**SMALL SCHOOL RUGBY LEAGUE**

Last Wednesday three MHS teams played in the CRL Small School Rugby League competition at Boorowa.

The Under 13’s team was made up with the help of 4 MPS students. Their first opponents were McAuley. The boys tried their best and showed some development and increased skill level throughout the game whilst crossing for 2 tries. They went down to a well drilled team.

The second game was against Sacred Heart Cootamundra, this game was closer, however, the boys were again beaten in a fair and well fought contest.

The Under 16’s had St Annes first up for the day. The boys knew it was going to be a tough ask as St Annes were playing with 3 NRL signed players. The game started with a try to St Annes and things were looking extremely grim. Fortunately the boys rallied and defended well. They played within the rules of the game avoiding the niggle and banter whilst staying in the competition through a great defensive effort. Their team play and big hearts kept them in the game and provided some opportunities to win with only a few minutes to go. Unfortunately they did not capitalise on these chances and the game ended in a 12 all draw. To get through to the final they needed to beat Boorowa by 39 points or more. In the first half the game plan was at times forgotten which caused a slowing down of points scored. The defence was impenetrable and into the second half they played ‘smart footy’ which saw the flood gates open. The final score was 64 nil to MHS!

Jonno Davis was injured in the match and showed great courage to handle himself as he did. We all wish him well on his recovery.

The final will be held in Dubbo on the 6 August, well done boys and all the best for the final!!!
The Open 7-a-side team was never really challenged on the day. They defeated 3 teams out of 3 and only let 2 tries in throughout the competition. They had some terrific plays with tremendous speed which allowed them to open up teams at will and defend at any position on the ground. Well done to the boys who played in great spirit and with good skill.

Finally, a mention for the organisation and training by the NRL boys and Pat Walsh, in my opinion, for the best referees in some time. Thanks very much and well done!

(Report by Chris Smith)

NATIONAL MERINO CHALLENGE

Year 12 student Naomi Bernthaler entered the National Merino Challenge which was held in Melbourne at the end of last term. The competition involved wool classing, sheep judging and wool judging. In a fantastic effort Naomi placed 4th in this competition. Well done and congratulations Naomi!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CAPA Night
Our Creative and Performing Arts Night will be held tomorrow evening in the hall, beginning at 6.30pm. Congratulations to the students and staff who have worked so hard to bring this evening to fruition.

It’s going to be a great show so I urge everyone to come along to the school tomorrow night for a great evening’s entertainment.

Year 10 -11 Information Evening
All Year 10 parents should have received a letter inviting them to the Year 10 -11 Information Evening next Monday 4 August at 6.30pm, in Room 5. All prospective Year 11 students and their parents should attend this meeting as very pertinent information will be given. Students and parents will be able to ask questions about subject selections.

Rugby League Success
Congratulations to our Under 16 and Open boys league teams who were victorious at the Boorowa carnival. We wish the Under 16s all the best in the finals, in Dubbo, on 6 August. (See full story in Mercury)

CAPA NIGHT 2014
‘I Got a Feeling’
WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2014
FROM 6.30PM
ENTRY IS BY DONATION AT THE DOOR
COME ALONG AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF

- Drama
- Art
- Variety
- Music
- Dance
- Acro
**Trial HSC Exams**
The Trial HSC Exams begin in two weeks, on 11 August. Year 12 students should be well and truly established into a regular study routine.

It has been good to see a number of Year 12 students using the library after school hours to maximise their effective study time.

Major works are also nearing completion in Visual Arts and Industrial Technology; and Drama students are finalising for their performance exams. My thanks to the students’ respective teachers for giving a lot of extra time after school so the students can maximise the quality of their work.

**Riverina Athletics**
The Riverina Athletics will be held in Albury next Tuesday 5 August. We wish all our competitors the best for the carnival. I know they will represent our school with pride.

Neil Solomon  
Principal

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**FARM CLUB WOOD RAFFLE**
The Farm Club wood raffle was drawn on Friday 18 July. The raffle was won by the ‘P&D Store’. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.
With just one week of preparation, Friday 25 July saw another P&C fundraiser take shape when we held a Christmas in July sweets and treats stall in the school foyer. Toffee apples, candy canes, jelly cups, lolly bags, lucky dips, gingerbread men, rocky road, cupcakes, jelly slice, shortbreads, red and green coconut ice, fruit cake, cranberry balls, rum balls (hold the rum!), meringues sherbet cones, toffees and so much more!

The students and staff got to dress up in all things ‘Christmassy’, with several elves frequenting the stall throughout the day. Who knew Santa’s Little Helpers could eat so much red and green jelly! And that roast turkey hat, Oscar!

A huge thank you to Robyn Hampton, Mel Foster, Shelly Quinn, Beth Irving, Cindy James, Marilyn Murray, Lauren Masson and Jean Chapman for their continued support, and for all the homemade treats.

An outstanding effort to ensure our kids had a great day. Thank you again! The P&C Committee raised over $350 with more treats for sale via the canteen yesterday, thanks to Shelly Quinn.

Kellie Forsyth
P&C Fundraising Coordinator

WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S DUE ……………………

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