



**Friday, 3 February 2012**

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*Principal: Jennifer Miggins*

### **Term Dates**

**Term 1** ☞ 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### **Term 1**

##### **Week 3**

✓ 8<sup>th</sup> February –

- Swimming Carnival
- Canberra Raiders players to visit Carnival

### **Coming Events**

✓ **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February –**

P&C Meeting 7pm

✓ **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February –**

Laptop Information Night  
6 – 7pm in C1

✓ **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February –**

Yr 7 Immunisations

✓ **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March –**

Riverina Swimming Carnival -  
Leeton

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **Welcome Back to 2012**

This year will be another big year of many opportunities for students' learning and staff and community members to be involved in the many organised activities.

### **Welcome Year 7**

New students to Gundagai High School into Year 7 have been warmly welcomed. Monday 30<sup>st</sup> January was their first day in high school and the beginning of an exciting and successful high school career.

### **2011 Student Yearly Reports**

Years 7- 9 received their end of year School Reports on the Monday of the last week of school 2011. If any student was absent on that day, their report can be collected from the Administration Office.

### **Important Information for Parents / Students**

#### **1. LUNCH PASSES - are NOT issued by the school.**

The school has a canteen that provides a wide variety of food for purchase. The canteen also caters for all dietary requirements. Please contact Shannon Bartlett (Canteen Manager) to ensure that this will occur for your child.

#### **2. Personal Appointments during School Hours**

If your child has an appointment that cannot be made outside school hours then a note outlining date, time and what the appointment is for, is required to be presented to the Front Office on the morning of the appointment.

The student must sign out from school and back in to school if they return.

#### **3. School Uniform**

2012 is the beginning of the full implementation of the NEW Gundagai High School uniform. ENCLOSED BLACK LEATHER SHOES have always been school uniform.

Parent support in ensuring that students are in full school uniform at all times will be greatly appreciated. If at any time, uniform clothing cannot be worn, then an explanation note for the day is to be written, signed by the Principal and then will be carried by the student for the day.

**All students must ensure that they are wearing black enclosed leather shoes as part of their uniform. This is and has always been part of the school uniform at Gundagai High School and will be enforced as these footwear requirements is necessary for student safety.**

### **Staff Changes for 2012**

#### **Welcome back to:**

Mrs Joy Patterson - Maths Faculty

Mr Jamin Hall - Relieving Head Teacher Science and PDHPE

#### **Welcome to:**

Mrs Allison Appleby- Science

Mr Christopher Bell - English

Ms Lucy Annetts – Science

### **GOOD NEWS**

Gundagai High school has been successful in its application for:

1. Hospitably Trade Training Centre: Last year the Hon Peter Garrett MP, Minister for School Education announced the projects and schools that had been approved for in-principle funding under Round 4 of the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program.

The next step is to work with the Department of Education to develop and submit documents and full costing for the project and the execution of Project Funding Agreements.

2. National Solar Schools Program: This was approved for \$33000 (ex GST), and announced by the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, on 24 January 2011.

More information will be forthcoming further into the year.

### **REMINDER:**

#### **PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Gundagai High School is going to ask and support Parents to complete surveys to establish if we qualify to be part of this particular program. If successful the program will bring resources that will support the school to develop new and expand other programs that advance the learning of students at Gundagai High School. The surveys will be completed in Term 1 in a couple of weeks.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

- ✓ **Thomas Franklin** received two Awards at the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute 2011 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012.

The Koori Achievement Award for an Aboriginal student with outstanding achievement in a Vocational Course.

The TVET Award for TVET student of the year. *Well done Thomas and Congratulations!*

- ✓ **Veronica Britt** on the recognition of her voluntary work in Gundagai with the award of Young Citizen of the Year. *Well done and Congratulations, Veronica!*

I very much look forward to celebrating the successes of our students in 2012.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Student Lockers

Sixty Lockers have been purchased by the P&C and have arrived. Mr Crooks has been busy assembling them and getting them ready for student hire. They have been placed in the school canteen area and will not be accessible outside school hours. There are still a few Lockers that have not been booked and also some students who have not paid for their Hire fee. Fees are \$15 a term or you can pay for the whole year in advance. All funds go directly to the school P&C.

### Changes to the school routine

Bell times and lesson length – please see attached bell times sheet, class length has changed to 1 hour periods and there are variations to the timing of recess/lunch and the end of the school day.

### Newsletter

Please contact the school and give the office staff your email address and any change of details. GHS is moving towards having all newsletters sent to families via email. You may also access the newsletter from the school website, [www.gundagai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gundagai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### Getting off to a good start

Wondering how to help your kids do well at home and at school this year? The Department of Education & Communities parent resource School A to Z has a webcast full of expert tips for you to help your children have a more successful year.

The 'Getting off to a great start webcast' has a number of chapters on how to motivate children for learning, advice on peer relationships and how to handle bullying, communicating with children and the importance of strong home-school relationships.

The expert panel features advice from a child psychologist, an experienced family doctor and the department's deputy director-general (schools) Greg Prior.

Watch the webcast at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start>

### National Year of Reading 2012

Welcome to a new school year. This is the national year of reading and to celebrate, there is a host of literary-related events and competitions happening right around Australia. For an events calendar and more information go to: [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au). Why not make a late New Year resolution to read more yourself? And if you have younger children and don't already read regularly to them, set aside some quality time to help instil a love of books and reading.

### Fair work checks

Many teenagers undertake casual work. A helpful guide to how much they should be getting paid and the minimum conditions can be found at:

[www.fairwork.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx)

If you have any queries there is a helpline at 13 13 94. You can also lodge an online workplace complaint if you feel your child has been unfairly treated.

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal



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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2012

- Date:** **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February (full day)**
- Start time:** 9.00am
- Cost:** \$2.50 (unless a season ticket has been purchased)
- Things to bring:** sunscreen, hat, water, T-shirt (house colour), towel, enthusiasm  
(*Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide*)

### Procedures:

1. All students are to go directly to the pool. If you catch a bus you will need to walk to the pool after being dropped at school. On entry into the pool you are to sit in your house area which will be identified by your house colour.
2. **Anyone who is unable to participate in events must give a signed note to Mr Bridgeman prior to the carnival.** These people still have a role to play in the carnival as helpers and officials.
3. A canteen will be in operation selling snacks and hot food.
4. Extra points can be won by houses by **cheering and novelty relays**.
5. At the conclusion of the carnival you must have your name marked off before you leave. You are to stay at the carnival until it finishes.
6. Points are given for just participating in events, so have a go!!!!!! Get extra points for house!

### General Rules:

1. **Stay** in your house area. **Do not** loiter at the toilets or canteen. The smaller pools and far off corners of the pool are **out of bounds**. The normal pool rules must be observed. Please keep a shirt on when not completing, **avoid sunburn**.
2. Listen to the announcer carefully so as not to miss a race. When your event is called, go to the marshalling area at the diving end of the pool. You will be given an order. Do not change your order. **All students are to compete in the 50 meters freestyle and breaststroke events.**
3. All events are based on time, there are no finals.
4. **Do not** bring MP3 players, cameras and mobile phones.
5. Further carnival rules are outlined in the program that is available on the day.

**Postponement:** If the carnival happens to be postponed due to bad weather, there will be an announcement over 2WG and FM 93.1. You will then be expected to bring equipment for a normal school day.

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**  
**ANY HELP THEY CAN OFFER E.G. TIMEKEEPER WOULD BE**  
**GREATLY APPRECIATED.**



## YEAR 9 - DER PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be an Information Night held on **Tuesday 21st February, 2012** **6 - 7pm** in C1. Invitations for this event will be sent home with Year 9 students shortly. This is an important event for both students and parents about the new laptops that students will be able to access very shortly. Our current plans are to hand the new laptops out on this night to any student who has returned a completed Laptop User Charter.



## YEAR 7

A big, warm welcome to all Year 7 Students and their families for 2012, into the Gundagai High School community. Our newest recruits arrived with big smiles and minds willing to try their very best, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck. I would also encourage any parents of Year 7, who have any questions, to please feel free to contact me with any of their concerns. I will be doing a ring-a-round myself to all of you in the next few weeks, just to let you know how your child is progressing, and to listen and answer any questions you may have.

Again, the best of luck, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Marffy  
Year 7 Adviser



## JAG 45

Each Monday lunch time (1:40pm – 2:20pm) students are invited to bring their lunch to the Needlework Room and be part of JAG 45 while they eat lunch.

JAG45 is run under the auspices of Scripture Union which is an inter-denominational organisation that has operated since 1867 and conducts activities in 130 countries.

It operates in every state and territory in Australia and each year thousands of volunteers help young people and families through holiday programmes at beaches, camping events, recreation, sports, school chaplaincy, and lunch time meetings in secondary and primary schools.

This term the lunch time activity at Gundagai High School will be looking at “Living like Jesus”.

JAG45 is run by Mr Allen Crooks and Mrs Sylvia Wielinga, who can be contacted on 6944 1233 between 9.30 and 11am.



## WORLD VISION SPONSOR CHILD

Maria Clara is sponsored by the students at Gundagai High School.



World Vision

### Maria Clara Barreto Barbosa

Maria Clara Barreto was born on 02/06/2002.

Maria Clara Barreto lives in Brazil and her favourite game is hopscotch.

You can help Maria Clara Barreto and her community through the Caminhos do Sol Project.

**Child No: BRA-178489-4256**

### About Maria Clara Barreto

Birth Date: 2 June 2002  
Education: Primary  
Favourite subject: Mathematics  
Language: Portuguese

Maria Clara Barreto lives with her mother and stepfather

### About Maria Clara Barreto's family

Number of brothers: 1  
Number of sisters: none  
Mother's work: Unemployed

### Getting to know Maria Clara Barreto

You will receive annual updates on Maria Clara Barreto's progress. To write to Maria Clara Barreto, simply include her name and Child Number (BRA-178489-4256) in your letter, and address the envelope as follows:

C/- CRS Manager  
World Vision Brazil  
Caixa Postal 6288  
Recife/PE - Brasil  
52041-970  
BRAZIL

### Why Maria Clara Barreto needs your help

Children in Maria Clara Barreto's community face many challenges. They live in a crowded urban area where there is high unemployment and widespread poverty. Families struggle to buy food and, as a result, childhood malnutrition is extremely widespread. Sanitation is poor and healthcare is limited. Many children miss out on their education because they have to work to support their families. This often means they are scrounging for recyclables at a nearby garbage tip rather than attending one of the few schools. There is little social cohesion and a general disregard of women's and children's rights.

### How you will help Maria Clara Barreto

Your sponsorship will help to provide:

- Training for families in income-producing skills
- Food supplements to improve children's nutrition
- Improvements to sanitation and housing
- Medical check-ups for children
- Educational support and school supplies
- Support groups that promote community building activities

You can help Maria Clara Barreto to have the chance to grow up healthy and happy.

## IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES 2012

<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	GHS Swimming Carnival
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	NSW CHS girls cricket
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Riverina Swim Carnival in Leeton
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Golf Strokeplay
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Girls Basketball trials
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Boys and Girls Hockey trials
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Golf Match Play
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Boys Soccer Trials
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	GHS Long distance Athletics carnival during sport
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	State swimming Carnival in Homebush
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	GHS Whole School Athletics Carnival
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Netball Trials
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	CHS Basketball in Tamworth
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	GHS X-Country
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Boys/Girls Squash trials
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Greater Southern Rugby League trials
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Boys/Girls Touch trials
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	CHS Rugby League
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Riverina Cross Country Carnival
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	CHS Cross Country in Sydney
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Riverina Athletics in Albury
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	CHS Athletics in Homebush
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Riverina Blues Luncheon

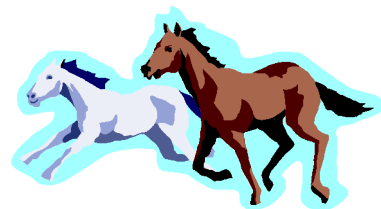
**Dates still to be confirmed**

**Zone swimming, Zone Cross country, Zone Athletics**

## WANTED! Horse agistment or land to lease

Anything considered from short term mowing of a small block up to leasing acres or equestrian centre agistment. Great reliable tenant, proficient in fencing and able to move horses from block to block if necessary.

Have 2 quiet riding horses (mare and gelding) which are currently living in the Newcastle area and are used to living in barbed wire cattle fences and have previously been educated to electric fencing. I have a portable electric fence to use. Can split them up if necessary and would like to move them to Gundagai after Easter. Referees available.



Preferred option would be located close to Gundagai with riding areas in vicinity.

Please contact Allison Appleby via GHS or email [Allison.lloyd1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Allison.lloyd1@det.nsw.edu.au)



Distance delivery means that you can study from home and not have to attend classes

**The Riverina Institute, Business Faculty** is offering the following courses by **DISTANCE** delivery in 2012 through its Leeton Campus.

- Certificate III in Business (17803)
- Certificate III in Business Administration (17807)  
*Develop knowledge and skills to pursue employment and/or further training in a range of business areas. These courses cover skills using current business technology, writing and communication.*
- Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) (17812)  
*Develop knowledge and skills to be able to work as a legal receptionist or an administrator in a legal environment. It is also suitable if you who want to work in non-legal offices such as accounting firms and banks.*
- Certificate III in School Support Services (18964)  
*Do you want to work school hours? This qualification covers many of the positions available in schools including administration work and student support. To give yourself the best possible chance of working within the educational environment consider the advantages of doing this versatile cours.*
- Statement of Attainment in Processing and Maintaining Financial Records (17820) (MYOB)  
*Develop skills and knowledge to enable you to process and maintain financial records in an office environment.*

For further information please contact the Campus on **02 6953 9600** or email **[ricourseinforleeton@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:ricourseinforleeton@tafensw.edu.au)**.

Enrolments are now open and available through [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).



# **BELL TIMES - 2012**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday Sport Only</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Wednesday Sport + Assembly</b>	<b>Wet Wednesday ( No sport )</b>
<b>FOCUS PERIOD</b>	9.00 – 9.20	9.00 – 9.20	ROLL CALL 9.00 – 9.10	9.00 – 9.20	9.00 – 9.20	ROLL CALL 9.00 – 9.10	ROLL CALL 9.00 – 9.10
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	9.20 – 10.20	9.20 – 10.20	9.10 – 10.10	9.20 – 10.20	9.20 – 10.20	9.10 – 10.10	9.10 – 10.10
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	10.20 – 11.20	10.20 – 11.20	10.10 – 11.10	10.20 – 11.20	10.20 – 11.20	10.10 – 11.10	10.10 – 11.10
<b>RECESS</b>	11.20 – 11.40	11.20 – 11.40	11.10 – 11.35	11.20 – 11.40	11.20 – 11.40	11.10 – 11.35	11.10 – 11.35
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	11.40 – 12.40	11.40 – 12.40	11.35 – 12.35	11.40 – 12.40	11.40 – 12.40	ASSEMBLY	11.35 – 12.35
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	12.40 – 1.40	12.40 – 1.40		12.40 – 1.40	12.40 – 1.40		LUNCH I 12.35 – 1.00
<b>LUNCH I</b>	1.40 – 2.00	1.40 – 2.00	12.35 – 1.00	1.40 – 2.00	1.40 – 2.00	12.35 – 1.00	LUNCH II 1.00 – 1.25
<b>LUNCH II</b>	2.00 – 2.20	2.00 – 2.20	1.00 – 1.25	2.00 – 2.20	2.00 – 2.20	1.00 – 1.25	1.25 – 2.03
<b>PERIOD 5</b>	2.20 – 3.20	2.20 – 3.20	SPORT 1.25 – 3.20	2.20 – 3.20	2.20 – 3.20	SPORT 1.25 – 3.20	2.03 – 2.41
<b>FINISH</b>	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	2.41 - 3.20

## OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

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

~ ~ ~ Current Prices ~ ~ ~

### **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**

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**

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**

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

## REASON FOR ABSENCE



My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_  
was absent from school on \_\_\_\_\_  
(dates student absent)

Reason: ☐ Sick ☐ Medical/Dental ☐ Family Leave

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## Gundagai/Adelong Junior Rugby League

### 2012 Registration Day

Date: **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Time: 12 – 2pm

Venue: Gundagai Swimming Pool

*Free BBQ provided*

\$50 per player & capped at \$120.00 per family of more than 2 children.

**New players welcomed and must show original Birth Certificate on Registration day (new players receive football bag, socks & shorts)**

**All children that register on this day - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February will receive a **FREE training T-Shirt****

The committee would appreciate if all interested players would register on this day to assist with coaches.

**ALL players wishing to try out for the Representative teams the trials will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> April for U12's – U15's and must be registered beforehand.**

***Any enquiries contact:***

**Jason Elphick 0400 443 222 or Jacki Fairall: 0488 997 321**

[www.gundagaiadelongjuniors.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.gundagaiadelongjuniors.leaguenet.com.au)

# Jennifer Smart's School of Dance

Classical Ballet (RAD),

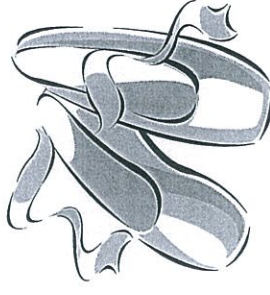
Jazz,

Irish,

Tap

&

Highland Dancing



## 2012 Enrolment Enquires

Ballet is graceful, exciting, pretty and the main structure of all Dances. Dancing is lots of fun, interactive...and the greatest exercise....

### NEW STUDENTS WELCOME

Ballets Starts from 3 years of age with the Imagination of Dance to your Own Tunes. Jazz, Irish, Highland & Tap Starts from 5 years of age and up, with Beginners Classes. If you can Walk, You Can Dance....

New this Year if enough numbers-Adult Classes for Ballet, Jazz and Tap

If you have any Questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to answer any questions.

Mrs Leane 02 69447 205

Viv White 02 69441 947 Mobile 0409 463 055

Belinda Hindmarsh 02 69441 118 Mobile 0419 478 508

**EMAIL:** Send your Students Name, Age and the Class/Classes you wish to enrol in, via Internet.

[belinda.hindmarsh@bigpond.com](mailto:belinda.hindmarsh@bigpond.com)

Or you can just phone Belinda.



A 2012 Enrolment Day will follow soon, with more information on term dates, fees, time-tables, dress codes, etc.