



**Tuesday, 15 March 2011**

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### **Term Dates**

**Term 1** ☞ 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Term 2** ☞ 27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Term 3** ☞ 18<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

**Term 4** ☞ 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### **DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

#### **Week 9**

- ✓ **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Year 12 exams commence

- ✓ **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
NSW CHS swim starts

#### **Week 11**

- ✓ **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**  
Athletics Carnival

Below: Jessica Hindmarsh and  
Zac Bruce safely driving  
around obstacles



# 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 was the beginning of the Year 6 Transition program for Year 6 students into high school. Parents were able to hear from the P&C President Kathy Carthew and meet our canteen Manager Mrs. Glenna Petty who catered for this event and have a tour of the school with some parents, reminiscing of the time when they were at Gundagai High School. It was a very successful evening, capably led by our School Captains and Deputy Captains.

### **Snapshot reports for Year 7 and 11**

These reports were posted home last week so please let us know if you haven't received them and we can arrange for a copy to be sent home with your child. If there are any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher, Head Teacher or the Year Adviser on 69441233.

### **Special Provisions**

Parents of students who have received a letter regarding Special Provisions for the School Certificate or High School Certificate examinations MUST return the permission by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This letter must be returned by this date if you would like your child to access special provisions, at the very latest as it is a lengthy application process to the Board of Studies and has to be completed by the end of this term.

### **School to Work Programs**

2011 has seen the largest number of students studying courses at TAFE and beginning work experience in Term 1 as part of their transition from school into the world of work. These opportunities are provided for students to take up as an option to develop skills and knowledge they wouldn't normally achieve in the set curriculum.

We thank those employers who provide these places for students to take up and gain valuable experiences.

### **BUSH FIREbulletin – The Journal of the NSW Rural Fire Service Vol 33, No 1/2011 'CADETS AROUND THE STATE'**

Gundagai High School again has its students' efforts and application recognised in this state-wide magazine. Please see the article further on in the newsletter.  
Well done students!

## P & C AGM

Reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at the Serviceman's Club. Gundagai High School is fortunate to have an enthusiastic and energetic group of members, who look for others to join them in 2011. On behalf of Gundagai High School, I would like to thank the committee for their tireless efforts in 2010, your work has been very much appreciated.

## 2011 DER-NSW Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation is intended to take place over 3 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2011 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8442>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

The results of last year's base line survey can be viewed online:

## DER-NSW Evaluation Phase 1: Before the laptop rollout

(<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships-program/digital-education-revolution-nsw/program-information/research/prelimreport.pdf>).

Thank you for assisting us.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal



## P&C ELECTION DAY STALL

## Cake Stall – Election Day – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Donations of cakes, biscuits and slices for the stall can be brought into school on the 25<sup>th</sup> March or dropped off on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be bacon and egg rolls, tea and coffee as well 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



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Holidays

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

### Study tip

**Establish a routine** – Now's the time to set aside a particular time each day for study and revision and stick to it. More study tips at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/studyingtips.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/studyingtips.php)

### Bullying

Did you know that bullying peaks when kids shift to high school as primary school friendships get broken up and social groups change? You can identify if your child is being bullied by knowing who your child's friends are and being watchful for any changes in your child's behaviour, such as if they are upset, withdrawn or anxious.

If you are aware of school-related bullying issues, encourage your child to notify their Year advisor.

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal

## FRONT OFFICE NEWS

If you wish to order uniforms please have order and money to front office by end of this week (March 18).

**This will be the final order for Term 1.**

Uniforms can be tried on for size at lunchtime Thursday and Friday of this week.

Delivery from supplier is at least seven weeks.

Barbara Ballard  
Administration Manager

## STEWART HOUSE

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February, Jordan Tyler and I left Gundagai at 11:30am on a 12 day bus trip to Sydney to a place called Stewart House. Stewart House provides respite care for children from Kindergarten to Year 10. It is situated on the beach of Curl Curl and has been there since 1931.

When we arrived we unpacked and explored around the complex.

Day 2: We went to Taronga Zoo, we saw a seal show, bears, tigers, birds, elephants and lots more of Australian animals.

Day 3: We did art and swim tests.

Day 4: Went to Sydney Olympic Park and the beach.

Day 5: Had art lessons and we went to the fresh water beach.

Day 6: Public pool and Sydney Aquarium.

Day 7: We had our eye, ears and teeth checked, then to a park.

Day 8: Watched our Australian Netball Team play - NSW vs. WA, this was a fantastic game.

Day 9: Went to funniest home videos studio.

Day 10: Power house museum and after woods the beach.

Day 11: We went to Wild Life World. We saw kangaroos and lots of Australia wild animals.

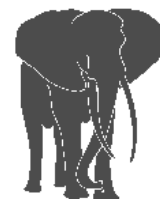
Day 12: Headed back home to Gundagai.

Stewart house gave children opportunities for a healthy life style, the food was usually yummy.

It gave children self-esteem, coping skills and a sense of well being.

Thank you, Stewart House for inviting us.

Written by Regina Evans



## ATV's AND MOTOR BIKES COURSE

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March five Year 11 Primary Industries students went to the North Wagga Primary Industries Centre to participate in the course Operate Farm Vehicles.

The students participated in vehicle maintenance requirements, OH&S and risk assessment procedures and a series of riding and safety skills. These skills included safe cornering, emergency braking, climbing slopes, navigating a variety a ground conditions and loading the vehicles onto a trailer and securing.

The day proved valuable to the students allowing them to correct poor techniques and to establish and practice safer ones.

Light rain made the conditions challenging along with the drenching at 2 p.m. The instructor Mr John Hawkins commended the students on their mature attitude and the safe manner in which they conducted themselves under the challenging conditions.

The students will return to the PI Centre next term to participate in an Operate Tractors course.

Mr D Chadwick





Above: Jessica Hindmarsh, Sara Smart and Peter Lindley traverse the course.

Below: Daniel French receives his Shearer's Certificate



## MyDay Exercise Science

**Come and experience life as a  
CSU student for a day!**

- When:** Thursday 7 April, 2011  
10am – 2pm
- Where:** Charles Sturt University - Bathurst Campus  
Panorama Ave, Bathurst
- Dress:** Casual clothing. **Please note that closed in footwear must be worn as a requirement for entry into laboratories**
- Food:** BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

**Exercise Science courses offered at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst:**

### **Bachelor of Exercise Science**

CSU's Bachelor of **Exercise Science** is a course of study preparing students for a career in the exercise and sports industry. A specialisation in rehabilitation is also available.

### **Bachelor of Exercise Science / Bachelor of Business**

CSU's Bachelor of **Exercise Science / Bachelor of Business** course recognises the relationship between sport and business and produces graduates who are skilled in both spheres.

### **Bachelor of Education (Health & Physical Education)**

CSU's Bachelor of **Education (Health and Physical Education)** is a nationally accredited and registered tertiary degree which facilitates employment as a health and physical education teacher.

### **Bachelor of Occupational Therapy**

CSU's Bachelor of **Occupational Therapy** aims to prepare you for professional practice or further study, with an emphasis on current practice issues, including quality management of services, ethical issues, research and communication skills.

### **Bachelor of Podiatry**

CSU's Bachelor of **Podiatry** graduates find employment in the assessment, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disorders of the feet and lower limbs.

**See your Careers Adviser for a Registration Form**

[www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)

CRICOS Provider Numbers for Charles Sturt University are 00005F (NSW), 01947G (VIC) and 02960B (ACT).

ABN: 83 878 708 551



# CADETS AROUND THE STATE



More than 3,000 young people have graduated from the NSW RFS Cadet School Program in the past five years. Here are some of our latest recruits.

Twenty four enthusiastic students from Gundagai High School took the 10 Week Cadet Program in June 2010 under the guidance of Tumbalong Captain and Cadet Coordinator, Brian Lewin with the assistance of local volunteers Peter Clout and Dale Chadwick. Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons attended their graduation in September 2010 (ABOVE). After the graduation the Commissioner wrote to the Riverina Highlands Zone Gundagai Cadet Coordinator Peter Jones:

*It is a genuine privilege to attend and see the results of the passion and commitment that you and the team have invested in making a real difference in the development and growth of our youth.*

*You know, no matter the school, and it was certainly repeated again on Wednesday with Gundagai, the positive energy and pride of the cadets, teachers, mums and dads, community leaders, etc. (not to mention the RFS staff and volunteers involved) says it all.*

*The program is really making a difference and a big thanks to you and the team for what you've done, and I've no doubt will continue doing, with the kids.*

Regards,  
Shane

Photo courtesy of The Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga)

Director Membership and Strategic Services, Bronwyn Jones, travelled to Singleton in June 2010 to present the Certificate of Attendance to cadets from the Singleton High School (ABOVE LEFT). Photo by Steve Brown

Cadets from Singleton High School had the opportunity to use fire extinguishers and portable pumps at a training session on house fire and village firefighting in September 2010 (LEFT). Photo by Steve Brown



## COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Gundagai Panthers Soccer Club Registration 18/3/11** ..... 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the clubhouse opposite Gundagai swimming pool. Junior soccer registration is \$50 and child must be turning 16 or under in 2011. Any enquiries contact Jenny Tout on 69444430 or Ann Lindley on 69442131 after 6pm

### NETBALL REGISTRATION

#### 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](mailto:trace33@westnet.com.au)

Also any questions to [trace33@westnet.com.au](mailto:trace33@westnet.com.au)

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All other teams (yr 4 up) please organise your team & collect a team pack by contacting Tracey on 0412806400 or [trace33@westnet.com.au](mailto:trace33@westnet.com.au) and it will be sent to you at school or home.

**A \$10 fee will be payable to Gundagai Netball Club** in addition to Tumut Netball Fees which are:

Born 2004/2006	\$30.00
Born 2004 in Yr2	\$43.00
Born 2001/2003	\$55.00
Born 1994/2000	\$70.00
Born 1993 or before	\$90.00

**Registration day will be Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Youth Club house (opposite pool), 12pm to 2pm. All teams must have a team pack completed and a minimum of 7 players with completed registration form & payment included.**