

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
31 October
Week 4 Term 4
2022

Principal's message

The fair go part II

This week, a Deputy Secretary within the Department of Education reminded all the department's employees that, "In the lead-up to the election in March 2023, school staff – as department employees – must remain politically impartial in the course of their work." The subclause relating to the coming election was probably unneeded as all DoE employees must complete training annually in the department's Code of Conduct. The Code specifically states:

*Employees have a right to participate in political and community activities and to pursue personal interests provided they do so in a private capacity and **do not allow a conflict of interest to arise with their role in the department.***

The highlighting is mine and goes to the heart of the matter. It is not the role of school staff to proselytise the merits of particular belief systems or political parties. The only conversions in a teacher's remit are the converting of non-readers into fluent readers, maths avoiders into maths adherents, science strugglers into science supporters and so forth.

The week before the Deputy Secretary's missive went out, a former NSW Director General of Education, Doctor Ken Boston, wrote an opinion piece for *The Sydney Morning Herald* titled: "Cranbrook's pool was no good for water polo, so the taxpayer helped fund a new one."

In case you missed it, here's the précis. There is at present a "building bonanza" (Doctor Boston's words) occurring in the private school* network. In NSW alone, private schools will spend \$1.5 billion on capital works in the next five years. The reason Cranbrook received a special mention from Doctor Boston is that it will spend \$125m on upgrades that will include the replacement of the school's existing pool. The Cranbrook school council president – the equivalent of Mudgee High's P&C president – was quoted as saying that the current pool is, "... not very good for water polo" hence the need.

It should be stated that Doctor Boston was not bothered by the existence of private schools nor the extravagant outlays they made on lavish facilities. Doctor Boston made clear that he understood that the monies received from both the Feds and the State cannot be spent on niceties like covered, heated pools or baroque chapels. He was clear-cut in acknowledging the fact that public monies received by private

Mudgee High School
is a member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community



Next P&C meeting
Monday 28 November
7 pm in the Learning
Centre
Entry via Douro Street

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Education

schools can only be used to cover the recurrent cost of teachers' salaries. It is at this point that I should explain that Teachers' salaries account for close to 85% of all spending in any given public school. To provide a similar service in a private school, it would not be a stretch to suggest that it would cost a similar amount to provide an equivalent service in a private setting.

Dr Boston's chief concerns were these. Taking teacher salaries out of the financial mix that is a private school's lot allows those same schools to provide some truly extraordinary building works that no public school will ever see. Worse, he lamented that in all states and territories, save for the NT, private schools, "receive, on average, more than 100 per cent of the schooling resource standard" while in all states and territories save for the ACT, "public schools are below 90 per cent" adding that current funding agreements, "allow state governments to continue to under-fund public schools so that, at best, they will achieve only 91 per cent of the standard by 2029." He called this situation a "national disgrace."

He called it a disgrace not just because this is a fundamental failure of equity; of social justice. Dr Boston's concern was that it is "fundamentally about building and maintaining our national stock of human capital. Australia will not reap the educational and economic dividends it seeks unless every young person, regardless of circumstances, is given the opportunity to reach his or her full potential."

We should all learn to recognise our triggers. In the following days, many private school apologists were triggered. They were quick to argue that every child deserves equal educational funding, regardless of wealth, a notion that flies well in the face of equity; something that is well at odds with the 'fair go.' If the government provided a bus but an individual demanded to use a private car, would it be reasonable to argue that the government should subsidise the purchase of that private car? If the local council provided a town pool but an individual wanted a private pool in their backyard, would a demand for a subsidy to build that pool pass the pub test?

Mudgee High is an open school, meaning that our external basketball and netball courts, as well as our playing field, are open to the public at weekends and through the school holidays. At weekends, will Cranbrook's pool be available to the public who helped provide it?

Apologies in advance if you feel there has been a little proselytising – a smidge of agitating – in this week's editorial. I think I know most of my triggers. As a 34-year veteran of the public school system who also attended public schools for his own education, the connected issues of equity and challenging expected entitlement have long been triggers for me... and I feel better for sharing. 😊

Another reminder of changed term dates for the end of year

The last day for students is Friday 16 December. School staff will attend on both the following Monday and Tuesday to complete mandatory training in responding to anaphylaxis and carrying out cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade

Principal

* "Private school" is a bit of a misnomer. "Private schools" receive a significant amount of money from the Federal and the State governments. They also charge fees. In some cases, as noted above, those fees are extraordinarily close to the national minimum wage... for a single year's tuition. As a result, it would be more accurate to describe "private schools" as **public exclusive schools**. They are substantially publicly funded yet charge enough to keep out a significant proportion of that same public, making them frightfully exclusive.

House Championship Tally 2022



Cunningham

205460



Blaxland

204895



Lawson

201620



Wentworth






187221

Events calendar

- Wednesday 9 November - **Petries Mitre 10 School Trade Awards Night - 6 to 7 pm**
- Wednesday 9 and 16 November - **Year 12 sign-out days**
- 14 to 18 November - **HSC exhibition, Mudgee Arts Precinct**
- Friday 18 November - **Year 12 Farewell at Parklands**
- Tuesday 22 November - **Gunguddy student leadership day**
- Wednesday 30 November - **Year 7 2023 orientation day**
- Wednesday 30 November - **Year 7 2023 parent information evening**
- Friday 9 December - **Link Program Dubbo TAFE excursion**
- Tuesday 13 December - **MAD concert**
- 13 to 14 December - **Year 12 Society and Culture Belief Systems excursion**
- Thursday 15 December - **Annual presentation assembly**
- Friday 16 December - **Year 12 barbecue**

Week 3 Term 4 P&C awards



	<p>Kara Morrissey</p> <p>Year 7</p> <p>For being a well-mannered and respectful student who applies herself well in class.</p>
	<p>Ethan Simpson</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>For his positive start at Mudgee High School.</p>
	<p>Andie Dowdy</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>For the successful and positive progress she has made this term.</p>
	<p>Jack Pepper</p> <p>Year 10</p> <p>For being a consistently safe, respectful and responsible student.</p>
	<p>Nikolai Evanoff</p> <p>Year 11</p> <p>For being a consistently safe, respectful and responsible student.</p>



HEALTH TIPS

- ✦ Sleep like a baby.
- ✦ Nourish your body with real foods.
- ✦ Lift things and move around.
- ✦ Don't put toxic substances into your body.

To ensure good health: eat lightly, breathe deeply, live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an interest in life.



YEAR 12

WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL YOU HAVE
180 DAYS

... before you **lose access** to:

- ⊘ Your school **email** account
- ⊘ Your **Google Drive** contents
- ⊘ Your Microsoft **OneDrive** contents
- ⊘ Your **Adobe Creative Cloud** subscription
- ⊘ Any **Google Classrooms** you were joined to
- ⊘ Any Microsoft **Teams** you were a member of

Check your stuff in these school-provided services.
Download anything you want to keep.

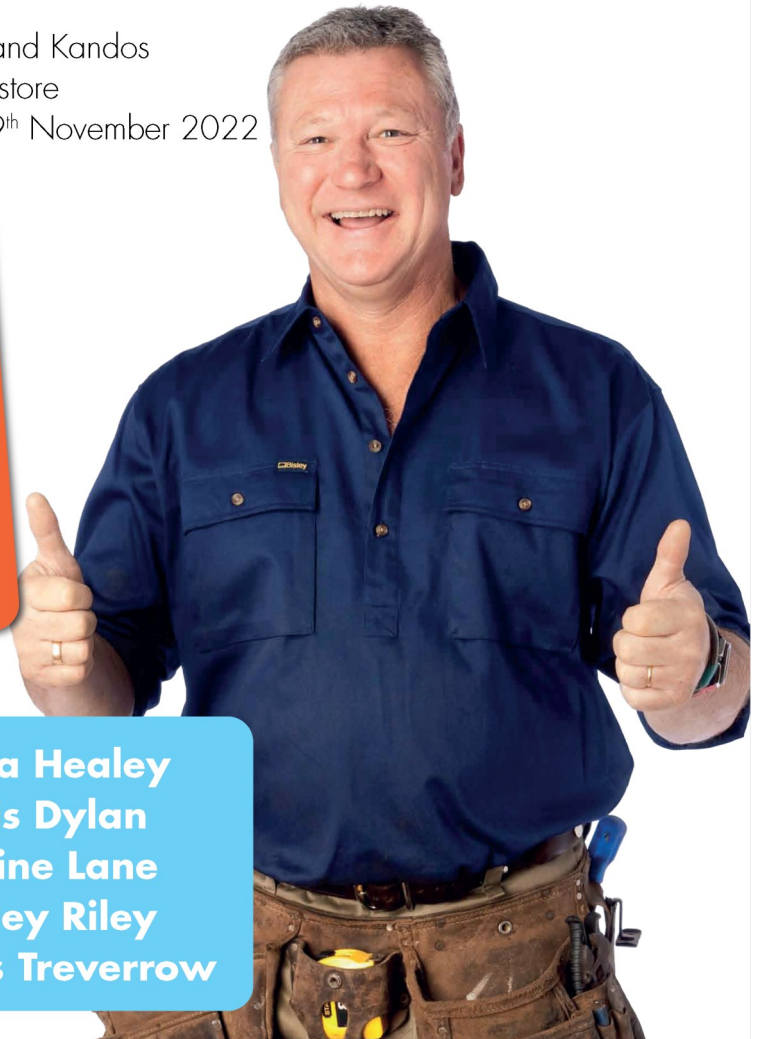
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VOTE & WIN!

PETRIES MITRE 10 SCHOOL TRADE AWARDS 2022

Year 12 Technology Students from Mudgee and Kandos
High Schools will be displaying their work instore
Monday 31st October 2022 - Wednesday 9th November 2022

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
A \$50 MITRE 10
GIFT VOUCHER**
Vote for your
favourite piece to
go in the draw!



Jessica Reynolds
Ryan Moore
Caleb Begg
William Darcy
William Drakeford

Joshua Healey
Jarvis Dylan
Jasmine Lane
Bradley Riley
Nicholas Treverrow

**AWARDS NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT PETRIES MITRE 10
WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2022 FROM 6 – 7PM**

MIGHTY HELPFUL™ MITRE 10

PETRIES MITRE 10, 144 CHURCH ST, MUDGEE. PH 6372 1111

Link news

Congratulations to Toby Burnard for accepting an apprenticeship with Mudgee Lamb.

Toby enjoyed his time in the Link Program and used it to his full advantage by trying different trades. His passion is to be a butcher. The perfect opportunity became available, so he grabbed it by the horns.

All the best for an amazing future, Toby.



ASX Sharemarket Game 1

Twenty-eight Mudgee High students registered to participate in Round 1 of the ASX Sharemarket Game. This game allows students to learn about investing and the share market. Students receive a virtual \$50,000 which they can invest over a 10 week period, in over 200 companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The prices students buy and sell at are the same prices as they would get in the live market, so this is as close to real life share trading as you can get.

Trading for this round started on Thursday 11 March and has now closed for the semester.

At the end of Game 1, the portfolios closed with the following totals:

- 1 Tara Dwyer with a portfolio value of \$50,192.92
- 2 Blake Irwin with a portfolio value of \$50,013.20
- 3 Darcy Robertson with a portfolio value of \$49,994.50
- 4 Bradley Riley with a portfolio value of \$49,976.26
- 5 Bronte Meers with a portfolio value of \$49,887.26
- 6 Sammi Atkinson with a portfolio value of \$49,080
- 7 Travis Roberts with a portfolio value of \$48,984.06
- 8 Lance Speakman with a portfolio value of \$48,772.44
- 9 Oscar Smith with a portfolio value of \$48,733.69
- 10 Douglas Leadbitter with a portfolio value of \$47,383
- 11 Tully Myers with a portfolio value of \$47,259.32
- 12 Mark Selman with a portfolio value of \$45,703.63
- 13 Mitchell Bartlett with a portfolio value of \$45,101.16.



To be in the running for the competition, students need to make at least one investment transaction. Congratulations to all these students for having a go and for getting involved.

This competition is open to all students from Years 7 to 12. Round 2 registrations will open in Term 3. Keep an eye out for the announcement and then see Miss Windeyer in the HSIE staffroom for a consent form.



Music, Art and Drama (MAD) concert

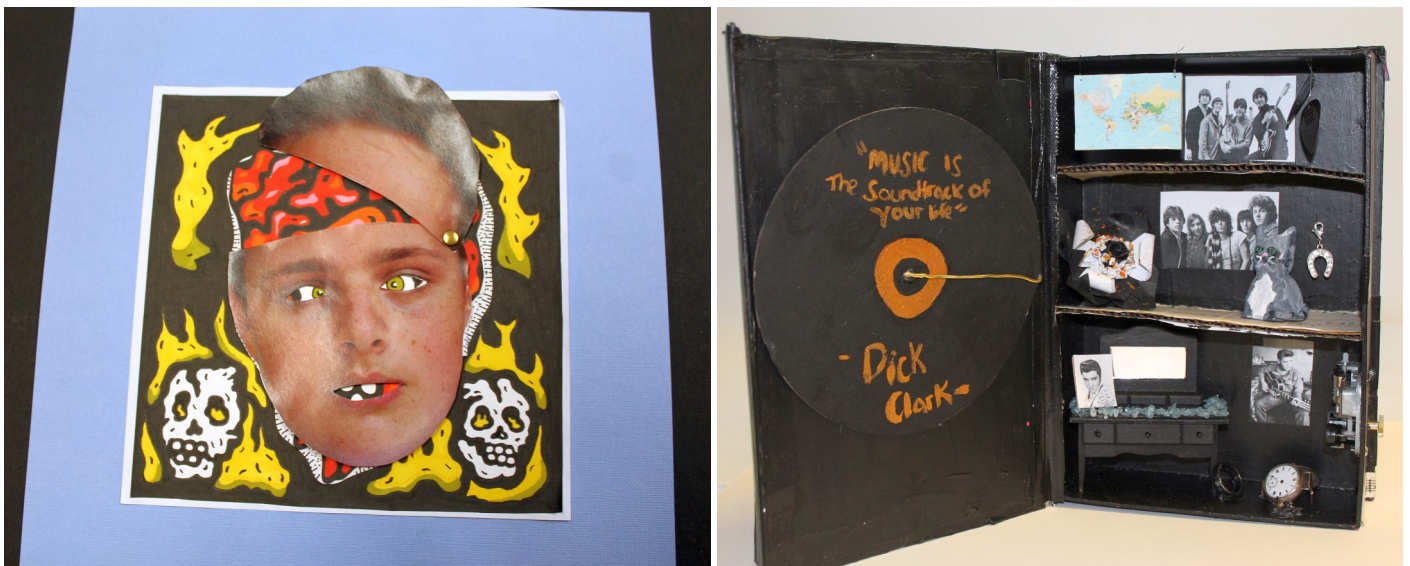
Preparations are underway for the 2022 end-of-year MAD concert.

The date is **Tuesday 13 December**. The venue is the gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30 pm for the art exhibition. The first performance will begin at 6:00 pm.

If students would like to perform, they need to prepare an act to be auditioned. The act can be a musical performance or drama item. All styles will be considered. Students are encouraged to obtain an audition form from the creative arts staffroom.

As part of this concert, there was a poster competition to advertise the event. First prize was a \$50 voucher. The competition closed on Wednesday 2 November. The winner and winning entry will be published very soon.

Mr Holleman



Samples of artwork on display at the MAD concert



Mudgee High School

HSC Major Projects Exhibition 2022

A culmination of the high level of skills students have attained through extensive practice, research, experimentation and consideration.

Dates: 14 - 20 November

Venue: Mudgee Arts Precinct

Opening: Monday 14, 4 - 5 pm



Year 12 Farewell

Year 12 Farewell will be held Friday 18 November at Parklands Resort, Mudgee.

Year 12 Farewell is one of the most significant occasions on our school calendar, celebrating the end of school education for Year 12 students. It is one to be shared by staff, students and their parents and loved ones.

The organisation of the evening and ticket purchasing is outlined below:

- Meet at Parklands for photos with a photographer at 4.15 pm. Photo packages sent home prior are to be returned, filled out and with money, on the day.
- The Farewell commences at 7.00 pm and concludes at approximately 10.00 pm. Please note that the doors will close at 7.15 pm and reopen after the formal introduction of students at 7.45 pm.
- Dress is ladies “after 5” and gents “tie”.
- The Year 12 Farewell is an **ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT**. Anyone bringing alcohol onto the premises will be asked to leave the function.
- **Changes to seating arrangements between ticket bearers CANNOT be accommodated without prior arrangement (at least 4 weeks notice) with the Year Adviser.**

Tickets may be purchased from:

<https://www.123tix.com.au/events/35379/mudgee-high-school-year-12-formal>

Each student is initially allocated four (4) tickets, 1 student ticket and 3 guest tickets.

Part payments (deposits) for tickets will not be accepted. However, students may purchase one ticket at a time.

Sales for **allocated** tickets will commence on 12 September and **must** be purchased by 3.30 pm on 28 October. **Please note that Farewell tickets are non-refundable.**

Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase from 31 October.

Ticket sales close at 2.08 pm on Thursday 10 November to allow time for catering and seating arrangements.

Please store tickets safely as entry is by ticket only.



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.

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



Second-hand school uniform

Mudgee High would be very grateful for the donation of any second-hand school uniform.

If you have any superfluous school clothing that is still in usable condition, please drop it off to the school office. It will be gratefully received and used to assist students and families who may be struggling to supply their own.

Advertisements

Canteen price list as of April 2022

Hot Food

Chicken and corn roll	2.50
Pizza rounds	3.50
Beef traveller pie	5.00
Potato pie	5.00
Beef and gravy roll	6.50
Hot dog	4.00
Hot dog with cheese	4.50
Beef pie (gluten free) order only	5.00
Mayonnaise/sauce portions	0.40

Wraps and Sandwiches

6.00

Rolls

6.50

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

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

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
Jelly cups	3.00
Seasonal fruit	1.00

Milk

300ml flavoured milk	3.00
500ml flavoured milk	4.50
600ml plain milk	2.50
1 litre plain milk	3.50
375ml Nippy's flavoured milk	3.50

Cold Drinks

750ml Cool Ridge Spring Water	4.00
600ml Spring water	2.00
Juice Bombs	2.50
Berri Pop Tops	2.00
Lipton's Peach iced tea	4.50
375ml Coke No Sugar	2.50
375ml Sprite No Sugar	2.50

Ice Creams

Paddle Pop	
(chocolate, banana, rainbow)	2.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	
(choc/van, straw/van, mango/watermelon)	2.50
Quelch 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
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)	6.00
Garlic bread	2.00

Wednesday

Oven baked spiced potato wedges	4.00
Sour cream/Sweet chilli sauce	0.50

Thursday

Chicken burger	5.50
(gluten-free available – order only)	

Friday

Garlic bread	2.00
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Terms 2 and 3

Hot Milo	2.50
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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 – Curries – Sliders

**Please note the new
'Weekly Specials' menu**

Term 4 weekly specials

Week 1 - \$6.00

Butter chicken and rice.



Week 2 - \$6.50

Beef stir fry with Hokkien noodles.

Week 3 - \$7.50

Roast chicken dinner.

Chicken, potato, sweet potato, pumpkin, peas and gravy.

ORDER ONLY

Week 4 - \$6.50

Focaccias - chicken or ham, with avo, brie and cranberry.

Week 5 - \$6.50

Apricot chicken legs and potato salad or rice.

Week 6 - \$6.50

Thai chicken salad. **ORDER ONLY**



Week 7 - \$6.00

Deconstructed sushi bowls.

Chicken, salmon or vego.



Week 8 - \$5.50

Sweet chilli chicken wraps.

Week 9

TBA

Week 10

TBA





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Permanency Support Program Fostering Relationships

What is respite care?

Respite carers provide short term stays for children in our foster care program. Respite carers aim to provide support and positive experiences for the child or young person, sometimes regularly or on an as-needed basis.

Respite carers often provide care that suits their lifestyle, but generally:

- On weekends
- During school holidays
- For short periods of time
- To toddlers, children or teenagers on their own or in a sibling group.

To become a respite carer for Samaritans, you will need to:

- Have space in your home for a child or young person
- Be in good health
- Be authorised through the training and assessment process
- Be over the age of 18.

Samaritans carers are supported by Case Managers, a carer support team, and wrap-around supports in place for the child or young person. We have a 24/7 on call service to support you and your family whilst you are undertaking respite care. Samaritans also provide ongoing training to all carers.

If this sounds like you, please contact our PSP team today!

For further information contact:

P: 02 6370 9900

E: oohcmudgee@samaritans.org.au

Samaritans

Permanency Support Program Fostering Relationships

Parent Line

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW. Call **1300 1300 52** to talk with a trained, professional counsellors available 9 am to 9 pm Monday to Friday and 4 pm to 9 pm on weekends.

Some of the top concerns parents and carers with school-age children call us about are:

- Transitioning to primary school
- Building resilience
- Technology use
- Coping with emotions
- Anxiety in kids
- Discipline and positive parenting.

Parent Line NSW



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Mudgee DJCA

Junior Blasters

Stage 2

Register today for:

Master Blasters (Stage 1)

Stage 3



Play Cricket

**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**



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



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