



Tuesday 7 February
2012

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****3 pm cutoff time for change of routine
(unless an emergency)**

****Students leaving school premises early
Emergency contact/ID will be required
unless otherwise advised by phone/
writing**

****Have you contacted the school with
your updated/changed details?**

COMING EVENTS

13 Feb P&C meeting – 7pm in
school library

14 Feb Swimming Carnival

Principals Award

Congratulations to the following students: Shayne Allen, Emma Clulow, Renee Bevege, Jacinda Malsem, Justin Riley, Nathaniel Lowe,

Kindergarten 2012

What a thrill it was on Friday morning to see so many bright smiling faces ready to start school. The children were looking smart in their new uniforms while some of the parents were trying to hold back the tears of saying "good bye" as their child started "big school". Welcome to Mudgee Public to all our 84 Kindergarten students and to our new families – it is a pleasure and a privilege to have you with us. If you ever have any questions about your child's education, feel free to organise a time to catch up with your child's class teacher or come and see me. This invitation is also to all parents and carers throughout the school.

Mudgee News



a proud member of the Cudgegong Learning Community

Morning Tea for New Parents

With so many new families at Mudgee Public this year, I will be holding a morning tea this Friday in our hall from 9:30 to 10:15. The purpose of this is to give parents a chance to ask questions as well as meet with other new parents.

Class Organisation

With the number of new enrolments at school, there is still the chance that we may need to form an extra class for 2012. While this has yet to be confirmed by the Department of Education and Communities, should it happen it will mean that it will have a major impact on our Year 1-2 classes and possibly our K/1 class. I will have more information about this next week. I am sorry about this, however, it is one of those things which is outside my control.

Our Webpage

Once again our webpage is a wonderful resource for information about our school. The address is: www.mudgeepublic.com.au. I highly recommend you mark this as a 'favourite' on your computer.

School Uniform

This is the third and final year of our phase in of our new school uniform following its introduction in 2010. Our school uniform can be purchased from either: Grace's Uniforms, Mudgee Embroidery or Langswear. As our school uniform is compulsory, it is vital that you purchase it from one of the outlets which sells our proper uniform rather than simply buy a similar looking shirt from another store. To ensure everyone does this, I will continue to use our school assistance funding to help families who need assistance with their purchase of school uniforms. You will only need to contact me to

access this assistance. We are very proud of our school uniform and insist that all children wear it correctly.

Don't forget to label your child's belongings

You can:

- § use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- § go through your child's bag with them each night
- § check that labels haven't faded with washing
- § if something doesn't come home, ask at the office where your school's lost property area is.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 14 February. Our carnival is for all children in Years 3-6. Children attending the day who are not able to swim 50 metres will be able to participate in special events on the day. Children have been asked to nominate the races they will enter. If your child had been away and missed the nomination, they can still enter. Any child who still wishes to nominate, please see Mrs Canham. Parents are asked to discuss this with their children to ensure that they don't miss out on events they should enter or that they don't enter races which they are not able to complete.

House Captains

Last week students in our primary years met to vote on the 2012 House Captains. Congratulations to the following children who were voted into these roles:

Perry

Captains: Zak Harrop and Georgia Delarue;

Vice Captains: Tas Rooke and Georgia Christofis

Denison

Captains: Joshua Sandry and
Isabel Burke

Vice Captains: Mitchell Sandry and
Brianna Stewart

Douro

Captains: Jack Sewell and April
Gooch

Vice Captains: Liam French and
Hannah Boland

Gladstone

Captains: Elke Giaouris and
Michael Dowell

Vice Captains: Fletcher Sibley and
Gabby Dzura

Returning Permission Notes

"Lessons at other Venues" and permission for photos of children to be taken and for photos to be placed on our school website will be sent home with this newsletter. If you are happy with the requests the school has in these areas, it is vital that these notes are signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

School Attendance

One of the areas we are looking at addressing this year is reducing the number of students arriving to school late. While I am aware that there are times when there are valid reasons for children arriving late on occasion, I do not want to see any student regularly arriving late. Whenever a child is absent from school, whether it be for only a part of the day or for the whole day, it is a legal requirement that parents provide a note to explain this absence. It is very important that all parents know that if, as Principal, I do not believe the reason for the child's absence to be a valid reason I will not accept the note. Please note this is not simply a Mudgee Public way of doing things but it is a Department of Education and Communities edict.

School Canteen

A big welcome to 2012 from our canteen manager - Kim Stubbs. Once again children will be able to order healthy food from the canteen. A new Term 1 menu is out and attached to the newsletter.

Crunch and Sip

Once again children will be asked to bring in healthy foods and water for 'Crunch&Sip' time, which will occur somewhere around 10.00am each day. Please supply your children with either a piece of fruit or a container of cut up fruit, dried fruit or cut up vegies and a bottle of water each day for our 'Crunch&Sip' break time.

MPS Nut Free

Mudgee Public School is now encouraging minimising nuts and nut products in children's lunch boxes. We are not a totally nut free school, but as a school community we are aware that nuts and nut products have the potential to cause severe harm to some children who are allergic to them. Please keep this in mind when you are packing your child's lunch box each day. Also, please talk to your child about not sharing food and eating only the food provided in their own lunch box.

Education Tax Refund

Buying new school-related equipment? Don't forget to keep your receipts; you might be eligible for an Education Tax Refund. More information is available at www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

You Are Welcome at School

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom, canteen or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued. Please see your child's class teacher about ways you can assist. One of the key ways you can be involved in the life of our school is through our P&C.

Crossing Denison Street After School

For some time staff have assisted students from Mudgee Public cross Denison Street from Mudgee Public to Mudgee High after

school. Following discussions with our Work, Health and Safety consultant regarding this matter I need to inform all parents that this Friday 10 February, is the last day that staff will be watching children cross Denison Street. Our staff are not qualified to carry out this task and are therefore putting themselves at great risk by continuing to do so. Please be aware that this has not been an easy decision as we are very concerned about the safety of children after they leave the school grounds. If you have any concerns about this matter please contact me.

Arrival At School

For children who are not on school buses, I remind parents that children should not arrive at school before 8:50 as this is when a teacher commences duty. In the past we have had children walk to school or get dropped at school well before 8:50 – for the welfare of your child, this should not happen.

Tips for packing their lunch boxes

- § Pack food that is easy to open, easy to eat and not messy.
- § Write their name on their lunch box, water bottle and any other containers.
- § Include a frozen drink bottle to keep food cold. Wrap it in a tea towel in case it leaks.
- § Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags.
- § Avoid using plastic wrap because children find it hard to pull apart, paper bags are better for the environment too.
- § Pack tissues or paper around fruit so it won't bruise.
- § Remind your child to wash their hands before eating and use the toilet at recess and lunch.

Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Following discussions last year between parents and staff, there will be a major change to the

organisation of our parent/teacher meetings and interviews this year. Firstly, we will have a parent/teacher class information session on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 February. This will be a chance to meet with your child's teacher to get an overview of how your child's class will run. In the past we have run this with parents from a group of classes coming together to find out information. Our plan this year is for the session to be specifically with your child's teacher in your child's room. The second change will be the timing of our formal Semester 1 Parent/Teacher interviews. In the past these interviews have taken place at the end of Term 2 or the beginning of Term 3. This year these interviews will happen near the end of this term, with most being held on Wednesday 28 March. There may be some need for teachers to have another date as they may not be able to meet all parents on this one afternoon. More details will be available closer to the date.

Term Calendar

Accompanying this letter is a calendar which outlines the dates in place for Term 1. Please keep this handy as there will no doubt be additions to be added as the term progresses.

Mark Young
Principal

SRC News

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected SRC Representatives for their class:

- 3S Emma Clulow
- 3A Isabella Shearman
- 3/4P Courtney Chetcuti
- 4S Grace Woodgate
- 4C Alex Sutherland
- 5Mc Keely Croft
- 5/6G Gordon Nemeth
- 5/6OH Gabby Burge
- 6E Dillon Robinson
- 6W Daniel Walters
- TM Brooke Peterson-Field

Student of the Week Week 3 Term 1

- K/1A Emily Gately
- 1L Lachlan Staples
- 1N Breeanna Bourke
- 1W Oliver Manners
- 1/2R Carly May
- 2K Emily Caspar
- 2Y Aidan Hargraves
- LG Madison Ellis
- 3A Matthew Hunter
- 3S Jet Bodiam
- 3/4P Laurel Chamberlain
- 4C Grace Selboskar
- 4S Jack Rae
- 5Mc Courtney Nash
- 5/6G Gordon Nemeth
- 5/6OH Blake King
- 6E Jacob Wyles
- 6W Liam Peterson
- TM Jack Hundy
- MW Eddie Line

Community News

RMS School Crossing Supervisors

The RMS are looking for staff to commence in the Mudgee area. An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community. The hours are 8.30 – 9.30 am Monday to Friday at Mudgee Public School, Perry Street, Mudgee. and 3.00 – 4.00 pm Monday to Friday at St Matthew's Primary School, Mortimer Street, Mudgee. The base rate is \$18.98 - \$22.77 per hour. All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a patient, reliable and caring personality. The casual hours and school holidays would certainly suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work – but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided by the RTA.

The RMS is an equal opportunity employer.

For an application or for more information about these enjoyable job opportunities, call Merelynne Maloney (02) 6861 1481 or 0419 234 289. Applications close 24 February 2012.

Sacramental

Programme for 2012

Confirmation: May 12th/13th during weekend parish Masses.

Available for baptised Catholic Year Six or above students.

Please contact Sr Alice at 6372 2122 or sralice@bigpond.com by 1st March if you have a child for this sacrament.

First Eucharist

There is a choice of either June 2nd and 3rd or June 10th and 11th during weekend parish Masses.

This sacrament is available for baptised Catholic students who have received First Reconciliation and are in Year Three or above.

Please contact Sr Alice at 63722122 or sralice@bigpond.com by Anzac day if you have a child for this sacrament.

Reconciliation

This sacrament is available for baptised Catholic students who are in Year Two or above and will be held in August.

Rugby Union

Registration Day for all Mudgee Rugby Union Club players from under 7's to Senior's will take place at the clubhouse on Friday 17 February from 4.00pm and again on Saturday morning from 9.00am to 2.00pm. a BBQ will be operating on the Friday afternoon. Players intending to play **U13, U15 & U17's** this year, please bring along a copy of your birth certificate. For further information please contact Brett Cooper on 0407 136 129.

Dento-Ryu Karate

Traditional karate, non-contact all ages 5 years and over. \$3.50 per lesson. Mudgee Public School Hall Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6.00-7.00pm. No joining fee. Phone 6373 8304