## **MHS Newsletter**

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Monday October 29th Term 4, Week 3

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### So much to see

Make sure you take a look at the Industrial Technology Timber major works on display at Petrie's Mitre 10 sometime this week or early next week. The works went on display on Tuesday 23 October. You can vote for your favourite from what are some really exquisite pieces, designed and constructed by students from this year's HSC class.

There is even a chance to win a \$50 gift voucher when you vote.

If you have never taken a look at the Industrial Technology major works, it is a fair bet that you will be more than impressed by the works of our young artisans.

This year's awards will be announced on Thursday 8 November between 6pm and 7pm.

As though this were not enough, the Mudgee High School Annual HSC Exhibition 2018 will open at The Stables at 6pm on Monday 12 November. The exhibition, which has run for several years now, showcases the talents of students who have studied HSC Visual Arts, Photography, Textiles and Design, Society and Culture, and Industrial Technology.

The opening will also allow you to sample the wares of or Year 11 Hospitality class.

The exhibition will remain open daily from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 November between 10am and 4pm. The final day of the exhibition is Friday 16, when the doors will close for the last time in 2018 at 2pm.

A big thank you to the continuing support of Petrie's Mitre 10 and the Mudgee High School P&C for making possible these two events respectively.

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#### And with good cause...

Last week I lamented the rise and rise of the "me" culture in these pages. But it is not all doom and gloom.

Last week, our kids got behind two very worthy community causes, both of which came together on Friday 26 October.

Ms McCann's PD17 class ran a charity day to support the Pink Up Mudgee campaign that supports the McGrath Foundation. Students were asked to wear something pink and make a gold coin donation to the cause.

And they did!

There were pink tops, pink headbands, pink trousers, pink ties, pink ribbons, pink skirts, pink tutus (a seeming favourite amongst the boys...), pink zinc cream applied like war paint, pink lipstick... loads and loads of pink.

#### A Member of the Cudgegong Learning Community

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### **COMING EVENTS**

- Nov 6—Yr 7-8 Parent Info Night
- Nov 12-16—HSC
   Exhibition at The
   Stables
- Nov 13—Yr.12 Sign out morning
- Nov 26—P&C Meeting
- Dec 13—HSC Results available online
- Dec 14—Yr.12
   Farewell BBQ

#### THIS ISSUE

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- P&C Award & SRR Award
- Writing Friday
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The PD17 students ran stalls at lunchtime that included guessing competitions and opportunities to find out more about the work of the McGrath Foundation. There was a also a "Pink Stumps" cricket game at lunch time.

An article on the day's events to support the McGrath Foundation has been promised, as has a final tally for how much was raised for this Mudgee community event. Keep an eye out for that in the coming weeks.

The other event that culminated on Friday was the SRC's annual 'bandana day' drive that seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancers, as well as funds to support research into combating these illnesses. SRC reps have given up a number of their breaks over the past week to squeeze both students and staff alike to support the cause.

It's always good to see kids doing their bit to make a positive difference in the communities in which they live.







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#### Making an appointment may help avoid disappointment

It would be fair to say that Mudgee High is a busy place. In fact, it would be an understatement.

As busy as the place is, we make time to see parents and carers. We do so because teaching is a partnership between staff, students and carers.

Sometimes parents and carers need to see a particular member of staff or even several members of staff. The easiest way to achieve this is by making an appointment. A call to the front office and an explanation of what it is you would like to discuss will result in not only achieving an appointment, you will also be directed to the member of staff best positioned to assist you. In most cases, you may even meet that same day.

However, just calling in without an appointment and demanding immediate attention will seldom work. It does not work at the Mudgee Medical Centre nor the NSW Service Centre nor the dentist nor a great many other places. Telling the three people in front of you in the queue at Aldi that your time and shopping is so very much more important than theirs wouldn't cut it, unless it was personal disappointment you were seeking to cultivate, and it will not cut it at Mudgee High.

Finally, intemperate speech will almost certainly earn a rebuke. It may even earn the termination of a discussion. We value the partnerships we have with parents and carers and want the best for the young people in our care, but no one comes to work to be abused.

Effective partnerships are predicated on respect.

Consider this too. If a parent is happy to "trash talk" their child's school in front of the child, should that parent be at all surprised when that same child turns the disrespect on them?

On occasion, a parent will attempt to defend the indefensible. If I had a dollar for every time that same parent has returned to the school a year or two later, pleading for assistance to manage their child – a child now grown considerably larger and surlier – I would have a reasonably tidy sum in the bank today.

We want what you want, for the kids in our collective care to do and be the best they can. So please, to avoid disappointment, make an appointment, and continue to help us develop increasingly effective partnerships.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade Principal

#### **MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL P&C**

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday November 26th at 7pm in the school library. Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

#### **TERM 4 WEEK 2 AWARDS**

P & C AWARDS: Nathaniel Lowe Yr.7, Alexander Brennan Yr.8, Lachlan Burke Yr.9, Tamiqua Smith

Yr.10, Abigaile Lynch Yr.11

SRR AWARD: Cheyenne Cordell Yr 7

#### **WRITING FRIDAY**

Our P&C has the chance to apply for \$100,000.00 to begin a major project to benefit the students of the school.

They're looking for ideas – What sort of educational program – learning to do something that isn't already available at the school - would you like them to fund?

Write persuasively. Use first person(I). Try to use the word 'largesse' [It is a noun that means unexpected wealth]



#### An Invitation to Parents of Year 7 Students...

Dear parents/carers,

Students in Year 7 will soon be moving into Year 8. Next week, they begin the process of subject selection for Year 8, 2019. A review of the elective curriculum was conducted during 2017/18 and this has brought about changes to the previous system. A number of new processes are being implemented for 2019.

Parents, you are invited to a *Parents' Information Evening* next Tuesday 6/11, commencing at 6pm in the Performance Centre.

At this meeting you will:

have outlined for you the way in which the junior curriculum is structured at Mudgee High

be taken through the process of junior subject selection

be shown the place of Year 8 subjects in a pattern of study that results in the award of a Record of Student Achievement (RoSA), and

have explained the operation of semesterisation as part of the Year 8 Elective Structure.

An understanding of the processes and rules that underlie the junior curriculum better prepares parents to be able to help their children plan a pattern of study over the next three years.

The staff of Mudgee High is very proud of the amount of subject choice available to its students. To take full advantage of what is on offer, both students and parents need to have a clear understanding of the system.

Please take this opportunity to discover what Mudgee High has to offer your child.

Ms M Date Relieving Deputy Principal

#### **YEAR 12 - 2018**

#### IMPORTANT HSC INFORMATION AND END OF YEAR DATES

Oct 18 - Nov 9	Higher School Certificate Examinations	
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Examinations up until and including Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November will be held at Baptist Church Hall, 70 Bruce Road, Mudgee. Students must be in full school uniform and bring their student ID cards to every exam. The Music 1 Aural Skills Exam will be held at Mudgee High School on Monday October 19 at 1.55 – 3pm. **Further information will be available to students before the end of Term 3.** Any student or parent who has concerns about transport to the location on any day should contact the Principal as soon as possible.

Nov 10 HSC Assessment Ranks available from <u>www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au</u>

(Nesa) student number and PIN required.

Nov 12 - Nov 16 HSC Exhibition at The Stables. Opening on Monday 12 at 6.00pm. Art Students displaying their major work must meet at school at 9.30am (student cars may be needed to help transport artworks) on Monday 12 November and ALL exhibited works must be collected from The Stables

on Friday 16 November between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. All welcome to attend

**Nov 13** Sign out morning in the Library. Sign out will occur between 10am and 12 noon. This will include the return of book deposits for all eligible students.

Dec 13 HSC results available on-line from NSW Education Standards Australia (Nesa) Website and telephone service (Nesa PIN number required). HSC results will be available via Students Online, and sent by email and SMS from 6.00am on Thursday 13th December.

https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/

**Dec 14** ATARs available on-line from UAC website and 'Infoline' (UAC PIN number required).

Year 12 Celebration BBQ. Senior Lawn from 12-2pm

Ex-Students - now citizens - should take this opportunity to collect their free Mirri.





THE STAFF OF MUDGEE HIGH SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS GOOD LUCK IN THEIR HSC EXAMS! You owe it to your childrer to discover just what Mudgee High has to offer

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#### **Business Studies Competition**

During Term Three, the Year 11 Business Studies class completed a Business Plan for their final assessment task. The top four of these plans were entered into two competitions. The business, and their planners were as follows:

Team One – Abby Lynch, Keely Croft, Milla Jones – Hi Vis Kids – a child care centre designed for families that work outside of normal business hours.



Team Two – Isabelle Radzievic and Callum Richardson – Mycanteen – an app that would enable students and their parents to order and pay for food at school canteens electronically.

Team Three – Carter Wright, Toby Forrest, Hamish Fittler, Robert Westwood – Bob & Co Bee Company – making and selling Honey

Team Four, Meg Pollard, Anika Van Nesh – a clothing retail outlet for people aged between 15 and 25.

Team One were awarded a High Distinction by the University of Newcastle – placing them in the Top 20 of the State. In this competition there were 546 participating students and 387 submissions. The girls deserve to be very proud of their efforts, almost as proud as their teacher!





#### **Bawamarra**

(Relate news, Communicate)



# Macquarie University - Walanga Muru Camp Aspire

INDIGENOUS YEAR 11 AND 12 CAMP

22 to 24 January 2019

WHEN: 22nd - 24th January 2019

COST: No cost, all accommodation, transport, food etc. are included for the 3 days.

APPS CLOSE: Sunday 19 December, 2018

OPEN TO: Indigenous students who are in years 11 and 12 (in 2019).

Walanga Muru means follow your path in the language of the local Darug People.

At Walanga Muru, we seek to engage and guide students to choose the right path to take, to navigate the obstacles and tangles of life, and to emerge as strong, resilient leaders. The vision of Walanga Muru is to grow our future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in their chosen fields and to build the educational aspirations of our youth.

This camp will enable you to experience an area of our university, an area that you choose based on your interests. By attending this camp you will gain the knowledge and experiences that will allow you to make a decision on what your tertiary study options are once you finish high school.

The first 2 days of the camp will involved in engaging activities run by our faculties to allow you a taster of the degree areas they have to offer.

Day 3 will be activities led by our office, Walanga Muru, and will focus on available opportunities at our university, our pathway into university, scholarships, accommodation options and Cultural activities.

This camp enables you to choose which faculty you are interested in, you will find all the information required to make your decision within the booklet.

For more information and to get a copy of the information booklet, see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom.

For the application form, go to: <a href="https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/2019">https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/2019</a> faculty camp



#### **Library News**

Term 4 has already shaped as a busy time for our school Library. On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October we hosted two HSC examinations. Our senior Distance Education students have started their HSC courses. We currently have on display some of the major Year 12 winners 'engraved' on our perpetual school trophies that were presented on the last day of last term at the Year 12 Awards ceremony. The Library also has a display of Year 7 ceramic art works of 'quirky cars' currently on exhibition, highlighting student talent. Finally, our third computer lab has been fitted with a new touchscreen Smartboard over the holiday break, building on our capacity to provide quality teaching and learning environments.







It is timely to remind Year 10 students going into Year 11 in 2019 that MHS works closely with Distance Education schools from around the state. Our school prides itself on the diversity of subjects we can offer students and this extends to Distance Education. Our Library has a dedicated external study classroom and at present subjects such as Spanish, French, Italian, Sport and Recreation, Society and Culture and Multi-media Technology are being studied through the DE pathway. In recent times, Dance, Religion, ESL, Economics and Modern History have all also been undertaken by MHS students via Distance Education. Distance Education suits 'self-motivated/disciplined' students and the choice of subjects covers the majority of HSC courses offered. Any Year 10 student considering undertaking an HSC subject not offered at Mudgee High is urged to see Mr Proctor early this Term for information on courses and enrolment procedures.

Term 4 also brings the start of 2019 HSC courses for Year 11 students. This can be a daunting and stressful time, especially when combined with regular 'demands' upon young peoples' lives. The school Library offers spaces for group and private study, research and printing for HSC students and Library staff are more than happy to accommodate senior student needs. Year 11 are urged to 'make good habits early' and avail themselves of the Library and its services during 'study periods'. The wise use of school time to get homework, assessment and study achieved can be the difference between mediocre and spectacular, academic success. It can also aide in helping 'juggle', the school/life balance.

Our Library continues to go through refurbishment and upgrades to enhance its learning spaces. In the near future, new carpet for one of our computer rooms and Library office will be installed and 'submissions' for the air conditioning of more Library spaces are 'in the pipeline' for consideration. All 'of these changes amount to wins' for our students.



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#### Year 10 'LOVE BITES' Parent Information

The Love Bites sexual assault and domestic violence prevention program is going to be run for Year 10 in conjunction with the PD/H/PE core subject. Outlined below is some information for you on the program. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Karen Quinn at Mudgee High School.

#### What is Love Bites?

Love Bites is an extremely successful school based sexual assault, domestic and family violence prevention program that has evolved on the Mid West Coast of NSW

Over 10,000 high school students throughout NSW have participated in this interactive and innovative program aimed at Year 10 students.

The Love Bites Program consists of two interactive workshops on sexual assault and family / domestic violence and then workshops that consolidate the information from the morning workshops by working alongside the students to produce a music campaign and/or artworks that will then be printed on posters and resources for the students and community.

The artworks, music and radio advertisements from all students are used to develop a local campaign to challenge violence against women in the community. This campaign is led and delivered by young people.

The Love Bites program presents a consistent approach to the issues of violence against women and children that is firmly focused on factual statistical information that consistently confirm that sexual assault and domestic violence are gender issues as women are overwhelmingly the victims of men's violence and that men are overwhelmingly the perpetrators of this violence. Love Bites advocates that young people can change these statistics and can make different choices, resolve issues in non-violent ways and can develop respectful relationships.

The program will involve all of Year 10 who will be placed into three groups. Each group will then participate in a one day workshop that will take place over three days in Week 5, Term 4.

Group 1:	Monday 12th November
Group 2:	Tuesday 13th November
Group 3:	Wednesday 14th November

Students will need to bring their own morning tea however lunch will be provided. If your student has any special dietary requirements or questions, please see Mrs Quinn by Wednesday 7th November.

Please return this note ONLY if you <u>do not</u> wish your student to participate in this program. If this is the case your student will need to return this note by WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

I	(Parent / Guardian) <b>do not</b> wish my student (Student) to participate in the Love Bites program.
I understand that my student will still be required to regarding alternative arrangements.	o attend school and follow the directions of teachers on this day
	( Parent/Gaurdian Signature)



15 OCT—1st DEC 2018 3—18 JAN 2019

We are all in this together!



Individual and group bookings available!

**CALL 13 20 50** 







# Aboriginal ::: Women's Yarning Circle

#### Are you an Aboriginal woman?

Then you're invited to join in our FREE Yarning Circle on

WHEN: Tuesday 13 November at 11am

WHERE:

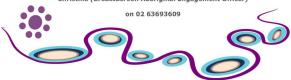
Mudgee Showground

96 Douro Street (Look for our big pink van)

Informal gathering to yarn about the importance of breast screening. If you are 40+ you can have a FREE breast screen on the day if you want

Free refreshments and goodie bags provided.

PLEASE RSVP TO: Christine (BreastScreen Aboriginal Engagement Officer)











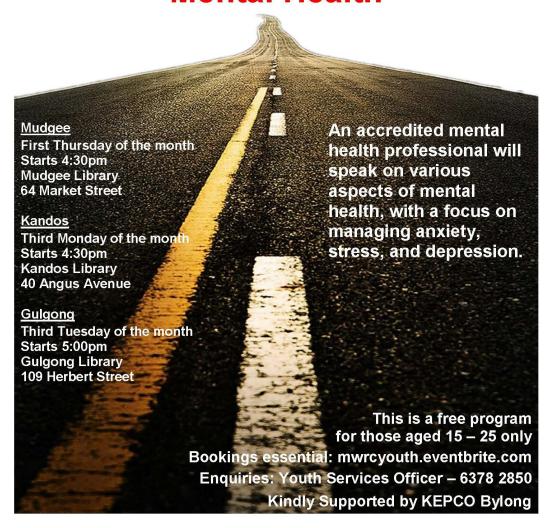
## **How to Adult**

#### Helping you on the road to becoming an adult

Need help with your job seeking skills? Looking for tips on how to budget and manage your finances? Seeking information about mental health? Want help with scholarship applications? Then this free monthly program is for you.

October's Topic:

## **Mental Health**



**Mudgee High School - LINK Program** 

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