

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
December 3rd
Term 4, Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November

On Tuesday 27/11, Mudgee High School went tropical for Movember.

Miss Messner and her PD17 class have been studying health promotion and put together a fantastic day for a great cause.

Movember aims to promote mental health, and an increased awareness of testicular cancer and prostate cancer.

The whole school attended an assembly where the PD17 class presented a factual video about men's health that was followed by a quiz for a panel of staff members, who were obliged to answer questions on the presentation we had all just seen.

Guest speaker Andy Gay spoke about his own experiences with mental health and the need to reach out when things are not going well.

His talk was insightful.

A Mo Bro parade was had. Mr Laidlaw and his turquoise facial growth were declared the winners. There was also a tropical fashion parade from among the students.

A big "Well done!" to the PD17 class, our guest speaker Andy Gay, our Mo Bro participants, our judges, the kids for their participation and of course to Miss Messner, the shaker and mover behind the event.



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FOR THE COMPLETE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- Dec 13 - HSC Results available online
- Dec 13 - Annual Presentaion Assembly 7pm
- Dec 14 - Yr.12 Farewell BBQ
- Dec 14 - Gold excursions
- Dec 18 - Reports issued
- Dec 19 - Final day for students
- Dec 21 - Final day for staff
- Feb 25 2019 - P&C meeting

THIS ISSUE

- Principal's Message
- MHS P&C Meeting
- P&C Award & SRR Award
- Writing Friday
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- Advertisements
- Sponsorship

Controversial Issues in Schools

Last week saw student school strikes and protests in a number of centres, including capital cities, over what those organising and attending saw as continuing government inaction on climate change.

The media – both mainstream and social – loved it... or loved to hate it in some corners.

Climate change is one of those issues that fits under the heading of controversial, but only in the sense that it has the power to provoke heated exchanges. More on that last point later.

Like just about everything else, the Department of Education has a policy covering the management of controversial issues in schools.

Long story short, the “study of controversial issues is acceptable for educational purposes consistent with the delivery of curriculum and provision of school programs and activities.”

What does this mean on the ground? Teachers are obliged to, “manage controversial issues that may arise... (including the) views expressed by or the actions of... external providers and visitors (including speakers and officials), audio-visual materials or live performances.”

Schools are required to be neutral places for rational discourse and objective study. The discussion of controversial issues in schools, “... should allow students to explore a range of viewpoints and not advance the interest of any particular group.”

Where this last point has the potential to rattle some is when dearly held opinions face scrutiny.

Professor Brian Cox, the English physicist, has been quoted as saying, “... everyone has the right to an opinion, but crucially, that opinion can be roundly ignored and even made fun of, particularly if it is demonstrably non-sense!”

Ignored or made fun of... maybe not in a school setting. But scrutinised and possibly challenged? Absolutely! Even the silliest claims can be educational, especially when the lesson is centred on the important analytical skill of ‘considering the source.’

In the school context, consideration of controversial issues, which may include challenging some of the more unreasonable ones, must be age appropriate, sensitive to student needs, and relevant to the curriculum.

Challenging kids to think rather than regurgitate long lists of information – something Siri and Google do so much better than any of us – is what it is all about.

With regard to climate change, here’s a link you may find informative: <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/?fbclid=IwAR3puJEK49U2e4-mmmMb8qy-cVaZJYIBGXKGDxNwyw0InpYx6xN3JVHFROA>

The link will take you to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) page on climate change. As a taster, I have provided one of the site’s revealing graphs.

Who said learning stops at the school gate?

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal

Climate change: How do we know?



MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday February 25 2019 at 7pm in the school library. Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

TERM 4 WEEK 7 AWARDS

P & C AWARDS: Ella Callaghan Yr.7, Rogan Edwards Yr.8, Jesse Colefax Yr.9, Tia Cocerhan Yr.10, Gordon Nemeth Yr.11

SRR AWARD: Stella Morgan Yr.8

WRITING FRIDAY

She held out her hand, and it seemed as though the lights shone from within her fingers.

Use this sentence to begin a narrative.

**esoteric*

Goal:
200 words
20 minutes

- *A simile*
- *Five senses*
- *Third person*
- *Personification*

**Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.*

Mudgee High School Giving Tree

The SRC is asking for donations to the Giving Tree from the school community. Donated items are given to Banardos which are distributed to people within our greater community.

We ask for non perishable food items and gifts for teenagers. Roll Call groups will be collecting items, or donations may be left at the front office.

Thank you for your kindness this Christmas Season.



Year 10 Careers Day

Year 10 Mudgee high School students will participate in a “Careers Day” on Friday December 7th 2018 between 9.16am and 3.25pm. These sessions will be in lieu of normal classes on this day.

The sessions on the “Careers Day” will be delivered by representatives from Mudgee TAFE, Skillset Workforce, ANZ Bank, Wilpinjong Coal Mine and the NSW Department of Human Services. Topics for discussion will include financial literacy, job seeking and interview skills, and day to day ‘living skill’ information which will be useful as students approach school leaving age.

In addition, students will listen to two guest presenters who will give an overview of roles and responsibilities, as well as employment prospects in the local hospitality and mining industries. It is intended that these sessions will assist facilitate an effective transition for Year 10 students into their senior years of schooling at Mudgee High School. There is nil cost associated with the ‘Career Day’.

Interested Year 10 students also have an opportunity to participate in a ‘mock’ (pretend) interview with local employers. These interviews will occur between 2.09pm and 3.25pm while the remainder of students are attending the guest lectures.

Mudgee High School is appreciative of the input of the seminar presenters for the Careers Day.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about any aspect of this event.

Bill Kempton

Careers Advisor





Bawamarra

(Relate news, Communicate)



National Indigenous Business Summer School

What is the National Indigenous Business Summer School?

The National Indigenous Business Summer School is an exciting new program for Years 11 and 12 Indigenous high school students. The program is an initiative of the Australian Business Deans Council, and in 2019 will be hosted by UNSW Business School at UNSW Sydney.

The purpose of the program is to provide a fully immersive experience for students thinking of entering the world of business or becoming an entrepreneur.

Students will have the opportunity to see business in action and learn about the available pathways into business studies.

Who can attend?

The Summer School is open to all Indigenous students who will be commencing Year 11 or 12 in 2019 and undertaking a Maths subject. (Year 10 students may be considered on merit).

What will the Summer School involve?

The program will include:

- Living on campus at New College, UNSW Sydney

- Industry site visits to companies across Sydney to experience business in action

- Meeting and interacting with Indigenous people working in the industry, Indigenous entrepreneurs, business owners and current business students

- Taking part in a business boot camp where students will be given an opportunity to use what they learn during the week to test business case-solving skills, receive mentoring from Indigenous business owners and entrepreneurs, and get hands-on experience as a business professional

When is it?

The Summer School will run from Sunday 13 – Friday 18th Jan 2019

What does it cost?

For all successful applicants there is no cost to attend the National Indigenous Business Summer School. All expenses are covered including travel to and from Sydney, meals and accommodation.

For more information, either see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom or go to: https://www.business.unsw.edu.au/students/indigenous/nibss?cldee=bXVkJ2VILWguc2Nob29sQGRldC5uc3cuZWRR1LmF1&recipientid=account-8d6f739ddd4fe711811de0071b68f781-3a70ef5f26dd4de289b68064276a8dac&utm_source=ClickDimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Future%20Student%20Event%20Support&esid=f5c6d2ac-1dd7-e811-a966-000d3ae12152



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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS COUNCIL

Nura
Centre for
Indigenous
Programs **Gidi**

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 involve 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: https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/2019_faculty_camp



Local Youth Forum

Let your voice be heard



We want to hear your thoughts on local issues, such as education, employment, recreation activities, support services, and transport.

Let's brainstorm some ideas, and solutions together.

Bookings appreciated for catering purposes

Date: Tuesday 4 December 2018

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Location: Gulgong Memorial Hall
112 Herbert Street Gulgong

Audience: Persons aged 12 – 25

Bookings: mwrcyouth.eventbrite.com

Enquires: 6378 2850
Youth Services Officer



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This event is free thanks to kind support from KEPCO Bylong

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.

November's Topic:

Budgeting and Christmas

Mudgee

First Thursday of the month
Starts 4:30pm
Mudgee Library
64 Market Street

Kandos

Third Monday of the month
Starts 4:30pm
Kandos Library
40 Angus Avenue

Gulgong

Third Tuesday of the month
Starts 5:00pm
Gulgong Library
109 Herbert Street

A financial counsellor from Lifeline will speak on budgeting, and various financial management techniques.

There will be a special focus on managing your finances around Christmas and avoiding debt.

This is a free program for those aged 15 – 25 only

Bookings essential: mwrCYOUTH.eventbrite.com

Enquiries: Youth Services Officer – 6378 2850

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