

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
14 December
Week 10 Term 4
2020

Principal's Message

Taking the cash

All NSW state school teachers are required to complete a range of training at regular, set times. That training comes in many shapes.

There is face-to-face CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and anaphylaxis awareness training every year. There is annual training in the demands of child protection, the code of conduct, disability standards, and a host of other matters, fields and themes that form part of the rich tapestry that is teaching.

To remain teachers, this compliance training must be completed successfully as mandated.

One such type of training, disability awareness training, ensures that teachers are cognisant of and compliant with the demands of the Federal Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and the Disability Standards for Education Act (2005).

Compliance with these acts seeks to ensure that all students participate and thrive in an education setting that values and supports them as learners on the same basis as their peers.

NSW state teachers comply with these obligations by providing classrooms environments in which students learn to form positive and respectful relationships with a diverse range of people – diversity being a key strength of public education. State school teachers seek to differentiate the instruction they deliver by targeting each student's learning needs. They work to present alternative delivery modes and activities that provide comparable learning experiences for all in their care. State school teachers have high expectations for all of the young people in their care, and seek to personalise goals for their students based on data and evidence.

Public education seeks to provide for everyone who chooses to come through that school gate, and ensure that each and every one of those students is known, valued and cared for. It is the great leveller and the one true bulwark against a descent into religious, class or ethnic tribalism; in short, it is a powerful force for cohesion.

A Year Adviser reported this week that she had been contacted by a private school* seeking information about one of our students related specifically to whether that student's behaviour and application had improved. The student's parents were seeking enrolment for their child

*A Member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community*

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR THE COMPLETE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- Friday 29 January Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school
- Monday 1 February Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school
- Monday 22 February 2021 P&C meeting

THIS ISSUE

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at that school.

If a state school were to exercise the same kind of enrolment restrictions, its leadership would be compelled to answer some serious questions about how such restrictions shape up when considered against the DDA.

And rightly so.

The message from our 'private' contemporaries would seem loud and clear: "We only take them if they're not broken."

Not bad when one considers the largess of the state in funding these institutions. In September this year, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released a report - *Education at a Glance* – that ranked Australia 19 out of the 37 wealthiest countries when it comes to the fair funding of schools. In fact, Australia ranked the third highest of those 37 countries when it comes to government funding of what is private choice.

**It is a proper stretch of the word 'private' to refer to schools that source so much of their funding from public coffers as being in any way genuinely private. As substantially publically funded institutions, perhaps they should be called upon to shoulder at least a portion of the load when it comes to taking care of some of the most vulnerable in our midst.*

Just some thoughts.

HSIE events

Last week saw HSIE run two big shows with first Year 7 (story in these pages) then Year 10. The Year 7 Geographers were animated, to say the least. Well done Team TAS who supplied the world map jigsaws to really test the students' knowledge of the countries of the world.

Year 10 students came together on Friday to celebrate Decade Day, a day devoted to exploring and presenting information about the decades following the Second World War. Ms Windeyer, Head Teacher HSIE, called it "probably the best Decade Day we've had in years." It was certainly good to see both students and staff get right into it and a pleasure to be invited along.

Presentation(s) evening

Last Thursday's presentation nights went like clockwork. There were two, as the school is still obliged to follow COVID restrictions. The first was for Years 7 and 8, and the second for Years 9 to 11. Naturally, some parents and carers stayed for both, but all were very much compliant with the marshalling required and are very much thanked for that willingness as well as their continuing support of the school.

A very big shout out to Mr Holleman and his varied team of jazz band performers, stage hands and of course those who served in dual roles: Spencer Broom, Sarah Gatley, Miriam Halbisich, Aiden Hargraves, Dominic Lynn, Hamish Lynn, Emilie Martin, Stella Morgan, Daniel Pegg, James Pegg, Bridget Rae and Sam Roth.

A special thanks to the captains for their work as presentation hosts and compares.

These things do not occur by themselves. A huge thanks to Team Presentation: Mr Manwaring, Mrs Maynard and Mrs Wilkinson. Their collective work in the background of all of our presentation events makes these things possible.

Promotions II

This week we farewell Mrs Vidaic. Earlier this term, Mrs Vidaic, who has been an asset in the HSIE faculty at Mudgee High for a couple of years now, was successful in her bid for the Head

Teacher HSIE position at Gulgong High School.

Well done, Mrs V!

Farewells

Farewell to Ms Campbell who has filled in the position vacated by Ms Smith this term. Farewell too Mr Malusa, who has helped shoulder the load in English.

Some of our long-term temporary teachers are headed off to try new things. Ms Messner is headed north to Lightning Ridge for a change of educational scenery, while Ms Shearman is venturing east to the Central Coast to further her teaching career.

Mrs Spinner is retiring after 22 years at Mudjee High. She says that she may return for cameos as a casual supply teacher – not that there is anything casual about teaching – so we may see her back on occasion.

Mr McLennan will have hung up his lab coat by the time you read this. After 13 years as Mudjee High's Head Teacher of Science, and 37 years with the Department of Education, he too is retiring.

The other farewell I need to make is to Mr McNeill. Although he upped stakes at the close of Term 1, COVID restrictions made a farewell at that time impossible. It should be noted that he has returned on several occasions to fill in when we have been plagued by the occasional bout of staff illness or long service leave absence since that time. After 38 years of combined public service and twenty-eight years at Mudjee High, he too has hung up his spurs.

A huge thank you to all of these good people for their service to the students and community of Mudjee and, in several cases, well beyond this school and this town.

A final word

To you, the newsletter readership – our parents, carers and the wider Mudjee community – thank you for your continuing support. On behalf of the staff at Mudjee High, have a merry Christmas and, if there is one in your future, a restful summer break.

Until next *year*...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Decade Day

MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL P&C

**The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held
on Monday 22 February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.**

Link will be published on the MHS Facebook page.

All welcome.

Week 9 Term 4 Awards

P&C Awards: Year 7 - Charlie Sievers; Year 8 - Manning Blackman;

Year 9 - Maddie Smith; Year 10 - Harrison Christofis; Year 11 - Kain Munro

Writing Friday

Task Ten: Back to Basics

**Use this image
as a prompt to
compose a
piece of writing.**

**In your writing,
use the
expression
'BACK TO
BASICS'.**

**You could write about
a literal outdoor
experience or you
might use the term
'back to basics' as a
METAPHOR for
something which
involves a return to a
more simple version
of an idea or plan.**

**Use a RHETORICAL
QUESTION.**



Library news

2020 will go down as a year we cannot leave behind quickly enough for many. For parents, educators and students, this is probably particularly true. The challenges and stresses 2020 has placed on young people and those responsible for their education has been evident within the Library throughout the year. The resilience of these same people to overcome and thrive within what have been described as 'unprecedented times' has been nothing short of inspirational to witness at Mudgee High School from a Library perspective.

Academic accolades and awards have continued to flow for our Aurora and Distance Education students at all levels this year. Notable 'first in subject' have been achieved at HSC level in Multimedia Studies, Year 11 Preliminary level in Aboriginal Studies and in Aurora in Year 7 in 'Academic Excellence' and English.

The Library has also witnessed the incredible dedication of staff to make sure major works across a range of HSC subjects were completed on time and to a high standard in compressed time frames for our HSC cohort. No small feat in effort by both teachers and students.

Late in the year, the school chess team consisting of Dylan McFarlane, Eric Milne, Duncan McNeil and Connor McNeil, and co-ordinated by Mr Kable, utilised the Library to successfully make the NSW state finals of the CHS Chess competition. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the final. Nonetheless, this was an outstanding achievement that culminated in them being crowned Western Region Champions.

Everyday successes have continued to be on display throughout the year. Student work in CAPA, TAS, Support and HSIE has regularly filled our display cabinets with evidence of student achievement in a range of classes.

Zoom meetings and virtual classrooms of all sorts have become the new norm in the COVID world and our school community has adapted to this seamlessly during the course of the year. Moving forward into 2021, our Library is working towards shaping and changing workspaces and utilising more technology to cater to this new paradigm. This has been evident with the installation of new student workstations and networked computers in our dedicated Distance Education room.

Even with the last weeks of the school year upon us, things continue to take place within our Library.

White Card induction training for students took place in Week 9 this term.

The Library has also hosted our annual SRC Christmas Giving Tree. Students and staff have been adding gifts to it over the past few weeks for donation to Barnardos in the last week of the school year.



As a closing sentiment for 2020, books make a great Christmas stocking filler. They are generally inexpensive and easy to purchase here in town. If your child is passionate about anything - sport, health, technology, beauty, computer games, lifestyle, science fiction - there will be a book written on it. A book is the ultimate 'feel good' present to give. It can inspire, motivate, educate and help give clarity in people's lives.

Have a wonderful Christmas!



NSW All Schools Athletic Championship

Mollie Blackman in Year 8 competed in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships on the weekend of 5/6 December.

She placed 5th in the hammer throw with a distance of 28.78m, 6th in the shot put with 10.63m and 9th in discus with 27.76m.

Three fantastic efforts!



Year 7 Geography - Countries of the World

To conclude their Geography studies for this year, Year 7 students participated in a “Countries of the World” activity. Each class was assigned a continent and in class over the last few weeks, students have had to research and prepare a presentation about their chosen country.

These presentations were showcased as a year group on Thursday 10 December. During this time, students from each class also battled it out to claim the title of World Jigsaw Champion. Students worked well throughout this project in what was an interactive and engaging activity to finish off the year.



Year 10 and Year 11 mental health talk

On Tuesday 8 December, Year 10 and 11 students attended a talk on mental health. Nic Newling shared his personal story about mental illness, his family's personal journey, seeking help and resilience, all of which left staff and students with plenty to think about.

His story and personal approach clearly connected with his audience, with a number of students joining in the question-and-answer session at the conclusion.

We hope that by hearing his honest and open journey that it makes it easier for students to start a conversation around the topic of their mental health and enhance our communities where seeking help is not stigmatised.



We thank Nic and the team from Headspace Bathurst (Jake and Jason) for attending our school to speak, share and make connections to enhance the wellbeing of our students at Mudgee High School.

For further information you can follow Nic on Instagram @The Champions.

Jayne Newling, Nic's mum, authored a memoir titled *Missing Christopher*. It is the story of her journey through inconsolable grief after the death of her teenage son, Nic's brother, Christopher.

Year 7 BIG Sleepover

On Friday 4 December, approximately 50 eager Year 7 students participated in an overnight stay at the school – the BIG Sleepover!

With COVID-19 altering potential plans for a Year 7 bonding camp earlier in the year, the inaugural Year 7 Sleepover activity was a great way for students to bond and hang out with each other and staff.

The afternoon kicked off with a mini Olympics style event, where students were placed into their respective house groups to compete for additional house points which added to the points tally for the school House Cup. Students were taken through a newspaper fashion activity that was initially planned for the end of Term 1 as part of the Peer Support Program, before remote learning became the status quo earlier this year. As part of this activity, students worked in groups to design a themed costume before “strutting their stuff” down the catwalk!

A barbecue dinner was very well received before students participated in numerous ‘minute to win it’ challenges as part of their night activities. It was truly heart-warming and inspiring to see the students encouraging each other throughout these games and really having a go.

As the darkness settled in, students were treated to a movie after they had set up their spots for the night. The Gym for the girls, the Performance Centre for the boys. As the girls had a little trouble appreciating the benefits of a good night’s sleep, the boys were up and at ‘em at 6am playing handball! Which truly does not come as a surprise...

Overall, the students who attended this fantastic bonding initiative were excellent in their pursuits of having a good time and getting involved in a fun way to end their first year at high school!



House Championship 2020

Tally as at 9 December 2020
Week 9 Term 4



1st	Cunningham	194 901
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2nd	Blaxland	193 612
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3rd	Lawson	188 851
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4th	Wentworth	184 249
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Blaxland: Surnames A to D

Cunningham: Surnames E to K (Winner by 1289 points)

Lawson: Surnames L to R

Wentworth: Surnames S to Z



Mudgee High School

2020 Top 5 House Points Scorers

BLAXLAND			CUNNINGHAM			LAWSON			WENTWORTH		
Macy DOWLER	7	1575	Miriam HALBISCH	8	1541	Daniel PEGG	8	1645	Alexander WOJCIECHOWSKI	7	1455
Ethan BLAMIRE	10	1461	Aidan HARGRAVES	10	1508	Emilie MARTIN	9	1537	Alexxia WAKE	7	1361
Ned DICKSON	12	1382	Amy IOANE	7	1368	James PEGG	10	1472	William WISEMAN	12	1360
Jack BOAL	7	1312	Caoimhe GRIFFITHS	12	1320	Stella MORGAN	10	1447	Phoebe VIRGONA	7	1293
Tahila COOKE	8	1307	Maree IOANE	11	1296	Jayden MALLINSON	11	1396	Isis STEEDMAN	7	1227

Mudgee High School

2020 Captains

	BOYS	GIRLS
School Captain	Lewis ROTH	Isabelle HAUVILLE
School Vice-Captain	Jayden MALLINSON	Maree IOANE

	BLAXLAND	CUNNINGHAM	LAWSON	WENTWORTH
Sumames	A to D	E to K	L to R	S to Z
Head Patron	Mrs Trisha Breadsell	Mrs Jodie Cini	Mrs Catherine McNeil	Mrs Jane Toohey
Asst. Head Patron	Mrs Sharyn Carr	Miss Grace Fray		Miss Ashleigh Lang
Sporting Captain	Lachlan DATE	Ruby FORREST	Dominic LYNN	Pierson SIBLEY
Academics Captain	Sammi ATKINSON	William EVANS	Stella MORGAN	Lachlan THYRD
Culture & Citizenship Captain	Ethan BLAMIRE	Sarah GATLEY	Samuel ROTH	Isabella SHEARMAN



Advertisements

Mudgee High School Canteen – Price List 2020

Hot Food

Chicken and corn roll	2.00
Pizza rounds	3.00
Beef traveller pie	4.00
Curry chicken pie	4.50
Potato pie	4.50
Beef and gravy roll	5.00
Hot dog	3.50
Hot dog with cheese	4.00
Beef pie (gluten free) order only	4.50
Mayonnaise/sauce portions	0.30

Rolls and Sandwiches

Can be made on gluten free rolls by request – order only.

Ham and salad	5.00
Egg and salad	5.00
Cheese and salad	5.00
Chicken, mayo and shallots	5.00
Chicken Caesar	5.00
Sweet chilli chicken and avocado	5.00
Salami, cheese and tomato	5.00

Snack Food

Red Rock Deli chips	1.50
Grain Waves	1.50
Chip Roll	2.70
Choc Chip Muffin	1.50
Pear and raspberry bread	2.00
Blueberry Muffin	1.50
Watermelon tubs	2.50
Trail mix pots	2.50
Seasonal fruit	1.00

Milk and Dairy

300ml Big M flavoured milk	2.50
500ml Dairy Farmer's Classic flavoured milk	4.00
600ml plain milk	2.00
500ml Dare flavoured milk	4.00
375ml Nippy's flavoured milk	3.50
Yoghurt – thick and creamy	2.50

Cold Drinks

750ml Cool Ridge Spring Water	4.00
600ml Spring water	2.00
Assorted juice	3.50
600ml G2Gatorade (Citrus Blast or Raspberry)	4.00
600ml Pepsi Max	4.00
375ml Coke No Sugar	2.50
375ml Sprite No Sugar	2.50
500ml Chilli Aqua flavoured mineral water (no sugar)	4.00

Ice Creams

Paddle Pop (chocolate, banana, rainbow)	1.60
Bulla frozen yoghurt (mango, strawberry)	2.50
Twisted frozen yoghurt (choc/van, Straw/van, mango/watermelon)	2.50
Lemonade Twist	1.20
Quelch Icy Tubes	0.60
Mini Callipos	2.00

Salad of the Day

Availability varies day-to-day

Curried chicken potato salad	7.50
Mexican chicken and guacamole salad	7.50
Greek salad	6.00
Pasta salad	6.00
Sushi	5.00
Fresh fruit salad	5.00
Garden salad	6.00
Chicken Caesar salad	6.00
Buddha bowl	7.50

Nuts may be used in salads. If you have an allergy, check with canteen staff before ordering.

Everyday Daily Specials

Monday

Sweet chilli wrap (order only)	5.00
Garlic bread	2.00

Tuesday

Pizza sub	2.50
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Wednesday

Oven baked spiced potato wedges	2.50
Sour cream/Sweet chilli sauce	0.50

Thursday

Chicken burger (gluten free available – order only)	4.00
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Friday

Thai chicken roll/bowl (order only)	6.00
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Changing Daily Specials

Check our daily menu board or student notices for other specials which may include:

Soup – Pasta – Focaccia – Turkish melts – Curries – Sliders



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

OPENS 1 DEC 2020

GREAT
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THEME

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
KEEPING SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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When

**14th November 2020
to
28th January 2021**



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Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

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