



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.



Vibe

On 17th November, 40 students from our school went to the Vibe 3 on 3 day. It was a fun filled day of 3 on 3 basketball, Aboriginal dancing and life education. There were schools from Goulburn and surrounds. We got to write raps, dance to hip-hop music and even got free food. A few teams from our school won their age group for the most points scored. A female duo took out the rapping contest as well. Overall it was a fantastic day.

Jennaya Ottaway and Briannah Pearson





Goss From The Boss

As we draw closer to the end of Term, I would like to thank Ms Patrick and her team for the wonderful work they have done for Activities. The Monday and Tuesday of the last week will provide a wide range of activities which will cater to student and staff interests. It is important that payments are made. I look forward

to how well we will enjoy activities and the experiences they provide for our students.

Our commitment to ensuring that we are able to provide the best possible education for all Years continues. The STAR program is a targeted and structured writing program for our Seniors. Our requirements are that for a teacher to have a Senior class they must complete the 2nd level of a 3 level training program. Mr Willis, our Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, and his very

capable team have been conducting professional learning in this area and all staff will be trained by the end of the year.

As you have no doubt heard/read, the Federal Minister for Education has decided to scrap the Gonski education reforms. This is a very sad day as the NSW Government had already set up the structure for a fairer and equitable funding of schools based on student need. Mulwaree High School will receive for 2014, \$128,000.00 in 'extra' funding and we would have continued to receive this amount from now on. This funding was to be used to support a structured writing program in the Junior years, a Senior Learning Area, a Tutorial Centre and support for the new Australian Curriculum. After next year, if Mr Pyne does carry out his intentions, these very important programs will not be able to continue. In that case all of us will lose out, in particular our children. We can only hope that sanity prevails.

Mr Purcell

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 member of staff and P & C and made recommendations and decisions.

The SRC also had input with these decisions. These changes include:

- a) 5 period days with the curriculum spread over 2 weeks. Each period will be approximately 62 minutes.
- b) 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).
- c) We will electronically mark rolls for every period.
- d) Recess and Lunch will be of equal length, of 30 minutes each. They will be called Break 1 and Break 2.
- e) 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.
- f) Assembly day will be decided by the end of Term.
- g) 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 Jack Kennedy, Tom Pender, Ellyse Clarke, Hope Cohen and Kayleigh Hadlow.

Lions Youth of the Year Quest

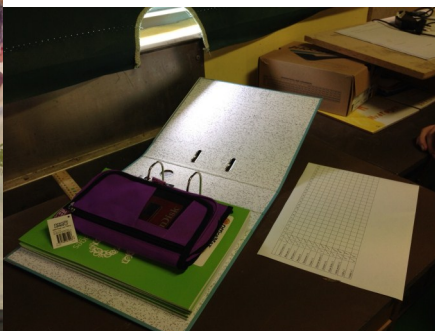
The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is a project of the Lions Clubs of Australia supported by the National Bank. The Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. If you are interested please see the office for entry forms.



Bushfire Appeal

Over the past month the 9 Map class has been fundraising to support Winmalee High School's Bushfire Appeal. Rather than cash donations, the Year 9 students sought "sponsorship" of school supply packs. Through the efforts of our 9 Map students and the generosity of our schooling community, they were able to raise over \$1000! A back to school pack for a student who has lost everything in the bushfires, means they can return to school with less of the financial or emotional burdens that the start of the school year can bring.

Congratulations to our 9 Map students for organising such a practical and thoughtful gesture of support to the bushfire affected families in the Blue Mountains.



ANU Ambassadors

Every second Monday students from ANU come to the library to help our students with free tutoring and help with assessments or exams. If anyone would like to take advantage of this service it is available after school on Monday 2nd December and 16th December.



Smashing It Out Of The Park

Congratulations to Michael Hosking who has been selected in the South Coast Cricket team. Michael will play in the CHS Inter-Regional Championships to be held in Term 1 of 2014. Well done Michael and good luck in your upcoming tournament.

Important Calendar Dates

2/12 Mon Yr 10 Peer Support Training
 3/12 Tues Yr 9 PASS at International Day of Disabilities
 5/12 Thurs Endeavour Awards Excursion to Jamberoo
 6/12 Fri Yr 7 Police Talks
 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

Aussie Goulburn Supporting Kids

For every settled loan we donate \$50-\$100 to the ASK fund

For a free appointment give Jeff or Matt a call at:

Aussie Goulburn
 126A Auburn Street, Goulburn, NSW 2580
 Tel: 02 4821 1540 Fax: 02 4821 1546
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It's Smart to Ask

Rep Rap

This weeks interrogations/interviews

Meet The Teacher



Mrs Christoff
PD/H/PE Teacher

What subjects can you teach?

PD/H/PE and History.

What was your first job?

Helping on our farm and at a chemist.

What is your favourite food?

Seafood, mangoes and passionfruit.

What is the furthest place you have travelled to?

Russia, Scandinavia, United Kingdom, Scotland, Turkey, Europe, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand and I lived in England for 2 years.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A Doctor.

Why did you become a teacher?

To encourage teenagers to ask questions, to be kind to their bodies and each other and to work at and value the important relationships they have in their life.

Who do you most admire and why?

My Father, for his quiet and selfless devotion and hard work for those in need, and my Mum. My Mum has inspired and influenced many through her work as a teacher, in the sporting community and in the field of music. Their support for my children has been huge and I so admire and value the special grandparent relationship they have created with them.

Rep Rap Report

On 6th December the SRC will be holding their annual planning day to talk about upcoming 2014 events. If you have any ideas, please see your SRC Rep.

Please treat our two new water refill stations with respect. They are there for your convenience.

Meet The Student



Tara Mills
School Prefect
2013/2014

What was your first job?

I was a dedicated Basketball Referee.

What is your favourite food?

Bacon's pretty good!

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject would definitely be Visual Arts.

What do you want to be when you leave school?

I aspire to be a Photographer.

What is the furthest place you have travelled to?

Not too far, but I plan on adventuring when I finish school.

Who do you admire most and why?

Both my parents, as they have been so encouraging and supporting.

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.

