The MHS under 16’s rugby league team took on Oberon High School in the Small Schools Grand Final at Dubbo on Wednesday 6 August.

We travelled over on the P&G bus and Mr George Cowden donated his time to drive. Thanks to the P&C for the bus and a massive thanks to George for driving us there!

We kicked off at 2:10pm with a depleted side sporting only two reserves. We scored an early try through a well weighted kick, Will Manwaring diving on the ball. Dylan Arabin slotted the conversion from the side line.

Next a close chance was denied with Harrison Forsyth claiming a try only to have it disallowed. From then on it was all Oberon who ran in 4 tries and converted 3 before half time. The half time school favoured Oberon 22 - 6.

After a brief reflection on the first half the MHS boys changed their defensive strategy and played with intent in attack!

Ball running by rampaging Zac Pirie and Jack Barnes put the Oberon boys on the back foot which created gaps for our back line and support players.

Three more tries were scored by MHS and the scores were level with a kick to win the game. Dylan said "the pressure got to him" and he missed. We then had one more chance to score before full time only to be denied.

Extra time started poorly with MHS conceding a penalty from the restart of play, putting Oberon in the box seat. They went for golden point and actually hit the upright! Tom Foster shepherded the ball over the in goal line and MHS began their attack routine. Good yards up the centre then saw Jeffrey Brown drawing a penalty 30m out. Taking a penalty goal shot, Dylan said "I didn't think about this one, I just kicked it". The final score was 24 - 22 MHS over Oberon.
The boys were well led by Captain Josh Barker and Vice Captain Dylan Arabin. Tries were scored by Will Manwaring, Dylan Arabin (2) and Jake Arabin with Dylan named Man of the Match.

The boys learnt a lot about themselves in this game, particularly in how persistence and resilience can overcome adversity! Well done to them all, they emulated the beliefs that MHS stands for and proved that anything is possible!

I would like to than Mr Manwaring for assisting on the day with coaching as he was also instrumental to the winning formula!

The team pictured are: Chris Smith (Coach), Jared Innes, Dylan Arabin, Dan Cowden, Harrison Forsyth, Jackson Paton, Zac Pirie, Jarrod Whatman, Jack Barnes, Chris O'Connor, Tom Foster, Jeff Brown, Will Manwaring, Josh Barker, Lane Gaudie and Jake Arabin

Report by Chris Smith

What a Feeling!

To celebrate Education Week, 70+ students were involved in Creative and Performing Arts Night (CAPA) on 30 July. Performers had rehearsed a variety of acts over the year and had an additional 2 days of dress and tech rehearsals in the lead up to the show.

Students worked tirelessly on perfecting their acrobatic, dance, drama and music routines, while backstage crew learnt about the processes of behind stage organisation as well as how to use the new state of the art sound and lighting equipment. Food tech students catered for the event with hot food and sweets that were sold as part of their 'Masterchef' assessment. Art students also showcased their talents with their artworks for sale around the hall. We were also fortunate enough to showcase the musical talents of Binalong Public School who brought along an 18 piece band and 3 music numbers. We hope that in future years many more local Public Schools will be invited to participate in the event.

Overall, the night was a huge success with a packed audience of over 300 people and making over $1000 for future CAPA endeavours. Students should be very proud of all their efforts as their attitude, behaviour and creativity was of the highest standard. Students will now begin working on new routines for future school assemblies. We encourage anyone who wants to become more involved with CAPA to speak with Miss Luke, Miss Petherbridge or Mr Bernthaler. There are many extra-curricular groups to join.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a DVD of the entire night please pay $10 to the office by Friday the 15 August.

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night including all the teachers and parents, but in particular all the students that were involved.

I got a feeling it was a good, good night!
Athletics Success

Last week a team of athletes participated in the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury. It was a very successful day for MHS students. All students placed well in their events with 8 students and one relay team gaining selection for the State Carnival. Below are the results of our qualifying students:

Lui Polimeni – 2nd in 14 Years 800m and 2nd in 14 Years 1500m
Maddy Douglass – 2nd in 15 Years high jump
Samantha Cross – 2nd in 15 Years 1500m
Jake Arabin – 2nd in 15 Years javelin
Will Manwaring – 1st in 16 Years 100m and 2nd in 16 Years 200m
Harrison Forsyth – 1st in 16 Years javelin
Tyler Allen – 1st 16 Years long jump
Jordan Douglass – 2nd 17 Years 100m, 1st 17 Years high jump, 1st 17 years long jump, 1st 17 Years triple jump
16 Years boys relay team (Dylan Arabin, Josh Barker, Harrison Forsyth & Will Manwaring) – 1st

Fun on the Ski Slopes

Last Friday a bus load of students and staff had the day on the slopes at Mount Selwyn. After a 4.30am departure the skiers and snow boarders hit the slopes at 8.00am!!! With the sun shining, it was a perfect day on the slopes. A great day was had by all, with everyone enjoying this great opportunity.
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