



Monday, 28 February 2011

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Term Dates

Term 1 ☞ 31st Jan – 8th April.

Term 2 ☞ 27th April – 1st July.

Term 3 ☞ 18th July – 23rd Sept.

Term 4 ☞ 10th Oct – 16th Dec.

DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Week 6

✓ **Tuesday 1st March**

Year 6 into Year 7 2012 Parent
Information Evening at 6pm in
the MPC

Week 7

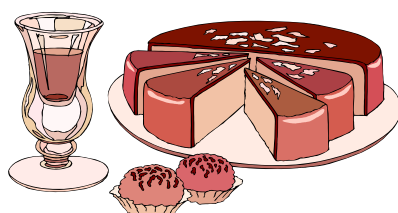
✓ **Monday 7th March**

Riverina Regional Swimming
Carnival

✓ **Monday 7th March**

DER Parent Information Night
6pm – 7pm in C1

P&C Election Day Stall 26th March 2011



Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 6 Parent and Student Information Night for Year 7 2011 Tuesday 1st March, 2011, 6 pm.

This evening will give Year 6 parents and students the opportunity to hear about Gundagai High School, its curriculum, expectations, facilities and the expertise of the staff. This is the beginning of the Year 6 Transition program for Year 6 students into high school. An additional invitation has been included at the end of this newsletter and we look forward to meeting with you on this evening.

Gundagai Show

Gundagai High School students continue to be winners in the Cattle Parading arena. Congratulations to our Cattle Parading Team - Daniel French, Tim Carberry, Will Crane, Michael Chilton, Amelia French, Hannah Rowley, Tiffany Smart, Miles Hunt, Garry Hume, Charlie Degotardi and Billy-Joe Carberry who were very successful at the Gundagai Show.

Major individual ribbon winning paraders were Billy-Joe Carberry, Miles Hunt, Garry Hulme and the champion school parader - Miles Hunt. Congratulations to Tiffany Smart on her award. Thank you to Mr Dale Chadwick and the other staff who were there on the day to lend a hand.

Well Done to the RFS Cadets on their display of ability and expertise in the arena. Thank you to Mr Dale Chadwick and the RFS volunteers who were there on the day.

Congratulations to all those other students who participated in their key interest and ability events at the show.



Snapshot reports for Year 7 and 11

These reports will be completed this week and distributed next week. These will give students and parents an indication of how students have settled into the new year and the different learning demands in high school and the senior years. If there are any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher, Head Teacher or the Year Adviser on 69441233.

Financial School Contributions

Information regarding the voluntary School Contributions and Subject fees will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your support in paying these as soon as possible.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Holidays

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

Setting priorities and time management

Time management skills can help students to juggle many commitments and interests effectively, and establish good habits for later life.

Your child can do the following to better manage their time:

- Create a daily 'to do' list.
- List goals and set priorities.
- Do most important things first
- Always consider the question 'What is the best use of my time right now?'
- Be realistic: new habits take time to develop.
- Set rewards for making progress towards goals.

Sexting

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting' – the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Practical tips for kids dealing with an online bully

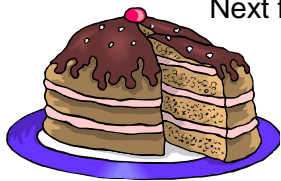
- Tell the bully in simple terms to leave you alone. Tell them not to contact you again. Log off immediately and stay offline for at least 24 hours.
- Do not reply to any future mail from the bully. Do not reply to taunts, emails or gossip written about you. By ignoring taunts, you take the power away from the harasser and refuse to play their game. You are now in charge.
- Never give your password or logon details to anyone, even your best friends. It's really easy for someone to log on to your Facebook, Bebo or MySpace site and post any kind of rubbish if they know your password.
- Stay out of chat rooms where you don't feel comfortable.
- Keep all harassing emails (and any replies you've made) as evidence.
- If you feel you are in physical danger or if the bully has made physical threats against you, tell your parents immediately and they can decide if it's appropriate to contact authorities.

For more great tips on staying safe online, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

P&C ELECTION DAY STALL

Next fundraising meeting to be held 9th March at 6:30pm at the Club. All welcome.



Cake Stall – Election Day – 26th March

Donations of cakes, biscuits and slices for the stall can be brought into school on the 25th March or dropped off on the 26th. There will be bacon and egg rolls, tea and coffee as well as cool drinks for sale until 11am.

Raffle is a DS Lite Nintendo, Bird Bath of your choice and a School Backpack full of school supplies.

Helpers are needed..... 3 to 4 persons per hour between 7 and 11am then 2 persons per hour from 11am until 4pm. Phone: Lizzie 0411888097



VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations were held last Friday for students in year 7 and 10. An immunisation record slip was handed back to those students who were vaccinated. The ideal place to keep these record slips is in your child's 'Blue Book'. Thank you.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Whooping cough continues to be a health issue with further cases being identified in our community. Please be vigilant in the identification of symptoms and ask your doctor to consider whooping cough if you or your child develop a cough. Contrary to popular opinion sufferers of whooping cough often do not develop the "whoop" sound that is expected to accompany the disease.

Whooping cough may begin with "cold like" symptoms that progress to a cough or a person may simply begin coughing. The symptoms range from a minor persistent cough or irritated throat, to severe coughing fits that may cause vomiting and breathlessness. The cough can last for many weeks.

Immunity to whooping cough from immunisation or infection is not life lasting. It is therefore important to seek medical attention even if you are fully immunised

This disease is very contagious, if you or your child develops a cough PLEASE consult your doctor and:

- **Do not send your child to school.**
- Take this newsletter and see your doctor. You may require a course of antibiotics prior to returning to school. Pathology testing is usually requested (nasopharyngeal swab).
- Avoid contact with children less than 2 years old and women in their last month of pregnancy.
- Ask your doctor about the adult booster vaccine for pertussis – recommended for all adults who have contact with young children.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Population Health on 02 6080 8900

MATHS FACULTY NEWS

Notification of Mathematics Competitions 2011 in Term 3

Gundagai High School students will be able to take part in two Maths Competitions in 2011.

The entry form, enclosed towards the end of the newsletter, needs to be returned to the school office by the end of Term 1

Please ensure that appropriate payment is enclosed.

ENGLISH/HSIE FACULTY NEWS

English

Year 7 English students have settled in well and together with **year 8** students, are currently enjoying learning about poetry and how to create their own web page.

Year 11 Extension students are currently reading the classic Joseph Conrad novel, *The Heart of Darkness*. Students undertaking this course will be looking at texts which deal with the hidden side of humanity in a unit of work titled *The Dark Side*.

History

Year 10 students have been working on the topic, Australia in the Vietnam War Era. Their first assessment task for the year will be on this topic in week 7. This will be an in class task where they will be required to analyse a number of sources.

GENEROUS DONATION TO GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Justin Smith, a local welding and metal fabrication contractor, has generously donated a welding machine to the metalwork facilities at Gundagai High School.

Mr Smith, a past student and one of the first to undertake a school based traineeship in metal production as part of his Higher School Certificate, said that he was pleased to be able to offer support for the metals program at Gundagai High and was thankful for the opportunities provided by Gundagai High School, and local industry during the start to his trade training and career pathway.

Justin attended school four days a week in years 11 and 12 and one day working in the metals industry at D.J.Lynch Engineering. During this period Justin successfully completed stage 1 of his trade training and on completing his HSC remained employed as a continuing apprentice. On achieving his trade qualifications Justin remained employed with Lynch's until branching out forming his own business and building his own workshop. Justin is currently available for welding and fabrication needs within the Gundagai district.

The addition of this MIG welder will offer more opportunities for students to experience a range of fabrication options. It will be used both in the junior school and particularly by vocational education students in years 11 and 12 and be set for gasless operations. The year 11 metal and engineering class is currently constructing a trolley to house the welder.

Gundagai High School, and particularly Mr Hunt and the metal students, thank Mr Smith for his continuing support and contact with the metal programs at this school.

Justin Smith presenting his donated welder to year 11 Metal and Engineering students Jack Thomson, Rick Warren, Jesse Shipley, Lindsay Britt and Zac Bruce



GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL PARADERS SHINE

On Saturday 19th February, 27 students from Gundagai and Tumut High Schools competed in the annual School Cattle Parader competition at the Gundagai Show. Gundagai High School students were outstanding on the day winning five of the six major prize ribbons on offer. Billie-Joe Carberry won first place in the Year 8 section which is determined solely on their skills in the ring. Miles Hunt (Year 9), Garry Hulme and Tiffany Smart (Year 10) won a place in the finals of their year group through their general knowledge of cattle and their parading skills. From this final event Miles Hunt took out first place in the Year 9 section whilst Garry Hulme was placed first in the Year 10 section. Miles then went on to win the Champion School Parader having the highest score overall in the finals. Tiffany Smart was awarded the Encouragement Award by Judge Kel Eccleston for the second year running.

All scores for both teams are then averaged to decide the champion Parader School and this was won by Gundagai High School outscoring Tumut High by 10 points. Mr Kel Eccleston (judge) was impressed with the level of skill displayed by students from both schools and especially commented on the level of enjoyment the students displayed as they participated in this event.

“This is another fantastic result for a group of hard working students who give up their lunchtimes to prepare for the show”, said Agriculture teacher Dale Chadwick. “It is also pleasing to see the large number of parents who attend to support their children. I would also like to thank the trophy sponsors and fellow staff members John Hunt, Michael Marffy, Anna Streckfuss, Veronica Thake and Shane Jones for their assistance on the day”, he said.

Following are the results.

Year 7: Bronwyn Jaynoy (THS) 1st, Will Crane (GHS) 2nd, Justin Day (THS) , Charlie Degotardi, Tim Carberry (GHS) all equal 3rd.

Year 8: Billie-Joe Carberry (GHS) 1st, Caitlin O'Brien (THS) 2nd, Amelia French (GHS) 3rd.

Year 9: Miles Hunt (GHS) 1st, James Hilly (THS) 2nd, Sally McGruer (THS) 3rd.

Year 10: Garry Hulme (GHS) 1st, Tiffany Smart (GHS) 2nd, Ben Gardner-Thompson (THS) 3rd.

Champion School Parader and Gundagai Real Estate Trophy: Miles Hunt (GHS).

Reserve Champion School Parader: James Hilly (THS).

Champion Parader School and Gundagai Meat Processors Trophy: Gundagai High School.

Encouragement Award and A & G Schultz Trophy: Tiffany Smart (GHS).



Year 7 students
Michael Chilton and
Tim Carberry under the
watchful eye of
Judge Kel Eccleston.

Major Ribbon Winners

L to R: Miles Hunt,
Billie-Joe Carberry,
Bronwyn Jaynoy, James
Hilly,
Garry Hulme and
Judge Kel Eccleston.
Absent Tiffany Smart.





The successful Gundagai High School Team.
 Standing LtoR: Daniel French, Tim Carberry, Will Crane, Mr. Kel Eccleston, Michael Chilton, Amelia French, Hannah Rowley, Mr. Dale Chadwick.
 Kneeling: Tiffany Smart, Miles Hunt, Garry Hulme, Charlie Degotardi and Billie-Joe Carberry.

Miles Hunt being quizzed by Judge Kel Eccleston.



YEAR 9 - DER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be an Information Night held on **Monday 7th March, 2011 6-7pm in C1**. All students should have received the invitation for this event by now. This is an important event for both students and parents about the new laptops that students will be able to access very shortly.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2011

This year saw a good number of Gundagai High School students attend our annual Swimming Carnival. The pool grounds were a sea of zinc faces and bodies cheering their housemates on, with Parnassus ending up victorious with 657 points in total. All students participated in our 50m freestyle event and raised valuable points for their houses. House captains did their best to encourage participation in each and every event. Jess Feeney from Reno participated in all eligible events and even swam the relay herself, even though she was disqualified for having only one team member. Fashions on the field, was hotly contested with Parnassus taking out the title. Kimo came in close second with a miniature mascot helping them out.

Mr Hunt was the official starter for the day with remaining teachers taking on different roles, such as marshals, time keepers and recorders. It was great to see parents involved throughout the day, cheering on their own children as well as other students. Some families had multiple students participating, including The Lindley boys (Jimmy, Sam and Peter) all participating in a number of events, as well we saw the Lemon boys (Jack and Harry) who took out Age Champion in their age groups. Overall, students and staff had a great day. Thank you to the sports coordinators for organising the event and to the Gundagai Swimming Pool and the Gundagai Swimming Club for use of their facilities and equipment.

Here are the results for the 2011 Gundagai High School Swimming Carnival

<u>House Champions</u> -	<u>Age Champions Boy</u>	<u>Age Champions Girls</u>
Parnassus (657 points)	12 years – Kyle Norris	12 years – Keely Crane
Reno (599 points)	13 years – Jake Castles	13 years – Zoe Watson
Kimo (423 points)	14 years – Jack Lemon	14 years – Jamie Evans
	15 years – Danian Makeham	15 years – Lilly Degotardi
	16 years – Harry Lemon	16 years – Kate Hawthorne
	17+ years – Tarron Makeham	17+ years – Jessica Feeney



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Dear Parent/Carer

This letter outlines the Voluntary Contributions which supplement funds given to the school by the State Government.

The Voluntary contributions have two parts:

- 1) General School Contributions
- 2) Subject Contributions for Elective subjects to assist in paying for materials.

In Years 7-10 the General School Contribution has been set at \$25, while in Years 11 and 12 the contribution is \$35

During a state wide survey conducted in 1995 it was found that the average secondary school contribution was \$58.

We have endeavoured to keep costs to a minimum.

While I emphasise the voluntary nature of the **General School Contribution**, it is vital that you realise that funds raised in this way provide additional resources for your children, assist in improving the school environment and assist in up-dating the school's capital equipment, such as computers etc.

Subject contributions need to be paid when students choose options that call for the provision of special resources. No student will be denied the educational experiences of practical work but completed projects can only be taken home by students who have contributed to the cost of materials.

The quality of your child's education, in part, depends upon your financial support in these matters.

General School Contribution

Years 7-10	\$25.00
Years 11-12	\$35.00

Total Year 7 – 2010

General School Contribution	\$25.00
TAS Technology (Mandatory)	\$25.00
Visual Arts	\$20.00
Music	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$75.00

Total Year 8 – 2010

General School Contribution	\$25.00
TAS Technology (Mandatory)	\$25.00
Visual Arts	\$20.00
Music	\$ <u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$75.00

Subject Contributions

Visual Arts

Year 12 Art	\$40.00 Materials per year
Year 11 Art	\$40.00 Materials per year
Year 10 Art	\$50.00 Materials per year
Year 9 Art	\$50.00 Materials per year
Year 8 Art	\$20.00 Materials per year
Year 7 Art	\$20.00 Materials per year

TAS Industrial Arts

Yr 12 VET Building & Construction	\$80.00 Materials per year
Yr 11 VET Building & Construction	\$80.00 Materials per year
Yr 12 VET Metal & Engineering	\$80.00 Further costs depending on
Yr 11 VET Metal & Engineering	\$80.00 student's selection of
Yr 11 Industrial Technology -TPF	\$80.00 projects during year
Yr 12 Industrial Technology- TPF	\$80.00
Yr 10 Industrial Technology - Metal	\$60.00 Materials per year
Yr 9 Industrial Technology - Metal	\$60.00 Materials per year
Yr 10 Industrial Technology - Timber	\$60.00 Materials per year
Yr 9 Industrial Technology – Timber	\$60.00 Materials per year

TAS Home Economics

Yr 12 VET Hospitality	\$100.00 per year
Yr 11 VET Hospitality	\$100.00 per year
Yr 10 Food Technology	\$60.00 per year
Yr 9 Food Technology	\$60.00 per year

TAS Computers

Yr 12 VET Information Technology	\$30.00 per year
Yr 10 Inform Technology & Software	\$25.00 per year
Yr 9 Inform Technology & Software	\$25.00 per year

TAS Agriculture

Yr 10 Agriculture Technology	\$5.00
Yr 9 Agriculture Technology	\$5.00

Music

Yr 10 Music	\$5.00
Yr 9 Music	\$5.00

Please note that the school has funds to assist families in paying Voluntary Contributions. Any matters relating to assistance are held in the strictest confidence. If you need help, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Ballard or myself.

To further assist in the payment of Voluntary Contributions, an instalment scheme can be arranged. No student will be embarrassed over the non-payment of the voluntary contribution. I do urge you, though, to help us provide the best resources and the most pleasant environment we can for your children.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Miggins
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gundagai/Adelong Junior Rugby League Registration Day

When: Sunday 6th March 2011

Where: Gundagai Swimming Pool

Time: 12pm – 2pm

All new players intending on playing in the 2011 competition and wishing to register need to provide their Birth Certificate on Registration Day.

Any queries please contact Jacki on 0417441155.

We are holding our meeting on Sunday and if there are any changes to the above I will telephone your office.

Gumnut Open Night

You are invited to attend an open night at Gumnut on Tuesday 1st March 2011

Starting at 5.30pm.

Each room will be hosting a brief introductory session around their routines and procedures running for around 15 minutes per room. Parents will be able to meet staff and get an overview of where staff will be heading over the next 12 months with your child's learning.



Babies – 5.30pm

Toddlers – 5.45 pm

Preschoolers – 6pm

Please RSVP

Looking forward to seeing you there

Junee Rhythm and Rail Festival 2011

The Junee Rhythm 'n Rail Festival is a weekend celebration of Junee's distinctive rail history and the depth of artistic and musical talent in the area. The 3 day program is packed with live music, family fun, food and wine, train shuttles and great Junee hospitality.

For further details on the program please visit the website at www.juneeonline.com or phone Linda Tillman on 0439 192 193.

To pre purchase Tin Hare tickets and Wind in the Roundhouse tickets head to Junee Railway Cafe or phone 6924 1044.

NOTIFICATION OF MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS 2011 IN TERM 3



Return this form to the Front Office by the end of Term 1 2011

Please register my son/daughter/ward _____ Yr _____

for the Mathematics Competition(s) selected in the checked boxes.

2011 ICAS ☐ \$7.00
(University of New South Wales)

2011 Australian Mathematics Competition ☐ \$5.00
(University of Canberra)

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The combined total of the registration fee(s) \$_____ is enclosed.

Parent/Carer

Date

Invitation to Student/Parent Information Evening



Dear Year 6 Students and Parents

You are invited to attend the parent information evening for Year 7 2012, to be held on **Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 6pm** in the MPC at Gundagai High School.

This marks the beginning of the transition to high school for Year 6 students.

People you will hear from are:

- The Principal, Mrs Jennifer Miggins
- Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Mrs Lindy Billing
- Students of Gundagai High School

Activities:

- View a display of extra curricula activities available at GHS.
- Tour the school
- Meet Teachers from the different Key Learning Areas
- Enjoy a light supper

We look forward to meeting you.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal