MHS Newsletter

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Monday May 21 Term 2, Week 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Winter is coming...

Not a Ned Stark portent of doom, just an observation of reality. It grows colder daily.

By and large, the kids uniform has been good despite the change in temperature, though some are dragging out their mufti colours and wearing them OVER THE TOP of their uniforms. A couple of extra layers BENEATH and who would know? A little like underpants. Unless a body wears his trousers gangsta-style, who would know what colour or shade that same body's underpants were?

If you are finding it tough procuring a jumper, please let us know. We have quite a few laundered, pre-loved jumpers available, some of which have been collected from the yard after days of lying about seemingly unwanted after a brief thaw. On that, it is worth talking to your kids about placing their jumpers in their bags as the day warms. The number of jumpers lying about discarded at day's end – like the sloughed skins of some strange breed of blue lizard – can be disconcerting.

Girls' uniform has been a bit of an issue for some time. Complaints that the pants available were too cold, they didn't fit all girls, etc., were reasonably commonplace. The good news is that cotton girls' slacks are now available as an alternative to those that have been the staple. After some "on-road" testing conducted by Ms Smith with a number of willing participants, they are proving a hit with young ladies of all shapes and sizes.

Not content with this success, Ms Smith has also sourced a very smart, navy blue jacket that is both fleecy lined and water-resistant. A sample will be displayed at the next P&C meeting for comment and with luck, it may receive the P&C seal of approval and become uniform.

On that last point, the next P&C meeting is Monday 28 May. Always good to see new people there and the heaters will be on!

Loss

Many of you will remember Dave Tooney, substantive HT Mathematics between 2005 and 2015 – eleven years – and relieving Deputy Principal for his final year at Mudgee High. At the end of 2015, Dave gained promotion to the position of Deputy Principal, Gulgong High, where he has been for the past two years.

Sadly, Dave's wife, Sophie Tooney, a well-respected PDHPE teacher at Gulgong High and stalwart of the Gulgong community, passed away over the weekend after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

There are no six degrees of separation in this game. Many have been affected by Sophie's passing here at Mudgee High and especially in Gulgong, as well as further afield.

A Member of the Cudgegong Learning Community

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- May 25 Athletics Carnival at Walkers Oval
- May 28 MHS P&C
 Meeting in the Library 7pm
- May 30 Cross Country Carnival

THIS ISSUE

- Principal's Message
- SRR Award
- MHS P&C Meeting
- Writing Friday
- Healthy Eating & Drinking
- Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program
- Advertisements
- Girls' Uniform
- Sponsorship

At the time of writing, funeral arrangements had not been finalised, but you will be kept in the loop as to when it will occur as it will almost certainly affect levels of supervision and the delivery of classes at Mudgee High on the day.

Our thoughts go out to Dave and his family at this time.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade Principal

TERM 2 WEEK 3 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Kelly Zhong- Yr 7, Zoya McCoullough - Yr 8, Matthew Barnes - Yr 9, Connor Ford - Yr 10,

Tyson Sharp - Yr 11, Alyssa Northey - Yr 12

SRR AWARD: Kimberley Smith - Yr 7

MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday May 28th at 7pm in the school library. Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

WRITING FRIDAY



We encourage you to talk to your children about the different stories you could make from these pictures

HEALTHY EATING AND DRINKING HABITS

The Support 1 class has been studying "healthy eating and drinking habits". The class has been learning to read nutrition labels on drinks, in particular the amount of sugar in each beverage. The class has also been watching and discussing various documentaries on the benefits of less sugar and more fruits and vegetables in diets. Mudgee High greatly appreciates the support of Mudgee Coles for their donation of a box of fruit and vegetables so that our students were able to make a fresh juice, so as to better understand how good a fresh juice can be.



ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM by Amelia Sauerbier, Year 11

At the end of last term, I was selected by Rotary to participate in the Adventure In Citizenship program. Last week I travelled to Canberra to take part and it was one of the most memorable and eye opening weeks of my life. During my time there, I engaged in activities organised by the Parliamentary Education Office including; running our own election, passing a bill in parliament and presenting our own 90 second statements about something we felt passionately towards.

Every day began with meeting in Parliament House at 8:30. From there we would proceed with the day's plans. Some notable experiences included visits to the American Embassy, Duntroon Royal Military College and the High Court. Additionally, I had a front row seat to Question Time, the Budget Speech and the Budget Reply Speech, and meet with our members for Parliament, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, Senator Claire Moore and managed a chance encounter and photo with Pauline Hanson.

Despite all of these once in a lifetime opportunities, the best part of all was meeting the 35 other delegates who had come from all across Australia. These like-minded people were nothing but strangers to me at the beginning of the week but now are some of my closest friends and I miss them very much. We all shared this amazing week together and we could never forget the memory of each other.

I give my most sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise for sponsoring me, to the Rotary Clubs of Woden and Canberra City for organising the program and host families, to Anne and Rick at the Parliamentary Education Office for sorting us out and organising the behind the scenes experiences in Parliament House and finally, to Miss Windeyer. If it were not for her, I would have never heard about this opportunity and I know I am a better person for having attended.

If you're in year 10 and thinking about doing Legal Studies next year, I encourage you to take this opportunity and apply when the time arises a year from now. You will make new best friends who are the same age as you and see things that the public can't, with plenty of inside jokes along the way. That's a rolled gold guarantee.





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UNIFORM

In the uniform review last year, a concern raised was the warmth of the current girls' pants.

Available at BISEC now are navy cotton pants for girls. These are another alternative to those pants already available. Sizes range from 6-22 women's.



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