

# MHS Newsletter

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Monday  
20 July  
Week 1 Term 3  
2020

## Principal's Message

### Welcome Back

Welcome back indeed. It has been a little different to the way in which we began Term 2; working in splendid isolation, teaching remotely and going square-eyed looking into screens for hours and hours each day.

That said, as events in Sydney, on the south coast and in many parts of Victoria have demonstrated, COVID-19 is still very much an issue for Australians everywhere. This term we are looking at ways in which we can conduct parent/teacher evenings, as well as our regular Term 3 offerings like the HSC subject market for Year 10, Rainbow events and Year 12 graduation. The planning and, where possible, the delivery will occur, dependent upon the advice received from NSW Health and the Department of Education. Stay tuned!

The Semester One academic reports will be delivered to students during school time on Friday 31 July. Students will receive their reports in Year assembly groups as per previous years.

Unlike previous years and as a result of continuing restrictions on adult gatherings in response to the Coronavirus pandemic health issue, community members cannot be invited to attend these assemblies.

With luck, we may be able to return to more public ceremonies at the end of Semester Two.

### The House Championship Cup

Our captains took delivery of the House Championship Cup this week and appeared most impressed by its stately appearance.

Point scoring really kicks off this term and will be determined by academic performance, compliance with the school's universals, sound attendance, behaviour and compliance with uniform expectations.

It would be fair to say that there is much anticipation about just how competitive this thing will become!

### Standards

In June 2013, the then Chief of the Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison, made this simple and poignant statement:

"The standard you walk past, is the standard you accept."

This statement was part of a message he delivered to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in its entirety. General Morrison



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### COMING EVENTS

- Monday 27 July P&C meeting
- Wednesday 29 July Year 12 Geo on field study
- Friday 31 July junior reports delivered
- Friday 31 July Max Potential showcase (TBC)
- Monday 3 August Year 12 Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects due

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sought to address what he described as the “unacceptable behaviours” that had found strong purchase in ADF culture. He also expressed unreservedly his determination to be ruthless in “... ridding the army of people who cannot live up to its values.”

General Morrison’s comments referred specifically to those within the ADF who had failed to accept the important and expanding role women play in the armed services. The General made it clear that in “all operations, female soldiers and officers have proven themselves worthy of the best traditions of the Australian Army.” The fury in his words and their delivery was aimed squarely at those who practise what he called a culture “built on humiliating” women.

This was not the first time General Morrison had spoken of his displeasure regarding the treatment of women.

Three months earlier, he had been a special guest speaker at a conference that marked United Nations International Women’s Day.

At that time, he spoke of the role of the ADF. He spoke of its “monopoly on violence,” a reference to the very real fact that the ADF trains in the use of force to achieve its purposes; the fact that it is the only instrument of state that can be permitted to exercise “extreme violence in support of national interests.” He also acknowledged that in many conflicts, sexual violence against women is all too common, but added that such behaviour in any army led by him was “absolutely unacceptable” and that he would “take all necessary steps to stamp out any hint of it among (his) soldiers.”

At that conference, he spoke too of being contacted by Elizabeth Broderick, a lawyer and at that time the Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner.

Commissioner Broderick had recently invited General Morrison to hear from some women within the ADF whose experiences the Commissioner had been gathering. The General agreed to do so, but not without some trepidation.

What he heard was a catalogue of what he would later call “appalling physical and emotional abuse at the hands of... fellow soldiers.” He felt that all of the women to whom he had listened had been let down; let down by their leaders and let down by their comrades. He felt that they had been robbed; that their dignity and self-respect had been taken from them. Australian soldiers, and indeed Australians in general, pride themselves on mateship. But for these women, mateship had been nowhere to be found.

The General admitted that he had been a subscriber to the ‘bad apple’ theory; the notion that while these things happen, they are the actions of a handful of disconnected perpetrators. He concluded from his meetings with those female soldiers that this theory was little more than a self-delusional comfort. What he had heard made it clear that there existed within the ADF a culture of abuse. “Cultural problems” he said, “... are just that; they are systemic and ingrained (and) not the work of a few rogues.”

Culture is one of those things that can be tough to challenge. But some things must be challenged because, as the General had said, the standard you walk past is the standard you accept.

Entrenched behaviours that reinforce privilege by disempowering or marginalising others deserve to be challenged. Bullying is one such whole-of-society cultural scourge all of us should be prepared to challenge wherever it is found. Only the wilfully ignorant would think bullying is something confined to the school yard.

Disrespect for women and other misogynistic tendencies are very much a kind of bullying. Such behaviours are rooted in the sexual dimorphism that marks humans as a species; the fact that males are larger than females and are often in a position to use their physicality to impose their will.

As last term concluded, it became evident that a number of our young men – Mudgee’s sons – have been using their size and, in some cases, their numbers to attempt to lord it over females; female students and teachers alike. These young men have exhibited a number of disquieting behaviours, things like standing well inside intimate space, moving closer than 30cm, in a deliberate attempt to intimidate; physical touching; aggressive, elevated language; flat refusal to follow reasonable requests unless that request has been made by a male member of staff; and implied threats of violence.

Some of these behaviours have continued outside of school. Screaming obscenities from cars, rude comments in the street. Perhaps at this point it is timely to advise that such acts are covered by Section 60E of the NSW Crimes Act, specifically:

*A person who assaults, stalks, harasses or intimidates any school student or member of staff of a school while the student or member of staff is attending a school, although no actual bodily harm is occasioned, is liable to imprisonment for 5 years.*

The notion that some seem to have that it is OK to target at will another person because of that person’s gender or

their occupation is not only reprehensible, it is a criminal act.

As unacceptable as these behaviours is that some bystanders give succour to those who practise these behaviours. They choose to laugh rather than call out the behaviour for what it is; cowardly, gender-based bullying.

All of us have a role to play in challenging culture; to call out such behaviours; to challenge perpetrators; to demand they make better choices and be part of what White Ribbon Australia calls “a nation that respects women (and) in which every woman lives in safety, free from all forms of men’s abuse.”

As the adults in these young men’s lives, we need to remind ourselves regularly:

“The standard you walk past, is the standard you accept.”

Heavy duty for the first week back, but there is no shying from this and I look forward to your support.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal



Connor McNeill, Ella Werth, Alexis Gaffney and Ned Dickson with the House Championship Cup

## MUDGEES HIGH SCHOOL P&C

The next meeting of the Mudgee High School P&C will be held on Monday 27 July 2020 at 7pm in the school library.

Entry via Horatio Street.

All welcome.

## Week 10 Term 2 Awards

P&C Awards: Year 7 - Charlotte Coward; Year 8 - Daniel Pegg; Year 9 - Sarah O'Neill;  
Year 10 - Kasey Hayes; Year 11 - Alannah Tull; Year 12 - Cooper Rowe

## Writing Friday



### *Informative Writing: Description*

Write a story about a meeting of two secret agents which takes place at the location shown in this image. In your writing, include a detailed and accurate description of this place.

Imagine you are a spy. You have chosen this site as the perfect place for a secret meeting with your partner.

Your partner has never been here before, so you will need to be very precise in your description. Think about: where is this place? What time of day and what season is it? What is shown in the picture?

Remember to use:

- Factual Details
- Powerful adjectives
- The word *rendezvous* (it means a meeting).

*Look at the next slide for a scaffold to help you write a factual description.*

## A poem about school

This term we are learning about biographies,  
This is cool, but not as good as photography.  
At the moment we are reading about Harriet Beecher Stowe,  
She's alright, but I'd rather give my grass a mow.  
Mr McNeill told me to go ahead,  
But Mrs Taylor told me to wait for the class instead.  
The other thing we learnt about is an autobiography,  
We also learnt about Stumpy, Spot and Penny.  
School is cool but only sometimes.  
That's the end 'cause I can't find anything else that rhymes.

By Flynn Mclean, Year 7

## Commerce 08 - Thai lunch

Commerce 08 students have been studying the module "Travel". As part of this topic, students have been researching different travel destinations, including accommodation, food, cultural sites, passports, visas, currency conversion, and a range of other considerations for when you travel.

To conclude this topic, and to mark the end of the course overall, our class had a Thai lunch. We enjoyed a set menu of three entrees – chicken satay skewers, curry puffs and spring rolls. We then moved on to chicken yellow curry and stir-fried beef and garlic, with rice.

This was a fun way to end our topic and to conclude the Commerce 08 course for the semester.



## Creative and Performing Arts student of the week

Flynn McLean is the Creative and Performing Arts student of the week.

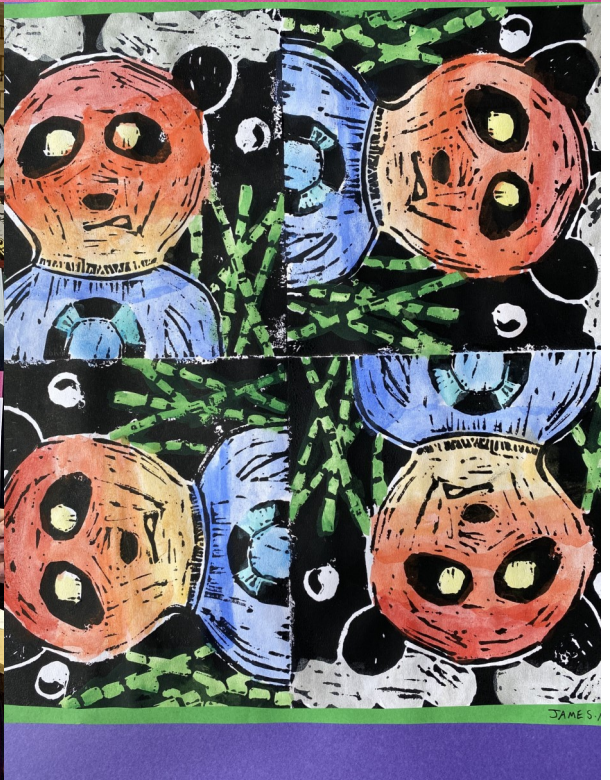
He has shown a real dedication to his artmaking, creating meticulous artworks with flair and precision. Of particular note, Flynn completed a technical skills based task inspired by the contemporary artist Chuck Close. He persevered through this task, creating a realistic portrait using grid drawing techniques. Also, his lino carving which captured himself as a human and tiger hybrid was completed to an outstanding standard.

Well done Flynn, you deserve the title of Creative and Performing Arts student of the week.



## Year 7 Visual Arts

Back from isolation, Year 7 students launched into lino carving and printing. A particularly messy artmaking experience that I am sure you can appreciate was best left for the Visual Arts classroom. Our students loved learning the precise carving and printing techniques required for this meticulous task. Students created designs that represented themselves in spirit / totem animal form. Most students chose animals they felt some connection with and, I think you will agree, they did a stellar job!



## 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





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