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Term Dates

Term 1 27th Jan – 5th April

DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 1

Week 6

- ✓ **Wednesday 29th February**
Study Skills for Year 11 & 12
at the Gundagai Services Club
9am – 2.30pm
- ✓ **Friday 2nd March –**
Riverina Swimming Carnival -
Leeton

Week 7

- ✓ **Monday 5th March**
PSP Survey BBQ 3.30pm – 6pm
- ✓ **Tuesday 6th March**
Year 6 into Year 7 2013
Information Evening at 6pm
- ✓ **Wednesday 7th March**
Year 10 Geography Excursion
- ✓ **Thursday 8th March**
Information Session for Parents
of Year 10 students regarding
changes to the School Certificate
6pm – 7pm
- ✓ **Friday 9th March**
SRC District Meeting at Billabong

❖ **P&C Bulb Orders**
Please return by 15th March

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Important - PSP Week Monday 5th March – Friday 9th March

Students' learning is our core business at Gundagai High School. We look for every opportunity to provide the best resources to support student learning. If 100% of the surveys are returned and we then qualify to become a Priority School then the monetary resources will be used to help lift the outcomes of your child in Literacy, Numeracy and Engagement. Please see further information in the Newsletter.

The new Record of School Achievement (RoSA) for students.

To find out more about how your child ensures that they gain a RoSA then there is an information night for Parents and Employers on Thursday 8th March at Gundagai High School beginning at 6pm. There is more information later in the newsletter.

Congratulations

- **Gundagai High School Show Parading Team** for such a professional performance. Congratulations to those who were presented with awards on the day, Joseph Carberry (Yr 7), Miles Hunt (Yr 10), Billie-Joe Carberry (Yr 9), and Kyle Smith (Yr 7). Well done also to all the other paraders.

Thank you to Mr Chadwick for his time and efforts to have the students ready for such competition. Thank you also to Mrs Chadwick, Mr Marffy and Miss Streckfuss who helped on the day.

➤ **Zone Swimming Representatives**

The carnival at Tumut was a great day and the students who attended were excellent representatives of the school. Well done to all students who represented Gundagai High School. Thank you to Miss Lucy Annetts and all the Parents who helped out with transport and supervision.



We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who
are the traditional custodians of this Land.

Strive to Serve



Education Support Review – English

Gundagai High School's commitment to its community to provide quality education for its students, has as part of its continuous improvement process, a cycle of review of the faculty areas.

In 2011, Mathematics was the faculty area, in 2012 it is the English Faculty. A number of students, parents and all English staff will be involved in the process. This review will take place in Week 8 (12 – 16th March 2012) with the recommended follow up within a set timeframe.

Reminder Invitation to Year 6 2013 Parents and Students.

Tuesday 6th March at 6pm there is, in the MPC an Information Night regarding starting high school. Join us and find out about the education journey into high school through some short presentations, a tour of the school and supper with a number of the teachers.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

International Women's Day 2012

March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD), a global event that celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women past and present. This year the theme is: Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures. For events around Australia including talks, exhibitions, concerts and fundraisers, go to: www.internationalwomensday.com.

Give back to the community

Volunteering can be a great way for your teen to discover more about interesting work or career options. Being a volunteer has lots of positive benefits. Research suggests that volunteering can improve health, lower stress, reduce social isolation and raise self esteem. Volunteering can also provide an opportunity for you to develop new skills or enhance existing ones and it looks great on your resume. Anyone can be a volunteer and there are many different areas in which you can offer your time and expertise. For more info: www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au

GHS students can also earn certificates from the NSW Premier by logging volunteer hours on the Premiers Volunteering website. See your student emails for guidance.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL PARADERS SUCCESS

On Saturday 18th February, 22 students from Gundagai and Tumut High Schools competed in the annual School Cattle Parader competition at the Gundagai Show. Gundagai High School students put in a strong effort on the day winning four of the eight major prize ribbons on offer. Joseph Carberry won first place in the Year 7 section which is determined solely on their skills in the ring. Billie-Joe Carberry, Amelia French (Year 9) and Miles Hunt (Year 10), won a place in the finals of their year group through their general knowledge of cattle and their parading skills.



From this final event Miles Hunt took out first place in the Year 10 section whilst Billie-Joe Carberry was placed third in the Year 9 section. Miles then went on to win the Reserve Champion School Parader having the second highest score overall in the finals. Kyle Smith (Year 7) of Gundagai High School was awarded the Encouragement Award by Judge Sandy Mellis.

All scores for both teams are then averaged to decide the champion Parader School and this was won by Tumut High School outscoring Gundagai High by just 0.2 point.

Mr Sandy Mellis (judge) was impressed with the level of skill displayed by students from both schools and found it difficult to split them up. He especially commented on the level of enjoyment the students displayed as they participated in this event.

This is another fantastic result for a group of hard working students who give up their lunchtimes to prepare for the show. It is also pleasing to see the large number of parents who attend to support their children. I would also like to thank the trophy sponsors and Daniel French who was the Steward for the day. Also thanks to my fellow staff members John Hunt, Michael Marffy, Anna Streckfuss and Joe Hourn for their assistance on the day.

Results for School Parader Competition.

Year 7: Joseph Carberry (GHS) 1st, Jaimee McQuillan & Mackenzie Day (THS) =2nd

Year 8: Kiahn Bellchambers (THS) 1st, Justin Day (THS) 2nd.

Year 9: Caitlin O'Brien (THS) 1st, Angela McGrath (THS) 2nd, Billie-Joe Carberry (GHS) 3rd.

Year 10: Miles Hunt (GHS) 1st, James Hilly (THS) 2nd, Sally McGruer (THS) 3rd.

Champion School Parader and Gundagai Real Estate Trophy: Caitlin O'Brien (THS).

Reserve Champion School Parader: Miles Hunt (GHS).

Champion Parader School and Gundagai Meat Processors Trophy: Tumut High School.

Encouragement Award and A & G Schultz Trophy: Kyle Smith (GHS).

Dale Chadwick
(Agriculture Teacher)



GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL STEER WINS SECOND PLACE

On Saturday 18th February, a steer donated by Abingdon Station and prepared by Gundagai High was placed second in its class at the Gundagai Show. The steer was ably led by Sara Smart of Year 12. Sara did an excellent job with a beast that had caused some problems earlier. This steer (AbE) may be retained and entered in the Heavy Export Class of the Melbourne Show, the same class that we won the Grand Champion Carcass in last year. Tiffany Smart of Year 11 also paraded a school steer (Belted Galloway x Angus) that was purchased at the Gundagai Saleyards. This steer was unplaced but Tiffany did an excellent job parading it at short notice.

Dale Chadwick
(Agriculture Teacher)

RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADETS ASSIST AT GUNDAGAI SHOW

Many of Gundagai High Schools RFS Cadets assisted the RFS Riverina Highlands Zone by attending the stand at the Gundagai Show. They were able to field questions about the Cadet unit and activities they are involved in through the RFS. The cadets who volunteered their time were:

Shaun Bawden, Sabrina Meurs, Terry Watson, Christopher Lewin, Stacey Lewin, Robbie Ward, Kyle Ireland, Chase Shaw, Jamie Evans, Billy-Joe Carberry, Amelia French.

Karen and Brian Lewin were very appreciative of the support and their willingness to give up their free time.

Dale Chadwick
(RFS Coordinator)



**Year 7 Parents & Teachers
Lawn Bowls and BBQ**

When? - Tuesday 13th March 6pm

FREE

Where? Gundagai Sports Club

Please RSVP by Friday 9th March by calling the School
(6944 1233)

Priority Schools Program

Gundagai High School is currently in the process of applying for NSW State government funding under the Priority Schools Program (PSP).

Priority Schools Programs support government schools serving the highest densities of low socio-economic status families in New South Wales. The programs are underpinned by principles of equity and are part of the NSW government's commitment to social inclusion.

These programs provide resources to improve the literacy and numeracy achievements and engagement of students from low socio-economic status backgrounds. These are the most critical requirements for student achievement across the full range of education and training outcomes.

If successful, students at Gundagai High will have access to a variety of educational programs and the school will receive increased financial assistance.

A new list of Priority Schools is identified every four years by a survey of families. The next survey of families will occur during the week 5th to 9th March 2012.

The survey is short. It is easy to complete and asks only essential questions about:

- type of occupation of parents/caregivers
- educational qualifications of parents/caregivers
- proportion of sole parent families in the school community
- unemployment in families
- proportion of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families in the school community.

The survey is confidential. The survey forms are returned in a sealed envelope. No-one at the school can read the response of any family. No-one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from.

It is essential that 100% of the surveys are returned.

Surveys will be distributed to students on Monday 5th March. School staff and members of the P&C will be available to assist parents to complete the surveys both during school time and from 3.30 to 6 pm from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th March.

The school will host a *free* BBQ for all parents and students who return the survey on the first day. The BBQ will take place on the front lawn of the school near the car park from 3.30pm to 6pm on Monday 5th.

Students whose parents return the surveys on Monday or Tuesday will receive a free ice cream from the canteen. If the survey is returned on the Wednesday, they will receive a Paddle Pop. Students who return surveys after that will receive a free Icy Pole.

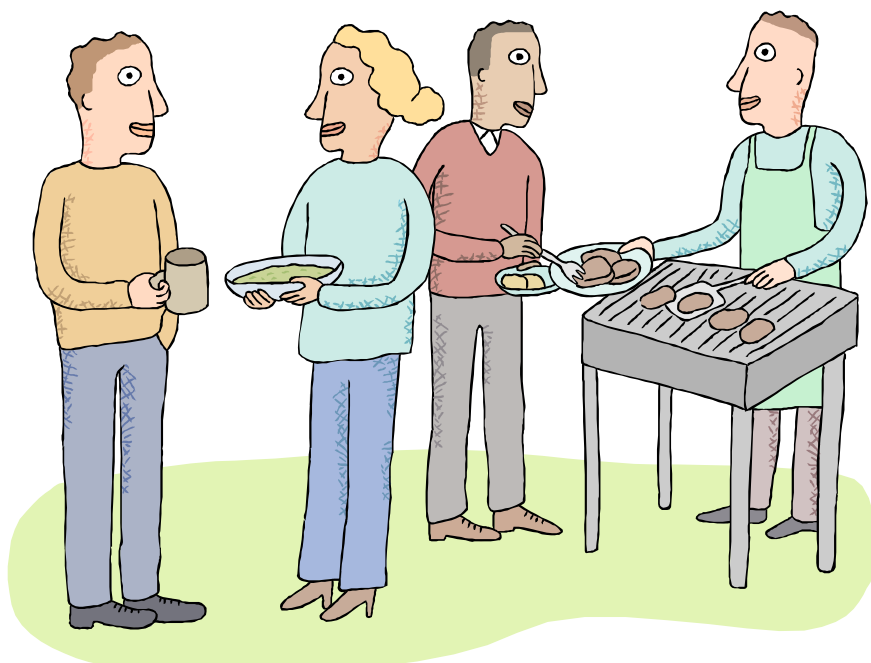
Staff at Gundagai High School are committed to achieving the best outcomes for our students and we encourage all parents to support our application for PSP funding by completing the surveys. Please contact the school if you would like assistance in completing the survey or if you have any questions about PSP.

Parents of Gundagai High School students...

You're Invited...

to be our guests for a BBQ and to complete the PSP surveys at Gundagai High School on Monday 5th March, 3.30pm to 6.00pm

School staff will be on hand to help you complete the Priority Schools Program Surveys.



New Certification for Students Information Session

Outline: To increase understanding about the current proposed changes to replace the School Certificate from 2012 and the credentials and elements that will remain as evidence of Year 10's academic achievements

Audience: Parents and Employers

When: Thursday, 8th March 2012

Where: Gundagai High School

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Speaker: Lindy Billings – Board of Studies Liaison Officer

If you would like to participate in this meeting, please phone the School Office on 6944 1233 by Monday, 5th March 2012

Further information can be located at:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu/schoolcertificate/record-school-achievement.html>

COMMUNITY NEWS

GUNDAGAI/ADELONG JRL – REGISTRATION

For anyone that has not registered for the 2012 Junior Rugby League season we will be holding another Registration Day on **Friday 2nd March at 4.30** at the Football Ovals. New Registrations please bring your **Birth Certificate** and \$50.00 for rego. Training T-Shirts will also be available for \$10.00. Contact Jacki on 0488997321 for more information.

Also, another reminder that if you are interested in playing in the girls U14's League Tag team please contact Jason Elphick on 0400 443 222 for more information. You must be turning 10 and no older than 14 years to play.

TUMUT BULL ANTS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB - REGISTRATION DAY & TRY RUGBY NIGHT

All welcome for a Free Family BBQ and Try rugby skills activities night on the 15th March at 6pm for all children.

Player Registration

Date: Thursday 15th March 2012

Where: Jarrah Oval Tumut - Bulls Home Ground

Time: 6.00pm Cost: \$60 per player

Registration Benefits

All children receive the following when registering:

1. Club football bag
2. Club socks & shorts (given out on first game)
3. Try Rugby pack
4. Brumbies rugby card giving free access to all Brumbies Club games



Rugby is a great social event for the whole family with 2 games every 2nd weekend, keeping 2 weekends a month free. Girls welcomed in age groups U 7 – U 9s, age groups include under 7s, 9s, 11s & 13s. Training is held Tuesdays at Jarrah Oval, Tumut 5.30pm. Enquires contact David Elworthy on 0418 694401. For more details visit

www.tumutbullants.rugbynet.com.au