

# NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday, 14 June 2011**

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Principal: Jennifer Miggins

## 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 8

- ✓ **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**
  - All Yr 10 Geography - Lake Albert
  - Regional Cross Country – Albury
  - Brungle Health Family Expo

#### Week 9

- ✓ **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
P&C Meeting @ 7pm
- ✓ **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Jump Rope for Heart – Year 7

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Thank you and Well Done

To the students and Staff who organised the breakfast for local women and those students who presented at the Women's Breakfast on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun, 2011. The ladies were able to hear first-hand from students who have been involved in a variety of extra-curriculum activities. Ms Lizzie Britt P&C President also spoke on the morning.

A big Thank you goes to Jo Arguet, William Degotardi, Rebecca Carthew, Tiffany Smart, James Petty, Alana Martin, Claudia Jeffery, Sophie Porter, Mrs. Hunt, Ms .Weaver, Ms. Thake, Ms .Carr.

### P&C Working Bee – Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 9am -2.00pm

Please ensure you have gloves and sturdy shoes.

If you are able to attend please contact the Front Office with your details and the equipment available.

The day will involve cleaning up the gardens and tree areas of the school, so if you are able to spend some time to garden, cut branches from trees, tidy garden beds, plant trees/shrubs then please give the school a call (69441233).

If you have a chainsaw and a chainsaw ticket (qualification) also please let us know if you are willing to help.

We will be organising volunteers into groups with set work areas for everyone's safety so it is important that we know who will be here on the day and what equipment you can bring with you.

There will be morning tea and BBQ lunch provided.

### P&C Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 7.00 pm at the High School

**Guest Presenter:** Sandy Wells **Topic:** Positive Behaviour for Learning

### Early Notice of Parent/Teacher Night

Week 1 Term 3 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 4.00 – 7.00pm in the MPC.

An invitational letter and booking sheet is included in this newsletter.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## PRIMARY INDUSTRIES WORK PLACEMENT

Tim Myers recently spent a week working with Brian Lewin on his farm at Tumblong. This was part of Tim's requirement of his Primary Industries course. Tim spent the week constructing fences, clearing debris from recent storms along with sheep and cattle husbandry activities. I wish to thank Brian for being available to take Tim and assist him with his skill development.

Tim using the pneumatic post driver during fence construction.

D Chadwick  
Agriculture Teacher



## CADETS AT WAGGA IMX

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April seven RFS cadets went to the Incident Management Exercise in Wagga. The team comprised of Stacey Lewin, Shane Saltmarsh, Garry Hulme, Chase Shaw, Shaun Bawden, Chris Lewin and James Petty were confronted with various scenarios and problems to overcome. These ranged from simulated spills from transport tankers to getting a flat tyre on the fire ground. The cadets were in fine form and were up to the many challenges presented to them. They also gained the praise of the organisers and other adult crews for their skill level and mature application to the tasks. Thank you to Brian and Karen Lewin who stayed overnight with the team whilst Rob Ward and Dale Chadwick enjoyed the comfort of their own beds returning on the Sunday.

The Cadets are off to Stockinbingal on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June to compete against Young and Tumut units in preparation for possibly being in the up-coming National Titles.

D Chadwick  
GHS RFS Cadet Coordinator



Cadets rescuing a victim from a dangerous gas fire.



I thought you said you pumped the tyre up....



Cooling a building prior to venting the gases.

## **GUNDAGAI HIGH AGRICULTURE STUDENTS GO TO THE DOGS.**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 18 Agriculture students from Years 9 to 12 visited Graham and Deb Armour's property on the Gocup Road. The purpose of the visit was to provide students with some of the basic dog training and welfare tips to improve dog / farmer partnerships. Students were shown some of the basic techniques that Graham uses to train his dogs to work sheep. He then showed how you build on the dogs basic instincts to develop a working dog that will provide valuable assistance on farm. "Repetition, patience and good breeding" are the key elements for developing a good working animal was the message of the day from Graham.

Students were also taken through the basic welfare requirements of keeping a dog. Topics covered ranged from disease control and feeding to appropriate housing.

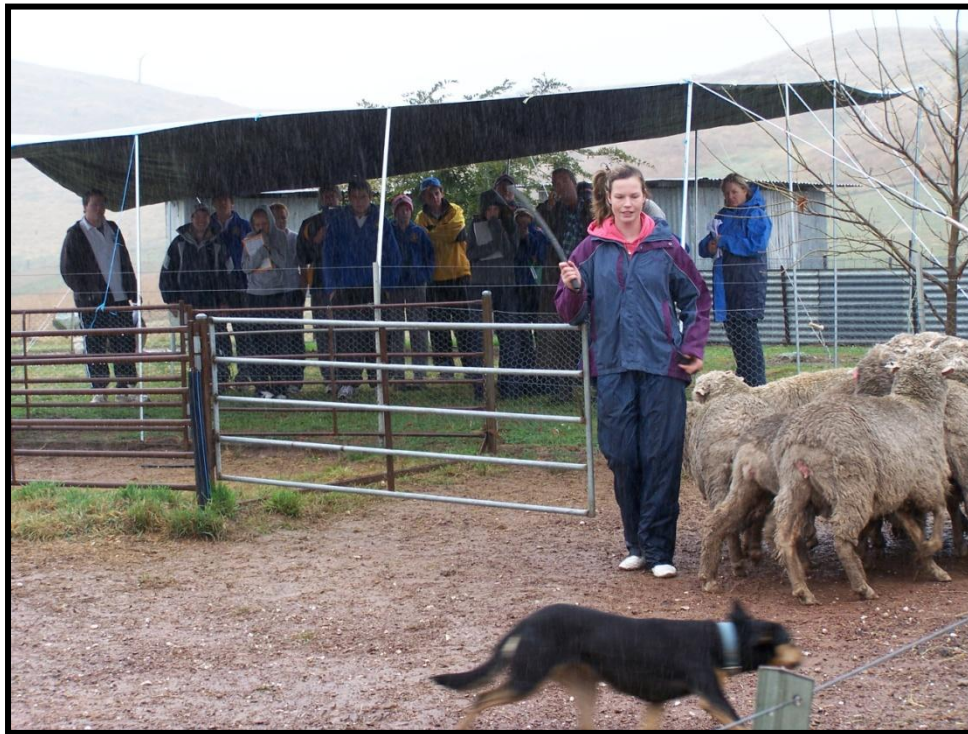
Graham also introduced the students into the world of competition Yard Dog Trials. He put several dogs (old and new) through their paces in a simulated trial. He highlighted the difference in technique that each dog displayed. His daughter Meg (an agriculture student), also put a dog through its paces showing that handlers also have different styles. He explained the Trial sequencing, points scoring system and the costs associated with taking up this activity. Satisfaction and enjoyment is his main motivation, everything that comes along is a bonus. He was quick to emphasize that anyone could get involved in Dog Trials and there is a lot of expert advice around to assist you.

I would like to thank Graham and Deb Armour for making themselves and their animals available to enrich the experiences of the agriculture students, it is very much appreciated.



Graham Armour shows how a good dog makes yard work so much easier.





Meg Armour shows her fellow students the skills she has developed to work the dogs.



Graham shows how to train the dogs to 'back' the sheep.



# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

## **RATIONALE:**

The increasing cost and sophistication of mobile phones have made them more attractive to thieves. As phones become smaller, they are easier to hide.

Staff do not have the time to conduct lengthy searches for and investigations into such valuable property.

The very nature of mobile phones means that they could present distraction to the process of learning.

The media have documented the role played by mobile phones in creating new avenues for bullying.

## **AIMS:**

- (i) To prevent loss of teacher time brought about by investigating mobile phone theft.
- (ii) To minimise disruptions to student learning.
- (iii) To reduce the opportunity for anti-social behaviour

## **THE POLICY:**

- Students must not bring mobile phones to school UNLESS the phone is left in the Front Office on arrival and picked up at 3.30. (This acknowledges that some students have family or work commitments that make a mobile phone outside school hours a necessity.)
- If students are found in possession of a mobile phone during school hours, that phone will be confiscated for five school days.
- The current practice of allowing students to use the school phone in an emergency will continue.

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Principal: Jennifer Miggins (M.Ed. Admin. M.A.C.E.L.)

14 June 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

You are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher interview evening which will be held on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011** in the **MPC** between **4.00pm** and **7.00pm**.

This is a valuable opportunity for parents and the school to develop a plan of support for your child's academic success through a positive partnership.

The designated Parent/Teacher interview evening enables parents to speak with several, or all, of their child's teachers on the one occasion. Please bring a copy of your child's most recent report; Semester 1 for Years 7-10.

If you would like interviews with your son or daughter's subject teachers, please ask them to bring the attached booking sheet to the front office to arrange appointment times. Alternatively, please phone the school on 6944 1233 to make your bookings. To assist with preparations, all bookings need to be finalised by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**.

Please indicate your preferred time range for interviews on the attached booking sheet so that the most suitable appointments may be made. Appointments will be made in order of request, so prior bookings with teachers may mean that you have to extend your preferred time range. Please avoid disappointment and book early.

If you are unable to attend on this night, alternative arrangements may be made by contacting the school office. Gundagai High School always encourages parents/carers to contact the school at any time.

Yours sincerely

  
Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Shopping Trip

Kim has organised a shopping trip to Sydney 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August. This will involve six warehouse, Birkenhead Point DFO and Parklea markets. We leave Saturday very early in the morning, one night sleep over and return Sunday. This is a great opportunity for a weekend of fabulous shopping, fine food and wine and a fun weekend away with friend. Cost is \$195 per person and \$ 50 deposit is required. Names are needed ASAP so we can confirm accommodation. This will be our major fundraiser for this year and we would appreciate your support so we can purchase some new resources. Please ask your family and friends if they would like to come along for a fun filled weekend!

### Gundagai/Adelong Junior Rugby League – Street Stall

Please note that Minor League will be played at Young this Saturday 11 June.  
We remind you to keep an eye on the website on Wednesday evening for times.  
Parents are also advised that our Street Stall is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Players are asked to bring different items to make up the hampers for this year's street stall raffle prizes.  
Items can be given to coaches at training or handed to Jacki Fairall or Kellie Magnone.

**Under 6's, U7's & U8's – Laundry or Cleaning Product**

**Under 9's, U10's & U11's – Bathroom Product**

**Under 12's, U13's, U14's & U15's – Gardening Product**

Thank you for your support.

Enquiries place see Kellie Magnone, Carmel Lemon or Jacki Fairall

### Homework Help

For year 6 Primary students and all High School Students. Qualified and experienced teachers are now offering this free service at Mirrabooka on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 pm. Don't miss this opportunity if you think your child could benefit from some extra assistance with their work

### Fed Up with Children's Behaviour - 10 am Mirrabooka -Friday 10th June

Presented by Kim Pollack & Sheeree Morris

Session will explore the effects preservatives and colours have on children. Information will be given on safe food options with advice available from local Dietician Sheeree Morris

Don't miss this if you think your child's behaviour could have something to do with the food they eat

Contact 69440290 for more information and bookings.

### BUSY MUMS BOOTCAMP

Join this fun exercise group and kick-start your fitness!

Sports Fields, Gundagai (starting 22nd June) 3:30pm Wednesdays

Mirrabooka (starting 24th June) 10:00am, Friday fortnightly

Suitable for women of all ages and fitness levels, Children welcome

Fun and supportive atmosphere, Total body workout -FREE

**HOME-START TUMUT TUMBARUMBA GUNDAGAI**

**CONTACT SHERISE ON 6947 6033**



# Sports Crazy Camp

## July 2011 School Holidays.

Make new friends, try new things, discover your hidden talents!

### Details:

**Dates:** Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July, 2011

(second week of school holidays)

**Cost:** \$295.00

**Venue:** Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre



**GUNDAGAI**

ABN 28 440 603 701

- SHEDS
- HANDRAILS
- TRAY BODIES
- CANOPIES
- TOOL BOXES
- CATTLE YARDS
- PATIOS AND DECKS
- CARPORTS
- GATES
- FENCES
- TRAILERS
- MACHINERY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
- MOBILE WELDING
- STAINLESS STEEL AND ALUMINIUM WELDING

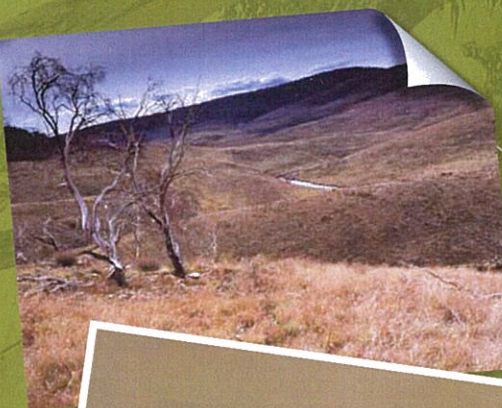
FOR ALL YOUR GENERAL WELDING  
*PHONE JUSTIN SMITH*

**0438 411 146**



## Conditions of entry

- The Bidgee from Behind the Lens photographic competition is open to all interested persons, with the exception of Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) staff, board members and judges.
- Photos are to be taken within the Murrumbidgee CMA borders (see map inside).
- Each entry should be accompanied by a location, date, description, name and address, and the category it is entered into.
- Entries must be provided initially as photographic prints and be accompanied by a digital copy, at a size of 15x10 cm. Digital pictures must be a minimum size of 5MB uncompressed (about 1700 x 1150 pixels).
- Photos are to be recent (last 12 months) and must be taken in the Murrumbidgee catchment. Only digital photos will be accepted.
- All entries submitted will be retained by the Murrumbidgee CMA. Entries will not be returned.
- Permission must be obtained from any persons in the photographs to enable the Murrumbidgee CMA to reproduce the image publicly.
- The copyright of each entry submitted remains with the photographer, however, by entering you agree to grant the Murrumbidgee CMA the right to reuse your photographs in Murrumbidgee CMA publications, promotional material and online. Photographers will be credited whenever images are used in this manner.
- Entrants may submit a maximum of four photos, and are only eligible to win one prize.
- Photos entered under an individual's name must be the individual work of the entrant.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winner, runner-up and highly commended in each category.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- No entries will be accepted after 5pm Monday 18 July 2011.



### For more information contact:

Murrumbidgee CMA Wagga Wagga Office  
Phone: 02 6932 3232

Email: [murrumbidgee@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:murrumbidgee@cma.nsw.gov.au)

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# The Bidgee from Behind the Lens

2011 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



**Murrumbidgee**  
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

## Categories

### PRIMARY STUDENT

Entrants in this category must be in a class or grade from Kindergarten to Year 6.

### SECONDARY STUDENT

Entrants in this category must be in a class or grade from Year 7 to Year 12.

### OPEN AMATEUR

For the purposes of this competition, amateur photographers are deemed to be: a person who has not promoted themselves as a professional photographer.

### OPEN PROFESSIONAL

For the purposes of this competition, professional photographers are deemed to be: a person who has an active Australian Business Number, and the main stream of business for that ABN is photography; and/or a person who does or has promoted themselves as a professional photographer.

## How to enter

Photos can be entered in any of the four categories.

Entries close 5pm Monday 18 July 2011. Judging will take place late July with the Winners to be announced on Thursday 11 August 2011.

## Prizes

Cash prizes of \$200 will be offered for first place and \$100 for runner up in each category.

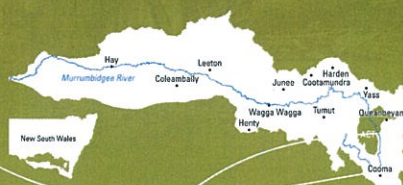
All winning photographs will be showcased at various locations and events throughout the Murrumbidgee catchment from August 2011 to May 2012.

Winning photographs will also be used in the development of the Murrumbidgee CMA 2012 catchment calendar.

## Theme: Beyond the Drought

Like much of Australia, the Murrumbidgee catchment has suffered in recent years the effects of drought and flood. Despite the difficulties, the Murrumbidgee catchment is still a place of great beauty, diversity and productivity that should be valued and cared for. The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority invites you to submit images that include, but are not limited to, wildlife, flora, landscapes, wetlands and rivers, sustainable farming and grazing practices and community caring for the catchment.

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority works with local communities, rural land managers, Landcare, Traditional Owners and Aboriginal people, Local Government and industry to address natural resource issues in the Murrumbidgee catchment.



## Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo location/description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section Entered

☐ Colour ☐ Black and White

### Category Entered

☐ Primary Student ☐ Secondary Student  
☐ Open Amateur ☐ Open Professional

☐ I have read and agree to the conditions of entry

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are under the age of 18 on the closing date of the competition, please ask a guardian/parent to sign on your behalf)

**Photos and completed entry form are to be sent to:**  
Bidgee From Behind the Lens  
2011 Photographic Competition  
PO Box 5224  
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650



## 10 minute interview

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Suitable time Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

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