



Tuesday, 29 March 2011

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Term Dates

Term 2 ☞ 27th April – 1st July.

Term 3 ☞ 18th July – 23rd Sept.

Term 4 ☞ 10th Oct – 16th Dec.

DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Week 11

- ✓ **Wednesday 6th April**
Athletics Carnival all day

Term 2

Week 1

- ✓ **Wednesday 27th April**
Staff Development Day –
teachers ONLY return to
school
- ✓ **Thursday 28th April**
All students return today
- ✓ **Friday 29th April**
Year 7 Immunisation
- ✓ **Friday 29th April**
Netball – Temora Knockout

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations and Welcome Back

To Jo Argæet from her tour to Hawaii with the Riverina 'West of the Divide' Concert Band for the Pacific Basin Music Festival. Jo was chosen in 2010 for the prestigious position as part of the Riverina 'West of the Divide' Concert Band which toured New South Wales to return home with rave reviews and victorious in a battle of the bands in Dubbo. A valuable opportunity was organised for the band to attend in 2011 the Pacific Basin Music Festival in Hawaii, which was last week. We look forward to Jo's initial tour details at Wednesday's extended roll call.

Congratulations Level Promotion Students

Congratulations to the Level Promotion Students who were recognised as a result of their participation and achievement at Monday's Welfare Assembly. Congratulations go to:

Level 2 – Tom Lemon, Christopher Lewin

Level 3 – Sabrina Meurs, Ally McInerney,
Makara Smith, Zoe Watson, Georgia Feltham,
Tara Halpin, Sam Jones, Meggan Pigram,
Skye Thomson, Morgan Tozer, Miles Hunt,
Jack Bower, Oden Britt, Matthew Henery

Level 4 - Amelia French, Ellie Sheahan, Jenni Cook,
Tahnae Duncan, Ashleigh Smart, Molly Dean



P&C Election Day Stall, raffles and BBQ

Thank you to the parents who did lots of cooking and to those that supported this event with their time at the stall to sell raffle tickets and cakes and the BBQ to raise money to benefit the high school.

'Burrabinya Work Skills'

Congratulations to the Year 9 and 10 Indigenous students who attended the 'Burrabinya Work Skills'. This course was aimed at empowering students around making positive future choices to support them in their transition from school to work. We thank the Indigenous guest speakers and other significant adults who supported the students in this two day program and to COMPACT for organising the day.

Athletics Carnival

This Wednesday is the half day with long distance and javelin events that students have elected to participate, with Wednesday of the last week of school the full day carnival. We look forward to having records broken again by students displaying their athletic ability.

ANZAC Day

Gundagai High School will be marching as usual on ANZAC Day 25th March. We will meet at 10.15am sharp outside the old Picture Theatre.

Tuesday 5th April the school will be holding its ANZAC Day service at 9.00am directly after roll call.

Health Warning – please see further information in the newsletter

Have a safe and relaxing holiday break, with students returning to school on Thursday 28th April.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Holidays

Term 1 finishes on Friday 8 April. Students return for Term 2 on Thursday 28 April.

Cyber-safety tips

Safe passwords

Encourage your child to set passwords that are easy to remember but hard to guess.

The best passwords mean something memorable to you, but wouldn't be randomly guessed by others. Select passwords that are:

- **Long** - the more characters your password has, the lower the probability that it can be randomly cracked.
- **Diverse** – use a range of different characters including capital letters, numbers and special characters (like a \$).

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2009/passwords.php

Web cam safety

If your children are asking you to buy a webcam, it's worth asking what it will be used for and where it will be used. Think carefully about who your child is talking to and what they may be able to see through the webcam. You may choose to place the computer where you can easily see your kids using it.

- Do you know when a webcam is being used?
- Do you know who your children are talking to?
- Can you disconnect the webcam or securely turn it off?
- Can you control access to the camera through a password?

More advice at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/webcameras.php

Encourage your child to be a good digital citizen

Life online works better when people maintain good manners and treat each other as they'd like to be treated. Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour and disagreements that children have.

More safety tips can be found at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/staysafe.php

Avoid getting spam

Most spam carry viruses that:

- aim to harm your computer
- contain explicit material, or
- are an attempt at fraud.

How can you and your children avoid getting spam?

- Be wary of who you give your email address to.
- Avoid posting your email address in chat rooms or on social networking sites.
- Have a generic email address set up – when you do need to publish contact details, you may want to use an address that you won't be so worried about should it be flooded with spam.
- Be careful when filling in forms online – many spammers (and also legitimate websites) collect personal information, including email addresses, via online registration forms. Make sure you read and understand the entire form before submitting any personal information, particularly one that's unfamiliar to you. You should also check the privacy policy of any site that asks for personal information. Make sure it states that your details will not be passed on to anyone else or used to send you unsolicited email.

More advice at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2008/spam.php

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal



Recently, there has been an increase in people coming to the police about problems with facebook. Police will generally only investigate facebook complaints when there is a criminal offence involved, for example where there are threats of actual violence.

It is important to be proactive in maintaining a safe account free of abuse.

There are a number of steps you can take to prevent a matter from escalating to this point. Always take steps to keep your account secure and only accept your real friends, never allow strangers or people you do not get along with to be added to your friends list. If you are unsure of how to change your privacy settings or block unwanted friends, go to <http://www.facebook.com/help>

This site also allows you to report abuse directly to facebook. When a report is submitted to facebook, they investigate the issue and make a determination as to whether or not the content should remain on the site based on their Statement of Rights and Responsibilities.

MATHS NEWS

NAPLAN 2011

Students at Gundagai High School will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests from May 10th to May 12th next term. A letter to parents with information about NAPLAN is attached to the back of this newsletter. Could you please contact the school if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

Philip Mann
NAPLAN Co-ordinator

P&C

High School Election Day Stall

The stall was a great success raising \$1512.60 for the school's P&C. A big thank you to all that helped on Saturday and all that brought in cakes and slices to be sold. A special thanks to those who set up and packed up on the day. These fund raising days can only be successful when we have dedicated helpers like we do.



Raffles won by

First Nintendo DS - Sharon Armstrong
Second Bird Bath - Viv Brookes
Third School Backpack - Nita Longhurst



Premier Sporting Challenge
Certificate Holders

Level Certificate Recipients



Level
2

Level
3



Level
4

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2011

Letter to Parents

In May 2011 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 10-12 May 2011.

TUESDAY 10 MAY	WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	THURSDAY 12 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual and/or functional disability.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school. Large print, Braille and Black and White versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with your school's learning support team and the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your school.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
<http://www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au>

Dear Principal

Mosquito-borne diseases: information for school communities

I am writing to seek your assistance in alerting your school community about a range of health risks associated with mosquito bites. Recent heavy rainfall and flooding in NSW has led to high numbers of mosquitoes in some parts of the state.

Mosquitoes can transmit a number of viral infections including Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus and there have been large numbers of these infections reported so far in 2011. More recently, a rarer but more serious mosquito-borne infection called Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) has been detected in western NSW.

It is likely that the risk period may extend through until Easter.

I seek your assistance in promoting awareness about the prevention of mosquito bites among school students who live in western NSW and for any school groups planning to travel west of the Great Dividing Range on school camps or excursions.

Mosquitoes are most active around dusk and in the first few hours of the evening and again at dawn. Rivers, creeks, wetlands and recently-flooded land allows mosquitoes to breed and so people living near or visiting these areas need to be especially careful to prevent mosquito bites.

Recommended ways to prevent mosquito bites

- Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and around dusk). Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.
- Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin.
- Re-apply personal insect repellent according to directions as protection wears off. The stronger the concentration of an insect repellent, the less frequently it will need to be applied to stop mosquito bites. Repellents containing low concentrations of DEET or Picaridin provide shorter periods of protection and need to be reapplied more frequently.

- Mosquito coils or plug-in vapourising mats are effective when used indoors. Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are not effective.
- Ensure houses are fitted with flyscreens on the doors and windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes.
- When camping, use flyscreens on caravans and tents or sleep under mosquito nets.

I encourage you display this [poster](#) in and around your school to raise awareness about the issue, especially if your school is located in western NSW.

If you require more information about mosquito-borne infections or measures to take to prevent mosquito bites, I would encourage you to make contact with your local [public health unit](#) and to review some of the information in the following links:

General information about avoiding mosquito bites:

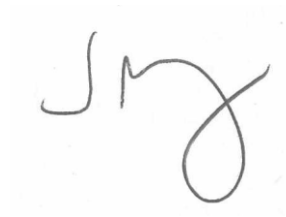
- [Radio advertisement: "preventing mosquito bites"](#)
- [Video: "mosquito borne disease in NSW"](#)

Murray valley encephalitis information

- [NSW Health media release: Murray Valley Encephalitis \(2 March 2011\)](#)
- [MVE factsheet](#)

It would be most appreciated if you could share this information with your school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JMc', written on a light-colored background.

Dr Jeremy McAnulty
Director, Centre for Health

11 March 2011

Lesson – Enrolment Form

YMCA MELBOURNE SCOOTER, BMX AND SKATE CLINICS TRAVEL TO TUMUT SHIRE SKATEPARKS DURING EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of Tumut Shire Council, YMCA Melbourne is travelling to **Tumut, Adelong** and **Batlow** to conduct Scooter, Skate and BMX Clinics on **Wednesday, 13th** and **Thursday 14th April 2011**. These clinics are open to anyone under the age of eighteen and cost **\$5.00** for Tumut Shire residents and **\$10** for out of area residents per **Scooter, Skateboard or BMX clinic**.

Lessons offer Skateboarders, BMXs and Scooter riders of all ages the skills and knowledge to actively participate in their sport and use skate parks in a safe and responsible manner. The YMCA provides instructors that are nationally accredited by the Australian Sports Commission.

Our clinics focus on:

- Skill development
- Injury prevention
- Skate park etiquette
- Board, Bike, Scoot maintenance

To secure one of the sixteen spots available per clinic, registration fees must be paid to Tumut Shire Council by 5pm on Tuesday, 12th April 2011. Payments can be made at Tumut Shire Council Office at 76 Capper Street, Tumut or at Tumut, Adelong or Batlow Library.

Wednesday 13 th April 2011 – Tumut : (please note max 16 per session)	
Time	Task
9:00am	Registrations
9:20 – 10:20	Scoot Clinic
10:20 – 11:20	Skate Clinic
11:20 – 12:20	BMX Clinics

Thursday 14 th April 2011– Adelong + Batlow clinics: (please note max 16 per session)	
Time	Task
9:00am	Registrations
9:20 – 10:20	Scoot Clinic
10:20 – 11:20	Skate Clinic
11:20 – 12:20	BMX Clinics
12:20 – 12:50	Pack up and leave
12:50– 2:30	Travel to Batlow Skate Park and ½ lunch
3:00pm	Registrations
3:20 – 4:20	Scoot Clinic
4:20 – 5:20	Skate Clinic
5:20 – 6:20	BMX Clinics

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File Form Alphabetically in Riverslide Skate Park – Less Enrolments Folder



Lesson – Enrolment Form

Personal Details

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Post code: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you an ambulance subscriber? Yes / No

Do you have any medical conditions that we should be aware of? _____

Cost: \$5 per entrant per clinic (Tumut Shire residents) \$10 per entrant per clinic (out of area residents)

Skate Park (Please circle) Tumut (13/4/2011) Adelong (14.4.2011) Batlow (14.4.2011)

Lesson Type (please circle) Skate. Scoot BMX

Tumut Shire Council – Community Development OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Paid Yes/ No ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$30

Use of Safety Equipment

The use and wearing of safety equipment will be compulsory for the duration of all lessons. This will include knee and elbow pads, helmet and wrist guards. All participants must supply their own safety equipment, Scooter, BMX and Skateboard on the day.

Disclaimer

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the skate park lessons at the Tumut, Adelong or Batlow Skate Parks. I recognise that the skate park instructors will take all reasonable precautions to reduce the risk of injury to my child, however I understand that skating has the potential to be a dangerous activity and these precautions may not eliminate all risks. In the event of any accident or injury I will not hold the YMCA, Tumut Shire Council, or their respective employees responsible. I give permission for YMCA or Council staff to arrange any transportation or medical treatment that is deemed necessary and agree to meet all associated costs.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18yrs)

Date

(Name of Parent/Guardian)

Emergency contact number

Privacy Statement:

The YMCA & Council acknowledges and respects privacy of individuals. The information that is being collected on this document is for the purposes of processing your enrolment in a YMCA children's service, providing you with updated information and assisting us improve our services to you. The personal information collected is of the parents/ guardians and the child enrolled in the program. By completing this form, the YMCA & Council accepts that the parents/ guardians of the child have consented for this information to be collected. The intended recipients of this information are the YMCA & Council, its authorised staff and relevant Government authorities. You have the right to access and alter personal information concerning yourself or your child in accordance with the Commonwealth Privacy Act (Amended 2001) and YMCA Privacy Policy. As part of your enrolment with the YMCA, you will receive information from time to time regarding our programs and services. The YMCA may also provide promotional material from our strategic partners, or any other third party, if you do not wish to receive this information please tick the "OPT OUT" box below and return this to the YMCA. Your name will be removed from the mailing list within a reasonable period of time.

OPT OUT

Data Entry

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ATTENTION PARENTS!

Quality Woodwind Tuition is now available before and after school!!

We offer tuition on a wide range of Woodwind, Guitar and Percussion Instruments for all Students including:

- Alto/Tenor/Baritone Saxophone - Clarinet/Bass Clarinet - Oboe - Bassoon - ALL Guitars - ALL Percussion

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www.ramosmusic.com.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

Tumut & District Hockey Association Inc. Coaching Clinic Development Day

Coaches from Wagga's Southern Sports Academy will be running a **FREE** Clinic at the Tumut Hockey Fields → Sunday 27th March → 9am – 3pm

Clinic open to all ages male & female and all levels from beginners to advanced.

The clinic will be combination of skills, training drills and fitness.

All welcome. Sausage sizzle & drinks for sale on the day.

To nominate please phone: Nat Wilson 6946 2828 Jodie McMahon 6947 9734

Tumut Easter Bazaar

Good Friday April 22

Easter Saturday April 23

at **BOYS CLUB HALL**
(next to Ambulance Station)

9am to 4pm BOTH DAYS

FREE ENTRY

GREAT BARGAINS

Craft, Pottery, Books, Clothing, Plants, Fruit,
Toys, Jewellery, Babywear, Hats, Kitchenware,
Jams, Cakes and lots, lots more

BBQ, Tea and Coffee

Bookings: ph 02 4232 2337 or 0419 427 801



You're invited to come along, dance, eat and be merry to raise money for the Cancer Council. Come and support us and see the



Sly Dogs

playing on Saturday April 16th 2011 from 6pm

Tumblong Hall, Adelong Road, Tumblong

\$10 per head

BYOG, BYO chairs/picnic blanket

BBQ provided with proceeds going to the Cancer Council

Gundagai Netball Registration Day

Saturday 2nd April, 12pm to 2pm Youth Club House (Opposite Pool)

All new players welcome to come along & register on the day. If you are not in a team, we will try our best to put you in one.

Please bring completed team packs.

MODIFIED PLAYERS (YRS 2 & 3)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

D.O.B.: _____ SHIRT SIZE(\$25): _____

CLASS: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

If you are in yrs 2 or 3 and are interested in playing netball, please Complete & email to

trace33@westnet.com.au Also any questions to trace33@westnet.com.au

More information can be found on our website gundagainetball.wordpress.com or by contacting Tracey 0412 806 400 or Angela 0428 361 919.



An Australian, State, Territory and Local Government Initiative

Friday 1st April
Dance Party in the Park
7.00 – 10.00 pm
Theme - April Fools Day

A Dance Party will be held in Carberry Park to launch Youth Week 2011 activities. Youth 12-18yrs are welcome to attend, drinks & food items will be available to purchase.

- ❖ Strictly no alcohol, drugs, aerosol cans or cigarettes.
Your bag may be searched
- ❖ Supervision will be provided but parents should be aware that no responsibility will be taken for Youth who leave the Dance party area or who remain there after 10.00 pm

Cost; gold coin donation to Youth Council

ALL Profits will go towards fundraising for Gundagai Youth Projects

Saturday 2nd April
Youth Space Official Opening- 12.00 noon
Gundagai Tennis Clubhouse

Sausage sizzle, soft drinks, basketball, water wars, coffee and muffins

Come along and check out the great work the Youth Council members have done on this new space for Youth.

Netball registrations will also be taken there for the 2011 season

Wednesday 6th April
Skin Care & Beauty Workshop

Cost \$5.00 - bookings essential by 4th April at Mirrabooka

This workshop will run from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm, at Mirrabooka, it will be a hands on experience where you will learn from local Beautician Meg McDonnell who will provide the participants with tips on how to care for your skin and apply makeup. A light supper will be provided. Mums are welcome to attend

LAN Gaming Tournament

Cost \$5.00 limited numbers – bookings essential by 4th April at Mirrabooka

The tournaments will be held from 3.30 to 8.30 pm at the C.T.C – Mirrabooka. Snacks will be available for purchase during hourly breaks. The CTC will provide a light supper.

Friday 8th April
Movies in the Park
Double feature will commence at 7 pm
Snack bar available
Bring your picnic chairs, rugs etc
Gold coin donation appreciated