

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER



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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:

Term 2

- ✓ **Thursday 30th June**
 - Yr 12 Business Studies day in Wagga
 - Yr 11 Senior Science excursion

Term 3

Week 1

- ✓ **Wednesday 20th July**
Parent/Teacher Interview
Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C Working Bee – Sunday June 26th Thank you to those dedicated people who turned up and worked on Sunday. The school has a much cleaner looking front entrance and car park. The school's asthma sufferers will be able to breathe easier now as some of the offending plants have been removed.

A huge **THANK YOU to Gundagai Shire Council** for the use of a Council truck to remove all the garden waste on the day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). The Staff and P&C have had a presentation by Sandy Wells (Assistant Principal – Learning, Riverina East) regarding PBL. This is a framework that will support the school to systematically work towards creating a safer, more effective and positive working and learning environment within the school. It has been positively received by all, and it will begin in Week 1 Term 3 with preliminary surveys and then training of the PBL Team.

2011 Term 3 School Development Day for Gundagai High School staff will be combined across the Riverina Highlands Learning Community, with all staff meeting at Tumut High School for a day of professional learning on providing opportunities for student engagement and immersion in learning.

Early Notice:

- **Parent/Teacher Night:** Week 1 Term 3 Wednesday 20th July 4.00 – 7.00pm in the MPC. Bookings are being taken now, please ring the Front Office.
- **Stage 5 (year 9 & 10) Day on Thursday 28th July**
- **Subject Selection Evening Tuesday 9th August for Year 8 into 9 & Year 10 into 11**

Semester Reports for Years 7 -11. These will be distributed to students on Thursday after a General Assembly where the last Special Mentions for the term will be distributed. After Thursday reports can be collected from the Front Office.

FAREWELL, Good Luck and Thank you.

At the end of this term we have a number of people we wish all the very best to in their new journeys away from Gundagai High School.

Mr Gabor Holmik – Mathematics Teacher is moving on to another opportunity. We thank him for his efforts this semester and wish him all the best.

Mr Jeff Evans – HSIE Teacher and valuable staff member who is retiring from teaching to take on another journey. We thank him for all his efforts, and in particular the student soccer teams, the lunchtime music opportunities for students, the Geography Competition, and Filed Studies. We wish him well, he will be missed, all the best.

Mrs Margaret Smith – Gundagai High School Cleaner – A valuable asset to any school is someone who cares about a school and looks after it as their own. Margaret has been such an asset for the many years she has been at Gundagai High School making sure that the school has a clean environment in which we all can work and learn. We thank her very much for her work above and beyond, it has been greatly appreciated. We wish her all the very best, she will be missed.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Education Tax Refund

A reminder that you can claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR) in your tax return for eligible school expenses. The Federal government initiative provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses, such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery. For the 2010–11 tax year refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school. For more information, and to claim online, go to: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/

Get real about sexting

'Sexting' is the sending of provocative or sexually explicit photos, messages or videos usually by mobile phone. These images can also end up online on sites such as Facebook or YouTube. While seemingly innocent or flirtatious, sexting can have serious social and legal consequences.

The Federal Government's Cybersmart program offers [brochures for parents on sexting](#) and how to manage it. The brochures are also available in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian and Vietnamese, and can be [ordered free online](#) or by calling 1800 880 176.

More info: <http://bit.ly/iIVXHB>

Volunteering satisfies

Volunteering is doing something for another without expectation of payment or direct advantage. Research shows that volunteers gain a great sense of happiness and fulfilment by helping others, so why not encourage your child to undertake some volunteering in their local community. Opportunities include registered charities, disability services, nursing homes, animal shelters and overseas aid agencies.

More info: www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au/home
www.volunteering.com.au/
www.youthvolunteering.com.au/
www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/volunteering/parents/index.htm

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Attention Parents

A new school jacket has been handed in to the front office.
If your child has lost a jacket please contact me.

Barbara Ballard
School Administration Manager

MELBOURNE SHOW STEERS UNDERWAY

Gundagai High School Show Steer Team has 5 steers that have started preparation for the Melbourne Show to be held from September 24th to 27th. As Angus is the feature breed in Melbourne this year we have gone for a team of all blacks. Paul Ferry and Garry and EJ Williamson of Abingdon Station have again donated an animal along with Steven and Megan Luff of Tumblong and Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus. The other 2 steers were bred at the school by a Bongongo Bull. Long-time supporters of the program Jamie and David Elworthy of Tarrabandra have again donated the grain and hay ration to the school for preparing the steers. Hopefully we can be in the major ribbons again this year as 2010 saw many commendations but no major colours. Students will be very busy breaking in these animals so that they are ready for late September.

Dale Chadwick
Agriculture Teacher

RFS CADETS COMPETE AT STOCKINGBINGAL

On Sunday 26th June, 12 cadets travelled to Stockinbingal to compete in events similar to those they would encounter if they go to the Nationals in October. There were 8 teams in total at the event each of 6 -7 members. They were challenged with various fire ground scenarios that they had to overcome along with trust and team building exercises. Whilst Gundagai teams did not win an event the places are yet to be distributed. The competition was keen as 1 of the teams was the 2010 State champions from Young. Gundagai also had 5 members who have had no experience in these types of competitions before. It was a long 12 hour day but all the cadets enjoyed themselves and competed in the spirit of the occasion.



Shaun Bawden completing the Knapsack drill.

The cadets were Andrew McLeay, Joseph Field, Sabrina Meurs, Stacy Lewin, Kamenka Mann, Tiffany Smart, Terry Watson, Chris Lewin, Shane Saltmarsh, Kyle Ireland, Shaun Bawden and James Petty.

I would like to thank Brian and Karen Lewin and Peter Clout for their ongoing assistance with the cadets and accompanying the cadets and myself over on the day.

Dale Chadwick
GHS RFS Cadet Coordinator



Gaining a vantage point to attack the fire.



Assisting with a casualty.



Two targets that need attention.



Having some fun with the spiders web challenge.

YEAR 11 ENGLISH STUDIES

On Thursday, 16th June Year 11 English Studies students, along with their teacher Ms Thake participated in a mock interview in association with an assessment task they were given.

This interview took place in the Gundagai District Services Club function room. Two local business men, Mr Knight and Mr Mellis took the roles of interviewers for the day. The students involved were Lindsay Britt, Sophie Porter, David Cribb, Joel Field and Rick Bowditch.

“The day was very successful and the students were impeccable in their attitude, behaviour and commitment to the task at hand”, said Ms Thake.

After the day, all the students felt that it was a very worthwhile exercise and they not only completed their assessment task but also gained valuable skills for the future.

“We were all nervous when we were waiting outside before we entered the mock interview, but when we went in there and got started they made us feel at ease.” - Joel Field

“After the interview, we were all more relaxed, because the pressure was off. Even though it was a bit stressful, we got a lot out of it.” -David Cribb

“After our interviews, we were given feedback on what we did right and wrong, which will really help when we go out into the workforce and have to sit for a real job interview.” -Sophie Porter and Lindsay Britt.

‘We would all like to thank Ms Thake and Mr Armstrong for giving up their time to allow us to participate in this task, and I’m sure that it will help us in the future when it comes to taking part in job interviews in the real world.’



OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen operates every day at Gundagai High. Lunches should be ordered at recess and collected at lunchtime.

Prices until December 2011

SANDWICHES

Toasted 30c EXTRA

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Cheese | 2.20 |
| Tomato | 2.20 |
| Cheese & Tomato | 2.90 |
| Vegemite | 1.70 |
| Baked Beans | 2.70 |
| Spaghetti | 2.70 |
| Egg | 2.80 |
| Egg & Lettuce | 3.00 |
| Devon | 2.50 |
| Devon & Tomato | 2.80 |
| Devon & Sauce | 2.70 |
| Devon & Pickles | 2.70 |
| Devon & Salad | 2.80 |
| Ham | 2.80 |
| Ham & Cheese | 3.00 |
| Ham & Tomato | 3.00 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato | 3.30 |
| Ham, Cheese & Pineapple | 3.30 |
| Ham & Salad | 3.70 |
| Salad | 3.20 |
| Chicken | 3.00 |
| Chicken & Salad | 3.80 |
| Chicken, Cheese & Lettuce | 3.70 |
| Mayo or Extra Filling | |
| Wraps | 5.00 |
| Rolls 80c extra | |

DRINKS

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| Fruit juice - Large | 2.80 |
| Bottle Water | 2.50 |
| Small Milk 300 ml | 2.60 |
| Large Milk 600ml | 3.80 |
| Focus/BC/Lemonade/Raspberry | 2.00 |
| Soft drink 600ml | 3.40 |
| Cans | 2.20 |
| Slushie | 1.80 |

HOT FOOD

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| Bakery-Pies | 3.70 |
| Beef, Bacon, Cheese | 4.00 |
| Potato | 4.00 |
| Bakery-Sausage Roll | 3.00 |
| Sausage Roll | 2.70 |
| 6 Chicken Nuggets | 3.00 |
| Hamburger | 4.20 |
| Hamburger & Egg | 4.70 |
| Chicken Burger | 4.20 |
| Chicko Roll | 2.60 |
| Pizza | 2.50 |
| Roundas (Pizza) | 2.60 |
| Spaghetti Bolognaise | 3.50 |
| Lasagne | 3.50 |
| Spring Rolls | 2.60 |
| Hash Browns | 1.00 |
| Cupa Soup | 1.80 |
| Tomato Sauce | 30c |
| Muffins | 2.60 |
| Slices - | |
| Caramel | 1.60 |
| Hedgehog | 1.60 |
| Chocolate | 1.60 |

MISCELLANEOUS

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| Smith Chips | 1.70 |
| Twisties | 1.70 |
| Red Rock + Grain | 1.80 |
| Pop corn | 1.30 |
| Pretzels | 1.50 |