S.U.

There will be an excursion to Mudgee TAFE on Tuesday 12th September for years 11 & 12 students to gain information about TAFE courses in 2018, eg courses, costs, entry requirements and more.

Parents/carers of Year 12 students are encouraged to contact the MHS Careers adviser about any matters relating to the transition of their son/daughter from Mudgee High School into their chosen post school option.

SMILES ONSITE

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

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's school 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.

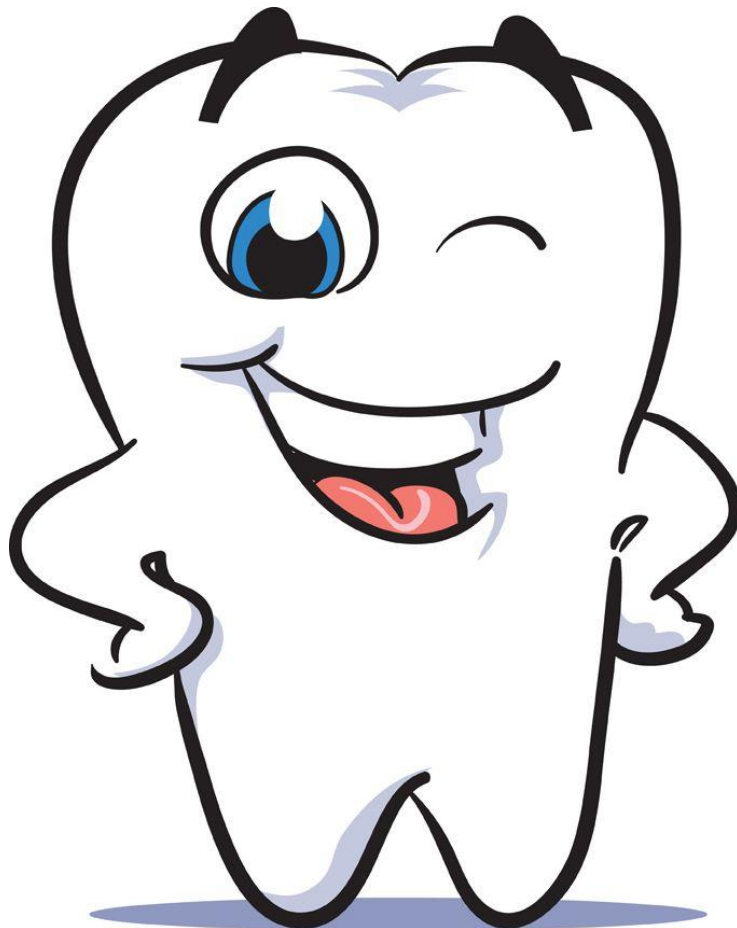
Smiles Onsite will be visiting Mudgee High School, Term 3, Week 9 and 10.

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

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

Kindest Regards,

Erin



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

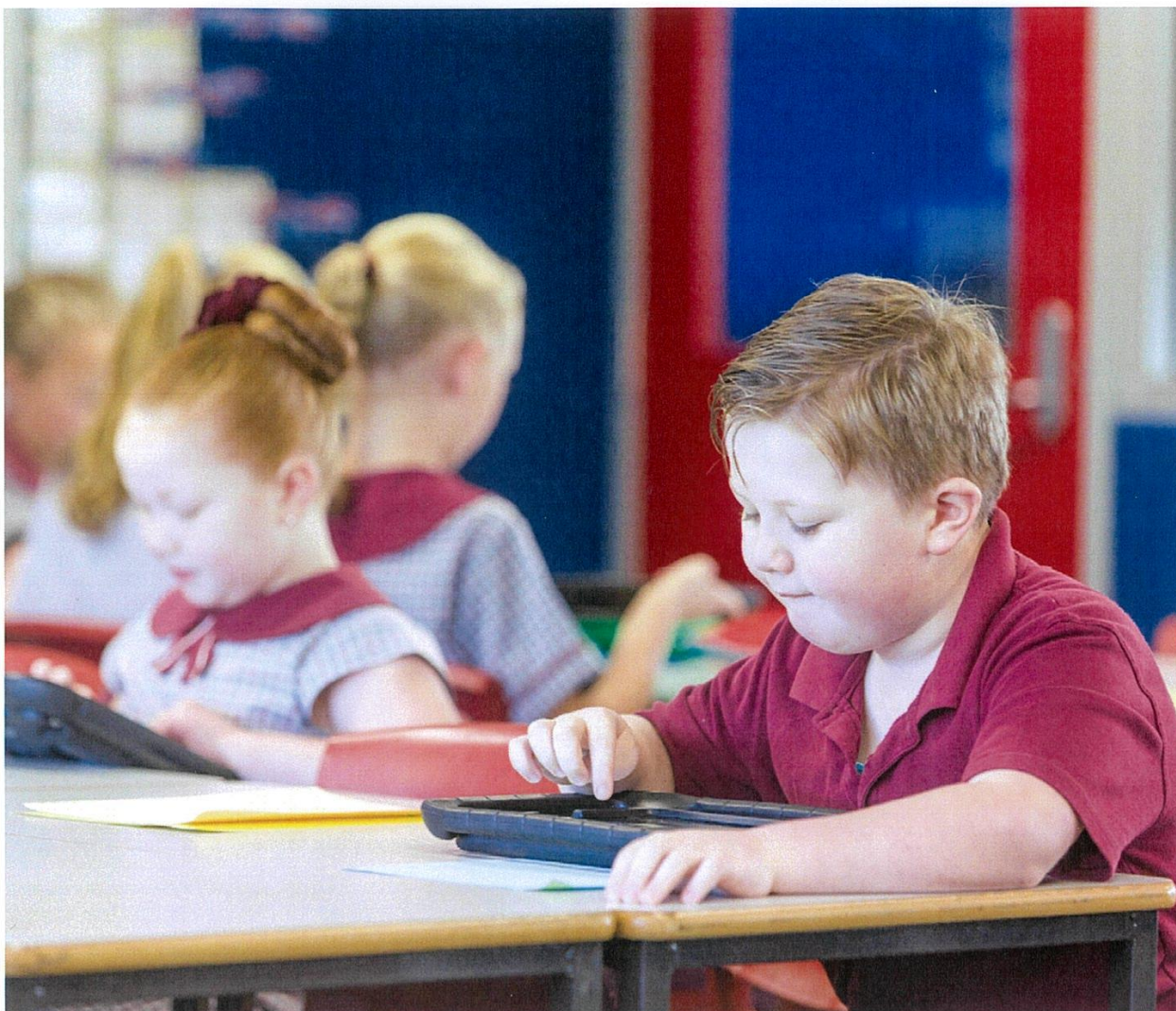
<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

MUDGEES 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

WESTERN REGION WINTER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

YOUTH +
OPEN
CATEGORY



The Western Region Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the lifeblood of grassroots sport in country NSW.

Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteer(s) or youth (25 years and under) who would be deserving of such an award.

To be eligible for the winter award the nominee must have been a volunteer with the club or association during the period from April to September 2017.

Nominations close on Friday 13 October 2017. Terms and conditions apply.

To nominate your volunteer, tell us in 150 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include the:

- Time they dedicate to the club, association or committee
- Positive attitude they demonstrate while volunteering
- Positive role model they provide to younger, and other club members
- Expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering
- Encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In March 2018 there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award (for those who volunteer between November 2017 and March 2018).

Submit nomination online at
sport.nsw.gov.au/award



**Office
of Sport**

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 17th 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

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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 saferdrivercourse@skillset.com.au

For more information please visit our website <http://skillset.com.au/safer-driver-course/>

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STARTS SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2017
@ West End Mudgee

Registrations OPEN for 2017-2018

Rego table at netball & soccer

Aug 26th & Sept 2nd 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



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



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