PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back!

It’s the beginning of Week 2 and the holidays have already been relegated to memory, folklore and saved images on the hard-drive (does anyone use physical photo albums anymore?).

We welcome aboard Mr Dave Ward, exchange Science teacher from Canada. Mr Ward will be with us for the entire year and replaces Mr Rae who is teaching in Canada this year. Mr Ward reported that when he left his home town the temperature had been -36°. On arrival in Australia, the temperature was 35°, a mere difference of 71°! That said, he is sure to acclimatise quickly to both the weather and the demands of Australian schooling.

We also welcome Ms Ashley Walsh, who has been appointed as our school counsellor. Ms Walsh is no stranger to Mudgee High School, having worked here in a training capacity for several years.

Perhaps more importantly, we also welcome our brand new crop of Year 7s – the class of 2020! From all reports, the first week for our Year 7s has been a good one – few tears and plenty of smiles – and that’s the way it should be. I’ve seen Mr Couch, the Year 7 Year Adviser, in the Year 7 Area several times in the first week, making contact with his charges in a visible manner.

Finally, I have a request of all parents and carers. Last week I spoke to Year 11 specifically on their first day back and later the whole school at our first assembly of the year about an issue dear to me and possibly many of you too. This nation, Australia, invests about one quarter of all its revenues – GDP or gross domestic product – into education. All Australian kids have to do to benefit from this windfall is have the very good luck to be born in Australia or hold Australian citizenship. The best thing each student of Mudgee High can do to demonstrate their appreciation for this huge investment – your investment – is do their best. They don’t have to come first in what they attempt, but it is a reasonable expectation that they will each do their best with the resources and opportunities made available to them. As parents and carers, I urge you to have this same expectation of them when at home. Encourage them to keep up with their work, use their time wisely and always attempt their personal best.

Thanks in advance for your support this year.

Wayne Eade
Relieving Principal

Term 4 Week 10 Awards
P & C Awards – Year 7 – Paige Martin Year 8 – Bradley Cockerell
Year 9 – Hannah Dunstall Year 10 – Ryan Van Nesch Year 11 – Gemma Watters
SRR AWARD Term 4 Week 10 – Congratulations to: Stephanie Bartlett (Yr 8)
TECHNOLOGY FACULTY NEWS

The term is well underway in the Technology faculty.

Textiles and Design
The Major Projects in Senior Textiles and Design are progressing well, with each student demonstrating a clear intention of their project. This Major Work is a very extensive project that involves both practical item/s and a folio. These projects are to be completed by August, ready for submission. Parents should provide lots of support and encouragement to these students to work on the project and folio in their spare time. Mrs Bailey conducts after school classes on a Tuesday and she often provides workshops during the school holidays to ensure that the projects are completed to the best of the student’s ability.

An excursion is being planned for early March, to attend the Stitches and Craft show at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. This should provide additional inspiration plus it is an opportunity for students to collect textile resources that are not readily available in the local area.

Practical Lesson Requirements
Students must meet the correct uniform requirements and footwear for Food Technology practical lessons. Work Health and Safety regulations require us to enforce the wearing of covered leather or vinyl shoes. Cloth uppers and cloth tongues are not allowed and students will not be able to participate in the practical lessons if they do not have the correct footwear. Please remind your child to wear the right footwear and bring their gear for practical lessons. Each student studying Food Technology is issued with a requirement sheet that lists the uniform needs and also has photographs of suitable and unsuitable footwear.

YEAR 10 Marine Studies
Welcome back. Do you find shipwrecks cool, archaeology fascinating or want to discover your own treasure? Did you know there are treasures worth billions of dollars still to be found in the oceans of the world? Would you like to discover them for yourself? Want to know more? Choose 2 Unit Marine Studies in your senior studies next year. See Mr Willetts in the TAS faculty for more information.

INDIGENOUS SUMMER CAMP
Mudgee High School Year 9 student, Azrun Paulson, participated in a University of Wollongong (UoW) Indigenous Summer Camp on December 2 – 4 last year. The students were given the opportunity to investigate courses at UoW, especially in the allied health area.

Students also sampled a little of university life by staying in one of the university’s halls of residence. According to Azrun, the camp was fun, involved lots of different activities (including a surfing lesson!) and was an opportunity to make new friends.
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CLASS TIMES

Wednesdays (Mudgee Public School Hall)

9-12 years 4.00 – 4.40pm
13-16 years 5.30 – 6.30pm

Ladies
4.00 – 7.00pm

Day Classes (St Matt's Central School Mudgee)

(Classes to be advised then cancelled) Classes for Pre-schoolers and Ladies

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Registration days for Junior Basketball for Boys and Girls from year 7 to year 10 will be held at the Mudgee PCYC on Monday 2nd February and Wednesday 11th February from 3.30pm – 5.30pm

MOVIES AT THE MUDGEE TOWN HALL CINEMA

Water Diviner – screening Fri 6th - Sun 8th Feb
Paddington – screening Sat 7th & Sun 8th Feb

Tickets available from all Council offices from

Monday Feb 2 or at the door
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