PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It is that time of the educational cycle when we are actively thinking about where we are and where it is we want to go next year and beyond. As a school, we are required to have in place by the end of Term 1 next year a School Management Plan for the years 2015-2017. We are working hard, however, to have it in place by the close of 2014, a full 16 weeks ahead of schedule. At tonight’s P&C meeting, we will begin a discussion with parents about what the recent “Tell them from me…” surveys have revealed. On Thursday 6/11, we will meet for an extended professional development session that will focus on an investigation of the data we have about the school and what it tells us about where it is we are currently at. On Thursday 4/12, we will meet again for a follow up professional development afternoon/evening that will focus on developing what it is we intend to make a focus for the next three years. If, as a parent, you would like to be involved in any of these sessions, please come along. We value the input of our parent body in decision making. It’s good too to remember that what we do at Mudgee High is all predicated on doing what is best for our students.

On Tuesday evening 28/10, parents of student in this year’s Year 7 are invited to come up to the school and discover a little more about Vertical Integration – VI. VI has for many years allowed us to provide more subject choice than any other stand-alone high school west of the Blue Mountains. I would urge any parent of a Year 7 student who has not yet been through this process with an older child – or who needs a refresher on what is involved – to take this opportunity. The presentation starts at 7pm in the School Library (accessed via the Douro Street gates or, more easily still, the Horatio Street gate and side door into the library). The presentation should take around half an hour and there will be plenty of time afterwards for questions.

Finally, most people are familiar with the idea of an IQ – an intelligence quotient – a largely discredited measurement of an individual’s capacity to think. A score of 100 once indicated an average intelligence. Albert Einstein reportedly had an IQ of 160 when he was in form, not bad for a bloke who failed mathematics at school. Bobby Fischer, the American chess wiz, had a reported IQ of 187! What a lot of people may not have heard of is EQ – emotional quotient – what some call emotional intelligence.

Emotional intelligence bears little correlation to IQ. The emotionally intelligent don’t need to be able to describe the flags of the 196 countries of the world. Emotional intelligence is about being self-aware, of knowing your own strengths and importantly your limitations. It’s the ability to manage impulsive behaviour and adapt easily to changed circumstances. It’s about managing relationships so as to move people in positive directions. It is about remaining motivated when things are looking down. Perhaps most important of all, possession of emotional intelligence allows an individual to empathise… to see things from the perspective of another.

If you can laugh at your own failures, resist the temptation to “meet fire with fire” when a relationship goes pear-shaped, and accurately read the cues when someone is in an emotionally bad place and respond appropriately, you have emotional intelligence. And if you don’t, the good news is that emotional intelligence can be taught.

Wayne Eade.

Term 4 Week 3 Awards
P & C Awards – Year 7 – Bradleigh Kelly, Year 8 – Casey Skinner
Year 9 – Nicole Alkamraikh, Year 10 – Dylan Slater, Year 11 – Alanah Bannink

SRR AWARD Term 4 Week 3 – Congratulations to: Heathcliffe Auchinachie (Year 11

PBL Focus – Gardens
This week’s positive behaviour for learning focus is our Gardens. Students are encouraged to be respectful of the schools gardens. This includes being safe around them. Having gardens improves our learning environment and students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions around them.
Design the Front Page of the 2015 Mudgee ANZAC Service Guide

The Mudgee ANZAC Planning Committee for the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, Turkey, is running a competition for students from the local schools in Mudgee.

**Your task** – to design the front page of the 2015 ANZAC Service Guide

**The theme** – must be focused on the landing on the 25th April 1915. Artwork should show what you think it would be like to be there.

**Entry specifications** - Colour is preferred, but black and white would be considered. Entries should be on A4 plain paper. Entries must not be folded or creased.

**Submission of entries** – Mudgee RSL Sub-Branch, PO Box 153, Mudgee NSW 2850. Or you can hand deliver the entry to Mudgee RSL Sub-Branch at the Mudgee Soldier's Club (Club Mudgee).

**Closing date** – Before the end of the school year – 19th December 2014.

**Winning entries** – the top three entries will receive a “Spirit Award Medal” with the winner having their entry published on the front cover of the Mudgee ANZAC Day Service Guide with their name.

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**2014 HSC Timetable Week 4**

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Mudgee Baptist Church 70 Bruce Rd Mudgee

**Students: please arrive half an hour early**
Community Announcements

TOWN HALL CINEMA – November movies

The Hundred Foot Journey
Showing: Friday Nov. 7 7.00pm
Sat. Nov. 8 4.30pm
Sat. Nov. 8 7.00pm
Sun. Nov. 9 4.30pm

The Boxtrolls
Showing: Sat. Nov. 8 11.00am
Sat. Nov. 8 2.00pm
Sun. Nov. 9 11.00am
Sun. Nov. 9 2.00pm

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Can you welcome an exchange student into
your home as a volunteer host family with AFS?

Can you host Airi from Japan?
Age: 17
English: Yes
Interests: Tennis, Playing the piano, Aikido
"I decided to study abroad in Australia because
to me, diversity makes the world more
broadening. I will be able to solve a lot of problems
from various perspectives by myself!"

Can you host Rafael from Brazil?
Age: 17
English: Good
Interests: Traveling, photography, trekking, swimming, walking
"It is very similar, easy making
new friends and learning about
different cultures. I really admire
the culture and the life quality
of the developed countries, and
want to be a part of it." 

Can you host Hanna from Germany?
Age: 17
English: Good
Interests: Surfing, skiing, boating, swimming, Zumba and cooking
"I wanted because I wanted to learn
about different cultures, meet
people from all over the world,
make experiences that will stay
with me forever, and of course
get much better with my English!"

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has the opportunity of a lifetime to come to
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long-lasting friendships.

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to experience the Australian way of life and either
attend a local high school or volunteer at a local
community organisation.

Can your family host one of the above students?
If so, we'd love to hear from you!

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