



Friday, 18 May 2012

Gundagai High School
PO Box 107
157 Hanley Street
GUNDAGAI NSW 2722
Phone: 6944 1233
Fax: 6944 2180

Email:

gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website:

www.gundagai-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Principal: Jennifer Miggins

DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 2

Week 5

- ✓ **Monday 21st May**
 - Junior Exams start (in class)
 - Year 9/10 Commerce trip to the Court House
 - P&C Meeting @7pm
Gundagai District Services Club
- ✓ **Wednesday 23rd May**
Cattle Parading course
- ✓ **Thursday 24th May**
Year 11 Compulsory Biology
Excursion to South Gundagai Cemetery

Coming Up:

Friday 15th June

Regional Cross Country @ Gundagai Showground/Race Course

Monday 18th June

P&C Meeting @ 7pm Gundagai District Services Club

Friday 29th June

Last day of Term 2

Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 7 and Year 9 on their behaviour during NAPLAN tests this week.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Cross Country and Athletics carnivals. Staff members, parents and the community commented on your excellent behaviour and participation.



Supporting Our Students

During the last couple of weeks of last term and the beginning of this term Gundagai High School has had support from Regional Support Officers, Sandy Wells and Sharon Elphick. They have been using their experience and expertise with staff to make adjustments to teaching and learning programs, individual learning plans and learning support programs.

We thank them and look forward to continued work with them. Thank you to those Year Advisers, STLA and other staff who have begun to work with their new skills and knowledge.

Board of Studies (BOS)

Teacher professional learning video conferences have been attended by a number of staff in order to keep up-to-date with the changes that are occurring with the introduction of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and the new Australian curriculum. Congratulations to those staff who have been pro-active in their learning.

The Focus of Gundagai High School

Gundagai High School is committed to its students and their learning, and the staff are supported to provide the best opportunities for quality learning outcomes for students.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



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

Strive to Serve



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Congratulations

Blake Dean has been selected in the Southern NSW Open School Boys Rugby League Team. Blake will travel to Toronto NSW for a week long camp later this term and is in line for selection in the NSW team.

Uniform

All students should be wearing the correct uniform to school. If you are waiting for ordered items to arrive, please check with the front office for an estimated time of arrival. Students should also see the Principal or myself in the mornings for notes when they are out of uniform.

Dangerous behaviour

Some students have recently found themselves in trouble as they have brought banned items to school. It is very important that students do not bring dangerous items to school and place themselves and others at risk of harm. Sharp items and laser lights are considered dangerous in all schools therefore students should be careful with what they bring in their school bags each day.

Newcastle University Summer Schools applications

The University of Newcastle is offering five-day residential experiences for Year 9 students who are entering Year 10 in 2013.

They include Girls Choices Summer School and LIVE IT! (for boys).

The Girls Choices residential experience (2 – 6 Dec 2012) aims to expose girls to the range of study and career options for HSC graduates in maths and science subjects.

LIVE IT! (9 – 13 Dec) is designed to inspire boys to build on their potential to succeed in senior school. Participants will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. Along with meeting equity criteria, students should be willing to be challenged by new experiences and explore opportunities.

Applications close 29 June 2012 and require teacher and principal support.

For more information and to download application forms, W: www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh T: 4921 6547 or E: girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au or liveit@newcastle.edu.au

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Family Details Update envelope was sent home with students on Wednesday.

Your help in updating our records by returning the information to the school office is much appreciated.

Please remember the importance of up-to-date phone numbers in particular as students find it very distressing when they are ill or injured and we are unable to contact their family.

Stewart House

Should any families still have donation envelopes at home that they intend on returning to school, please do so by Tuesday 22nd May.



Thank you.

ENGLISH/HSIE NEWS

Commerce Excursion

Students in 9/10 Commerce class will be going on an excursion to the Gundagai Courthouse on **Monday 21st May**.



Any students with outstanding notes need to submit them to attend.

R Kingwill
Commerce Teacher

DER INFORMATION.

All silver Year 9 laptops need to be returned to the TSO by Friday 25th May. This collection is to allow a Lenovo technician to perform preventative maintenance on the cables in the laptops. Any laptops not collected in time will need to be sent to Sydney to have these checks performed.

Padded laptop cases are available for purchase for \$16, all orders to be placed at the front office.



NATIVE GARDEN DESIGN TAKES ROOT

Year 8X Technology students have been studying plant propagation techniques as well as native plants and their use in garden design. This was the lead up to assist them to establish a small native garden within the school. This project came to fruition on Wednesday 9th May with 7 students visiting Mitre 10 to purchase their identified plants and planting them out to establish the garden.

This was a culmination of class activities that included scale map drawing, researching plant growth habits, soil requirements and basic budgeting. Students weeded and prepared the site keeping in the existing native grasses intact. They also propagated cuttings of other general garden plants species. Students were given a budget and had to produce a design plan on their scale map of the area along with a costing for plants required. Work, Health and Safety considerations were also addressed as students progressed through the exercise.

The class included Cameron Sutton, Jimmy Lindley, Caden Piper, Billy Britt, Jade Smith, Elise Hughes, Isabella Britt, Candyce Crowley, Olivia Lindley and 5 others.

The finishing touches were added on Friday 11th May with the mulch laid down to conserve moisture and keep soil temperature as constant as possible.



Students planting out the garden.



Some of the Year 8 students who designed the native garden.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GUNDAGAI/ADELONG JRL - Team Photos will be taken on **Saturday 28th May at Adelong** by MSP Photography of Wagga. Cost of photos will be \$15.00 per photo. Payment needs to be made prior to photo day to Jacki Fairall at McAlister Saunderson Stubbs office. NO MONEY, NO PHOTO. If you haven't been given an envelope at Training by your Coach then please just put your details on an envelope with your Name, Contact Number, Exact Money and how many photos you require. If you have any questions then please contact Jacki on 0488997321.

GRANDPARENT CARER GROUP MEETING

An experienced counsellor will speak about how to deal with people with challenging behaviour as well as other issues at the next meeting of the Grandparents Group at the Family Relationship Centre at 129 Fitzmaurice St in Wagga on Friday June 1, at 10am. Come and have morning tea and meet grandparents who are full-time carers of their grandchildren, as well as those experiencing major changes after a family separation. Phone: 69239100.

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: ____/____/____

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: ____/____/____

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: ____/____/____

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: ____/____/____