



**Wednesday, 16 November
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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

- ✓ **Friday 18th November**
Water Polo to Wagga
- ✓ **Monday 21st November**
P&C Meeting at 7pm
- ✓ **Thursday 24th November**
 - Yr 9 Science and Maths Exams
 - Yr 7/8 Melbourne Trip
- ✓ **Thursday 1st December**
Year 6 Parent Information Evening at 6pm
- ✓ **Monday 5th December**
Year 6 Orientation Day
- ✓ **Friday 9th December**
Presentation Day commencing at 2pm in the MPC
- ✓ **Friday 16th December**
Last day of school for all students



Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

YEAR 12 FAREWELL DINNER

The Year 12 formal dinner at the Gundagai District Services Club on Monday 14th November, 2011, was a wonderful opportunity for school staff and families to get together to congratulate the students on their successes. This was an evening that brought students' schooling years to a close and a start to a new beginning in their lives. We at Gundagai High School wish them all the very best.

Thank you to the Gundagai District Services Club for the venue, Ms Decker as Year Adviser and Ms Thake for her organisation and room decorations.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday 11th November, 2011 our School Captains Thomas Franklin and Madeleine McDonald – Hosking presented very moving speeches to those gathered at Anzac Grove as part of the Gundagai Remembrance Day Ceremony.

To give the opportunity for all Gundagai High School students to be part of a formal remembrance service, another ceremony was held on Tuesday 15th November. The Gundagai RSL Sub Branch President Jim Sharman and Vice-President Drew Miller ran the service and presented again a relevant and enlightening address. The School Captains also did their Remembrance Day speeches for the students and staff.

Thank you to Jim and Drew for their time, effort and presentation, it is greatly appreciated.

REMINDERS

- Years 9, 10 and 11 students should ensure that their laptops are fully charged when they are brought to school each day. This is part of being prepared for work each day and part of the Laptop User charter.
- **The phase-in period of the Gundagai High School's new uniform will be complete at end of 2011.** Therefore it is expected that ALL students will be in the new uniform at the beginning of 2012. **This includes BLACK, LEATHER covered shoes.**

If uniform items still need to be purchased please contact the school as a matter of urgency to ensure your order is filled by the beginning of 2012.

DATES

- **Year 6 Parent Orientation Evening** Thursday 1st December 2011 6pm in the MPC.
We look forward to seeing you then.
- **Year 6 Student Orientation Day** Monday 5th December, 2011

RIVERINA HIGHLANDS LEARNING COMMUNITY (RHLC)

On Friday 2nd December there will be an Orientation Day for all our 2012 Year 11 students who will be studying a subject as part of the RHLC Shared Curriculum Project. Students will be travelling to Tumbarumba to meet their class mates, teachers and the other students involved in other subjects. This day has been organised by Mrs Walsh and the 2012 class teachers to ensure that students have all the information ready to start classes in 2012.

Gundagai High School is teaching Ancient History, IT and Senior Science as part of this Shared Curriculum Project. Thank you goes to Mr Marffy, Mr Bishop and Mr White for their willingness to be involved in this exciting opportunity. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for her Coordination of the project and training of the teachers.

LUNCHTIME PASSES

Students at Gundagai High School are not given blanket lunch passes by the school. If a child does misbehave while they are out of school, then there will be consequences from the school. If your child has an appointment to attend then a note from parents will allow a child to be given a pass to leave the school at any time – although this does count against their attendance record.

PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Gundagai High School is going to complete surveys of its parents in order to establish if we qualify to be part of this particular program. If successful the program will bring resources that will support the school develop and expand many programs that develop the learning of students at Gundagai High School. There will be more information coming and where and when the surveys will be completed although will take place in Term 1 2012. There is an explanation sheet at the end of the newsletter.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Year 10 students' official last day is the same as the rest of the school students **Friday 16th December**.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

ONLINE COURSE AND UNI SEARCH

Myfuture is a free national online career information service aimed at anyone wishing to explore career options. It is an interactive, user-driven website that provides a range of interactive and information resources including:

- occupation and industry profiles
- labour market and salary information
- helpful hints and tips about writing resumes, finding a job, preparing for job interviews and changing career paths.

The website has information on more than 18,000 courses and 2,000 scholarships offered by Australian universities and training providers.

Visit www.myfuture.edu.au.

Simon Bridgeman,
Deputy Principal

CRICKET NEWS

Our girls' cricket team had a third round match against Wagga High on the 3/11/11 at Gundagai. After an ordinary start in which four wickets were lost for 5 runs our girls rallied and compiled a competitive 87 runs with Molly Dean and Stephanie Cribb contributing well. Wagga struggled against our attack losing wickets regularly until Courtney Sayer steadied the ship to haul in our runs. The Wagga team scored 7 / 97 to win by 3 wickets. Kate Hawthorne was the pick of our bowlers taking 4 for 17 from 7 overs. This game was played with great sportsmanship and was enjoyed thoroughly by both teams. Thanks to Mark Hawthorne for his scoring and umpiring.

Mr. R Crane - Cricket Coordinator



ENGLISH/HSIE NEWS

YEAR 8 HISTORY VISIT

On Tuesday 8th November 2011 Year 8 students had the opportunity to be involved in an interactive history visit from *Nova Hollandia*. The students have been studying the medieval period in history and the group brought a more hands-on aspect to what they have been studying. The students participated in archery, sword fights (with latex swords and shields) and got to try on armour and use medieval arms as well as find out about medieval health and hygiene and the tools that were used for operations etc. There were some very good archers and swordsmen. Thankyou to Mr Marffy for assisting on the day.

Rebecca Kingwill
HSIE Teacher



DER LAPTOP UPDATE

- A reminder to all year 9, 10 and 11 students that as per the Laptop User Charter 2.1.1 *The student must bring the laptop fully charged to school every day. Chargers should be left at home.* Any laptop that runs out of charge during the day should be brought to the attention of Mr Jones the TSO before school or during recess or lunch.
- All Year 10 students need to return the DER laptops and chargers for end of year maintenance by Friday November 25th.
- Plastic laptop cases (\$12) and spare batteries (\$66) are available for purchase through the front office.



COMMUNITY NEWS

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL – CARBERRY PARK

Thursday 15th December commencing at 5.30pm

Merry-Go-Round

Fete Games, Reindeer antler toss

Christmas Cake Decorating Competition for adults and children

Face painting, Ballooning

Ham Raffle

BBQ

Drawing of Christmas stocking winner



GHS in Focus

Dramatic Minds Participation Certificates



Firearms Safety Awareness Course



Level 3 Certificate Recipients



Year 12 – Cutting their first cake



More History Re enacting





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P & C Association

RE: HIRE OF SCHOOL LOCKER.

The P&C wish to advise all students and the parent body that discussions have been held in relation to the purchase of lockers for the students of Gundagai High. Students would then be able to HIRE these lockers for personal use. A quote has been obtained in this respect and it has been calculated that for the hire of one locker per annum would be \$60.00 or on a term basis at \$15.00 per term.

The initial outlay for the purchase of the lockers would be substantial and ongoing maintenance costs would need to be met. Therefore we are seeking interest from the parent and student body if they would be prepared to hire a locker and that the hire of this locker would need to be paid for in advance.

Would you please advise on the return slip below if you would be prepared to hire a locker. Please do not send any money.

Please return the below slip to school by Friday 18th November 2011 so that a decision can be made at our next P&C Meeting which is to be held on Monday the 21st November 2011.

Thank you for your assistance.

Ms Lizzie Britt
President
Gundagai High School P&C Committee

RETURN SLIP - HIRE OF SCHOOL LOCKER

Name:

Year Group:

I will Hire a Locker for my child: Yes / No

I will pay by Term ☐ **or Yearly** ☐

I will hire ☐ **(Number) Lockers**



2012 Priority Schools Programs survey

Identifying Priority Schools for the 2013 to 2016 funding period

Priority Schools Programs provide additional funding, staffing and consultancy services to identified schools. The schools identified for Priority Schools Programs are known as Priority Schools.

Priority Schools are those which serve communities with the highest concentrations of low socio-economic status families. Priority Schools receive additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students.

A new list of Priority Schools is identified every four years by a voluntary survey of families. The next survey of families will occur in March 2012 for the next funding period, 2013 to 2016.

Features of the survey

Community

The school community must be involved in the school decision to take part in the survey. The survey forms are completed by parents/caregivers.

Confidential

The survey forms are returned in a sealed envelope. No-one at the school can read the response of any family. No-one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from.

Concise

The survey form is short. It only takes up one side of a single piece of paper. Only essential questions are asked. It is easy to complete.

High response

Last time the survey was conducted, over 90% of families who were sent a survey form returned it. In many schools, 100% of families completed the form.

What does the survey ask about?

The survey measures:

- type of occupation of parents/caregivers
- educational qualifications of parents/caregivers
- proportion of sole parent families in the school community
- unemployment in families
- proportion of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families in the school community

Why use a survey?

- Up-to-date information
- Direct information from school families only
- Confidential and accurate
- Strong data – over 90% response rate
- A number of variables which cross-check with each other
- Rigorous, high level, statistical analysis gives a highly accurate result

Important survey dates

29 July 2011

Schools invited to participate in the 2012 survey

9 September 2011

Due date for schools to nominate to participate in the survey

5-9 March 2012

Survey week – forms sent to parents/caregivers by schools. Parents/caregivers return forms to schools in a sealed envelope.

July 2012

Anticipated release of Priority Schools list for the period 2013 to 2016

Further information

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Or go to:

<http://www.lowsesschools.nsw.edu.au>