This term has been a busy time in sport! We have had many students playing team sports and attending trials. Here is what has been happening:

- The boys cricket team played Cootamundra High School in the CHS knockout. It was a very close contest with MHS going down by just 10 runs. Batting second, MHS needed 14 runs off the last 2 overs but unfortunately lost three quick wickets falling short of the target. Best on field for MHS was Tyler Allen with bowling figures of 2 for 10 off 7 overs and he also scored 50 runs.

- Will Manwaring, Emma James and Maddy Douglass have been selected in the Riverina Soccer teams. The boys State Championships will be held at Rooty Hill in May and the girls will play at Armidale also in May. Well done on your selection.

- Students also attended touch football trials with Emma James, Will Manwaring and Jared Prosser being selected in the Riverina teams. They will attend State Championships in Tomaree and Taren Point in June. Congratulations!

- Last week Tom Foster and Tyler Allen attended the State Volleyball Championships in Orange. The Riverina team played 9 games, winning 2. This placed them 8th overall at the carnival. Well done boys!

- This week we have Emily Banks, Emma James, Ellie Barker, Tiffany Foster, Katie Hearne and Tennille Stephens playing in the Girls State Volleyball Championships at Minto. Good luck girls!

- We wish Ryan Daley good luck when he attends the CHS Swimming Carnival next week. Ryan will swim in the 14 Years 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly events.

**TERM 2 MERIT ASSEMBLY**

**Tuesday 8 April**

commencing at 2.30pm

All welcome
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to wish all students, parents, and staff an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday break. With 11 weeks in this term, combined with a recent outbreak of colds and flu, I’m sure all students and staff are ready for the holiday.

Supervision of classes during staff absences
There have been several days recently where the number of staff absent has exceeded both the number of casual teachers available to come to the school, and our budget to cover these absences. On these occasions staff supervise a number of classes in the playground, or in the hall if it is available. While we admit this is not the most desirable scenario it is the best of our available options and we hope that you will understand that on occasions we will have these difficulties.

Planning Meetings
The NSW Department of Education and Communities is undertaking major changes in administration and management procedures in all NSW schools. Over recent weeks I have attended several meetings in Sydney and Wagga aimed at giving schools a smooth transition to these changes. We are certainly entering a very new and interesting age in education.

School Happenings
Year 12 have completed their mid-course examinations and are eagerly awaiting their results. The mid-course reports will be issued early next term.

Our Girls Volleyball representatives are competing in Sydney this week. There are high hopes they will experience success again this year.

A number of our students have gained selection, through recent trials, in Regional sports teams. Congratulations to all these students on achieving representative honours.

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us. All parents and community members are invited to come along and watch the competition throughout the day.

Next Tuesday 8 April is our Term 1 Merit Assembly. As well as presenting our term 1 award winners we will be inducting our school captains and student representatives. The assembly begins at 2.30pm, and all parents and community members are welcome to come along.

Members of the Farm Club are leaving on Sunday to compete at the Sydney Show. We wish them well in their week of preparation and competition.

Neil Solomon
Principal

FRIDAY 11 APRIL
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

MONDAY 28 APRIL
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

TUESDAY 29 APRIL
STUDENTS RESUME SCHOOL
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COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS – Harden Junior Soccer Club are taking final registrations for the 2014 season. All players are required to register online. To register go to myfootballclub.com.au and follow the prompts. For login details and enquiries please contact Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 452 or Ann Sharman on 0412 456 870. In order to finalise numbers, all registrations must be completed by Friday 11 April.

HARDEN JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION DAYS – Junior netball registrations will be held for students in Kinder to Year 9 on Tuesday 8 April at the MPS COLA from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and on Thursday 10 April at the Trinity Library from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Cost of registration is $17, to be paid on registration day. Competition will commence on Friday 9 May from 3.30pm to 4.45pm (6 week competition). For more information contact Penny Lucas on 0413 603 747, Adam Wade on 0428 862 267 or Treen Brooker on 0411 045 630.

FREE HEALTH CHECKUP – Kruger Medical Centre has organised a free health checkup day for Harden residents on Saturday 12 April from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Medical Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend. Harden Men’s Shed will also hold an open day on Saturday 12 April. They will be open from 10.00am.

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