

MHS Newsletter

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Week 3 Term 2
2020

Principal's Message

Phase 1 underway!

In what is the first stage in a staggered return to school – something akin to putting a toe in the water to test for temperature and certainly a practice being modelled across the world – students began returning to Mudgee High in Year groups this week.

Year 12 are back full time. With only eighteen school weeks of preparation for HSC examinations remaining, their return was recognised by all here as a pressing issue. That's not to say some of our Year 12s have not thrived in the online world. A telling comment made to me this morning from a Year 12 teacher was the turnaround in engagement witnessed in some students who, deprived of social banter, have blossomed in isolation.

All Year groups have begun their first day with all fresco Year meetings to keep them in the loop re changes in practice brought about by the need to keep everyone at school as safe as possible – not least the adults in their midst – the need to maintain good personal hygiene practices; the availability of hand sanitiser in every class; timetable changes to facilitate classes of no more than fifteen students, and; the demand that each of them observe social distancing.

The majority have been in uniform or assisted into uniform – the school rules have not changed. Declarations from some that uniforms were “in the wash” have not washed... not after what has effectively been a seven week break!

A seriously good start!



Ella Werth, Connor McNeill and Ned Dickson - Welcome back Milo

*A Member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

Phase 1 return to school
continues...

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Compelling reasons to act with integrity

Recently I spoke to the student body about integrity. That talk focused on what it is to be honest and the idea that it is more than being seen to do the right thing; it is doing the right thing knowing no one will ever know that you have done the right thing... except you.

As realists, few of us would be unaware that a minority in any community will struggle with personal integrity. In schools as in the wider community, a tool that has been rolled out to assist that minority in making better choices is overt surveillance.

The police park vans at the side of the road, put out signs warning of the van's placement, and record motorists who struggle to keep their vehicles at or beneath the posted speed limit. They do this to make the roads safer. The placement of those signs is the overt warning that as a motorist, you are about to have your speed checked. There is no sneaky, radar-gun-toting policeman hiding in the bushes. Those signs are literally an open invitation to some of the heavier-footed motorists among us to slow down.

In businesses, including schools, closed-circuit television (CCTV) is used overtly as a deterrent to behaviours that are just plain antisocial and which certainly lack integrity.

The use of CCTV in workplaces is covered by the Surveillance Act 2005. The Surveillance Act recognises two broad types of surveillance of the workplace - covert and non-covert. Mudgee High has signage at every entry point. As a result, the surveillance system in place is considered "non-covert" or more simply put, overt. People who enter the site do so fully aware that their movements and actions may be recorded.

When the first cameras were installed several years ago, that installation only occurred after it had been negotiated with the then P&C, as well as school staff.

During the school break, additional cameras were installed, all of them in external locations, bringing the total number of surveillance cameras within the school to forty. The placements were determined based on evidence of antisocial behaviour in the areas now covered.

The school has legal obligations under the Surveillance Act. The fundamental reason underpinning the expansion of the school's CCTV system was school security. For this reason, the Act requires that you be informed of the following:

- The manner in which the surveillance is carried out.
The cameras are recording constantly but are not continuously monitored. If an antisocial act is detected within an area covered by the cameras, the camera recording will be consulted as a record of incident.
- Notification of parents and other visitors to the school.
While not an obligation under the Surveillance Act, the Department of Education's Legal Services suggests that parents and other visitors to the school be advised of the surveillance. The signage mentioned above covers this point.

It is also worth noting that outside agencies like NSW Police can request access to CCTV recordings. Some of the school's cameras – all recording in 1080HD – provide sweeping views of adjacent public areas, such as Douro Street, and have provided our local police with video evidence of things quite unrelated to school.

It is easy to realise that there are now even more compelling reasons to act with integrity when in, or even *near*, the school.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade

Principal.

MUDGE HIGH SCHOOL P&C

Next meeting to be advised.

Writing Friday



WORST. HAIRCUT. EVER.

Tell an anecdote about a time when you got (or gave) the world's worst haircut.

An anecdote is a short, personal story about a true event. They are usually told to entertain an audience. In your anecdote, you should:

- Write in first person
- Use colloquial language
- Use humour and exaggeration
- Write in past tense.

You can make your story up or write about a true experience.



Hard copy learning materials

What's happening during the phased return of students to school

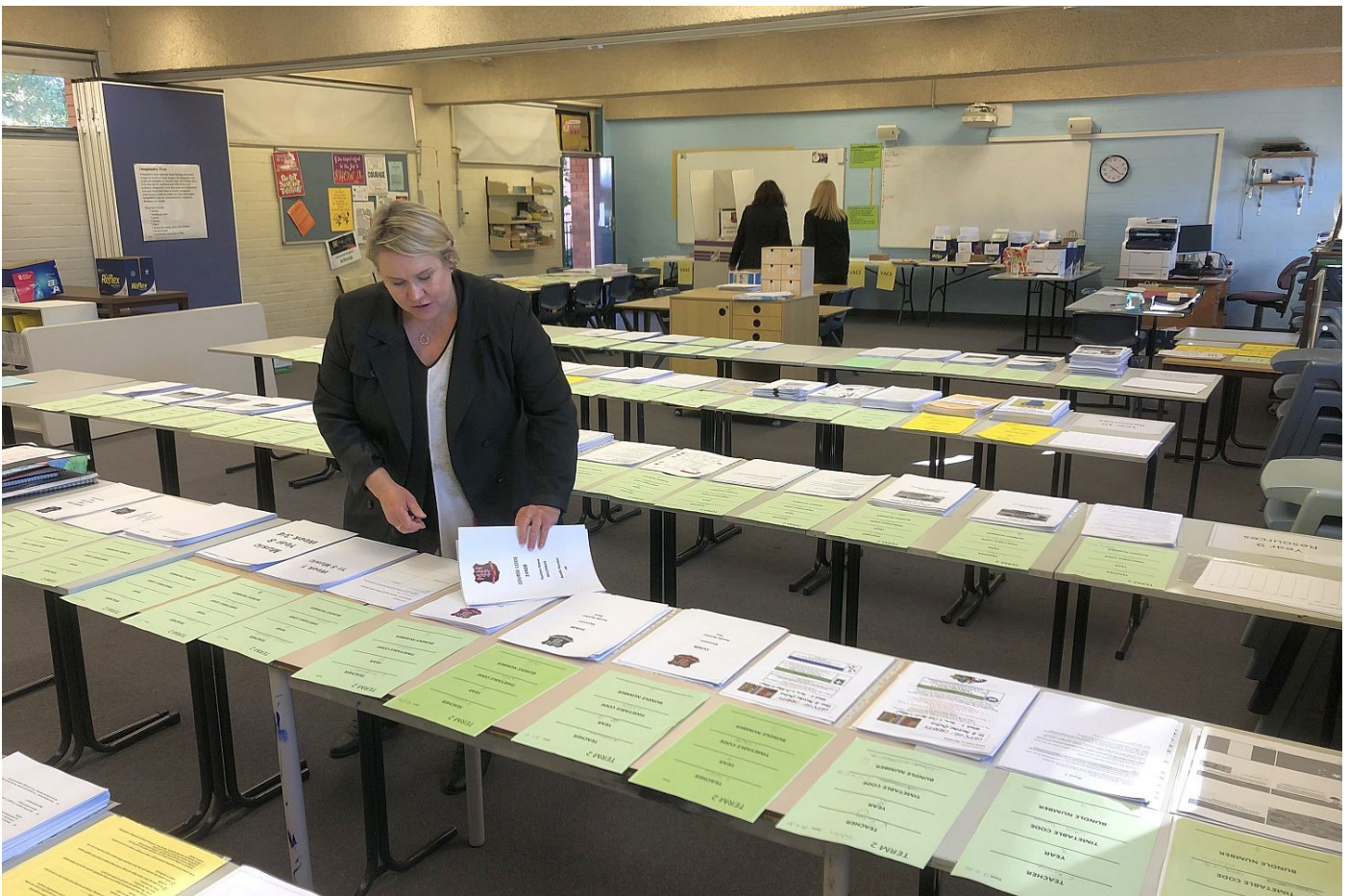
This information relates specifically to those students who have not been able to maintain an online presence during lock-down.

Teachers plan to provide hard copies of required learning materials during timetabled face-to-face lessons.

For subjects not accessed during the phased return, students can request materials themselves, and here is how they can do it:

Packages can be requested on a student's timetabled day. A student need only complete the simple form provided at their respective Year Meeting. Packages will be made up during the day and delivered during Period 8 to those students who have completed a request form.

The current system of phoning the school to make a request will continue to operate during the phased return. Please remember it is a 24 hour turn-around. Requested work packs can be collected from the Douro St gate (phone the office to notify of arrival on 6372 1533).



Japanese News

Introducing our new Japanese teacher - Miss E. Kenny

As an ex-student of Mudgee High School, I'm very excited to be back and teaching a subject I'm very passionate about! I've studied Japanese since I started Year 7 back in 2008. I picked it as an elective from Year 8, and kept that on until the end of Year 12. At university, I studied teaching alongside Japanese, and came out with a licence to teach LOTE (Languages other than English). Not too long after, I was accepted into a teaching program, and I went off to Japan to teach English to Japanese students!

My year and a half in Japan was an amazing experience. I lived in a small village of 2,000 people, a half hour drive out of Joetsu, in Niigata prefecture, two hours north-west of Tokyo via bullet train. Niigata boasts the best rice in Japan, and the heavy snow in winter makes for great snowboarding! I was able to do a lot of travelling – I went to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Fukushima and Nagano, just to name a few prefectures. I visited Disneyland ("the happiest place on Earth!"); stayed in traditional Japanese inns (*ryokan*); took part in cultural festivals; learned to snowboard; made a lot of friends; and; improved my Japanese.

For work, I rotated between six different primary and junior high (Years 7-9) schools, which gave me the opportunity to meet and talk to a lot of students and teachers. It was during this time that I learned most about Japanese culture; and getting to be involved in Japanese classes and excursions clearly outlined for me the kinds of cultural experiences I want my students to experience.

I can't wait to share this in my classes, and hopefully inspire a life-long love of language learning!

Miss Kenny (Kenny Sensei)



My absolute favourite food - ramen!



1000 Torii Gates or *Fushimi Inari* shrine, Kyoto

Australian Share Market Game

Top 10 results this week at Mudgee High School

Students need to activate their enrolment in the game by making at least four transactions, if they wish to qualify for the potential prize pool.

As at 12 May 2020, 12:20pm, our school's top ten were:

| School rank | Student name | Portfolio value | Profit/Loss |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | John Wiseman | 73067.57 | 23067.57 |
| 2 | Jed Hayes | 69390.42 | 19390.42 |
| 3 | Joshua Meers | 64444.22 | 14444.22 |
| 4 | Mitchell Bartlett | 59956.96 | 9956.96 |
| 5 | Lachlan Burke | 57618.07 | 7618.07 |
| 6 | Benjamin Jeeves | 56500.56 | 6500.56 |
| 7 | Henry Boxsell | 53783.76 | 3783.76 |
| 8 | Ethan Blamire | 52777.75 | 2777.75 |
| 9 | Alex Wohciechowski | 52493.635 | 2493.635 |
| 10 | Tristan Van Reason | 51715.26 | 1715.26 |



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.

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|----------------------------------|------|
| 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

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|--------------------------|------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Sweet chilli wrap (order only) | 5.00 |
| Garlic bread | 2.00 |

Tuesday

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| Pizza sub | 2.50 |
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Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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| Thai chicken roll/bowl (order only) | 6.00 |
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Nuts may be used in some specials. If you have an allergy, check with canteen staff before ordering.

Changing Daily Specials

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

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



About Heywire

For 22 years ABC Heywire has given young people in regional Australia a platform to tell their story, their way. Each year participants of the ABC Heywire Regional Youth Summit discuss how to make life better for young people in regional Australia.

Heywire is supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Health; the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment; the Department of Social Services and AgriFutures Australia.

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and their donor partners support the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants.

How do we make life better for young people living in regional Australia?

In February, 37 young people from regional, rural and remote Australia gathered to discuss this question at the 2020 ABC Heywire Regional Youth Summit. Together, they developed six brilliant ideas from disability support to climate action – aimed at improving the lives of young Australians.

Check out the ideas here:

[2020 FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants Booklet](#)

ABC Heywire partners with the [Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal](#) (FRRR) to offer \$100,000 in seed funding annually to help at least ten community organisations make these innovative ideas a reality.

How you can help!

We would appreciate you sharing this information with community organisations, NGOs and passionate young people in your networks. If you think one of the ideas could spark positive change in your community, apply for up to \$10,000 to make it happen. Access the online application portal and find out more at: abc.net.au/heywire/grants

Applications close May 26, 2020



Get writing for Youth Week(s) 2020 and share your opinion on a 'hot topic' affecting youth.

Young people aged 12-25 are invited to write a 300-700 word opinion piece on one of the following topics: Mental Health; Employment; Social Media; or The Environment.

Two entry Categories: 12-16 years; and 17-25 years

Not sure how to write an opinion piece? Visit our Youth Week webpage for some tips and hints on how to make your piece stand out to the judges: bit.ly/YouthWeeks2020

***Note: Submission deadline has been extended until Wednesday 20 May *.**

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

| FIRST PRIZE (Category 1 and 2) | SECOND PRIZE (Category 1 and 2) | THIRD PRIZE (Category 1 and 2) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$75 Mudgee Money Gift Card | \$50 Mudgee Money Gift Card | \$30 Mudgee Money Gift Card |

Terms and Conditions: 1) All entries must be original work by the entrant. 2) Entrants must be aged 12 – 25, and live, study, or work in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. 3) Persons under the age of 18 should ask permission from their guardian before entering the competition. 4) Entries must be between 300-700 words in length. 5) Entrants can submit a maximum of one entry. 6) All entries must be submitted as a Word document. 7) Entries may be displayed publicly and/or used for publicity purposes. 8) Entrants likeness' may be used for publicity purposes. 9) 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. 10) Suitability of entries for publication on social media will be at the discretion of Mid-Western Regional Council staff, and discussion will not be entered into. 11) Entries will be judged by a panel of at least three persons, comprising representatives from Mid-Western Regional Council. 12) The judging panel reserves the right not to award a prize if the entries are not deemed of a suitable standard. 13) Determination / awarding of prizes is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 14) 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. 15) 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. 16) Council will endeavour to display all entries, but may not be able to do so due to display area restrictions. 17) Prizes not claimed by 31 December 2020 will be forfeited by the winner.
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