

# MHS Newsletter

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Tuesday  
May 8  
Term 2, Week 2

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### NAPLAN... again

NAPLAN testing kicks off next week.

It is worth considering that students at Mudgee High School achieve NAPLAN results that demonstrate Mudgee High is a school where literacy and numeracy results are both sustained and growing. Not just between Years 7 and 9 but from Years 7 to 12! Ours is a successful school in this regard and has been for the past EIGHT YEARS straight.

With that in mind, I thought it an appropriate time to tell you how Mudgee High prepares its students for NAPLAN.

In covering the academic requirements related to skills and knowledge incumbent within every syllabus, our teachers often frame the questions and extended responses demanded of students in a manner consistent with what those students may see in NAPLAN tests. That is about the limit of preparation students receive for NAPLAN. Because of this preparation, there will be nothing unfamiliar in what they see in the tests. Students are not drilled mercilessly in previous tests... and for some very good reasons.

NAPLAN is not some "high stakes" test. It is not the HSC writ small, except for some of the *public* exclusive schools (aka *private* schools, although there is little that is private about the public funds used to keep them awash in resources), competing for market share with other *public* exclusive schools.

You could be forgiven for thinking NAPLAN was a "high-stakes" test, given the way the commentariat portrays the thing each year – especially in slow news weeks.

NAPLAN will not determine a young person's access to university entry or further education – although for about three political minutes it was linked to HSC access, until the current minister killed that thought bubble in the cot.

NAPLAN is not directly connected to future employment.

NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool. Just another means by which to gauge where students are academically among a number of tools at our disposal. It is by no means the best tool in the shed; a great deal of it is "multiple guess". The only real "benefit" it provides is that it has the potential to show how a school "stacks up" against other schools... if this is a benefit.

So, Mudgee High consistently performs well in NAPLAN when compared to the rest of the state and indeed nation, and New South Wales always outperforms all other states and vies yearly for poll position with the ACT. That's a good thing... I guess. But it is certainly not the only thing we do well at your kids' school.

*A Member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community*

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE  
FOR THE COMPLETE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### COMING EVENTS

- May 8 - Yrs 10 & 11 Meningococcal ACWY Vaccinations
- May 15-17 NAPLAN Testing Yrs 7 & 9
- May 25 - Athletics Carnival at Walkers Oval
- May 30 - Cross Country Carnival

### THIS ISSUE

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## School Sport

Loads of success this week just passed, especially in Touch Football. Watch these pages in future weeks for stories of daring-do on many a grassy pitch across the Central West.

Be aware too that the school athletics carnival and cross-country will take place in the coming weeks. There are details on both within these pages.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal

## TERM 2 WEEK 1 AWARDS

**SRR AWARD:** Harrison Christofis - Yr 8

### JAPANESE EXCHANGE VISIT

We have had recent confirmation of dates and numbers for our exchange visit this year. 23 students and 3 teachers hailing from 3 of our friendship schools in the north of Osaka will be visiting Mudgee from July 31st until August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an 11 night homestay and 8 days school program.

This exchange program has been running at Mudgee High School since 2003. Our friendship with schools in Osaka has allowed us to incorporate homestay experiences in our own tours to Japan in 2012 and 2014. We hope to be once again be able to include a family/school visit in the proposed 2020 tour.

Hosting a student from another culture can be a positive experience for a family and provides many learning opportunities for all involved. In the least, it opens you to an appreciation of other cultures and allows students to gain a perspective that 'we are all the same on the inside'.

Requests for host families are currently being distributed to students. We welcome anyone who is interested in participating in this unique opportunity. Families are provided with detailed support information regarding the program schedule and cultural tips for hosting Japanese students. Provision of financial support will also be made to families.

The Japanese teaching staff are available for support to host families during the homestay and are very proud of the program that they have developed over the last 15 years. The fact that these schools continue to request Mudgee High as their destination is testament to the fabulous Mudgee family culture!

**Please consider hosting a Japanese student. Expression of Interest forms are available from the Languages staffroom.** Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Date or Mr Saunders if you have any questions.

### WRITING FRIDAY



How big a difference does colour make in our perception of the world?

**Colour my world...**

Goal:  
200 words  
20 minutes

*\*a bluish-green colour.*

**Viridian\***

*Write a description of this scene using your best colour imagery. Your aim is to make the reader feel like they are there.*

- Powerful adjectives
- Colour as a symbol of a feeling
- The five senses
- Second person
- A simile

Every week this term we will publish the stimulus for Writing Friday. We hope that this allows parents to share the experience and know what the students are talking about. Feel free to share ideas before or after your child writes.

## FROM THE CAREERS ROOM

The HSC and Careers Expo 2018

Thursday 31 May and Friday 1 June, 9am-3pm

Saturday 2 June and Sunday 3 June, 10am-3pm

Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney

The HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary course, career study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 100 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all 4 days of the Expo.

Admission includes all seminars.

For more details visit [hscandcareers.com.au](http://hscandcareers.com.au)

### UTS ENGINEERING & IT EXPERIENCE GALUWA

Our Galuwa Experience is a fantastic opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in years 10-12 to gain first-hand university experience in this fully-funded engineering and IT program.

**When:** July school holidays (16 – 20 July 2018)

**Cost:** Free (includes all meals, transport and accommodation)

**Where:** University of Technology Sydney and city locations

Limited places are available. **Application deadline: 3 June 2018**

For more information, contact Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research on 1800 064 312  
[atsievents@uts.edu.au](mailto:atsievents@uts.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Faculty of Engineering & IT, University of Technology Sydney



### YEAR 11 & 12 PARENT EVENING - UNIVERSITY 2019/2020

A **university information evening** will be held for Year 11 & 12 students and their parents/carers on **Tuesday May 15** at 6.30 pm in the MHS Performance Centre. A CSU prospective student adviser will present the information in conjunction with the school's Careers Adviser.

Year 11 & 12 students who are intending to apply for university to study in 2019 or 2020, are advised to attend. Topics which will be covered are:

University - a general overview

Courses and Careers

Costs

Accommodation

Scholarships

Alternate pathways for entry

Gap year - pros and cons

ATAR's and the UAC process

....and more.

Please put this date in your



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## **2018 DRIVER ED COURSE**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, (Year 12) and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, (Year 11) students from Mudgee High School will be expected to attend the Driver Ed course at PCYC, Mudgee.

The driver education day starts at 8.45am for a 9.00am start and finishes at 3.15pm.

On the day, students will be split into four groups and attend sessions throughout the day.

Students will be made aware of road safety and the consequences of their actions.

Pedestrians, as well as drivers, need to be aware of their surroundings and not become distracted.

The sessions include topics related to road crashes, mobile phones, stopping distances, seat belts, etc.. This program is presented by the Mudgee Rescue Squad.

The risks and effects of drink driving, speeding and the penalties for such actions will be discussed in another session by Mudgee Police.

Victim impact and the rippling effect of road trauma throughout families' lives and the local community will also be addressed by the Mudgee Rescue Squad.

Wheelchair Sports NSW will be involved in the program and will offer a first hand experience of living with disabilities caused by accidents.

Students will be participating in a "fun" game of wheelchair basketball.

The take home message for the day is about risk and consequences – more importantly assessing the risk of what they are doing.

Morning tea will be provided by PCYC but students are to bring their own lunch; **no student will be allowed to leave the PCYC for the lunch break without prior written permission given to their organising teacher on the day.**

School uniform must be worn.

Parents will need to contact the school on the day if a student is unwell and unable to attend this very informative program.

Thanks

Sue Spinner

Trisha Breadsell



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## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018

The athletics carnival is on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4) at Walkers Field. This is a normal school day and attendance is expected. Students will need to bring their ID card to swipe in at the beginning of the day and events will start at 9am.

The events held on the day will include 100m, 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Javelin and novelties (the 400m and 3000m will be held at 8:30am before the carnival). The idea that underpins the carnival is participation; having fun and getting involved with loads of house spirit. Students are encouraged to participate in all events and get dressed up in their House colours.

The school canteen will be running on the day and Yr 12 will provide goodies for their fundraising.

Buses will be diverted to Walkers Oval and students will need to be at the carnival by 8.55am.

The longer events will be held on a separate day to the carnival and students will be informed of this date in the daily messages during roll call. This includes the 800m, 1500m, 3000m and triple jump. Students must nominate to attend.

All nominations must go through the PE staffroom.

Parent helpers are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact the school on 63721533.

## MUDGEES HIGH CROSS COUNTRY 2018

The Cross Country will take place on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May (Week 5). It is compulsory for students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and will be a whole school event. Students in Years 11-12 may nominate if they wish to participate and are encouraged to do so. Students must participate in the school event to be eligible for Western Area Trials selection.

The course will start and finish at Walkers Oval and run along the walking track to Lawson Park.

Students will need to listen to the announcements in roll call and on assembly for further information.



## BOYS AND GIRLS WESTERN AREA SOFTBALL

The Western Area Softball knockout was held in Orange on 4<sup>th</sup> April (Term 2) for both boys and girls. Mudjee High were able to field a side in both competitions and had an extremely successful day. The girls played four games and defeated Orange, Wellington, Gulgong and Canobolas which resulted in them being crowned Western Area Champions. The boys played 3 games, beating Canobolas and Wellington but were narrowly defeated by Orange 13-11. This was a great effort and they finished as Western Area Runners Up. Due to the success of both teams, they will progress to the Final 16 of the CHS Softball Knockout in Newcastle later in the year.



## LIFE IN THE LIBRARY TERM TWO

Term Two is shaping as a very busy time in our Library as the school year reaches full momentum. At the end of last term our third computer classroom 'came online' and we now have the capacity to run at our maximum potential to cater for student learning.

We have been accommodating over a hundred students in some lessons as our three computer rooms are often booked 'simultaneously'. As assessment tasks and assignments mount, this will continue over the remainder of this term

We have also hosted several local primary schools during the recent Staff Development Day, held the first day back within our meeting areas.

Our Stage 6 Distance Education students in Years 11 and 12 submitted their first assessment tasks late last term and their results are starting to come back, allowing students to gauge their progress.

Those students who are being mentored through the Max Potential program are also utilising our spaces to meet and work with their mentors on individual projects that 'kicked off' in Term One.

At present, we are also hosting a display of 'Mad hatter Tea Pot' sculptures that have been undertaken by Visual Arts students. These highlight not only some of the great imagination and interpretation skills of our students but also their artistic ability.

Finally, we are now proudly utilising a new 'Circulation/ Inquiry desk that has been purchased through the generous donation of funds made available through the 2016 MHS Centenary Committee. Again, special mention needs to be given to the work of Helen Dziura and Ronya Maynard. It is through their work and organisation that the event was such a success and raised much needed funds that have gone towards Library refurbishment.





## STUDENT ID CARDS - MOBILE WALLET

**Cards** is a mobile wallet that keeps an individual's cards in one app.

**Cards** promises its users "a walletless life: The company also contends that **Cards** is more useful, safer and faster than having a wallet full of... cards.

Mudgee High is not suggesting you put ALL of your cards into the **Cards** app., but for students prone to "misplacing" their student ID cards, who are never likely to lose track of their mobile phones, **Cards** allows them to sign in and out as easily as... producing their student ID cards.

From the company's site:

*The **Cards Apps**<sup>™</sup> turns your digital cards into information hubs allowing you to check out messages, discounts, store locations and much more from your favourite cards!*

***Cards Apps**<sup>™</sup> allows engaging card specific actions directly from your favourite cards: ordering a pizza from Pizza Card, flight tickets from Airline Card, tracking parcels from Courier Card etc.*

***Cards Quick Card**<sup>™</sup> lets you instantly open any card without opening the app. You can open cards using our **Quick Card**<sup>™</sup> unlock popup or using the cards shortcuts in the notification bar.*

***NEW!** Present **Cards** directly on your **Smartwatch** using **Android Wear**.*

### **You can keep:**

- Loyalty Cards
- Payment Cards (Credit/Debit/ATM)
- Transport Cards (Bus/Train/Metro)
- Identity Cards (Driver's License/Student/ID)
- Tickets (Shows/Movies)
- Key Cards (Work/Car/Home Entrance)

*\*\*\* Cards acceptance depends on technology availability from the specific card brand, based on your country's regulation.*

*\*\*\* Some functions may not properly work in some regions.*

### **What can I do with Cards?**

- Load any card to your phone
- Send cards by tapping your phone on card readers (using NFC contactless technology)
- Send cards by presenting Barcodes
- **Cards Apps**<sup>™</sup> - Perform tasks from within Cards without downloading bloated & unfamiliar apps
- **Quick Card**<sup>™</sup> - Instantly access any card
- Read important messages from your card brands

### **How secure is Cards?**

- Remotely lock your wallet
- Unlock Cards with your fingerprint or PIN code
- Sensitive data is double-encrypted in the cloud

### **Where can I install Cards?**

- **Cards** is available for FREE on Google Android, Apple iOS, Microsoft Windows 8/10 & BlackBerry OS.

### **What are "Community Powered" and "Official" Cards?**

- "Community Powered" Cards are non-official cards based on crowd sourcing, information contributed by Cards users themselves, much like Wikipedia.
- "Official" Cards are operated by the official organisation that issues the card.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

*NCW OF NSW is honoured to announce the 9th year of*  
**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF NSW**  
**DAME MARIE BASHIR PEACE AWARDS**

**CLOSING DATE — 29 JUNE 2018**

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*These awards are open to girls attending a school in New South Wales*



### WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

- One girl in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 from each school
- The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to harmony or social justice.
- The Nominee must have displayed leadership in fostering harmonious relationships and peace.
- The Nominee should be willing to attend the presentation function on Tuesday 2 October 2018 (a date near United Nations International Day of Peace on 21 September), and address the audience on the nature of her contribution (approx. 3 minutes).
- The Nominee will not previously have received this award.

### HOW TO NOMINATE?

- All nominations must be made by the school principal on the attached Registration Form and signed by the principal, the student and a parent/guardian of the student.
- The principal may nominate one female student from the school in accordance with the above listed criteria for Nominees and provide *Reason for Nomination* (maximum 300 words).
- With the principal's nomination must be a signed statement from the Nominee containing information on activities pursued and/or programs initiated relevant to the award.
- Completed nominations must be posted, emailed or faxed to National Council of Women NSW by the closing date of 29 June 2018.

**Award Winners will be selected  
by the Awards Committee of  
NCW NSW**

**Presentation of 2018 Awards by Professor  
The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD  
CVO will take place at Parliament House,  
Macquarie Street, Sydney on Tuesday 2  
October 2018 commencing at 2.30 pm.**

**CASH AWARDS OF \$250.00 EACH  
CERTIFICATES for the winning  
Awardees and for their schools**

School Principals will be advised by mid August if their nominee is a winner of an award. Respective principals and parents/guardians are invited to attend the Presentation Ceremony with the Awardee.



# NOMINATION FORM

## NOMINEE

Name of Student

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**Currently in Year** 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ (tick appropriate year)

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED TO A SIGNED**

**STATEMENT FROM THE NOMINEE** containing her own expression of information on activities pursued and/or programs initiated relevant to the award.  
(MAXIMUM 1 x A4 page in Times New Roman 12 point.)

## NOMINATOR

Name of Principal

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### Name of School

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**Principal's Phone.....Email .....**

**Liaison Contact (Name)..... Email.....**

Reason for Nomination (maximum 300 words, may be attached)

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**SIGNED.....SIGNED.....SIGNED.....**

**(Principal)**

**SIGNED.....**

**(Student)**

**.SIGNED.....**

**(Parent/Guardian of Student)**

**DATE**.....

# TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

1. **Keep it fun**  
don't take it  
*too seriously*

It's not the World Titles



6. Let **coaches**  
*do the*  
*coaching*



2. **Be enthusiastic**  
but don't *scream*  
& *shout* instructions  
from the sideline



7. *Always remember,*  
**volunteers**  
run kids sport



3. Emphasise  
**trying hard**  
*not winning*



8. *Understand, uphold*  
and *support* your club's  
**code of**  
**conduct**



4. **Cheer &**  
**acknowledge**  
good plays by  
*all players,*  
*both teams*



9. Allow your child to  
**play for**  
**themselves**  
Let kids make the decisions  
*on and off the field*



5. **Accept decisions**  
**by officials**  
they are human &  
*can make mistakes*



10. **Think before**  
**you speak**  
*Your words may*  
*harm others*



# SHOOSH

FOR KIDS

If your comment  
is negative,  
then **SHOOSH!**

Reward good  
effort with applause;  
if you can't then  
**SHOOSH!**

If your negative  
comment is directed  
at an official, then  
**SHOOSH!**

If your negative  
comment is  
directed at a child,  
then **SHOOSH!**

Show respect to kids and officials. **Remember, sport should be fun!**



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# RIDE

for

## LIAM

### Saturday 26th May 2018

9am at Mudgee Railway Station

\$20 to Enter the Dice Run - BBQ Breakfast.

Ride / Drive will head to:

- ◆ Ulan Hotel ◆ Commercial Hotel Gulgong for Lunch
- ◆ Honey Haven for Final Throw.
- ◆ Continue to Gerzurgan Farm for, Music / Raffles & Good Times.

**ALL VEHICLES WELCOME**

Enquiries to: Hutch 0499 681 423 or Mick Cleary 02 6373 3402



Liam Potts manages to smile despite the rare Brain Tumour 'Pineoblastoma' that has him enduring a second round of chemotherapy.

Assisting with the relentless financial burden Gerzurgan | Mudgee District Bikers (Toyrunners) Supported by Cudgegong Cruisers &

Local Businesses are bringing together a **FUN DAY OUT** to raise funds for the Pott's Family.

**SO GET YOUR RIDE / DRIVE READY**

**COLOUR UP IN ORANGE & LETS HELP OUT.**

*Donations can be made via following account details*  
Family First: LIAMS RIDE - BSB: 802207 Acc: 100053142



Liams Ride

## New thought patterns, Clarity & Confidence!



### 8 WEEK PROGRAM FOR TEENS

#### DEALING WITH ANXIETY

Yoga, meditation, breathwork,  
journaling and building on your  
own strengths!

Shine  
Again!



Book at Country Physio Mudgee - 63726907  
Wednesdays at 4:30 for 1hr 15min Starting May 9th  
Cost - \$110 includes a journal.  
Call Suava for more info - 0427580632



Invitation to participate in this year's Mid-Western Waste to Art Competition.

This year's theme is polystyrene however, this doesn't mean you have to use this in your artwork if you do not wish to.

You can complete your entries online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wastetoart2018> or a paper copy of the entry form can be downloaded from Council's website at <http://www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au/resident-services/Community-Services/Culturalservices/waste-to-art-2018/>

ENTRIES CLOSE 5.00PM SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018.

Further details and competition terms and conditions are located on Council's website.

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