

Monday
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Term 3 – Week 7



MHS Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- 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

Cheque it out.

If you have had any financial dealings with the school in the last few weeks – paying for excursions or the like – you will be well aware that significant change is on the way. Mudgee High is rolling over to a new finance system on September 4. In my lifetime, I have seen the demise of the telephone exchange, ridden the last steam locomotives in regular service and bid a sad adieu to the manufacture of Ford vehicles in Australia; the guys who gave us the ute and the V8. This week the inevitable march of progress caught up with Mudgee High when I handed over our last cheque. This simple act has allowed us to join everyone else in the 21st Century, and while the end of any era is often tinged with a little sadness, this particular passing is not one I will lament; I have never taken any joy from signing cheques.

It was good to see a few new faces at P&C on Monday evening. P&C meetings are a good place to discover what is happening at school. It is also a good place to ask questions about things you would like to understand better or things that may cause you some concern. Yesterday, amongst other things, I was able to talk to parents about the ways in which government schools like Mudgee High School deal with controversial issues. NAPLAN was also on the agenda, more specifically announcements about how access the access kids have to the High School Certificate will be grounded on the achievement of particular bands in Year 9 NAPLAN testing. Some fears were allayed when it was explained that if a student does not achieve a particular band in a certain section or sections of their Year 9 NAPLAN test, they could attempt again that element of the test in Year 10, 11, or 12 or even after having left school. At the conclusion of the meeting, some parents remained to take a tour of the Industrial Technology Timber major works. What our Year 12 IT Timber students have achieved under Mr Smith's tutelage certainly left a positive impression on those who came along.

If you have not attended a P&C meeting, I would encourage you to come and see what happens at one of our meetings, and maybe even get involved. The P&C meets on the fourth Monday of the month, except where that day falls in a school holiday, in the library and meetings begin at 7pm. They seldom go beyond 8pm. The next meeting is on 23 October.

Parent Teacher evening for Years 8, 9 and 10 is on this Thursday 31 August. The evening is our Semester 2 meeting and provides a good opportunity to talk about Half Yearly reports, as well as see how your kids have settled in where they have picked up new 50-hour courses. Interviews can be booked for any time between 3.45pm and 7pm. Ask your child for his or her booking sheet if you have not already seen it.

This week's PBL focus is on speaking positively – more particularly it is concerned with avoiding taboo words. It is worth taking the time to talk to your kids about register and using language that is appropriate to context. Swearing in a great many contexts has the very real potential to end in tears.

Finally, last Thursday Mr Couch took a crew of keen under 15 basketballers to West Wyalong – a very big day out. The kids had both successes and defeats, and Mr Couch kept us up to date with regular posts on the school's official Facebook page. You too can keep up with events in a more timely method simply by joining the official Mudgee High Facebook page. It is worth considering.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade.

TERM 3 WEEK 6 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Yr 7 – Harrison Christofis, Yr 8 – Colby Warren, Yr 9 – Morgan Jones, Yr 10 – Marco van Dijk, Yr 11 – Braydon Webster, Yr 12 – Sophie da Roza

SRR AWARD: Delbert Bundac – Yr 11

LIBRARY NEWS

This term our School Library has been a 'hive of activity' in the lead up to the HSC for our Year 12 students. We have hosted Trial HSC examinations and 'special provision' examinations over the past 3 weeks and this has been challenging to provide a quiet examination space while remaining a 'fully functioning' learning and recreational space. It has been a credit to all students not involved in these examinations the way in which they have co-operated and conducted themselves in the Library to help provide an effective examination environment for their peers to succeed.

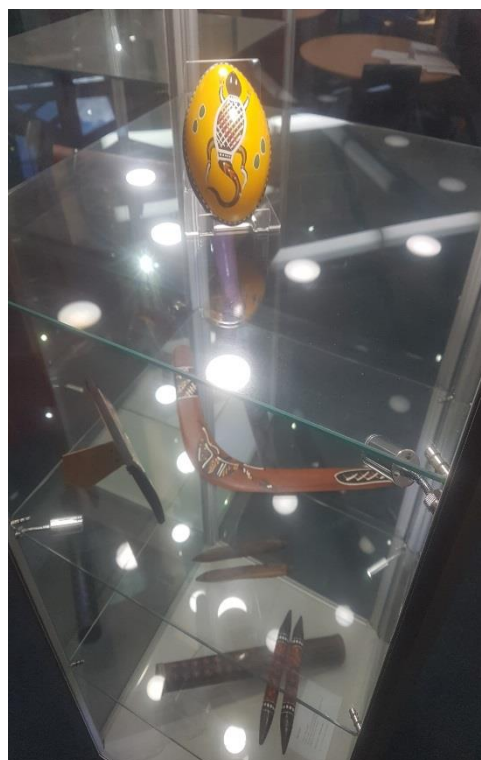
It has also been a busy term for our Distance Education students. They have been submitting Major Work assessment tasks for HSC marking, attending workshops at their various Distance Education schools and we have hosted several in-school visits by Distance Education Teachers. Two of our DE HSC students in Dance, Bethany Lingard and Elizabeth Golino, recently travelled to Dubbo Senior Campus to undertake their HSC Practical Dance Performance for HSC Examiners.

This term we have been running a display of Aboriginal artefacts we have put together with the help of our Aboriginal students reflecting our connection to the local Wiradjuri people, culture and land. The artistic and historic beauty of these contributions on loan to us has been a highlight and raised much interest among Library visitors.

The Aboriginal display is the first like it that we have run through the acquisition of two new glass display cabinets kindly provided to the Library through money raised from Mudjee High School's Centenary Celebrations last year. The hard work of individuals within our school and the generosity of people within our community has made the acquisition of these beautiful display units possible and we thank all involved very much. Our intention is to use them to constantly cycle and showcase student work, school History and Mudjee's cultural 'connections' to our school.

A thorough 'weeding' of Library printed resources has been ongoing this term as we continue to keep our resources relevant for learners and work towards expanding the services and spaces we offer our school population. With the arrival next term of new tables, major changes to our Library spaces are afoot. Our current Fiction and Non Fiction resources will be relocated to provide greater areas for student study, technology use and class seating. Our current staff meeting area will also be moved to provide a more collaborative space for staff.

We are excited about the times ahead for our library and the students for whom it caters, based on our future planning as we continue to push forward into 2018.



WESTERN AREA ATHLETICS REPORT

On Friday 28th July, the Western Area Athletics Trials were held at Barden Park in Dubbo. The purpose of these trials was to select a Western Area Athletics Team to compete at the CHS Athletics Carnival. To be selected, students needed to place 1st or 2nd in an event on the day.

MHS took many students to compete and it was wonderful to see many of them improve their results from the school carnival. All students represented the school exceptionally well and should be proud of their efforts. The following students placed in the top two positions and as a result, have qualified for State, which will be held in Sydney early in September.

Jayson Bailey (Shot Put, Relay and Javelin), Kasey Hayes (100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus), Maree Ioane (Shot Put), Dominic Lynn (Discus), Lewis Roth (1500m, 3000m), Jed Hayes (javelin), Alan Simpson (100m, 200m, Relay and Long Jump), Campbell Wall (800m, 1500m), Mitchell Winsper (100m) and Lachlan Wall (3000m). Ella Maynard, Bronte Comoncioli, Ruby Forrest, Hudson Brown and Alex Brennan also qualified for the relays. Congratulations to all.

Training sessions for the relay teams will take place and students will be informed of this in the roll call messages or at Assembly. Students who wish to practise their individual events can see Miss Shearman or Mrs Gallen at school.



 Charles Sturt
University

DUBBO 20 YEAR REUNION

*Charles Sturt University invites
past and present students
and staff, and community
members, to help us celebrate
20 years of CSU in Dubbo.*

Date: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Time: 5:00 - 8:00pm

Where: 8 Tony McGrane Place
Dubbo NSW 2830

Contact: Skye Ireland
02 6885 7305
dubbo-admin@csu.edu.au

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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WESTERN REGION WINTER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

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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



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



MUDGEES LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations for Mudgee Little Athletics are now open.

Please head to

<http://www.lansw.com.au/> to register for the 2017-2018 season.

Competition commences on Friday, 6th of October at 5pm, at Walkers Oval Mudgee and runs through until March.

For more information head to the Mudgee Little Athletics Facebook page or contact

Katie on – 0409810954 or

Kristy on 0488555938

INVITATION TO ATTEND INFORMATION EVENING

FILL IN THE GAP with SKILLS

“I need employability skills for immediate employment after I complete my HSC”

“I need skills to work whilst I continue my studies”

THEN WE HAVE THE PERFECT COURSE FOR YOU

Please join us for Course Information,
canapés and drinks

Thursday

31 August 2017

RSVP via Email:

gai.farrar1@tafensw.edu.au
susan.greer@tafensw.edu.au

5.30-7.00PM

YEAR 12 GAP YEAR

Mudgee TAFE Restaurant

Ulan Road, Mudgee (include your name, school &
additional guests for catering)

For more
information

Gai: 02 6378 2620
Sue: 02 6883 3600



MUDGEES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Mudgee Basketball Association is proposing to conduct the following competitions during term 4 in 2017.

A Girls competition for U-14s – turning 11 in 2018 to those turning 14 in 2017

A Boys competition for U-14s – turning 11 in 2018 to those turning 14 in 2017

Registrations for Girls will be held at the PCYC on Wednesday 13th September from 3-30pm to 5-30pm

Registrations for Boys will be held on Wednesday 20th September from 3-30pm to 5-30pm

Cost: \$10.00 - PCYC membership

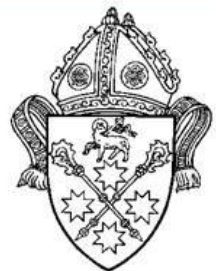
Geoff Robinson
President
Mudgee Basketball Association
Est. 1965

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





CSU PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Going to university is a big decision. So Charles Sturt University (CSU) is holding an event where you and your child can find out everything you need to know, including:

- > how to prepare for uni
- > study options
- > help with costs
- > pathways into uni
- > how to apply
- > key dates
- > UAC and ATAR explained.

Our team – and a UAC advisor – will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday, 13 September - 5:30pm
Club Mudgee, 99 Mortimer Street, Mudgee

REGISTER NOW:

csu.edu.au/parents | 1800 334 733

*Graduate Destinations Survey 2013-15, published at: qlit.edu.au



Team Registrations are Now Open!

Mens & Womens comp. starts Tues 10th Oct.

Junors & Mixed comp. starts Thur 12th Oct.

*** Register teams by Friday 11th September**

*** Teams get to choose their division.**

**On Friday 1st September there will be a registration day
for JUNIORS (Yr 6 and under) from 4PM at Glen Willow.**

**This year we are trialling juniors registering
individually rather than in teams.**

**(More information on our junior representative sides will
also be available on this day!)**

Like our Facebook page to get the latest information!

**Only team registrations are open now – individual registrations
coming soon... So hold on to the unique code to give to players later!**