

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
6 April
Week 11 Term 1
2020

Principal's Message

It's a whole new world

It is a whole new world into which we have been thrust and I don't promise to be as happy about it as Princess Jasmine. I will, however, attempt to address some questions that are currently being thrown about in a number of circles.



What will Semester 1 reports look like?

Classwork has certainly changed since 23 March. Assessment too will change. Consistent, ongoing teacher judgement of student performance is more difficult in a world where teachers and their students are connected in small doses via screens or telephone lines, or via parcel collections and mail deliveries.

On Friday, the Department of Education's advice was for schools to continue to assess student learning – that was *always* going to happen – and prioritise the use of formative assessment strategies where the focus is on effective feedback to students and parents about their learning progress. In a nutshell, plenty of quizzes as we go so as to ensure our kids know what it is they need to know and can do what they are meant to be able to do.

The final look of Semester 1 reports will be guided by advice expected from the Department early next term. There is no truth to the rumour that we will provide a space for parents and carers to leave a comment about attitude and application as observed at home, although...

How do students contact their teachers?

With fewer students attending schools and the real need to keep people socially distanced – some of our teachers and other school staff are in high risk categories and should be working from home – school leaders have been granted permission to reduce the numbers of all staff on site. About twelve corporate staff – office staff and grounds and farm assistants – are on site each day, as well as about thirty-five members of the teaching staff; about 45% of the school's whole staff. The balance is working from home.

If a student does need to talk to one of his or her teachers, the best way is via Google Chat or the school's email address: mudgee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What if I have no internet access at home?

At this point it would be fair to say our mail out/ collection of materials has been working well. So too the collection of completed work. We can now make available on request reply paid envelopes to those who are not in a position to drop off completed work at school.

But what happens if the state goes to further restrictions and schools are closed?

The Department of Education has approved the loaning of digital devices to students.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- Term 2 begins Tuesday 28 April

THIS ISSUE

- Principal's Message
- P&C and SRR Awards
- Writing Friday
- Karate News
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At Mudgee High, we have already begun the process of breaking down class sets of Chromebooks in preparation for loaning these to students, beginning with Stage 6 (students in Years 11 and 12). Of course, a loan device is of little worth if a student has no connectivity at home. The Department surveyed all of its principals last week, me included, to determine how many dongles each of the 2,200+ NSW public schools may need. For the uninitiated, a dongle is basically a very small modem with the ability to connect to wireless or mobile broadband - 4G or 3G, the same as the broadband available on a smartphone. When you plug a dongle into a computer, that computer connects to the internet. Again, Stage 6 is the first priority and I expect enough dongles to arrive this week for those students in Years 11 and 12 who have not been connected to... connect.

Another issue of course is that, in some families, there will be multiple children attempting to connect with their school work. In the spirit of "we do not know what we do not know," if this is or becomes an issue for you, please let us know.

How is student attendance recorded for online learning and learning from home?

Student attendance as of 24 March 2020, has been recorded as follows:

F (flexible) – Students at home engaged in learning because parents have kept them at home in line with the request of the Premier, they have been placed into self-isolation due to contact with COVID-19 or have been self-isolated after returning from overseas.

S (sick) - Parents have advised the school that their child is sick and not able to attend school and therefore unable to complete work.

A (unapproved leave) – There may be occasions where schools have not had contact or information from a parent, and the child does not appear to be engaging with the work being provided. In these circumstances, we would mark the child as an unexplained absence with the A code.

Remember that if you do indicate that you have isolated your child by keeping them at home, an F will be recorded for the remainder of the term or until you indicate those circumstances have changed.

Talking to our kids

I have had a number of opportunities to interact via Google Chat with students from Mudgee High in recent days. Many are beginning to feel the isolation and some have expressed sentiments like, "I have never wanted so much to be back at school."

As members of a social species, all of us need to be aware of the possible effects of ongoing isolation. With this in mind, here are some coping tips:

Get some exercise. Taking care of the physiological has extraordinary benefits for our psychological wellbeing... it was good to catch up unexpectedly with Year10's Sam Couch and Mac Dickson, naturally a safe 3m plus apart, at the top of 3 Poles on Saturday afternoon. They were certainly taking care of their physiological wellbeing.

Take control. Avoid procrastination and get busy. Do some gardening. Perfect your cooking or maybe just learn how to cook! Doing something, even if you are not sure how effective you will be doing that something, is better than inaction and potentially unhelpful brooding.

Have a laugh. Look for the humorous in everything or go the vicarious path and watch a funny movie. Laughter can be a real balm for so much that ails.

Relax. Take a walk. Play with the dog. Take up yoga. Turn the kids' old sandpit into a Japanese-themed Zen garden and get raking! Do what it takes to quiet the mind and put yourself at ease.

Socialise. Socialise. Socialise. Skype, Google Chat or phone... do what it takes to ensure you stay in contact with family and friends, and even your work colleagues.

This thing will end... and we may all be the richer for having endured it.

Until next term,

Wayne Eade

Principal.

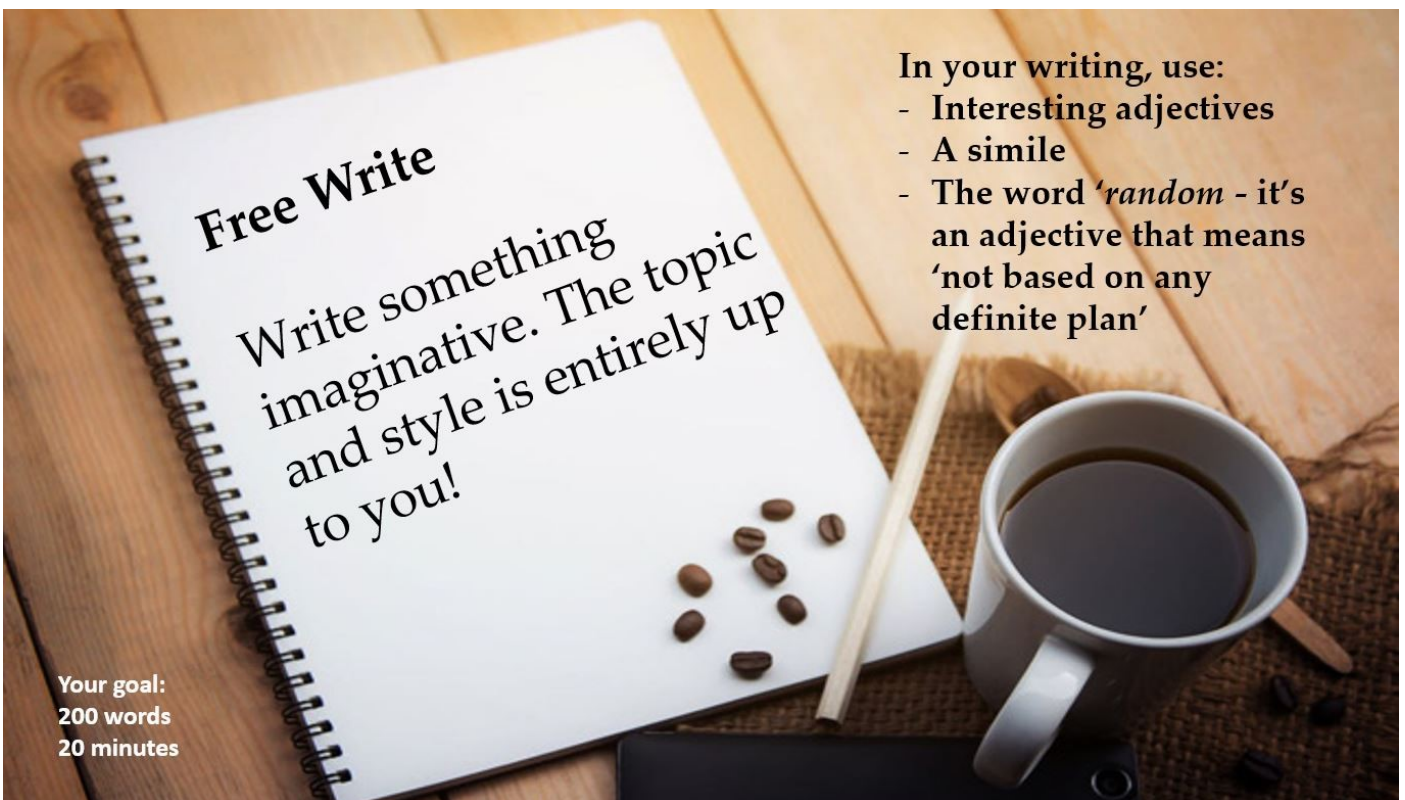
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Next meeting to be advised.

Week 10 Term 1 Awards

P&C Awards: Year 7 - Jed Pyke; Year 8 - Ella Murnane; Year 9 - Rachel Lunn; Year 10 - Arian Pearson;
Year 11 - Ashton Breadsell; Year 12 - Brooke Smyth

Writing Friday



In your writing, use:

- Interesting adjectives
- A simile
- The word '*random*' - it's an adjective that means 'not based on any definite plan'



Extra-curricular Karate News

Our students do so many great things at school. A great many of them are also involved in a swag of things external to school.

The Drakeford boys are no exception.

Over the extended weekend of 6-8 March, William (Year 10) and Allen (Year 8), who train through Mudgee Martial Arts under Shihan Geoff and Sensei Jacqui Spice, competed in the Karate Summer Course held in Wollongong. The event attracted more than eighty competitors.

The boys had quite some success.

William came away with the following:

- 1st place for mixed Champion Team Open Point Sparring. Competitors included Barney Gill, who will represent New Zealand in karate at the Tokyo Olympics.
- 1st place trophy for Junior Champion member of Team Kata.
- 2nd place medal for Open Junior Male Sparring.
- 3rd place medal for Open Male 5km beach run.

Younger brother Allen had an impressive weekend too, coming away with:

- Champion 2020 Junior Student of the Course.
- 2nd place medal for Junior Champion member of Team Kata.
- 3rd place medal for Junior Male 3km beach run.
- 3rd place medal for mixed Team Open Point Sparring.

Congratulations to the boys for their continued commitment to their karate, a commitment that carries over to their application here at school.



Advertisements



**FOR
18-25 YEAR OLDS**

**GOOD
ENTERTAINMENT,
BAD
COSTUME**
Photo Competition

Pose with your favourite book, film, or television series (or what you're currently reading or watching), in a costume you've made using only some household items.

Then encourage your friends and family to vote for your entry on our Facebook page. The entry with the most likes in each competition session will receive a \$30 Mudgee Money Gift Voucher!

Email your entry, with full name, age, phone number, and postal address to:
sam.sbis@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

SESSION 1	Submissions 1-7 April 2020	Voting 8-14 April 2020
SESSION 2	Submissions 8-14 April 2020	Voting 15-21 April 2020

Terms and Conditions: 1) All entries must be original work by the entrant. 2) Entrants must be aged 18–25, and live, study, or work in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. 3) Entrants can submit a maximum of two entries per session. 4) Entries may be displayed publicly and/or used for publicity purposes. 5) Entrants' likenesses may be used for publicity purposes. 6) Entries must be submitted via email and be suitable for display on Mid-Western Regional Youth Council and/or Mid-Western Regional Council's social media pages. 7) Suitability of images for publication on social media will be at the discretion of Mid-Western Regional Council staff, and discussion will not be entered into. 8) Entries will be judged by a members of the public via a voting system on Facebook. 9) Winners will be determined by the most 'likes' received per image by the date advertised. 10) Voting in each competition session concludes at 4:30pm on the last day of the voting period for that session. 11) Determination / awarding of prizes is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 12) Prize winners will be announced via Mid-Western Regional Youth Council's social media channels, and winners contacted privately via email – prize distribution may be delayed due to social distancing requirements. 13) Mid-Western Regional Youth Council will take all reasonable care with entries, but will not accept responsibility for any entries not received due to technological failure, damage, distortion, or similar that may occur to entries. 14) Council will endeavour to display all entries, but may not be able to do so due to display area restrictions. 15) Prizes not claimed by 31 December 2020 will be forfeited by the winner.
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**Mid-Western
Youth Council**



Show off your artistic flair and photography skills this April. To be in the running to win a prize, take a photo of something that inspires you in your backyard – no pets, no people!

You can use a digital camera, a phone camera, or even a traditional film camera, but all entries need to be electronic. Please note, photos containing images of pets or people will not be eligible for entry into the competition

Email your entry (not exceeding 10mb) by 15 April 2020 with the title of the work, your full name, age, and postal address to: cathy.meyers@midwestern.nsw.gov.au.

FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	THIRD PRIZE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (voting closes 22 April 2020)
\$50 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$30 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$20 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$50 Mudgee Money Gift Card

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Competition Time!

Taronga Zoo Wild Snaps Student Photo Competition

A chance for students Kindergarten to Year 12 to show their best wildlife or nature photo! This is a great opportunity to encourage your students to be wild explorers!

Competition closes: Friday 24 April 2020 at 3pm

<https://taronga.org.au/education/digital-programs-online-resources/wild-snaps>

JMC Academy 2020 Mocktail Film Awards

High School students are invited to submit their best short fiction, short documentary, short animation, television commercial or music video clip, to be reviewed by industry professionals.

Submissions close Sunday 10 May 2020

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mocktails2020?>

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Good luck to all entrants!

Please let us know if your students are successful!

Best wishes to your school communities and families for a safe Easter.

To keep up to date with all the latest virtual and future excursion planning ideas please visit www.schoolties.com.au or the School TIES Facebook page.

Best wishes

School TIES team

Youth Week Poetry Competition

**FOR
12-21 YEAR OLDS**

To be in the running to win a prize, write an original piece of poetry that relates to all (or part of) the Youth Week theme:

“Speak up. Be involved. Get connected. Have fun.”

Poems need to be between 40 and 400 words in length, and submitted as a Word document.

Email your entry by 8 April 2020 with full name, age, phone number, and postal address to:
sam.sbisa@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

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