

MHS Newsletter

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Monday
29 August
Week 7 Term 3
2022

Principal's message

Platinum effort

Platinum is a highly valued and quite desirable metal. It has a wide range of uses, being found in everything from catalytic converters to pacemakers and even magnets. It is desirable because it is beautiful – very shiny and favoured in the manufacture of jewellery – and very rare.

Make no mistake, platinum is extraordinarily rare.

Like other heavy elements, platinum is forged in the death-throws of supernova; created when a star, many times the size of our sun, ends its existence in an explosive outpouring that can be seen clear across the galaxy. Sometimes they can be observed in other galaxies. On 23 February 1987, what appeared to be a bright star appeared in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a satellite galaxy to our own Milky Way and best seen from our Southern Hemisphere. 168,000 light years away, it was the first supernova that could be observed with the naked eye since 1604. If you remember it, you are privileged. Over a period of four months, you witnessed the death of a star... and the birth of platinum, gold, and other rare and heavy elements.

As a result of its rarity, platinum is very pricey, something the average punter discovers if looking to purchase a wedding ring made from the stuff.

There is another kind of platinum available at Mudgee High: Principal's Platinum.

Year 12 students with exemplary histories of academic, cultural, sporting and community participation, especially that demonstrated over the past twelve months, are invited to sell their wares... to spruik their good deeds through written application. If they clear that hurdle, the successful are invited to interview.

Eight students made it to interview this year. Each was quizzed on what it means to them to be safe, respectful and responsible. Each was quizzed on their respective capacity for change or at least to act as agents of positive change. Each was quizzed on what post compulsory schooling had provided them. Finally, each was quizzed on what they most wanted to be remembered for from their time at school.

From the things heard by their inquisitors – Ms Date and me – it became abundantly clear that the future is in some seriously good

*Mudgee High School
is a member of the
Cudgegong Learning
Community*



Next P&C meeting
Monday 24 October
**7 pm in the Learning
Centre**
Entry via Douro Street

This issue

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Education

hands. Each student acquitted themselves extraordinarily well.

While maybe not as rare as elemental platinum, we have more than a few Year 12s who will finish their time in school as recipients of Mudgee High Principal's Platinum. Their citations will serve as just a little more recognition that they leave this place as excellent social capital; people who will add immensely to the value of the wider community in the years to come, proud products of public education.

Until next week...

Wayne Eade
Principal



Sammi Atkinson



Ethan Blamire



Henry Boxsell



Aidan Hargraves



Dominic Lynn



Stella Morgan



James Pegg



John Wiseman

House Championship Tally 2022



Cunningham

154931



Blaxland

156501



Lawson

153063



Wentworth

143948

Events calendar

- Thursday 8 September - **Parent/teacher evening for Years 8, 9 and 10** - 4 pm to 7 pm in the gymnasium area. Bookings available from 9 am Monday 29 August to 5 pm Wednesday 7 September, via the Sentral parent portal.
- 12 to 16 September - **Year 11 examinations**
- Thursday 22 September - **Rainbow Day**
- 23 September - end of Term 3



Week 6 Term 3 P&C awards

	<p>Lachie Williams</p> <p>Year 7</p> <p>For his hard work, active participation in activities, and the respect he shows his peers and teachers.</p>
	<p>Dominick Jackson-Carpenter</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>For being a safe, respectful and responsible student.</p>
	<p>Taylor Meurer</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>For her effort and enthusiasm in putting together designs for the Year 10 2023 shirt.</p>
	<p>Ruby Redfern</p> <p>Year 10</p> <p>For her Max Potential success.</p>
	<p>Jorge Miloshevski</p> <p>Year 11</p> <p>For being a consistently polite and helpful student, especially in English.</p>
	<p>Heidi Trudgett</p> <p>Year 12</p> <p>For always doing her best and demonstrating exceptional manners.</p>



KOI FISH

The Koi fish symbol is used to represent perseverance. The struggles one has overcome or is overcoming in their own life.



If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

Teaching scholarships - opportunities for current and future teachers

Applications for the NSW Department of Education's sponsored retraining and future teacher scholarship programs are currently open.

Scholarships are available for students interested in a career in teaching.

[Get paid to study \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au)

Register for a webinar to find out more about opportunities for current and future teachers with the NSW Department of Education.

[Buy tickets for Teaching 101 Webinars - Teach NSW \(tickettailor.com\)](https://tickettailor.com)



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Careers News - August 2022



Workplace learning programs form a part of the NSW secondary school curriculum. They enable students to spend a planned period, usually a week block, in a workplace of their choice. Work experience is usually undertaken by students in Years 9 or 10, with some opportunities available in Years 11 and 12. It builds on a student's career planning and transition activities in school, and can assist their course and subject choices in senior school.

Work experience is usually undertaken in a one-week block for all years with the exception of senior Work Studies students or students undertaking, extracurricular programs such as Link. On occasion, senior students may be permitted to undertake work experience on a Wednesday, depending on the impact on their program of study.

As part of attending work experience, it is a student's responsibility to complete any work they have missed during the placement. Students may not be permitted to participate in work experience if they have an in-class assessment or examination during the allocated week or if the placement will have adverse impact on a student's learning.

It is important that work experience is organised in consultation with the school. This allows:

- The student, employer, and parents to receive all the relevant information and understand their rights and responsibilities.
- The student and employer to be covered by insurance and have provisions in place in the unlikely event of an accident or emergency.
- The student's absence to be recorded as 'school business'. Work experience not endorsed by the school may be recorded as an unexplained absence.

[Workplace learning guide for employers \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/workplace-learning)

Mr Nicholls
Careers Adviser

Upcoming events

RSA and RGC courses -
Mudgee High
RCG - 1 September
RSA - 2 September

**UAC School
Recommendation Scheme
(Early Entry) - applications
close 19 September**

Job opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Hairdressing - Mudgee
- Hospitality - chef - Mudgee
- Electrical and mechanical - Centennial Coal
- Electrical - driver's license required - Mudgee
- Boilermaker - Mudgee
- Boilermaker - Skillset and Moolarben Coal Ulan
- Auto Electrical - Skillset and Moolarben Coal Ulan
- Electronics and Communications - Skillset and Moolarben Coal Ulan

Traineeships

- Underground operations - Skillset and Moolarben
- Trainee crane operator - Straight Up - Mudgee

(local job opportunities at end of article)

Please see Mr Nicholls or visit the MHS Careers website for more information.

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Work experience procedures

Prior to placement

- As a first step, students who are interested in undertaking work experience consult with the Careers Adviser to discuss possible options available in the local area.
- Students then locate a possible placement with the support from the school or their parents.
- The student should make initial contact with the employer to discuss the possibility of a work experience placement. If the student is having difficulty finding a placement, the Careers Adviser can assist.
- The student informs the Careers Adviser that they have made contact with the employer, and the employer is open to hosting a work experience student.
- The Careers Adviser makes contact with the employer to confirm dates and work experience procedures.
- The Careers Adviser prepares the work placement folder that includes documentation for the student, parents and employer. This folder is given to the student.
- The student completes the Student Placement Record (SPR), having their parent and the employer complete their respective sections. The student also distributes the appropriate workplace guides to their parents and employer.
- When complete, the student returns the completed form to the Careers Adviser, who checks and signs the document.
- The Careers Adviser makes 4 copies of the SPR and returns 3 to the student. One is for the student, one for the parent or carer and one for the host employer. The original document will be stored in the student's file and the Careers Adviser will keep a copy.
- The Careers Adviser then enters the work experience placement into the school's attendance system.
- Students can now attend work experience on the agreed dates.

During the placement

- The host employer or nominated workplace supervisor supervises the student.
- Students must at all times carry their student contact card listing their Medicare number and nominated contact with them at all times.
- The Careers Adviser will make a supervisory phone call or visit to check in on the student during the week.
- If the student is unable to attend the placement for any reason, the student must contact the employer and notify the school as soon as reasonably possible.
- Any incidents and issues are to be reported to the school as soon as practical.
- If at any time the student does not feel safe during the placement, the student must contact the school immediately.
- Students must complete their workplace diary and have the time sheet in the diary signed by the employer each day.

After the placement

On completion of the placement, the student returns the Workplace Diary to the Careers Adviser

to check. The Careers Adviser will meet with the student to discuss how the work placement went and future career pathways.

Workplace trials

Students considering leaving school and transitioning into the workforce may be given the opportunity to take part in a workplace trial prior to being offered a permanent job. This should be no longer than a week and organised as work experience through the school. This allows the student and the employer the opportunity to appraise if it is a suitable fit without obligation. At the end of that week, the employer may offer the student a job, and the student may transition into the workforce. If the employer does not offer the student a position, the student can return to school with little impact on their studies.

Work Experience VS VET Work Placement

Unlike work experience, VET work placement programs are undertaken by students enrolled in HSC, industry recognised courses. These Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses are delivered by the school or an External Vocational Education and Training (EVET) provider such as TAFE. Work placement is mandatory to achieve the HSC in many of these courses. The placements are coordinated by their classroom teacher and organised by a Work Placement Service Provider such as Western Student Connections, the organisation is responsible for the VET and EVET placements in our area.

Students who undertake VET work placement have developed skills and understanding in the classroom that directly relate to the placement. Employers who host these students offer them an opportunity to expand their skill set, as well as give them practical experience and advice that will benefit them in their future careers in the industry.

University news

University of Western Sydney HSC Study Sessions

Western Sydney University is offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC 26-30 September 2022



Delivered by highly qualified senior teachers, 26 free sessions across 14 key HSC subject areas, the sessions will include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas. Students will also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts. <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/free-hsc-study-sessions>

Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) news

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

To date, UAC has received just over 11,000 SRS applications from across the country. This is one way students can receive an early offer based on Year 11 results and their school's recommendation.

Before students can apply for SRS, they must submit their UAC application.

Three institutions have additional SRS criteria. Students are encouraged to check those details on the UAC website.



[Home - UAC](#)

SRS key dates:

- SRS school ratings due: **3 October 2022**
- Close of preferences for an SRS offer: **3 November 2022**
- First SRS offers: **11 November 2022**

UAC key dates

- **30 September** - Early bird fee deadline before fee increase to \$200.
- **22 November** - Educational Access Scheme application deadline for Round 2.
- **15 December** - NSW and ACT ATARs released on this website.
- **22 December** - Round 2 offers released – first offers made to Year 12 students based on their ATAR.

University Open Days

September 3

- University of NSW, Sydney
- Australian National University
- Canberra University
- National Art school

Job opportunities

Casual and part-time work

- Various positions - IGA - Mudgee
- Casual retail assistants - local nursery - Mudgee



Link news

This semester, Link news will be focusing on the amazing local businesses supporting our students by providing opportunities to try different potential career paths.

This week, we would like to thank Ross Granata Motors.

Ross Granata Motors on Sydney Road has been serving the Mudgee community and beyond for over 20 years, providing a one-stop shop for all motoring needs and supporting the Link Program at Mudgee High.

Tom Singer showed a passion for mechanics as a young boy, a passion fostered by his dad who showed him how to work on cars. Tom started his work experience with Double R working on heavy vehicles. He later decided he would like to learn more about light vehicle mechanics. In Term 3, Tom joined Ross Granata Motors where he has been learning many different aspects of car mechanics and the process of servicing cars.

Ross Granata Mudgee have provided many opportunities for students in the Link Program for many years, and we thank them for their ongoing support.



Tom being shown how to change brake fluid.



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.

Paid advertisement

(Paid advertisements do not carry the endorsement of Mudgee High)

Miss May's English Tutoring Years 7-12



All levels
Essay Help
Study Skills Courses
Creative and Critical Writing Courses

One on One tutoring \$60 per hour

Bring-a-Friend tutoring \$30 each per hour After School Homework Club Coming Soon

With Qualified English Teacher Johanna May (First Aid and WWCC).

0407 455 330



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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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**



WHERE THE *locals* MATTER

YOUR NEW IGA MUDGEES
OPENING SOON
NOW HIRING

We are looking for friendly, reliable, motivated, and hard-working staff for all positions within this exciting new store.

Some evening and weekend work will be required.

Previous retail experience isn't required, however would be an advantage

Please email your resume to mudgeeiga@gmail.com

FOR AGES 12-25

WATER

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Participate in our Water Photography Competition

Photo subjects should relate to the theme of WATER, but contain no recognisable human faces (this is to do with publishing permissions).

Email your entry (not exceeding 10MB) by 4pm 29 September 2022 with the title of your entry, your full name, age, and postal address to: youth.services@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	THIRD PRIZE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (Voting closes 6 October 2022)
\$50 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$40 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$30 Mudgee Money Gift Card	\$50 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) Entrants can submit a maximum of two entries. 5) All entries must have titles. 6) Employees of Mid-Western Regional Council are not eligible to enter this competition. 7) All entries must be original work by the person submitting the image and not displayed or entered into other competitions previously. 8) Entries may be displayed publicly and/or used for publicity purposes. 9) Entrants' likeness may be used for publicity purposes. 10) 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. 11) 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. 12) Entries will be judged by a panel of at least two persons, comprising at least one representative from Mid-Western Regional Council. 13) The judging panel reserves the right not to award a prize if the entries are not deemed of a suitable standard. 14) The winner of the People's Choice Award will be by members of the public via a voting system on Facebook. 15) Winners of the People's Choice Award will be determined by the most 'likes' received per image/entry by 4:00pm on the date advertised. 16) Determination / awarding of prizes is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 17) 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. 18) 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. 19) Council will endeavour to display all entries, but may not be able to do so due to display area restrictions. 20) Prizes not claimed by 30 November 2022 will be forfeited by the winner.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

RSPCA NSW Central West Supporter Group

RSPCA NSW's Central West Supporter Group are a group of active and enthusiastic volunteers who fundraise and support local animal owners with responsible pet ownership and animal health programs.

What this volunteer role looks like:

- ◆ Assisting with fundraising events
- ◆ Promoting RSPCA NSW and local community programs
- ◆ Assisting with the organising and coordinating of events

Scan our QR code to find out more



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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