

# MHS Newsletter

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Monday  
15 November  
Week 7 Term 4  
2021

## Principal's Message

### Inference

In looking at student results in our junior school, including their NAPLAN results, we know that an area where our kids do not always do well as they could is in the area of inference.

Inference is the capacity to deduce meaning from simply evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements made. Inference requires the conclusions the reader draws from a given written, visual or auditory text be substantiated by evidence from the text. Those conclusions the reader makes will be based upon what they sense as well as be drawn from their prior knowledge; their experience.

That experience can be gained through exposure to other texts... trustworthy sources. Wide reading and wide viewing breed familiarity with the broader world and an excellent cultural knowledge. The individual so imbued may even prove a major asset in a game of trivia!

One way to develop inferential thinking is to model "thinking aloud." Hearing thought processes vocalised – voicing how it is the process of inferential thinking is accomplished – can be powerful stuff.

It is the kind of activity that needs to be undertaken and undertaken again, because the ability to infer is one developed through practice.

Exposing your kids to alternate points of view, allowing them opportunities to work with a diverse range of texts (not just books... films, documentaries, websites, photographs, paintings... texts covers anything that has the capacity to convey meaning) will assist them to develop their inferential understanding and apply that skillset to other learning experiences.

Inference is about seeing the connections between disciplines; understanding that there is a potential for associations and correlations in all that they do... mathematics, English, the sciences, history, geography, the applied arts... all of it.



*A member of the  
Cudgegong Learning  
Community*

**Next P&C meeting**  
Monday 22 November  
7pm via Zoom.  
**Meeting details available by  
contacting the school.**  
**All welcome.**

#### COMING EVENTS

- HSC examinations end 2 December
- 6 and 7 December Year 12 sign-out days, Periods 3 and 4 in the Library
- 7 - 10 December Year 12 major works exhibition at Mudgee Arts Precinct
- 9 December whole school Presentation Assembly
- 13 December Year 12 Graduation Assembly at AREC (limit 2 guests, fully vaccinated)
- 15 December Year 12 Formal at Parklands, 7pm, all attendees must be fully vaccinated.

#### THIS ISSUE

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- P&C Awards
- Office update
- Aboriginal Studies - Tree Planting
- Year 12 Legal Studies
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Education

Inference is essential for any kind of deep understanding and higher-order analysis.

The ability to infer enables an individual to:

- Provide explanations for ideas that are present without being explicitly stated.
- Offer details or reasons for events that have occurred through the lens of personal knowledge and lived experience.
- Recognise an author's point of view or potential bias.
- Interpret the language choices, both technical and figurative, and demonstrate an understanding of how those choices can shape meaning.
- Offer judgements based on non-literal evidence presented in a text.

A test:

Text: "Rachael crossed her fingers behind her back as her mother left the house."

Background/ prior knowledge question: Why do people cross their fingers?

Crossing one's fingers can be a gesture of good luck. It can also be a physical expression of a desire that events will play out in preferred manner. Crossed fingers behind one's back, however, can indicate the telling of a lie or a wish that a deception not be discovered; the making of a promise that will not be kept.

With these things in mind, why has Rachael crossed her fingers behind her back?

The answer any of us now provides in this space will be the product of deduction based on what we have read and conjecture based on prior cultural knowledge. It will not be an absolute, but it will be well reasoned.

In short, the answer will be the product of inference.

What a great skill to have... and all it requires is a sound general knowledge and regular practice.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade  
Principal



# House Championship Tally



**Cunningham**

**217 728**



**Blaxland**

**213 969**



**Lawson**

**204 610**



**Wentworth**

**199 032**

## From the Office...

### A reminder to Year 12 students

You have 180 days from the time you sign out of school to download any files you need to keep from your school cloud repositories.








# YEAR 12

**WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL YOU HAVE**

# 180 DAYS

## Week 6 Term 4 P&C awards

	<p><b>Lachlan Reardon</b></p> <p><b>Year 7</b></p> <p>For his determination and application in class.</p>
	<p><b>Luke Lees</b></p> <p><b>Year 8</b></p> <p>For the considerable improvement he has made in effort and application.</p>
	<p><b>Joshua Smith</b></p> <p><b>Year 9</b></p> <p>The positive attitude he demonstrates toward learning in all areas.</p>
	<p><b>Shellie O'Malveney</b></p> <p><b>Year 10</b></p> <p>For her positive feedback to and great empathy for other students.</p>
	<p><b>Thomas Wheeler</b></p> <p><b>Year 11</b></p> <p>For being a friendly and polite member of the Year 11 cohort.</p>
	<p><b>Year 12</b></p>

*There is one thing  
stronger than all the  
armies in the world  
and that is an idea  
whose time has come.*

VICTOR HUGO



### **COURAGEOUS**

*Being scared but  
doing it anyway.*

#### **TAKE ACTION:**

- ✧ Step outside of your comfort zone
- ✧ Trust yourself
- ✧ Focus on what you can control
- ✧ Admit and acknowledge if you are afraid

### **SOME RISKS ARE WORTH TAKING**

Taking calculated risks can pay off, but remember to consider all aspects.

## Aboriginal Studies – Tree Planting

As part of their coursework in Aboriginal Studies, some students participated in the planting of four Callistemon or Bottlebrush trees.

The subspecies was the *Callistemon citrinus* - Crimson Bottlebrush. This hardy shrub is probably the best known bottlebrush and is widely cultivated. The bright red flower spikes appear in summer and autumn. Crimson Bottlebrush grows well in wet conditions and usually reaches 4 metres in height.



# Year 12 Legal Studies

Throughout Term 4, Year 12 Legal Studies students have been attending weekly study lessons in the classroom. One key area for revision in Legal Studies is the Crime topic. This is a core topic in the syllabus, meaning that every student across NSW studies this topic. It is examined in the HSC examination through 15 multiple choice questions and an extended response worth 15 marks.



Congratulations to both Jonty Hayton and Lewis Roth for their excellent contributions to our revision flow chart, helping the Legal Studies class prepare for this challenging task..



# English Faculty News

## HSC

The English Faculty wish Year 12 the very best in their HSC examinations. They have had a tough year and it is good to see the cohort being so resilient.

## Juniors

If you are planning your supplies for your children for next year:

- All students in Years 7 to 10 need a dedicated A4 English book. Not one that is shared with multiple subjects.
- Students need at least 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, 2 red pens, their own rule, pencil sharpener, pencils, eraser and lead pencils.
- A bottle which can be filled with water for when they are thirsty.

## Focal Areas

Next year sees the faculty focusing on reading strategies and how to improve students' comprehension skills. Our first tip comes from *Fix It Reading* (taught by Annabel Wall):

### Skim

To read or reread something quickly to get a general idea of what it is about.

### Scan

To read or reread something to find a specific piece of information or detail.

### Some tips

- You do not need to read every word when you skim and scan.
- Ignore the little words (like 'a', 'at', 'on', 'in', etc.).
- Read the first sentence of each paragraph. Look for important nouns and verbs.
- Look for numbers and words with capital letters.
- Use signposts like headings and subheadings to help you gather key information quickly.
- Sometimes you might skim and scan at the same time - for example, when you reread your writing to check spelling mistakes.

## Transition

Over the next couple of weeks, our partner primary schools are bringing their Year 6 students in

to experience high school. So far, the English faculty have met two groups of students, all excited about the new premises. These are conducted in a COVID-safe manner. Miss Eslick and Mrs Willetts have been very complimentary about the two classes with which they have spent time. We hope to learn more about our future students and wish them enjoyable 'taster' lessons with us.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy Christmas.

The English Faculty



# Join us for a yarn & a BBQ

**Saturday 20th November 2021**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Lawson Park, MUDGEE**

**Learn about health services  
available for you & your family,  
including COVID-19 vaccination.**

Event put on by:

- Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing team
- Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Mudgee Health Service.



**> KEEP OUR MOB SAFE**



## Canteen volunteers needed

Mudgee High School canteen provides healthy food for students and staff.

The canteen is managed by the P&C and all profits are used to fund school improvements and initiatives.

The canteen relies on assistance from volunteers to help with food preparation.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please contact the Canteen Manager, Michelle, on 0407 131 950 or Mr Holleman at [carl.holleman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:carl.holleman@det.nsw.edu.au).

Any amount of time you can spare to be available would be greatly appreciated.



## Advertisements

### Canteen – Price List as at 13 July 2021

#### Hot Food

Chicken and corn roll	2.50
Pizza rounds	3.50
Beef traveller pie	4.50
Potato pie	5.00
Beef and gravy roll	5.50
Hot dog	4.00
Hot dog with cheese	4.50
Beef pie (gluten free) order only	5.00
Mayonnaise/sauce portions	0.40

#### Rolls and Sandwiches

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

Ham and salad	6.00
Egg and salad	6.00
Cheese and salad	6.00
Chicken, mayo and shallots	6.00
Chicken Caesar	6.00
Sweet chilli chicken and avocado	6.00

#### Snack Food

Red Rock Deli chips	1.50
Grain Waves	1.50
Chip Roll	2.70
Blueberry Muffin	1.50
Watermelon tubs	3.00
Trail mix pots	3.00
Fruit salad	5.00
Seasonal fruit	1.00

#### Milk and Dairy

300ml Big M flavoured milk	3.00
500ml Dairy Farmer's Classic flavoured milk	4.50
600ml plain milk	2.50
500ml Dare flavoured milk	4.50
375ml Nippy's flavoured milk	3.50
Yoghurt – thick and creamy	3.00

#### Cold Drinks

750ml Cool Ridge Spring Water	4.00
600ml Spring water	2.00
Assorted juice	3.50
Berri Pop Tops	2.00
375ml Coke No Sugar	2.50
375ml Sprite No Sugar	2.50

#### Ice Creams

Paddle Pop (chocolate, banana, rainbow)	1.60
Twisted frozen yoghurt (choc/van, Straw/van, mango/watermelon)	2.50
Quech Icy Tubes	0.60

#### 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	3.00
Sour cream/Sweet chilli sauce	0.50

##### Thursday

Chicken burger (gluten free available – order only)	4.50
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##### Friday

Pasta Carbonara (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 – Curries – Sliders

Book  
your free  
breast  
screen  
at our  
clinic in  
**Mudgee.**



BreastScreen  
NSW

## Where

Mudgee Railway Station  
Inglis St, Mudgee

## When

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2022



We recommend women aged 50 - 74 have a mammogram every two years.  
Book your free mammogram online at [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](https://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call **13 20 50**.

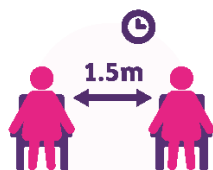
# An important message from BreastScreen NSW.



BreastScreen NSW has resumed breast screening.  
Your safety is our priority.

That's why we've put extra measures in place to protect women and staff against the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

## The changes we've made:



Social distancing in clinic waiting rooms



Providing hand sanitiser



Ongoing cleaning of equipment and commonly used surfaces



Precautionary questions around health and travel

## To prepare for your appointment:



Stay a safe distance from others



Stay at home if you are unwell



Arrive only five minutes prior to your appointment



Wash your hands before your appointment

## Note

It is important to note that a mammogram is a medical procedure that requires close contact with a radiographer. Radiographers use NSW Standard Health Precautions and will position women with minimal face-to-face contact.

For more information please visit [breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](https://breastscreen.nsw.gov.au)

If you require help or further information please **call us on 13 20 50**



Can you spare a moment and a few basic items to light up a woman's life?

Share the Dignity is an Australian charity bringing dignity to women and girls experiencing homelessness, domestic violence and period poverty through the distribution of period products.

It's In The Bag is a simple idea which works like this:

- Donate a handbag in a good, used condition that you no longer use
- Fill it with items that will make a difference to the daily life of a woman in need
- Be sure to include the essentials such as a sealed packet of pads and tampons, roll-on deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and soap (all new and unused)
- Add little luxuries like lip balm, new socks, a magazine, anything that would make a woman or teenage girl feel special
- You can also add a thoughtful note into the bag to show the recipient they are thought of
- Bags delivered to local charities

**This campaign is run from November 19 to November 28.**

**Bags can be dropped off at your local Bunnings store collection boxes.**

For further information contact Joy Shawe on 0408 255 334

#### ADULT BAG



#ITSINTHEBag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR ADULT BAG

Shampoo & Conditioner | Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Soap | Roll on Deodorant | Sealed Period Products

#### MUM & BUB BAG



#ITSINTHEBag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR MUM & BUB BAG

Maternity Pads, Breast Pads, Newborn Nappies  
Shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste, roll  
on deodorant, baby shampoo, disposable nappy bags,  
baby wipes, dummies, baby wash, nappy rash cream.

#### TEEN BAG

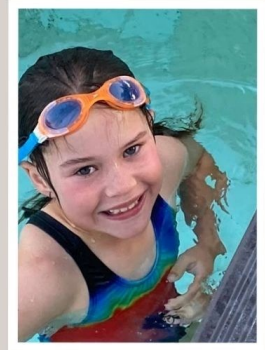


#ITSINTHEBag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR TEEN BAG

Period products suitable for younger bodies  
Shampoo & Conditioner, Roll on Deodorant  
Soap, Toothbrush & Toothpaste

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**MUDGEEMATEUR  
SWIM  
CLUB**

**FOR ALL AGES**



# creative KIDS

## Claim your \$100 voucher today.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each school-enrolled child and young person aged 4.5-18 years.

The voucher may be used with an approved Creative Kids provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other eligible creative and cultural activities.

Vouchers are valid from **January until December** each year.

## HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHER

1



Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account

2



Click on the Creative Kids icon found in your **SERVICE** tab

3

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Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)

4



Print a copy of the voucher or email it to yourself\*

## HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHER

1



Find a provider by visiting our website: [service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](https://service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids)

2



Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider when you book.

- Vouchers can always be found in your **MyServiceNSW** account by looking in the **My Applications** tab
- Visit [service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](https://service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids) for terms and conditions and FAQs





# CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

OFFICE OF SPORT



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

## HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



- 1 Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



Active Kids

- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab

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- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)



- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids) for terms & conditions and FAQs

## HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

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# CLEANERS REQUIRED

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

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)



Check us out on Facebook [Joss Cleaning](#)

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[www.jossgroup.com.au](http://www.jossgroup.com.au)



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