



**Tuesday, 3 May 2011**

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### **Term Dates**

**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:**

#### **Term 2**

##### **Week 2**

- ✓ **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
Primary Industries Excursion

##### **Week 3**

- ✓ **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Zone Athletics – Temora
- ✓ **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN
- ✓ **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN
- ✓ **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
GHS Cross Country
- ✓ **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **Welcome Back**

I hope all students have had a restful break and have refocused on their learning for Term 2. There will be many opportunities that students can take advantage of in order to expand their knowledge and skills and to demonstrate their learning this term. It is important that deadlines are met for the return of notes and payment of money if required, as this will determine if an activity will proceed. We look forward to acknowledging the many achievements of students this term.

### **Congratulations again to Jo Arguet**

Jo has been selected into the NSW State Wind Ensemble. Her musical accomplishments have been exemplary this year and her talent recognised in her selection for such prestigious events. Well Done Jo!

### **ANZAC Day**

It was a credit to those forty Gundagai High School students who turned out to march with the Gundagai High School group and also for those who also marched with other community groups. The School Captains Rebecca Carthew and Tarron Makeham gave exemplary speeches on the day, demonstrating the maturity and calibre of student we have representing Gundagai High School.

Congratulations to Veronica Britt who was chosen for her valuable work within the community to carry the Flag on the day. Well done Veronica!

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April the school held its ANZAC Day service with the support of the Gundagai RSL Sub Branch. We thank Drew Miller so very much for his captivating and fascinating story of the Soldier's on the Pyramid photograph that was the Ladies Auxiliary raffle prize. At the service the Gundagai RSL Sub Branch presented the school with a valuable resource for student and staff use "The First Anzacs from Gundagai, NSW. A monetary gift was given to William Degotardi for his Premier's Scholarship visit to Vietnam and it was announced that

Veronica Britt was to carry the flag on Anzac Day.

We thank the Gundagai RSL Sub Branch for their support and involvement in this ceremony.

**P&C Fund Raising Activities Girl's Night Out – see advertisement at the end of this newsletter.**

### **Anti-Bullying Reminder**

It is expected that all members of the Gundagai High School community treat one another with dignity and respect. This includes reporting any bullying that may take place so that it can be addressed. It is important that anyone who feels they are bullied or is a witness, let us know as soon as possible.

### **Firearms Safety Awareness Course - preliminary notice.**

A FREE course will be offered to select students in Term 3.

Successful completion of the course will enable participants to apply for a NSW Junior Shooters Licence and a NSW R licence. This course will be conducted by the NSW Game Council with the assistance of NSW Police and the Sporting Shooters Association.

More information will follow later in the term.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

During the next two weeks Mr Bridgeman is on long service leave and I am relieving for him.

As we approach winter a reminder that it helps to have names in school jumpers so as they can be returned if misplaced.

Absence notes are causing some problems. Absence notes need to be brought to school the day after an absence.

During the next few weeks we are updating contact details. It is important that even if you have not changed details all forms are returned.

P Mann  
Relieving Deputy Principal

### **NAPLAN 2011**

Students at Gundagai High School will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>. A letter to parents with information about NAPLAN has again been included at the end of this newsletter for those who may have missed our end of Term 1 newsletter. Could you please contact the school if you have any questions about NAPLAN.

Philip Mann – NAPLAN Co-ordinator

## FRONT OFFICE NEWS

### Stewart House

Your donation supports this worthy cause enabling students from public schools in New South Wales to attend Stewart House.

Please place \$2 in attached envelope and complete entry details to enter the draw for a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Return to front office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### Vaccinations

Year 7 students received their vaccinations last Friday.

Any Year 7 student who was away on this day need to contact the Community Health Centre (6944 1297) to make an appointment to have their vaccinations.



### Uniform Orders

Another order will be placed next week. So please contact the school as soon as possible if you require items.

I apologise for the delay in supply of uniforms but it is beyond our control.

### Family Details Update

Next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> May) your youngest child at GHS will be given an envelope containing the family details update sheet to take home to their parents/carers.

Please carefully check through this information making any necessary changes, especially phone numbers as these are important should the school need to contact you when your child is sick. Medicare numbers are also required as these are now important for when students are going on excursions as well as work placement/work experience.



Please sign and return to the front office whether or not you have made any alterations by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

Barbara Ballard  
School Administration Manager

## MATHEMATICS NEWS

### Mathematics Review

Our school is always interested in improving the way we cater for our students' education. Sometimes this can be done by changing our organisation, offering new courses or developing further what we are already doing. The Department of Education and Training conducts program reviews of schools to help schools improve programs for the benefit of all students.

A program review of our school as well as that of Tumbarumba, Tumut and Batlow in the area of Mathematics has been scheduled for Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2. A team will be visiting Gundagai High on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, and students and parents are asked to complete an online survey. Mr Mann visited Tumbarumba last Friday as part of the review team.

A random sample of students will be involved in discussions with the review team.

The outcome of the program review will be a review report which we will be able to use for further planning. We look forward to your support and contributions.

Online survey can be accessed by following the following link:

Students <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C6QUDZ5J6/>

Parents <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C6QUFZ5KD/>

## CAREERS NEWS

### Personal Learning and Career Path

Year 10 are currently completing online career quizzes as well as a personal learning and career path booklet. Parents are more than welcome to participate in assisting their child with these individual career plans. On completion of these booklets I will be conducting individual career interviews with each year 10 student.

Year 7 -9 will soon be emailed the link for two online quizzes that will determine their current learning skills and employability skills. There is an option for parents to complete their own assessment of their child. If you want to participate you need to give me your email address. These quizzes can be revisited many times to measure student's progress.

## GIRL'S LIFESTYLE WORKSHOP

Fourteen Year 10 girls attended a Girl's Lifestyle Workshop at Mirrabooka on Monday 4th April. The workshop program was run to inspire, motivate and educate young women about the importance of being economically empowered and financially independent.

The program was run by facilitator Lisa Faulkner and the group mentors Kate Smart, Meg McDonnell, Ava McMurray, Julia Magnone and Rebecca Montaque-Drake. The day consisted of a range of activities broadly aimed to boost self-esteem, inspire young women about the diversity of job options available and focus on the benefits of good financial planning.



I think that all the girls learnt a lot about their future options with work and financial independence. A big thanks to Miss Carr who supervised us and made sure the day went ahead, all the mentors that gave up their busy time to help, the staff at Mirrabooka including Peggy Elliot for organising the day and Lisa Faulkner who was superb in conducting the workshop.

Kate Hawthorne, Year 10

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2011

Our recent athletics carnival held in week 11 was, for those that participated, an exciting and successful day and a great time was had by staff and students. It was also very pleasing to see so many parents there to watch the events. A full program of events was run over two sporting days and some outstanding achievements were recorded. Jake Russell was again a star in the high jump breaking records and the Tug a War and Captain-ball events were also well supported and enjoyed. Mr Rake's lunchtime BBQ was a welcome sight refuelling our willing athletes for further events. We were blessed with glorious weather for the day and a well prepared sporting ground. Thanks to the Shire Council's brilliant outdoor staff, whom without their efforts we could not have such a successful carnival.

Thanks also to the staff for their efforts and the carnival organisers Mr White, Mr Crane and Mr Bridgeman and especially to the students that attended on the day and participated so well. The students that qualified for zone will be notified this week about their events that they are eligible to be entered in on the Monday 9th of May at Temora. If all students attend a bus will be organised for travel to Temora.



### 2011 Gundagai High School Athletics Age Champions

Boys		Girls	
12	Josh Bawden	12	Elle Anderson
13	Tim Carberry	13	Jeana Bell
14	Jock Lindley	14	Lori Young
15	Ben Armour	15	Holly Ingold/Kaitlin Carberry
16	Toby Beath	16	Meg Armour
17+	P.J. Lindley	17+	Jess Feeney/Sara Smart

### 2011 Gundagai High School Athletics House Results

**1<sup>st</sup> Kimo – 699,**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Parnassus – 640,**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Reno -323.**

Our next carnival is the cross country that will be held Wednesday Week 3.

Mr Crane and Mr White.  
Sport Organisers



## Cricket Triumph for Gundagai High School.

### Senior Boys

Both our Senior Boys and Girls cricket teams have had great success during term one. The boys have played and defeated both Murrumburrah and Tumut high schools. In their first game against Murrumburrah, GHS won the toss and sent Murrumburrah into bat and were bowled out for 83 runs. Ben Armour (3 for 14) and

Dane O’Hehir (3 for 10) were the best for Gundagai. In the field the boys were enthusiastic and well captained by Blake Dean. With the bat, GHS won the game by 9 wickets with Dane O’Hehir 44 N.O., Blake Dean 31 and Ben Armour 10 N.O.

In the second game against Tumut it was a much more competitive game. Gundagai batted first and made 124, with Ben Armour (30) and Blake Dean (23) being the most successful. In a match where luck rose and fell, Tumut were eventually bowled out for 105. Jake Russell bowled with great skill to take 3 for 26 and Blake Dean also backed up well with an impressive 4 for 26. Caleb Lindley Kell also bowled well and his figures were 2 for 32.

### Girls Cricket

Gundagai High School played Junee High School at Junee late last term and recorded one of the most crushing victories in recent memory. Batting first Gundagai, scored a massive 4/234 from their 40 overs, Sarah Smart was imposing as she scored a career best of 104 N.O.

It was a dominant and through display of batting, she was ably backed up by Kate Hawthorne with a dynamic well constructed 56 N.O, which is incidentally a higher top score than her brother and scorer for the game, Mark. (Oh, the pain)

Junee were never in the hunt for the runs and were bowled out for 43, the girls shared the wickets and all bowled very well. Kate Marley had the best figures with 2 for 5 and was very excited about telling her parents of her stunning effort. I must say that the girls were outstanding with their attitude and sportsmanship on the day and had a really fun day playing a game they are not that proficient at. Both teams are now eagerly awaiting their next matches in fourth term and should be proud of their efforts so far.

Rodney Crane  
Cricket Coordinator



Kate Hawthorne driving for 4



Sarah Smart pulls for six on her way to 104 n.o.

## RIVERINA KNOCKOUT NETBALL

Last Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, two carloads of eager girls accompanied by Miss Carr, travelled to Temora to compete in the Riverina Netball Competition. After a bad start to the day being left off the draw and a few injuries, the girls played well showing excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Many thanks to Carmel Lemon for coaching and Tayla Gorman for her assistance with umpiring.

### Netball Team

Emily Bridgeman      Tanaye Castles

Karly Elphick      Jess Feeney

Kate Hawthorne      Holly Ingold

Monique Luff      Kate Marley

Zoe McInerney      Lori Young

Congratulations to all players on their fine performance and behaviour on the day.

Merran Carr

Netball Coordinator



## TKD *Self Defence* - An Ideal sport for girls and boys

Regular practice of Tae Kwon-Do ensures limitless benefits.

These include:

**Fitness and total health**

**Self-Confidence**

**Self Control**

**Perseverance**

**Sharper mind**

**Self-Discipline**

**Effective Self Defence**

**Self Knowledge**

**Courtesy**

**Improved school results**



TKD classes have started this term in the MPC at Gundagai High School on Tuesday & Thursday evenings  
6.00pm to 7.00pm

**First Week is free to try**

**ENROLMENT FEE - \$30.00**

<b>MONTHLY TRAINING FEE</b>	<b>1 STUDENT</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
	<b>2 STUDENTS</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
	<b>3 STUDENTS</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

**FOR MORE**

**INFORMATION CONTACT**

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# 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.

<b>TUESDAY 10 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 11 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 12 MAY</b>
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)  <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (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>



GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL P&C INVITES YOU TO  
"THE REAL DESPERATE  
HOUSEWIVES"

GIRLS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER



ALL LADIES OVER 18 YRS ARE INVITED  
TO OUR NIGHT OF FUN & GAMES!

FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 2011

MEET IN CARBERRY PARK AT 6PM

COST IS \$25 WHICH INCLUDES LIGHT  
SUPPER & "ENTERTAINMENT"

TABLES OF 10  
BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL  
RSVP BY  
29/4/11  
TO GUNDAGAI  
HAIR DESIGN  
WITH  
PAYMENT

GREAT LUCKY  
DOOR & RAFFLE  
PRIZES!  
PRIZES FOR  
"HOUSEWIVES" OUT  
FITS



COME GROOVE  
ALONG TO  
70'S/80'S/90'S  
MUSIC  
LET YOUR HAIR &  
ROLLERS DOWN

Dress up Or Dress Down!  
Frock Up or come in your  
Dressing Gown!  
There will be great prizes for  
different styles of  
"housewives" So what sort are  
you?????





# Cricket Photo's



# Athletics Carnival





# more Athletics Photo's



# ANZAC Day March

