



# Mulwaree News

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Endeavour to Achieve

The next meeting of the P&C will be on Thursday 27th February 2014 7:30-9:15pm sharp in the Staff Common Room. Agenda items for P&C can be emailed to: mulwaree-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au two weeks before the meeting for inclusion on the agenda.



## Duke Of Ed

On a rainy Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 8 dedicated and enthusiastic Mulwaree High students, accompanied by Mr Armstrong and Miss Heath set off on their practice hike as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. This trip saw our students travel to Bonnum Pic in the Nattai National Park, near Mittagong.

We arrived at the start of the hike at around 11am after a bumpy car trip, with rain easing and spirits high. Hugh Hayes and Jarrod Hando were the first navigators, and led the group with confidence and skill. The group had several stops to admire the surrounds, before having lunch in front of the Wangenderry Walls.

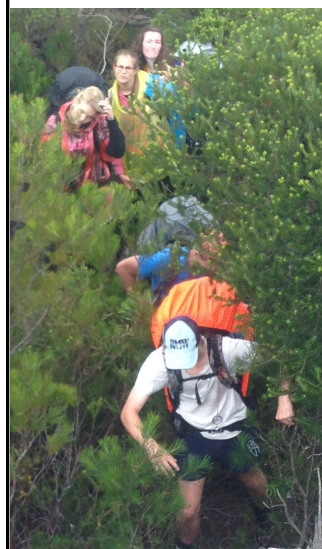
An hour of hiking after lunch, and the group stumbled into camp, weary and battered from some intense "whip-backs" from the native flora. Everyone was relieved to arrive at our destination, but none more than Dayna Whitelaw, who battled hard all day. We assembled our tents and explored the campsite before the adventure team consisting of our trusty navigators, plus Eliza Appel and Caitlin Muddiman, pursued the track onwards towards the pic. Channelling our inner 'Bear Grylls' the group discovered a range of interesting sandstone caves and beautiful valleys.

Once all members of the group were reunited, we played a range of improvised camp games. Teagan Furner won 'stick golf', while Kayla Gilkes-McGregor was too good at 'find the rock'. Luke Cummins helped build a fire and we all shared a meal around it, reflecting on our experiences of the day. We assembled near the edge of the campsite to watch the sun set across a picturesque view of the Blue Mountains.

The return trek took a mere 2 hours, with all hikers feeling comfortable about navigating the path using landmarks and compass bearings learnt at school.

We arrived back at Mulwaree around lunchtime on Saturday, feeling sore, dirty, and sleep deprived, but accomplished at overcoming this journey with flying colours. The conduct, attitude and endeavour shown by all students on this excursion was absolutely exemplary and a credit to the hard work they have all shown throughout the Duke of Ed award. We all eagerly await our second hike, which will again test the students' skill in navigation, bushcraft, organisation as well as impeccable planning and team-work.

Any student over 14 years of age who is interested in becoming involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is encouraged to see Mr Armstrong in order to obtain some information.







### Goss From The Boss

One of the many strengths of Mulwaree High School is the range of different programs we offer our students. During the past week Ms Patrick has organised and run the Peer support training for our Year 10 students. These students will support the new Year 7 students in 2014 and will provide guidance and a helping hand. This program is not

just for the Year 7 students but helps our Senior students develop a sense of responsibility and an ability to make good decisions. The Year 10 students were certainly engaged in what they were doing and I look forward to a positive start from them and Year 7 next year.

Along the same lines, I was invited to the 'opening' of the new shelving for our Greenhouse. Mr Earl and his

Construction class have built sturdy shelving and work tables using old morgue tables within the design. This is a practical use of this class's skill and if the tables and shelves are any indication, their HSC results will follow the fine traditions already set. On Wednesday students from ANU visited Year 10 Science classes and set up a forensic workshop. It was like a scene from CSI Mulwaree with an examination of blood splatters, fingerprinting and the putting together of clues. What a great way to study Science with a host of budding forensic crime fighters able to explain the next episode of The Silent Witness.

Over the next week we will be celebrating student achievement with our Achievement assembly, Presentation Night and reports. This is a very positive time with Activities, Christmas and holidays to follow. Life doesn't get any better.

Mr Purcell  
Principal

### Changes for 2014

To finalise what will occur in 2014 re: the organisation of the day.

In 2014 we will be making changes to our period length and the number of periods during the day. By having 5 periods in a day we will cut the number of split classes by half and lessen the time out of class. These changes were made by the curriculum team which included members of staff and P & C who made recommendations and decisions. The SRC also had input with these decisions. These changes include:

- 5 period days with the curriculum spread over 2 weeks. Each period will be approximately 62 minutes.
- The structure will generally be 2/2/1. There will not be a roll call at the beginning of the day but a 10 minute roll call at the end of period 2 (prior to recess).
- We will electronically mark rolls for every period.
- Recess and Lunch will be of equal length, of 30 minutes each They will be called Break 1 and Break 2.
- Wednesday of Week B will finish at 2.15. (The day structure will be 2/1/1). This will allow for a meeting time each fortnight, devoted to Professional Learning. Faculties will be rostered on to look after those students who need to remain at school to await buses.
- Assembly day will be decided by the end of Term.
- Senior sport will still be held on Thursdays and the day structure will be 2/1/2 to accommodate this!

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me at school.



### Not In Vein

Mulwaree students can donate blood during sport on a Thursday. You must be 16 years or over. Please see Mrs Christoff in the PE staffroom for a permission note. Mulwaree High School acknowledges the community service of Holly Brown, Linnea Madsen, Rie Oyama and Annelie Jensen.

### Cricket Coaching

An insert from a letter received from Garry Mortimer of the Goulburn District Cricket Association: "Thank you very much for allowing your students Grant Norton, Michael Hosking, Kelly Rowlings, Thomas Pender and Corey Greenwood to participate in the schools' coaching program.

All of your students represented their school in a most commendable manner. Their attitude, work ethic and ability to relate with the children we coached was excellent. The students worked with a serious cross section of the community including those with disabilities and others from multicultural backgrounds. All were treated respectfully and with genuine interest. It was a pleasure to have your students involved.

### **International Day of People With Disabilities – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**

30 Year 9 PASS students participated in the IDPWD gala day held at the basketball stadium last week. Students were involved throughout the day by refereeing games, organising teams and playing as well. It was outstanding to see our young adults get involved with many of the services around town and how they conducted themselves with Mulwaree pride throughout the day. Congratulations!!

An insert from a letter from Virginia Konig of the Disability Trust: "Staff and clients from Disability Trust Services attended the sporting events held at the Goulburn Basketball Stadium today. We wish to acknowledge the positive contribution Mulwaree High School staff and students made to the enjoyable day had by our clients. Feedback from TDT staff and clients indicate your student's demonstrated understanding and consideration of all the player's varying capabilities and this contributed to the fun experienced by all participants."



### **Red Hot Director**

Congratulations to Maddie Weeks for her outstanding directorial debut! 'Red Hot Cinders', featuring performers from the after school drama class, was enacted for a large and very appreciative audience of family and friends last Monday night in the Speech and Drama room. The pantomime also showcased some of the comic talents of our budding Year 7 and 8 student actors, including Xanthe Britton, Sophie Linton, Peter Holmes, Thomas Bensley, Caleb Thomas, Sheridan Fennamore, Makenzie McInnes, Maddison Perrin, Blair Wallace, Hannah Cudaj, Toniya Apps, Makayla Kranitis and Sarah Chalker. The cast and director should be very proud of all their hard work with a very well received show. I'd also like to thank Owen Perkins for his technical support and Makenzie McInnes for being a safety conscious ladder holder and general helper! Thank you also to the enthusiastic audience who turned out to cheer us on, your support is much appreciated. Miss McAleer



### **Mulwaree's Voice**

Congratulations to Year 9 student Maddie Lamb who was recently announced as a Goulburn Regional Conservatorium Voice Scholarship recipient for 2014. She will be an excellent ambassador for the Conservatorium next year. The process was highly competitive with students required to perform two contrasting songs in front of a distinguished panel of judges. Well done Maddie!

### **Important Calendar Dates**

9/12 Mon Semester 2 Assembly  
10/12 Tues Presentation Night 7pm  
16/12 -17/12 End of Year Activities  
18/12 Wed Students last day for 2013  
19/12-20/12 Staff Development Days  
2014  
28/1 Tues Staff Development Day  
29/1 Wed Years 7, 11 & 12 commence for 2014  
30/1 Thurs Years 8, 9 and 10 commence for 2014  
6/2 Thurs Yr 12 UOW Discovery Day  
11/2 Tues MHS Swimming Carnival

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# Rep Rap

## This weeks interrogations/interviews

### Meet The Teacher



**Mrs Soondra**  
**Maths Teacher**

**What subjects can you teach?**

*Maths and Software Design and Development.*

**What was your first job?**

*Baking apple pies.*

**What is your favourite food?**

*Sticky Date Pudding and Chicken Cacciatore.*

**What is the furthest place you have travelled to?**

*America and Europe.*

**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

*Genetic Engineer.*

**Why did you become a teacher?**

*In my former job in Industrial Automation, when I was employing school kids to do computing work, often their Maths skills weren't good enough for the job.*

**Who do you most admire and why?**

*My Mum, because she came from a poor upbringing and a tough life and has done really well in life and continues to support us.*

### Rep Rap Report

On 29th November, Mulwaree High School raised an astronomical amount of money for Movember. Teachers including Mr Kodakalla, Mr Bennett, Mr Purcell and Miss White and many more, played tennis in the quad with ridiculous facial hair, wigs etc. We thank everyone for turning up and helping on the day and donating to a very good cause.

### Meet The Student



**Indigo Miller**  
**School Prefect 2013/2014**

**What was your first job?**

*Basketball Referee. - \$4 per game!*

**What is your favourite food?**

*Space Food Sticks.*

**What is your favourite subject?**

*Italian - mi piace colpire la gente!*

**What do you want to be when you leave school?**

*A professional pie sales woman.*

**What is the furthest place you have travelled to?**

*Portugal, Italy, Spain, England, Scotland, Bali and Seaworld.*

**Who do you admire most and why?**

*Costa from Gardening Australia because his beard is just out of control and he has a real knack for horticulture.*

### Secret Spot!

Do you know where this week's secret spot is? Don't forget to place your entry into the box in D7 for your chance to win a \$10 voucher at the canteen.

