

# MHS Newsletter

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Monday  
1 July  
Week 10 Term 2  
2019

## Principal's Message

### Road Tripping – and Potential Falling

Be forewarned, what follows is not a brag.

Several years ago I spent a little time in brilliantly cosmopolitan Paris.

In Paris, I saw pedestrian crossings – marked out in typical zebra style, bars of white on the black top – just as we have in Mudgee.

But I discovered that Parisian pedestrian crossings are markedly different to their Australian counterparts.

I had been advised on my first day in Paris not to treat these seeming pedestrian crossings as one would in Australia, and for good reason.

In Paris, pedestrian crossings are akin to designated kill-zones. These things marked as pedestrian crossings are no such thing. The drivers of cars will not slow for you.

Not five minutes after receiving that advice, I saw firsthand evidence to support the warning. I watched as two of my fellow travellers leapt to safety from one such crossing as a swarthy man in a pale yellow Renault blasted through.

Travelling abroad has the very real potential to develop within the traveller an appreciation for the exotic ways of others; it can also leave that same traveller with a new appreciation of his native land.

I developed a genuine appreciation for pedestrian crossings, Australian-style.

In Australia, the drivers of cars by-and-large give way to pedestrians; fair enough too given humanoids have been walking upright to get from one place to another for about 1 million years, while cars have only been around for about 130 years.

But back to pedestrian crossings...

I asked the kids on assembly this week to what the "ped" in pedestrian refers?

Well done Miriam Halbisch in Year 7 who was quick to point out that "ped" is Latin for foot.

With that in mind, it was not much of a leap to get the kids thinking of pedestrian crossings as being designed for those who are on foot.

One morning in Week 8 – just two weeks ago – two potentially temporary citizens from one of our partner primary schools entered and exited the Horatio Street pedestrian crossing on scooters. They did so at high speed.

I pointed out to our students that the RMS' provided fences that are in place to corral would-be-crossers serve another very much unintended use that demands consideration. Shorter would-be crossers are often obscured from driver view until on the crossing. Shading tree cover doesn't help either.

So, on the morning our two primary aged kamikaze scooter riders shot across the crossing, a car towing a caravan jerked to a stop, and just in time! But not so the two caravan hauling vehicles and light truck behind... a four-car collision being the outcome.

It is worth considering that during school terms, the people most likely to be towing caravans through town are retirees – grey nomads. There is a reason fighter pilots

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FOR THE COMPLETE  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### COMING EVENTS

- 5 July Semester One Presentation Assemblies
- 22 July P&C meeting
- 1 August Australian Mathematics Competition

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are near the end of their operational career before thirty; their reflexes have slowed. Thinking users of pedestrian crossings would realise the reflexes of a retiree deserve a healthy, cautious respect.

I phoned the principal of the school the reckless riders attend. The matter will be raised there too.

Some of the town's older students also require reminders.

The Sunday before the incident in Horatio Street, and from a distance, I had seen two bicycle riders shoot out of the narrow arcade that joins Byron Place with Church Street. The driver of a car heading south jammed on his brakes and managed to stop. Seemingly unaware, the two riders turned quickly south and headed up the footpath at speed.

Tragedy avoided by no more than a metre or two.

My message?

The great majority of our kids show respect for others in all that they do. They also possess reasonably well-developed senses of self-preservation, an absolute priority when on or near a road. A few, however, require more than an occasional reminder of what safe and respectful road usage looks like.

My final word to our kids this week:

"To the fringe for whom safety and respect are someone else's problem, either wake up... or have your affairs in order and a will that is current."

### Mini Mad

Thanks to all who braved the not-quite-so cold weather on Tuesday for an entertaining night with musical performances and art by the bucket load. Thanks to our CAPA people, our Visual Arts and our Music teachers, for a great night and especially all of those students who performed. There is a rich vein of musical talent out there.

Until next term...

Wayne Eade  
Principal





## MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday 22 July 2019 at 7pm in the school library.

Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

## Week 9 Term 2 Awards

P&C Awards: Year 7 - Wil Treeve; Year 8: Blake Coulthart; Year 9 - Stella Morgan; Year 10 - Levi Jacobs;  
Year 11 - Rachel Bennett; Year 12 - Carter Wright

SRR Award: Olivia Hopson

## Writing Friday



Your goal:  
200 words  
20 minutes

**Winter: love it or loathe it?**  
*Imagine that we could remove a season. Put forward the case for keeping, or getting rid of, winter.*

Use \*Factual information  
\*Persuasive language  
\*The word 'crystalline' – it's an adjective that means 'having crystals' – like frost.

## School hats

Great News!

Mudgee High School hats are available for purchase from the school. Your choice of cap or bucket style are here to keep you warm and protected from the elements. Payments of \$15 can be made at the office, then present your receipt to the staff in the library to collect your hat.

Help support this MHS incentive to protect our staff and students!



## Semester One Presentation Assemblies - Years 7 to 10

### Friday 5 July - Mudgee High School gymnasium

All parents and guardians are cordially invited to the Semester One Presentation Assemblies for years 7 to 10.

As is traditional, these assemblies will be held on the last day of Term 2 in the school gymnasium.

There is a special assembly for each year group and these will be staggered throughout the day.

At each assembly, students will receive Effort and Achievement awards, Gold and Silver awards and their Semester One reports.

The program for the day is as follows:

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>9.40am</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>11.15am</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>12.40pm</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>2.08pm</b>

Please try to be about **10 minutes early** as assemblies must commence on time.

For further enquiries, please contact Mr McNeill via the school office on 6372 1533.



## Year 12 fundraising update



On Wednesday 26 June, the President of the Mudgee Triathlon Club presented Year 12 students with a cheque for \$600 for their efforts during the triathlon season.

To assist Year 12 in raising funds for their chosen charity, NSW Rural Fire Services, the students were given the opportunity to marshal for the Mudgee Tri Club. Marshalling involved eager students being up, ready and at Lawson Park by 7.45am on Sunday mornings. Students were placed at various locations throughout Mudgee to point cyclists in the right direction and to let them know if it was safe to turn. Matt Webster commented that students were polite and did a great job.

Well done Year 12!





# World War One Living History

The WW1 Living History event provided students with an opportunity to engage with demonstrations from World War One. This event was open to the students in Year 9 History, as well as senior students studying Modern History and students from the Support Unit.

The presentation included interactive opportunities for students to engage with weaponry, uniforms and equipment used in World War One. All students agreed that this was a fun, interesting and engaging event.





## MHS Link Program 2020

The Link Program is an alternative education program for students in Year 10. The program caters for up to 25 students who experience difficulty in engaging with the traditional delivery of school curriculum. The program is flexible, practical, stimulating and relevant. It promotes pathway options into Years 11 and 12 at Mudgee High School, as well as TAFE, and apprenticeship/traineeship or traditional employment.

The program was introduced in 2012 and involves a number of partners including Mudgee High School, TAFE and Mid-Western Regional Council. The program is fully funded and supported by Glencore Coal. Recently, the program was a finalist for a Community Excellence Award at the NSW Minerals Council Environment and Community conference and awards.

Link students experience a wide curriculum including attendance at Mudgee TAFE and work experience in addition to a more traditional school education. Students receive literacy and numeracy support, and engage in personal skills development programs. The program has a staff co-ordinator and community mentor, both of whom support participating students to enhance their prospects for success in the program and their future transition into further education, training and/or employment.

The primary outcomes of the Link program are:

- To re-engage students in school activities.
- To provide pathways for transition into further study or work.
- To build self-esteem and confidence to continue in training and education.
- To reduce social isolation issues and incorporate school leavers into the community in a positive manner.
- To apply a multi-agency approach to a community based issue.

**The selection process for 2020 will require an 'Expression of Interest' from students currently in Year 9 who may be interested in being part of the program.**

Parents are welcome to request an Expression of Interest form by phoning or visiting the school. Guidelines for completion and a closing date are included on the form.

An Expression of Interest form can be collected by students from Mrs McNeill in the Creative Arts staffroom, Mr Payne in the Language/Careers Staffroom or Mrs Gallen in the PDHPE staffroom.

We encourage any students and parents, who anticipate that this program could be of benefit, to apply. Students who may find completing an EOI a challenge are encouraged to make contact with Mrs McNeill, Mr Payne (Community Mentor) or their Year Adviser at school to arrange an interview for completion.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McNeill or Mr Payne on 6372 1533.



## Japanese News

### 日本語：

A big thank you to those students and their families who will be hosting our exchange visitors next term. This opportunity is an amazing experience to share our own culture with someone else. Be sure to brush up on your Japanese though and don't be afraid to make mistakes.

All year groups have been working hard to master their Hiragana and Katakana scripts. New grammar and vocabulary have also been keeping our students busy, which has put our new Chromebooks to good use.

All year groups have Google Classroom set up and access codes can be made available on request.

ありがとう、

Mr. Saunders



### 寒 Kanji Corner

Samu (i) – cold

今日は寒いです。

kyou wa samui desu

Today is cold.





## NAIDOC Day



## Beanie for Brain Cancer



Dear Mudgee High School

By supporting our "Beanie for Brain Cancer" campaign you're helping us fund vital research to improve treatments and outcomes for brain cancer patients and one day, hopefully, find a cure.

Forever Grateful.

Mark Hughes - Founder Mark Hughes Foundation





## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Celebrations!

This week we acknowledge those students who reached Gold in the Colour Recognition System with a celebration on Friday. Students have been able to choose from seeing Aladdin at the Town Hall Theatre, movies in classrooms and games in the library space. These activities are running concurrently to the end of Semester Presentation Assemblies.

It is great feedback for the students to celebrate the positive contribution that maintaining our universal expectations makes to our school. Students who attend school give themselves the chance to achieve and make the most out of their learning experience. Students who wear uniform contribute to the safety of the school and enhance school pride. Students who behave well in class give everyone the best chance at learning and respect their teachers right to teach. Students who complete their class work and assessment tasks give themselves the best chance of growth and success.

We look forward to our Gold celebrations. Happy end of semester to students and staff.

## Anti Bullying Alliance update

Cyber-safety in the Holidays.

The Office of the e-Safety Commissioner has an informative and practical website to assist young people and parents understand and report incidents of online bullying. The purpose of the website is to “empower all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.” They promote online safety for all Australians by:

- Providing a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying.
- Identifying and removing illegal online content.
- Tackling image-based abuse.
- Providing audience-specific content to help educate all Australians. There is content for young people, women, teachers, parents, seniors and community groups.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

The parents section has information on understanding the big issues related to cyberbullying: online pornography, sending nude pictures and sexting, time online, gaming and unwanted contact.

There is also a skills and advice section about online safety basics and good habits, how to conduct hard-to-have conversations and privacy. There is a section for reporting incidents as well. You can see this page here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying>

The Anti-Bullying Alliance would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday filled with kindness and positive online relationships.



**Wellbeing Builder:**

Middle – ACCEPTING AND LEARNING FROM OTHERS

Senior – ACCEPTING CULTURAL LEARNING

**Wellbeing Element:**

MEANING AND PURPOSE

**Character Strength:**

HUMILITY

**Wellbeing Fitness Challenge:**

ADVENTURE EAT

**Wellbeing Reflection Activities:**

Middle – ACCEPTING AND LEARNING FROM OTHERS,  
Senior – ACCEPTING CULTURAL LEARNING (see website)

**Parent Wellbeing:**

Reflect on: Reliability – can people depend on you? Openness – can people expect you to deliver both good and bad news? Competence – can people depend on what you produce? Compassion – do people feel you treat them with consideration and respect?

We live in great country, which has evolved from the input of many rich cultures. Each has brought its own special mix of traditions, rituals, foods, clothing, languages and many other valuable perspectives. Open-mindedness to accept difference as part of life, is a strength which requires courage to use properly.

Community wellbeing and social connectedness relies very much on seeking first to understand different cultures before passing judgement. Students build these understanding through listening, observing and asking questions to learn more. We can learn a lot by watching preschool children from many cultures playing together at day care and at kindergartens. They accept, play with and learn from each other as equals; no judgements being made.

In Australia there are about 90 different cultures and in New Zealand about 75. Both of our nations are in a constant state of cultural change and accepting difference and diversity will see both countries continue to prosper. The essential element for personal growth is for students to look at different cultures through the lenses of their top strengths. This will enable them to look for what is good and right about what they see and experience. Doing this will see their wellbeing thrive and flourish.

*“Understanding advances by steps, not by leaps.” Lord Macaulay*





## Advertisements



Mid-Western Regional Youth Council is proud to present a range of youth activities and events across the region, as part of the winter school holidays.

### Ice Skating at Bathurst Winter Festival

We've booked a bus to go to the Bathurst Winter Festival for ice skating! So rug up warm, pack your lunch, and get excited! **Please note a permission slip must be completed and received by Council representatives prior to participating in this excursion.**

**WHEN** Monday 8 July, 9:15am – 4:30pm

**AGES** 12–18 years

**WHERE** Meet at the Stables, 84 Market Street Mudgee

**COST** Free, bookings essential

### 3D Printing Workshop with Andrew Christie

Learn how to create your own 3D printing file and watch it come to life in this hands-on workshop with professional artist and creator, Andrew Christie.

**WHEN** Wednesday 10 July, 1:30pm – 5:30pm

**WHERE** Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street Mudgee

**AGES** 12–18 years

### Better than TED

Being able to speak in public has a HUGE bearing on your life. Comedian Sean Murphy will share his tips and techniques on public speaking and stage presence in this interactive workshop. Discover how to become a world class presenter who doesn't need a PowerPoint slide, and give TED talkers a run for their money. Forget the projector and put away the phone, it's time to speak up!

**WHEN** Thursday 11 July, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

**AGES** 12–20 years

**WHERE** Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street Mudgee

### Pop Art Tote Bags

Get involved with Plastic Free July by creating your very own pop art design and putting it on a tote bag. Fill the bag with your sporting equipment, books, shopping, or whatever you want.

**WHEN** Mon 15 July, 2:00–3:30pm    Tue 16 July 2019, 2:00–3:30pm

**WHERE** Memorial Hall, 73 Louee Street, Rylstone    Memorial Hall, 112 Herbert Street, Gulgong

**AGES** 12–20 years    12–20 years

### Night Skies at Mudgee Observatory

Rug up warm and join us on a night-time adventure to Mudgee Observatory. Hear all about the night skies and stars of the southern hemisphere. **Please note a permission slip must be completed and received by Council representatives prior to participating in this excursion.**

**WHEN** Wednesday 17 July, 5:15pm – 8:00pm

**AGES** 12–18 years

**WHERE** Meet in front of Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street Mudgee

**COST** Free, bookings essential

### Level Up

Love playing RPGs and tabletop games, or perhaps you're a total gaming fanatic. Want to meet other gaming enthusiasts? Then this is for you. Join us for a special extended school holiday edition of Level Up. Various RPGs will be run, so check out the booking page for more details.

**WHEN** Thursday 18 July, 1:45pm – 5:45pm

**AGES** 12–25 years

**WHERE** Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street Mudgee

### Manga and Anime Squad

Calling all anime, manga and cosplay fans! Join us to meet fellow enthusiasts. Explore different styles, techniques, and share from your experience.

**WHEN** Friday 19 July, 3:45pm – 5:45pm

**AGES** 12–20 years

**WHERE** Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street Mudgee

**NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE FREE  
BOOKINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

To book, visit [www.mwrcyouth.eventbrite.com](http://www.mwrcyouth.eventbrite.com)



# Women's Health Clinic

The Western NSW Local Health District Women's Health Service provides **free** and **confidential** health care for women, with a focus on early detection, illness prevention and health screening. We can discuss contraception advice, menstruation, puberty, continence, menopause and more....

The service is run by trained Women's Health Nurses (Annie & Wendy) who can assist females from puberty to menopause and beyond. For a **free** comprehensive women's health check and/or Cervical Screening Test (Pap Smear), make an appointment at the next Women's Health Clinic.

**Venue: Mudgee Community Health**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Time: 8am-4pm**

**Phone 63786236 for an appointment**

Appointments also available in Gulgong, Coolah, Dunedoo & Rylstone





# INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAM

MAKE TRACKS AND GET STARTED ON YOUR PATHWAY TODAY...



Are you curious about university, but not sure if you'd get in?

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It's a five-day alternative entry program for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, of all ages, wanting to study at Charles Sturt.

How does it work?

You will undertake a range of testing and assessments which will determine your suitability for study. It's a chance to work out what you want to do and see if your chosen course is a good fit. Together we'll create a personalised plan for your academic future. You'll also get to try out uni life and discover all the different services available at Charles Sturt.

If you're successful, you'll be guaranteed a place in a host of Charles Sturt undergraduate courses.

## Where and when?

### Dubbo Campus

8-12 July 2019

### Wagga Wagga Campus

18-22 November 2019

### Port Macquarie Campus

2-6 December 2019

### Bathurst Campus

3-7 February 2020

For eligible participants we'll even provide your travel, accommodation and meals for the week.

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**Website:** [csu.edu.au/iap](https://csu.edu.au/iap)

**Phone:** (02) 6933 4020



**Charles Sturt  
University**



# TOWN HALL CINEMA

Showing July 5<sup>th</sup> , 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

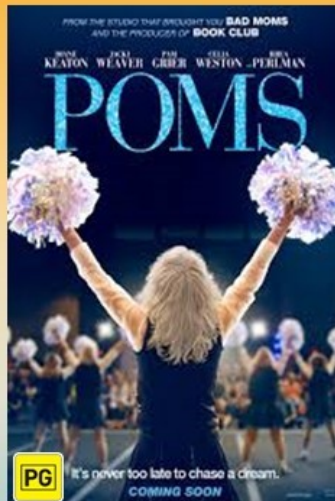
Tickets available online from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of June

Visit [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) and search 'Mudgee Town Hall Cinema'.



**Rocketman**

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7:00pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7:30pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00pm



**Poms**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	4:30pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	4:30pm



**Aladdin**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	11:00am
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> July	11:00am

\* Tickets also available at the door (if not sold out prior).

For more information visit  
[midwestern.nsw.gov.au](http://midwestern.nsw.gov.au)  
or Mudgee Town Hall Cinema  
on Facebook

### Ticket prices

Adults \$15  
Children/Concession \$10  
(Seniors card not accepted)  
Children under 5 years Free

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