

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
29 June
Week 10 Term 2
2020

Principal's Message

HSC Preparation

Earlier this term, government schools were asked to detail what additional supports they put in place for their HSC students; the kinds of things schools do that are not part of the teaching award but certainly apart of the "extra yards" teachers put in.

Mudgee High did not escape this audit.

I was able to report that Mudgee High offers a range of supports that go above and beyond, not all of them limited to Year 12 or even senior students. Among the offerings were:

- The Mathematics faculty offers additional tutoring after school every Monday afternoon.
- The English faculty offers additional tutoring after school every Tuesday afternoon.
- A number of course teachers offer additional face to face time before school.
- Over the course of the July break, a number of Year 12 teachers each year register "variations to routine" to formalise additional face to face time with their respective students. Many students benefit from additional tuition and guidance in those subjects where major works are produced; courses like Extension 2 English, Industrial Technology Timber, Textiles, Visual Arts.
- The September/ October break also regularly sees a range of additional face-to-face opportunities made available to our Year 12 students in the lead up to the HSC examinations.

At the time the audit took place, the NSW Teachers' Federation, the teachers' union, expressed some apprehension about its purpose. That institution's concern seemed to be that such an audit may be a prelude to a change in the teaching award; turning what has been goodwill into mandated expectation. It would be more pleasant to think the audit was a way for those further up the ladder to get a broader, state-wide view of just how much above-and-beyond happens in our schools to assist the young people with whom we work; the people we know, value and care for.

The photographs that accompany this week's newsletter editorial feature several of Mr Smith's Industrial Technology Timber students at work on their major works. There may be some lily gilding in that last comment as some could not help but ham it up... that's just what can happen when the principal turns up with a camera.

You should expect to see more evidence of the good work that goes on to prepare our Year 12s for the HSC.

World Events

If you've been sleeping the sleep of Rip Van Winkle, you may have missed some of this year's bigger events; the persistence of climate change, the COVID pandemic and more recently, the global attention that has been focused on racism and more particularly institutionalised racism.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COMING EVENTS

- Friday 3 July - last day of Term 2
- Monday 20 July - School Development day
- Tuesday 21 July - students return for Term 3
- Tuesday 21 July - RSA training for Year 12
- Monday 27 July P&C meeting (on site)

THIS ISSUE

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Unfortunately, schools are seldom havens from racist acts. We know that on occasion, some of our students are the subject of such acts. We recognise too that some of our students come through the gate in possession of ideas that have little place in a culturally diverse society; Australian society. Punishment is seldom a deterrent as it does not address the root cause. Explicit teaching – education – to counter ill-conceived prejudices has far more chance of gaining traction.

We address issues of racism by having teaching staff trained as Anti-Racism Contact Officers or ARCOs. Most schools have one ARCO. Mudgee High has two; not because it is a hotbed of racism but because we had one and inherited another. Our ARCOs are Mrs Carr and Miss Windeyer. In fact, in addition to being an ARCO, Mrs Carr is a trainer of ARCOs.

What do ARCOs do?

The following italicised description comes from the NSW Department of Education:

The ARCO is the central point of contact for complaints of racism. They record complaints and resolution methods, and maintain all data in line with the policy guidelines.

The following complaints process has been summarised from the Anti-racism education – advice for schools implementation document:

- *The ARCO liaises with the complainant to ascertain the most appropriate complaints resolution procedure. This depends on the seriousness of the complaint or if complainant is fearful of, or intimidated by the respondent.*
- *If an informal resolution isn't possible, the ARCO advises the complainant of their rights and refers the matter to the complaints manager. The complaints manager is nominated by the principal and is often an executive member of staff or the principal themselves. In line with the guidelines, they can request the ARCO's assistance.*
- *The complaints manager is responsible for complaints requiring a formal resolution and they lead any investigation or negotiation.*
- *The complaints manager makes the final decision on whether a negotiated settlement is possible. The complaints manager informs the complainant, the respondent, the ARCO and the school principal of each outcome.*

Our students can rest safe knowing this: **Their school will stand against racism.**

Australia's future has always been in the hands of its youth. As the adults in the room, we teachers and parents have an ethical obligation to assist the young people in our collective care; to assist them to be best positioned to create a better future for all that does not discriminate on race... nor religion, sexual orientation or gender for that matter.

The young people in our collective care need assistance to become critical thinkers.

Critical thinking provides the ability to recognise bias and to be courageous to expose it. Critical thinking is a core component of much that is taught in high school, particularly in the humanities like English and History.

Critical thinking makes mindless persecution – discrimination based on nothing deeper than visual or cultural differences – all but impossible.

Critical thinking is the enemy of prejudice and bigotry. Who among us would not be happier leading a life with a little less of such things?

Until next term...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Cooper Rowe 12IT



Thomas Collins 12IT

Industrial Technology Timber major works in progress



Construction practical



Matthew Adams and Mr Smith 12IT

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 9 Term 2 Awards

P&C Awards: Year 7 - Brooke Smith; Year 8 - Charli Marshall; Year 9 - Kimberly Smith;
Year 10 - Elian Lees; Year 11 - Makayla Roe; Year 12 - Bailey Wrage

Writing Friday



ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Sometimes exciting adventures start with unexpected encounters... Write the introduction to an adventure story which focuses on a chance meeting with a stranger. Describe what is odd or intriguing about this mysterious person. You should:

- Write in third person
- Use descriptive adjectives
- Include simile or metaphor
- Create a mood of suspense or foreboding



Commerce 08 take off around the world!!

As part of their studies in Commerce 08, students have been studying the module "Travel." Each student created a passport, complete with photo and Australia's coat of arms.

Working in groups, students were given destination packages. Each package required them to research and colour the national flag, locate the destination on a world map, research political and geographical elements of the destination, write a cultural account of a significant site, research and draw the currency notes and finally research accommodation and food options.

For each destination, students completed a boarding pass and were given a visa in their passport once the research tasks were completed.

With one country from each continent, students travelled the world.



Steampunk

Branching out from their study of the Industrial Revolution, students in the Support Unit grew inventive with Steampunk creations.

The term “Steampunk” was originally coined in the 1980s to define a specific type of literature that had been previously undefined. This literary genre is usually set in the Victorian era, combined with futuristic innovations that may have arisen if our advances in technology had been mechanical and steam-powered. The imagery of Steampunk is always very futuristic but still retains the Victorian style — imagine brass, wood, glass, iron and plenty of detailing.



Theatre at Mudgee High School

Students in Years 8, 9, 10, and 12 have been exploring the fantastical world of theatre. DR08 students have been delving into the realm of drama elements and staging. Each lesson, Year 8 students have used their imagination to create new worlds while still challenging their perceptions about the world and themselves. The students, even for a few moments, can become another person, explore a new role, try out and experiment with various personal choices and solutions to very real problems; problems from their own life, or problems faced by characters in literature or historical figures. The students have been playing, practising, and performing; developing their ability and skills to be able to focus the mind, the body and the voice.

Students in DR11 have been exploring the wondrous world of film. By applying the techniques and knowledge that they have learned over the course of this semester, students have worked to create a short film based on the theme "identity". The films are due in week seven and the best will be a part of the MAD concert.

Students in Year 12 have been working on their group performances and individual projects for the HSC. With a mix of performances and designs, students are to use all their accumulated knowledge and creative skills to demonstrate the world in which their plays exist for their individual projects. Students are to extend their imaginations to create a group performance based on a situation provided to them by NESAs. Students have created stories that contain cavemen, aliens, and people in commercials.

As Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."



Creative and Performing Arts student of the week

Zoya McCoullough is the Creative and Performing Arts student of the week.

Zoya has demonstrated ongoing outstanding talent in creating intricate and sophisticated drawing and paintings. An absolute superstar! She should be proud of her achievements and is encouraged to keep up the impressive work.



Anti-bullying Alliance

What does cyberbullying look like?

Cyberbullying behaviour might include:

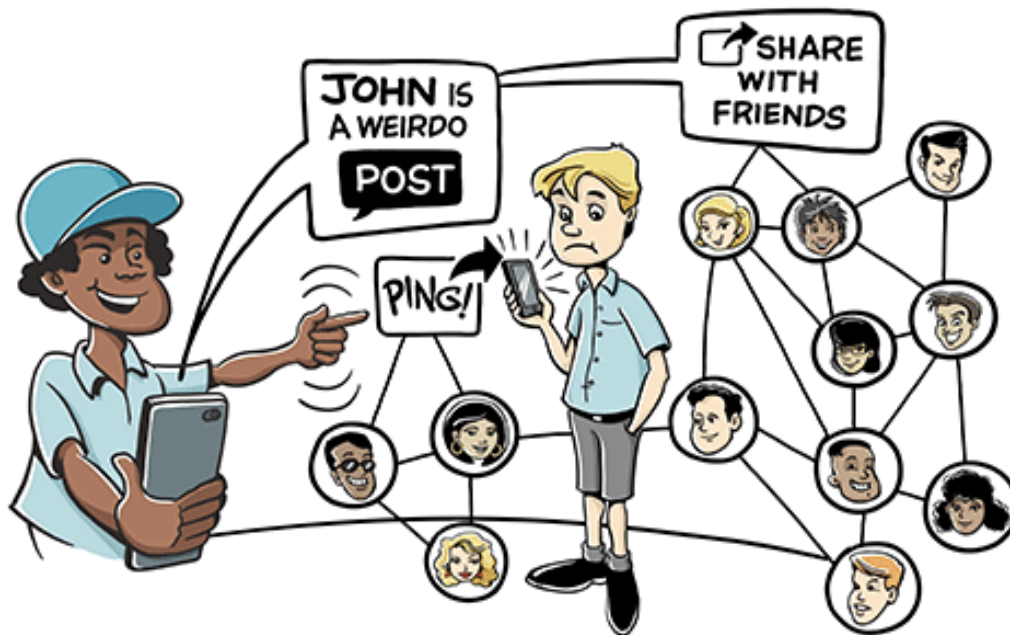
- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online
- excluding others online
- humiliating others online
- spreading nasty online gossip and chat
- creating fake accounts to trick someone or humiliate them.



How common is it?

In the 12 months to June 2017:

- One in five Australian young people reported being socially excluded, threatened or abused online.
- 55% sought help from their parents, 28% from their friends; 38% blocked the offending social media account; 12% reported it to the website or platform.
- One in five Australian young people (15% of kids, 24% of teens) admitted behaving in a negative way to a peer online — such as calling them names, deliberately excluding them, or spreading lies or rumours. Of these, more than 90% had had a negative online experience themselves.





HABITS OF MIND

FINDING HUMOUR

- » having fun and laughing increases *feel good* brain chemicals
- » laughing at myself and with others; not at them
- » appreciating others' jokes and humour boosts my creativity.

Describe a time I have had fun learning and why. Who has impressed me with him/her having fun in a positive way?



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



WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

4 July – 20 July 2020

Mid-Western Regional Youth Council is proud to present a range of youth activities and events across the region, as part of the winter school holidays.

Please note: bookings are essential, and activities are subject to change due to advice regarding COVID-19.

Beeswax Wraps Workshop

Be guided through everything you need to know to make environmentally friendly, reusable beeswax wraps this Plastic Free July. You shouldn't need to buy plastic wrap again!

WHEN Monday 6 July 2020, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE Gulgong Memorial Hall, 112 Herbert Street, Gulgong

Beeswax Wraps Workshop

Be guided through everything you need to know to make environmentally friendly, reusable beeswax wraps this Plastic Free July. You shouldn't need to buy plastic wrap again!

WHEN Thursday 9 July 2020, 11:00pm – 12:00pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee

Beeswax Wraps Workshop

Be guided through everything you need to know to make environmentally friendly, reusable beeswax wraps this Plastic Free July. You shouldn't need to buy plastic wrap again!

WHEN Tuesday 7 July 2020
2:00pm – 3:00pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE Rylstone Memorial Hall, 73 Louee Street, Rylstone

Terrariums Workshop

Become a green thumb by building your own low-water use open terrarium at this fun and hands-on workshop.

WHEN Monday 13 July 2020,
Session one: 11:00am – 12:00pm
Session two: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee

Reel Teens

Bring your squad to our mystery comedy screening where amateur super-zeroes take on a monster supervillain to save their bustling metropolis.

WHEN Wednesday 8 July 2020, 10:30am – 12:45pm

AGES 12–20 years

WHERE Event Zone, Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street, Mudgee

Cosplay and Anime

Meet fellow cosplay and anime enthusiasts to talk and learn about different styles and techniques. Special guest, Cosplayer Bianca Piper will be sharing some tricks and tips on how to Cosplay. Crafting is sure to take place too!

WHEN Tuesday 14 July 2020, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

AGES 12–20 years

WHERE Event Zone, Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street, Mudgee

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Giant Games Challenge

Enjoy the sunshine and challenge your friends to some outdoor games on the GIANT size. Classics like *Snakes and Ladders*, *Jenga*, and more will all be available.

WHEN Wednesday 15 July 2020, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE Victoria Park, Perry Street, Mudgee

Level Up – Extended edition

Love role-playing games (RPGs) and other tabletop games? Connect with other gaming enthusiasts at this extended edition of Council's monthly tabletop and RPG session and enjoy some pizza for lunch.

WHEN Thursday 16 July 2020, 11:00am – 2.00pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee

Terrariums Workshop

Become a green thumb by building your own low-water use open terrarium at this fun and hands-on workshop.

WHEN Monday 20 July 2020, 11:00am – 12:00pm

AGES 12–25 years

WHERE Rylstone Memorial Hall, 73 Louee Street, Rylstone

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19 GUIDELINES, AND PLACES IN ALL ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED.

To book, visit mwrcoyouth.eventbrite.com

Manga & Anime Squad



Calling all anime, manga and cosplay fans!

Join us for this free monthly event to meet fellow enthusiasts. Explore different styles, techniques, and share from your experience.

We welcome all from casuals to Otakus.

WHEN	Third Wednesday of the month
TIME	3:45pm – 5.45pm
LOCATION	Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street, Mudgee
AGES	12 – 20 years
COST	Free
BOOKINGS	www.mwrcyouth.eventbrite.com

Bookings essential due to COVID-19

A Youth Services and Mid-Western Regional Council Library partnership event





Craft-ernoon

Join us for an afternoon of various crafting activities.

New and funky, or old school and traditional, each session will bring something new, and something for everyone.

All materials supplied.

DATE	Third Tuesday of the month
TIME	3.45pm - 4.45pm
LOCATION	Gulgong Library, Herbert Street, Gulgong
FOR	Ages 12-20 years

Bookings:

mwrcoyouth.eventbrite.com

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BOOK BOUNCERS TEEN BOOK CLUB



KANDOS
EDITION

Kandos Library
Angus Avenue
3rd Monday of the month
3:45pm-4:45pm

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reading and book your place,
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