

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
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Week 2 Term 1
2020

Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome back all!

Despite the educational hiatus, there was little rest to be had at the school over the break. There has been a flurry of refurbishment activity; new paint and new furniture in many places; gardens kept looking great; updated technology in a number of places. Best of all, we're not finished yet. On Friday 31 January, I met with our new Schools Infrastructure NSW consultant. He will manage the air-conditioning of the school gymnasium project in the coming months. If I began to mention by name both the teaching and ancillary staff who have been on site to either make or assist in making these things happen, I would almost certainly miss someone. For this reason, I will resist.

There have been staffing changes this year and there are more to follow.

We welcome Mr Dal Forno to the PDHPE faculty. Mr Dal Forno is a seasoned veteran of the discipline and had worked at Nyngan High School for several years before joining us.

We welcome too Mrs Goldsmith as the new Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts. Mrs Goldsmith has taught in several schools in Southwest Sydney and is an accomplished artist in her own right.

At the very end of last year, several staff members finished at Mudgee High. Mr Finter was successful in his bid for the Principal's position at Lightning Ridge. The position he vacated will be filled substantively this term. Mrs Date will continue in the role of relieving Deputy Principal until this occurs. Mr Saunders was successful in his application for a Japanese teaching position in the Hunter Valley. The position he vacated will also be filled substantively this term but we welcome Ms Jodie Anderson, who will relieve in the role until then. With Mrs Dziura on extended leave, we also welcome Ms Honeysett to the role of Year 8 Year Adviser, a role additional to her commitment to Agriculture.

Warming the cockles

Our newest cohort – Year 7 – seems to have taken to high school like ducks to water. A great thing! Three gentlemen really impressed on their first day. Their names are Ethan Dale, Blake Irwin and Liam Standen.

On their first day – Wednesday 29 January – Ethan, Blake and Liam found a wallet in the playground. The wallet came without any identification. That said, it did contain a not insubstantial amount of cash. The three boys immediately brought the wallet to the front office.

For a community to be just that, a community, it needs to possess sufficient citizens who are community-minded. These three gentlemen proved they are just that. Hats off to them and the good parenting that has made them thus.

In the same vein, well done to our male school captain, Ned Dickson, who was

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Community*

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FOR THE COMPLETE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- 14 February 2020 swimming carnival
- 24 February 2020 P&C meeting
- 11 March Aboriginal Welcome Barbecue - 5pm start

THIS ISSUE

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declared at the local Australia Day Awards Mudgee's *Young Citizen of the Year*. Ned is one of those young people who makes a good fist of everything he attempts, not least his Mudgee Heritage Walking Tours. Ned began the tours in 2018. They provide both locals and tourists with a better historical understanding of the town and have proven very successful.

Well done to all of these young men!

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Young Citizen of the Year Ned Dickson (middle)



MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday 24 February 2020 at 7pm in the school library.

Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

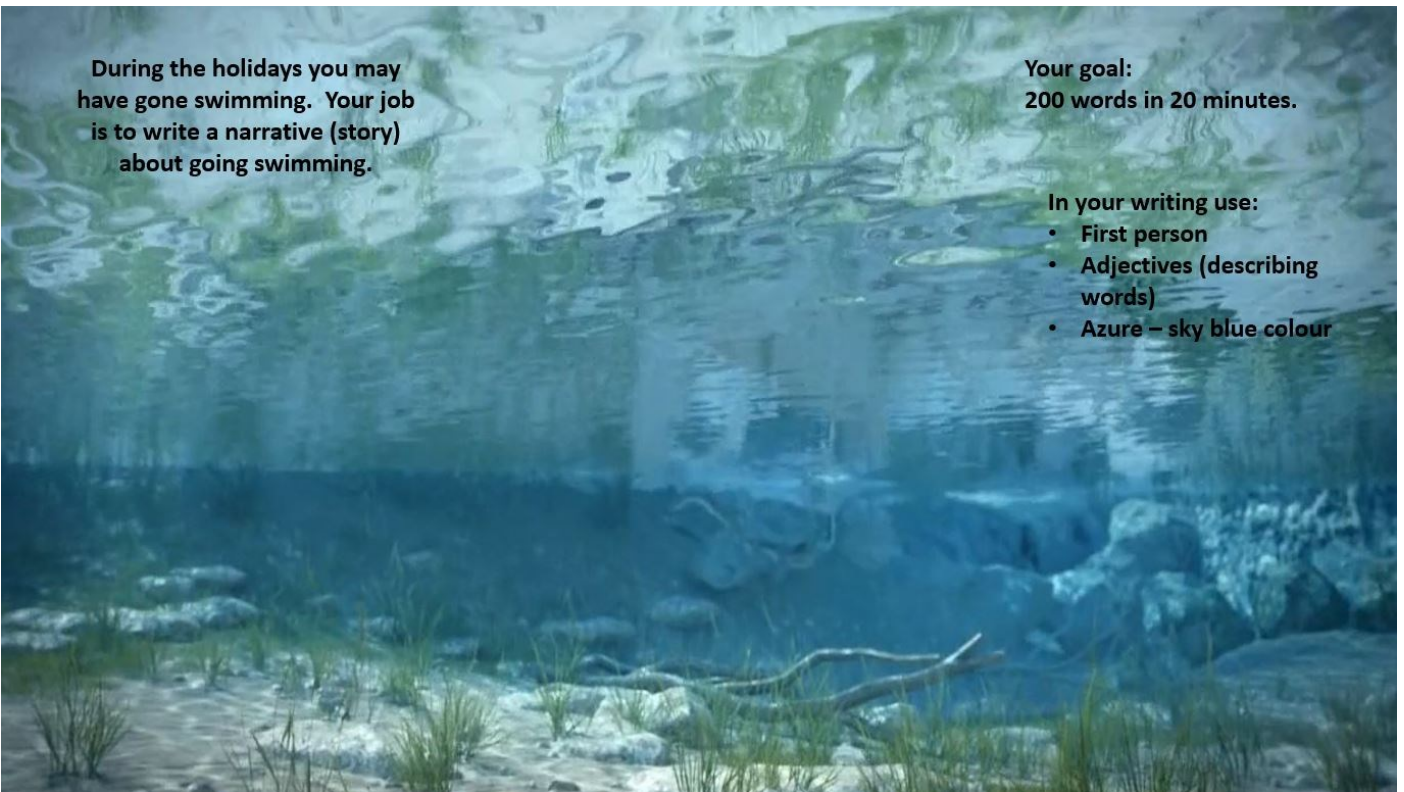
Writing Friday

During the holidays you may have gone swimming. Your job is to write a narrative (story) about going swimming.

Your goal:
200 words in 20 minutes.

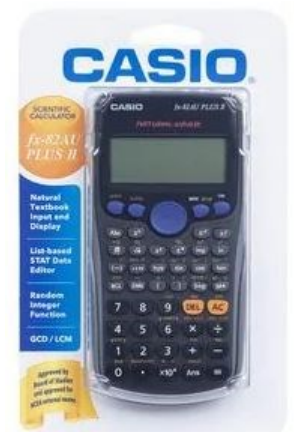
In your writing use:

- First person
- Adjectives (describing words)
- Azure – sky blue colour



School calculator price change

Please be advised that the cost of calculators purchased from the school office has risen to \$23.60



English Faculty News

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings."

(from Lewis Carroll's *The Walrus and the Carpenter*, 1904)

Welcome back folks!

In English this year, students are going to delve into a range of literary landscapes, write about tantalising topics, and broaden their perspectives on the world.

The English faculty is looking forward to jumping straight into things with junior topics ranging from 'Windows on the World', 'Advertising' and 'War Poetry', to 'Powerful Voices' and 'Who Cares? There will also be a focus on 'Sustainability'. The seniors will be starting with 'Reading to Write' and 'Achieving through English' for Year 11 while Year 12 classes will be starting with 'Module A Textual Conversations: *The Tempest and Hag-Seed*', 'Module A Language, Identity and Culture: *The Castle*', 'On the Road: English in the World of Travel' and 'Literary Mindscapes'.

Miss Heckendorf will be "using technology to innovatively breach the bounds of our rural isolation" by having the production of *Hamlet*, performed at the Sydney Opera House, live streamed to the school for the Extension 1 students later this term.

It is important that students come prepared for each lesson with a pen (or three), an exercise book (preferably NOT multiple subject books as that makes it difficult to collect for marking), and a positive attitude. Some teachers may also request that students bring another exercise book to use for Writing Fridays. Staff will let their classes know during their first lesson this term.

Please remember that the English faculty also offers tutoring every Tuesday afternoon in K06. Everyone is welcome. Students are able to work on homework, assessments or specific skills they want to refine. They can spend ten minutes or up to an hour.

Finally, Ms May wants to remind you that all students should try their best and, "Give it [English] a red-hot go!".



Need assistance with your English?

The English faculty is running an after school tutoring and homework help on Tuesday afternoons until 4:30pm in K06.

Come along and receive help with your class work, assignments, homework or just to ask a question.

All years are encouraged to attend and you can stay a little while or the whole hour.

See you there!

HSIE Junior Assessment Program - Semester 1

Students in Year 7 are studying Stage 4 Geography for the whole year. Students in Year 8 are studying Stage 4 History for the whole year. Year 9 are studying Geography in Semester One. Year 10 are studying Geography in Semester One. Some students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have elected to study either Commerce 08, Commerce 12, and/or Elective History.

The following assessment schedule is a guideline. There may be some minor variations, however students will be adequately notified of any changes to due dates.

Year and Subject	Assessment Task	Task Weighting	Due Date <i>Please note that the due date for the task falls within the listed week. The exact due date for each task will vary within that week depending on which day the student has that class.</i>
Year 7 Geography	Geomorphic Hazards Examination Progressive Bookmark Class Participation	40% 30% 20% 10%	Week 10 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing Ongoing
Year 8 History	Ancient Egypt Assignment Examination Progressive Bookmark Class Participation	40% 30% 20% 10%	Week 11 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing Ongoing
Year 9 Geography	Sustainable Biomes Research Assignment Examination Progressive Bookmark Class Participation	40% 30% 20% 10%	Week 10 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing Ongoing
Year 10 Geography	Environmental Change & Management Assignment Examination Progressive Bookmark Class Participation	40% 30% 20% 10%	Week 9 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing Ongoing
Commerce 08	Promoting and Selling Research Assignment Examination Class Participation	60% 30% 10%	Week 9 Term 1 Week 4 Term 2 Ongoing
Commerce 12	Employment & Work Futures Assignment Examination Class Participation	60% 30% 10%	Week 9 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing
Elective History	Extended Response Task Historical Investigation Examination Class Participation	20% 40% 30% 10%	Week 6 Term 1 Week 11 Term 1 Week 3 Term 2 Ongoing

Assignments may be handed in either hand-written or typed. If students wish to submit their work digitally this should be done through Google Classroom Turn In function. This is the preference for digital submissions. Work may be handed in on paper, please do not assume that everything has to be digital!

If your child is unable to meet the due date for an assessment task they will need to complete an application for Special Consideration. These forms can be collected from the HSIE staffroom. It is the responsibility of the student to collect this form, complete it and return it to the head teacher of HSIE or their classroom teacher.

Accessing Google Classrooms

Students should be making the most of the Google Classroom facility for their HSIE studies. To access these classrooms they will need the following entry codes:

Subject	Entry Code		Subject	Entry Code
Year 7 Geography	6hizzlc		Elective History	cgy4s7p
Year 8 History	cigye5i		Commerce 08	eillvr
Year 9 Geography	pzx34ee		Commerce 12	yojupq
Year 10 Geography	72kj72u			



School swimming carnival

The swimming carnival will be held **Friday 14 February**.

It is compulsory for ALL students at Mudgee High School to attend the carnival.

Students may arrive at the pool from 8.30am or, if they catch the bus, get off at St. Matthews School and walk to the pool supervised by staff members. The roll will be marked as students enter the pool. The carnival starts at 9am and students are expected to be there before this time.

As always, the spirit of the carnival is for students to have fun and participate. Students are expected to participate in at least 2 events. If your son/daughter is not a strong swimmer there will be assistance available to enable them to swim and get valuable House points.

The house colours are:

Cunningham - Yellow

Blaxland - Red

Lawson - Blue

Wentworth - Green



Students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the carnival and dress in their house colours.

Please remember to bring sunscreen and a hat.

Canteen facilities are available and Year 12 will be running activities throughout the day so bring some money to support their fundraising.

If students are interested in representing Mudgee High in swimming they need to see Mr Smith.

It would be great to see students attend and get into the school spirit.

More information will be put in newsletters to come in regards to buses, swimming attire and canteen.

If students have any questions, please see Miss Shearman in the PDHPE staffroom.

NSW school vaccination program

Each year, NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2020 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year	Vaccine	Number of doses
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (whooping cough)	Single dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- Read all the information provided.
- Complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive.
- Return the completed consent form to their child's school.
- Ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination).

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.



Advertisements



FAST5 NETBALL
IT'S YOUR PLAYTIME



Mudgee Netball Association Fast5 Competition

Venue	Glen Willow Regional Sports, Ulan Rd & Pitts Lane, Mudgee NSW 2850
Division	Mixed (aged 12-18)
Start Date & Times	2nd March – 6th April 2020 (6 week competition)
Register	https://forms.gle/tZoJXvg2uNnXDiSs9
Registration cut off date	17th Feb 2020
Contact	Tash Smith: 0434 252 397 Natasha.smith2@hotmail.com

Brush up on the Fast5 Rules at <https://playfast5.com.au/rules/>

Mudgee District Hockey Association

Junior hockey will start in Term 2.

Sessions will be held for Minis (4-7 years), Primary and High School age groups on Friday afternoons/early evenings at Victoria Park.

For further information please visit <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mudgeedha/home/>

Facebook Mudgee District Hockey Association

or email Nico and Jo loane (Junior Coordinators) at mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com

Registration day - Junior girls and boys basketball

A registration day for the junior girls and junior boys basketball competitions from Years 5 to 10 will be held on Monday 10 February at the Mudgee PCYC from 3-30 to 6pm.

Geoff Robinson

President - Mudgee Basketball Association

Mudgee Relay For Life registrations are now open!

Please join us for the Mudgee Relay For Life in April 2020 as we come together to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer.

Event details

Date: 4 – 5 April 2020

Place: Victoria Park, Mudgee

To register, please visit www.cancercouncil.org.au/mudgeerelay

For more information, please like our Facebook page '[Mudgee & District Relay For Life](#)' for updates.

TOWN HALL CINEMA

Showing February 7th, 8th & 9th

Tickets available online from Monday 27th of January

Visit trybooking.com and search 'Mudgee Town Hall Cinema'.



Cats

Sat 8 th Feb	7:30pm
Sun 9 th Feb	4:30pm



Jumanji: the Next Level

Fri 7 th Feb	7:00pm
Sat 8 th Feb	4:30pm
Sun 9 th Feb	2:00pm



The Queen's Corgi

Sat 8 th Feb	11:00am
Sat 8 th Feb	2:00pm
Sun 9 th Feb	11:00am

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

For more information visit
midwestern.nsw.gov.au
or Mudgee Town Hall Cinema
on Facebook

Ticket prices

Adults	\$15
Children/Concession	\$10
Children under 5 years	Free

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