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Term Dates

Term 4 🐾 10th Oct – 16th Dec.

DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 4

Week 2

- ✓ **Monday 17th October**
Higher School Certificate commenced
- ✓ **Friday 21st October**
Welfare Assembly at 11.30

Week 3

- ✓ **Monday 24th October**
 - Yr 10 X-Selective Exam Period 4&5
 - Yr 10 PDHPE Exam Period 2&3
- ✓ **Thursday 27th October**
 - Open Boys Cricket versus Young High School
 - GHS Street Stall
- ✓ **Friday 28th October**
 - Yr 10 Y-Selective Exam Period 4&5
 - GHS Street Stall

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NEWSLETTER

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4, I trust everyone had a restful break. I would like to start by thanking Mrs Gretchen Walsh for her support as relieving Deputy Principal over the first few weeks, whilst I am relieving Principal.

Congratulations

Well done to the school's RFS Cadets who competed so well at the national championships. A big thankyou to Mr Dale Chadwick, Karen and Brian Lewin and all the students for representing Gundagai High School and the local community with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Gundagai High schools Cattle show team for their efforts at the Melbourne Show. Again, I thank Mr Dale Chadwick, Ms Veronica Thake and all the students for their efforts in representing Gundagai High School and the Gundagai district so well.

Exams

HSC exam commenced on Monday 17th October and the last exam that involves a Gundagai High School student is on Friday 11th November. This year we also have some Year 11 students that will complete their HSC exam in Business services. All the staff and students wish Year 12 well in their final exams.

Year 10 completed their Trial School Certificate exams during Week 1 Term 4. They will have their elective and PDHPE exams during Week 3.

School Certificate exams will be held in Week 5, Monday 7th November until Wednesday 9th November.

Welfare Assembly

Term 3 Welfare Assembly was postponed until Week 2 Term 4, Friday 21st October. The welfare assemblies are a great opportunity to celebrate the efforts of our students. It is wonderful to see so many students progressing through the welfare system by gaining a level promotion through a wide variety of activities and interests.

New School Web page

New School Web page has been opened. This site is much more interactive and will have the school calendar and much more information available. See below link to browse the site

<http://www.gundagai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>



P&C Street Stall (Thursday 27th October – Saturday 29th October)

Students were able to dress in Mufti clothes on Friday 14th Oct. Each student was asked to bring in items for the P&C street stall hampers. As always this was well supported and we look forward to the communities support in helping the P&C raise funds for the benefit of all our students.

Term 3 Sport Star Award

Each week teachers encourage the sportsmanship and participation of students during Wednesday afternoon sport. Teachers award some students in each sport with 3, 2, 1 points each week. These points are tallied for weekly prizes of vouchers at local outlets. Term prizes of \$25 vouchers at Sportspower and a \$110 Sportspower voucher at the end of the year.



The Term 3 winner of the \$25 voucher was Luke Scott in Year 8. Luke received his prize in Week 1.

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Out of uniform day

Thank you for the great support shown by the parents and students for the P&C out –of-uniform day. The P&C will be able to organise the grocery items into some good raffle prizes.

Unfortunately, some students have seen the out-of-uniform day as an opportunity to wear inappropriate clothing and footwear to school. Students are not to wear thongs, sandals or canvas shoes on out-of-uniform days. Leather enclosed footwear **MUST** still be worn. Singlets and shorts that are too short are also not appropriate. Please assist us with this matter in the future.

Staying safe online

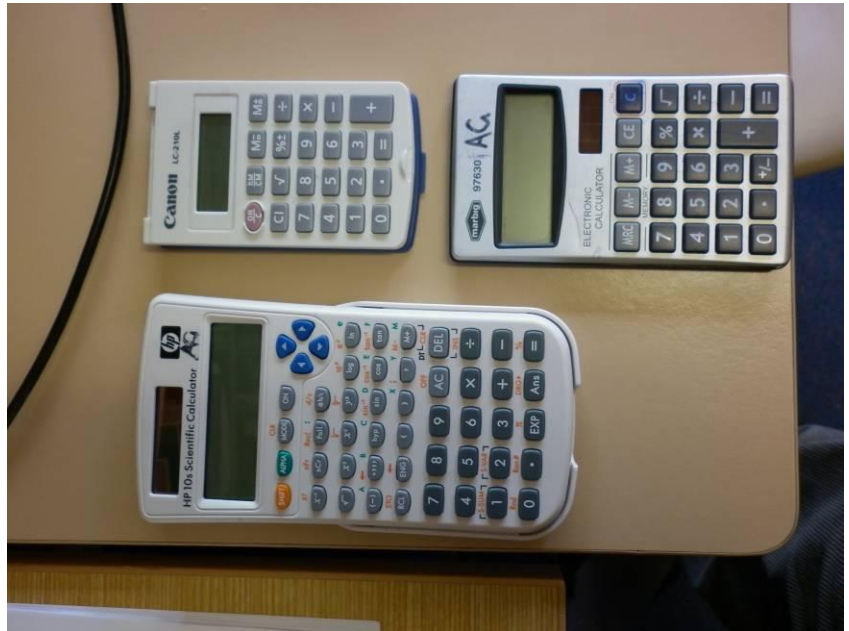
In School A to Z you will find a wealth of information related to technology (as well as homework, health and wellbeing, and school guides) to help support your child's online activities. Being connected is important, but so is staying safe. Check out the 10 cybersafety tips every parent should know at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology and have your say in the conversations section.

Gretchen Walsh
Relieving Deputy Principal

YEAR 8 CALCULATORS MISSING

Mr Chadwick has calculators that he allows students to borrow.

Unfortunately, some of these have recently gone missing and he would like them back. Please take the time to check your son/daughter/ward's bag and pencil case for these calculators (see photo) they all have Ag either written or engraved on them. I am sure they may have been taken home by accident. If they appear in my equipment box there will be no questions asked. The advantage of me being able to supply calculators on various occasions is obvious. Please assist me to locate them.



Many thanks

Mr D Chadwick 8B Maths teacher.

Late Arrivals

The school day starts at 9.00 with Roll Call. It is important for your child to attend roll call in the morning as it is an information sharing time. If there are any variations to the day, roll call is where everyone finds out about it. A lot of sporting announcements are also made at these roll calls. If your child doesn't arrive at school on time to attend roll call, they need to sign in at the front office.

There are several issues with students arriving late to school including:

Students don't know if there are any variations to the school day which may include visiting workshops, room changes, program changes, nominating for sporting events.

These partial lateness add up over the year and it will be shown on their school reports that they have had unexplained absences. This does not look good when they apply for a job and need to show their school reports.

Students arriving late to a class are disruptive to both the teacher and fellow students.

We ask all parents to encourage their children to arrive at school by 8.45 am, attend roll call and are ready for lessons. If students are late to school they are required to bring a note explaining the reason for their lateness, just as they would on their return to school if they were away for the whole day/s.

SILVER MEDAL FOR GUNDAGAI HIGH RFS CADETS

Six NSW Rural Fire Service Cadets from Gundagai High have won a silver medal 2nd place in the Two Tanker Event at the recent Australian National Fire Cadets Championships. They were also placed 4th in both the Knapsack Relay and Tanker and Ladder events. These excellent results placed the Gundagai Team 6th overall from the 30 NSW's, interstate and New Zealand teams which competed in the 8 events.

The Gundagai Team, Chris Lewin, Chase Shaw, Veronica Britt, James Petty, Kyle Ireland and Terry Watson travelled to Myuna Bay, Lake Macquarie on Tuesday October 4th accompanied by Managers and Coaches Brian and Karen Lewin and Dale Chadwick. The competition was held over 2 days with various team building and leadership exercises being incorporated to allow the cadets' time to recover after each run of events. These were a welcome break to the intensity of competition.

The cadets were a credit to themselves, their families and their unit in the way they conducted themselves and pitched in to assist the organisers to stage the event. The focus for the cadets now will be a graduation ceremony later in the term for the newer recruits and for next year's State Titles scheduled for September in Port Stephens.

I wish to thank Brian Lewin for his ongoing support as coach/coordinator of the GHS Cadet unit and the personal time he gives to the students to allow them to compete at such a high level. Thanks also to Karen Lewin who took time off on Wednesday's leading up to the Nationals and then during the week to travel with the team. Her organisation that ensured the team met the registration and equipment requirements was appreciated. Also thanks to Ian Petty who was available at various times throughout the term for his assistance with the training and skilling of the Cadets.

Dale Chadwick
GHS RFS Cadet Coordinator

Appreciation from Brian Lewin

The achievements by the Gundagai High Cadets in the last 18 months have been nothing short of astounding and are due to support from the community with fundraising as well as ongoing support from Gundagai High School and the tireless work of Teacher /Cadet Coordinator /Coach Dale Chadwick.

Brian Lewin
GHS RFS Cadet Coach / Coordinator

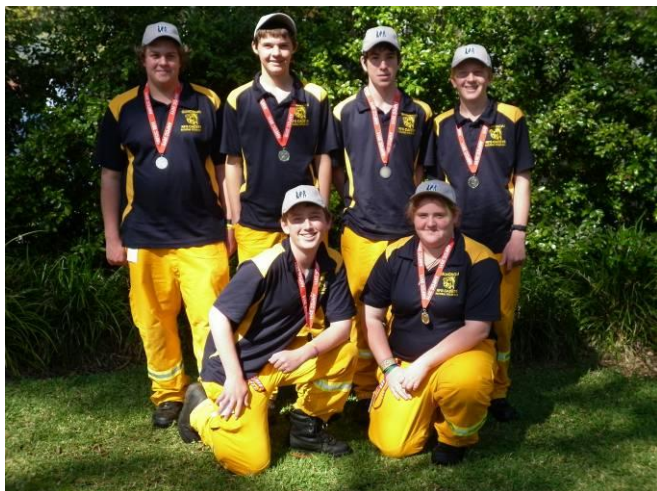
One of the Team challenge exercises was an orientation course to gain letters to solve a puzzle to swap for materials to build a raft. Chase Shaw and Chris Lewin avoid almost capsizing watched by Kyle Ireland.





Veronica Britt (crew leader), Chris Lewin and Chase Shaw in the Two Tanker event.

James Petty attends the ladder whilst Chase Shaw is backed up by Chris Lewin in the Tanker and Ladder event.



The 6th placed Gundagai High Rural Fire Service Cadet Unit with their silver medals.

L to R

Back: Kyle Ireland, Chase Shaw, James Petty, Chris Lewin

Front: Terry Watson, Veronica Britt

GUNDAGAI HIGH'S AGRICULTURE PROGRAM BRED AND EXHIBITED

Grand Champion Carcase at Royal Melbourne.

An Angus steer bred and prepared by Gundagai High's Agriculture program has been awarded Grand Champion Carcase at the 2011 Royal Melbourne Show scoring 91.817 points out of 100. The steer also won the Champion Export Carcase, the Highest Scoring School Bred and Prepared Carcase and the Champion School's Carcase; 4 of the 7 major carcase awards on offer. 'Shrek' as he was called by the students, was from one of the schools cows (October 2009) by a bull loaned to the school by Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus. Shrek was able to outclass the other 171 entries despite not being placed on the hoof.

This success followed ribbons won whilst at the show. Charlie Degotardi (Year 7) won second place in his age class as a parader a significant achievement considering his first attempt was at Gundagai Show this year. Kyle Ireland (Year 10) was placed fifth in his class at his first attempt at cattle parading. Billie-joe Carberry did well with a beast that decided to play up on her whilst Amelia French also performed well for her first major show. Tiffany Smart put in her usual solid performance to finish in the top 8 of her age group and Daniel French was unlucky not to gain a ribbon as his display and parading was flawless.

In the Medium Domestic class a steer bred by the school was placed 26th from 80 scoring 85.2 points. In the same class a steer donated by Bongongo Angus was placed 5th on the hoof and then 40th on the hook scoring 84 points, both just 5 points behind the class winner. In the Medium Domestic class a steer donated by S and M Luff was placed 4th on the hoof but was over fat and did not go so well on the hook.

The team travelled to Melbourne on Friday the 23rd of September to present the 4 animals they had prepared for the Beef Carcase competition. The show was held over the 3 days of the 24th to the 26th with Parader competitions on the Monday and steer judging on the Saturday. Accompanying the team were teachers Veronica Thake and Dale Chadwick their Agriculture Teacher. This has been a hugely successful show for Gundagai High Agriculture students with individuals and the Show Team being rewarded. After 17 years of showing in Melbourne we have finally cracked the ultimate prize. The students on the trip conducted themselves in a professional manner and were a credit to their families and the school.

The success of the School Show Team is dependent on the continued generosity and support of the local rural community. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Jamie & David Elworthy of Tarrabandra who continually donate hay and grain. Thanks also to Gary Williamson and Paul Ferry of Abingdon Station for donating another steer and Steve and Megan Luff for their donation of a steer. I would like to especially thank Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus for their continued support of our Agriculture program with the loan of one of their bulls each year. I wish to also recognise and thank for their ongoing support, Abb and Jim at McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs who sponsor our banners and team jackets and Bill and Tony Barton at Gundagai Meat Processors for donation towards the teams expenses also to Michael and Tony Hunt for their donation of hay. Thank you also to English teacher Veronica Thake who gave up some of her school holidays to assist at the Melbourne Show.

This win has certainly been one of the highlights of my professional career.

Dale Chadwick
Agriculture Teacher

Daniel French parading 'Shrek'
the Grand Champion Carcase steer.



Charlie Degotardi on his way to a
2nd place in the Parader competition



The Show Team with the Grand Champion Carcase Ribbon and other awards won by Shrek.
Show Team L to R Back: Daniel French, Tiffany Smart, Billie-joe Carberry, Kyle Ireland
Front: Charlie Degotardi and Amelia French

GHS in Focus



Year 12 Metal and Engineering students install a parting gift to GHS, an interactive kinetic sculpture entitled 'Fisherman', near the aquatic learning

Variety Night Photo's



“THE BAFFLING CASE OF THE B BLOCK MURDER”.

This term Year 9, Mr Marffy and Ms Thake are working on Crime Fiction. As part of this unit of work, the students in their role as detectives have been invited to solve “The Baffling Case of the B Block Murder”. To help them get started Sgt Briggs of the Gundagai Police Department, gave them a lecture on Crime Scene Investigation.

He talked about how police usually approach a crime scene, what sorts of things they look out for, how they collect evidence and gather witness statements. Sgt Briggs kindly gave the students some helpful advice on how they should unmask the Gundagai High School murderer – using witness statements to construct timelines, and to cross-check people’s stories – in order to unmask the liar.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Gundagai Soccer Club

Presentation Day – Sunday 23rd October 2011

Yarri Park at 11am



KFC

Position Vacant

Interested in meeting new people, after some money, want flexible work hours then apply now at Gundagai KFC, apply online at kfcjobs.com.au or contact Christopher Driscoll at the Gundagai store on 69444306...

MEDIA RELEASE



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

TUMUT & GUNDAGAI RFS CADETS RETURN FROM NATIONAL COMPETITION

10th October 2011

Twelve NSW Rural Fire Cadets from Tumut and Gundagai High have just returned from the Australian National Fire Cadet Championships (ANFCC), held at Myuna Bay Lake Macquarie last week.

The competition involved the teams testing their fire fighting skills and was made up of thirty Fire Cadet teams from all over Australia, including a team from New Zealand.

The Team from Gundagai led by Cadet Captain James Petty performed exceptionally well gaining a silver medal in the Two Tanker event and finished sixth overall. They also came very close to bronze in two other events only to be beaten by a matter of seconds.

The Tumut Team was led by Cadet Captain Phillip Brunsden who overcame his own personal challenge to bring home a bronze medal in the Light Tanker and Handtool event with the Tumut Team finishing twelfth overall.

Phillip suffers from Cerebral Palsy and impressed the judges with his knowledge and crew leader ability particularly in the team challenge event where the team needs to think laterally and solve multiple tasks.

The Competition is held bi-annually and is scheduled to be held again in 2013 at a location yet to be announced.

For now both cadet teams look forward to their next competition which will be the NSW RFS State Championships to be held in September 2012 at Port Stephens.

Peter Jones Cadet Coordinator for Riverina Highlands Zone said "I am extremely proud of our teams from Tumut and Gundagai as they have been training hard all year and the competition was fierce. It brought a tear to my eye to see such a committed bunch of young adults work together and place so high in the competition". "They deserve all the accolades coming to them".

Overall Placings 1st Oakville (Hawkesbury NSW), 2nd South West Slopes (Young NSW), 3rd Serpentine-Jarradale Sierra(Perth WA), **6th Gundagai (NSW), 12th Tumut (NSW)**

For further information please contact Peter Jones on 02 6941 2222