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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 2

Monday 8th June
District SRC Batlow

Monday 11th June
Public Holiday

Friday 15th June
Regional Cross Country @ Gundagai
Showground/Race Course

Monday 18th June
P&C Meeting, 7pm at the school

Friday 29th June
Last day of Term 2

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well Done! To our musicians, Adam Daley, Oden Britt, Michaela Foster and School Captain Thomas Franklin for their involvement in the Dad, Dave, Mum and Mabel statue opening last Friday. Thank you for being admirable representatives of the school.

Thank you to Ms Decker, Mr Crane and Mr Bishop who were involved in the organisation of the students and their participation in this community event.

Congratulations to all those students who achieved excellent results in their age groups of the Cross Country Carnival. Well Done Cooper Thatcher, Peter Lindley, Emily Bridgeman and Stephanie Cribb who will represent the school at the Riverina Cross Country Carnival in June which is to be held in Gundagai this year.

Congratulations to Michala Foster on her Diamond Level Volunteering Award. This award is in recognition of her voluntary work within the community. Students in Years 9,10,11,12 can enter their volunteer hours on the Premier's Volunteering website and gain recognition when they reach particular levels of achievement.

Congratulations to Mrs Allison Appleby who has been successful in her application for the position of Head Teacher Science at Gundagai High School. She will take up that position from the beginning of Term 3 and we look forward to her contribution as a leading learner in the school. Thank you goes to Mr Hall who has been relieving in that position since the beginning of the year and has made a valuable contribution to the executive team.

Thank you to the Executive

On Wednesday 30th May, the executive staff had an extended Executive Development meeting. They are to be congratulated on their forward thinking and active participation in the process that Gundagai High School has undertaken in school improvement and working towards the implementation of the new curriculum which encompasses the Australian Curriculum.



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

Strive to Serve

The executive embraced ideas and strategies to support staff through this time of change in education while continuing the focus on student learning.

The session was facilitated by Dr. Brad Russell, School Development Officer, who has worked with Gundagai High School, on the English Review in Term 1, 2012. We look forward to his continued support in the implementation of the Review's recommendations and in executive development.

Term 3 2012 School Development Day

Will be held at Gundagai High School as part of the Riverina Highlands Learning Community.

The day's focus will be: Assessment: *for* learning... *of* learning...*as* learning

This is an invaluable opportunity for staff to have professional conversations and collegially work with colleagues. This will support the follow up of continuous improvement in teaching and learning across the highlands schools.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

National Cyber Security Awareness Week

National Cyber Security Awareness Week runs from 12-15 June and aims to inform and empower everyone to stay safe online. The Federal Government's cyber safety website, www.staysmartonline.gov.au, provides tips and info on how not to fall victim to online crimes such as identity theft, fraud, phishing, scams and cons. There is also a section on smart socialising online as well as separate pages full of great advice for children and teens.

Also, check out School A to Z for plenty of technology info and the latest on cyber safety at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety.

Building Stronger Families

The teen years can be testing for everyone, but there are some strategies you can try to build stronger bonds with your teens while allowing them the independence they need for healthy development.

One strategy can be to 'book in' planned family meetings to promote open and honest communication where everyone's opinion is valued. When families are busy, this can be a great way to reconnect as a family.

For other tips and strategies on raising children from birth to teenagers go to: <http://raisingchildren.net.au>

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

Family Details Update envelopes were sent home with students two weeks ago. Thank you to those families that have returned their information sheet. Your help in updating our records is much appreciated as students find it very distressing when they are ill or injured and we are unable to contact their family due to information being incorrect.

However, we still have a lot of information update sheets not returned. Please take a few minutes while you have a coffee and check over the sheet, sign it and send the sheet back to school, (even if there are no changes) with one of your children to the front office.

This information is very important for the safety and wellbeing of your children as we have had an incident recently where we couldn't contact parents as all numbers were incorrect. Thank you.

Canteen P&C Information

As from **Monday 4th June** – all Eftpos transactions at the Gundagai High School Canteen will incur a 25c fee. Therefore we encourage students to make one transaction with cash out to cover subsequent purchases during the day.

DAD & DAVE, MUM & MABEL UNVEILED (again)

On Friday 25th May some of our music students and School Captain attended the opening of the Dad, Mum, Dave and Mabel statues. Thomas Franklin as School Captain read a bush poem that captivated the audience. Adam Daley and Oden Britt played stirring renditions of bush ballads and country songs to the large crowd. Michala Foster and Ms Decker closed the proceedings with a beautifully crafted version of "We are Australians".



The reaction to her song was great amongst the crowd who all wanted to know who Michala was and how to hear her again and of course we told these people that Michala will be a star in our Variety night concert this year.

Organiser, Mr Peter Batey, asked me to thank all the students and staff involved in the day and said they were pivotal to the success of the opening. Well done to all.

Rodney Crane and Jedda Decker
Music Staff



COURTHOUSE EXCURSION

Year 9/10 Commerce Guilty of Learning (Some Just Guilty) at Alleged Excursion

On the 21st of May, the students of 9/10 Commerce marched on a lawful crusade for enlightenment. We are currently studying the law and society and we had the perfect opportunity to witness the law in action at the Gundagai Courthouse and our local police station.

Our quest for knowledge took us to the local courthouse. When we arrived, we were told about courthouse etiquette, the layout of the court room by the Court Officer, and sat down in the public gallery. While we were there, we watched two cases, where we heard statements from the prosecution, the witnesses and defendants, as well as the magistrates' running of the court.



After we heard the cases, the magistrate talked to us and we learned, first-hand, how the court system worked and she gave us the opportunity to ask questions.

We then had our lunch and headed towards the police station to learn about the enforcers of the law. The police talked to us and we learnt a lot about Forensics and what would happen if you were arrested. We were also taken for a tour of the old cells in the station, and the police were quite happy to answer any questions we had to ask.

Overall, it was a fun and interesting excursion and the class would like to thank Magistrate Geraldine Beatty, and the police officers Senior Constables Rob Dunlop and Matt Steel for giving up their valuable time to assist with our learning, as well as Sgt Greg Weir for giving us a talk about Forensics. The class would also like to thank Miss Kingwill for giving us this opportunity to learn more.

Terry Watson

9/10 Commerce Student

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

Current Members of our SRC Team are Alana Martin, Karly Elphick, Thomas Franklin (Captain), Madeleine McDonald-Hosking (Captain), Michala Foster, Harry Lemon (Vice President), Kate Hawthorne (President, District SRC Rep), Adam Daley (Radio Rep), Holly Ingold (Treasurer, SRC District Rep), James Petty (Correspondent Secretary), Tom Lemon, Terry Watson (Minutes Secretary, Radio Rep), Zoe Watson, Sabrina Meurs (Publicity Officer), Mikaela Feltham (Radio Rep), Darcy Ingold (Radio Rep), Teighan Worsnop, Joseph Carberry, Samantha Gradon, Tihana Bromley and Kathleen Graham.

The SRC is currently looking at possibilities to happen within the school such as:

- A sausage and hot dog day on Friday 22nd June.
- A Disco to be held Term 3 Week 2 (date yet to be confirmed)
- GHS Recycling Scheme (Enviro Inspiro) to promote recycling within the school.
- The MPC to be opened at lunch on hot, cold, rainy or frosty days.
- Hot Beverages in the canteen such as tea, hot chocolates, etc.
- Jeans for Genes Day
- Phone Recycling Boxes to be placed in the Front Office, Town Library and possibly the Newsagents or Moey's.
- A small change Donations Box for the SRC has been placed in the School Canteen. This will be used to assist with funding of small projects around the school or charity donations.
- A Suggestions Box for rewards for Level 3 promotions is being placed in the Front Office. Anyone with ideas is asked to drop a suggestion in.

Sabrina Meurs

Yr 9 SRC Representative - Publicity Officer

'VALLEY VISTA' DONATES RAM

The Agriculture Program at Gundagai High School recently received a valuable boost with the donation of a Poll Dorset ram from Andrew and Donna Scott of Coolac. The ram will be used as a terminal sire and joined with the Agriculture Programs 25 First Cross ewes as part of its Prime Lamb enterprise. The ram will provide students with the opportunity to see how crossbreeding programs can be utilised to breed animals specifically to meet market demands.

The donation of such a quality animal is very much appreciated and will enhance the animal husbandry skills and knowledge of students studying agriculture. On behalf of Gundagai High School I wish to thank Andrew and Donna for their generous donation.

Dale Chadwick

Agriculture Teacher



SPORT NEWS

Girls Cricket

Our girls' cricket team had a comprehensive victory over Koorungal High in the last week of Term 1. The girls looked very professional in their colourful new sports uniform shirts and whites, so much so that the Koorungal coach commented on how fantastic they looked.



Koorungal could only manage to have six girls available, which was surprising. However, we lent players to them and had a shortened game that was won by our girls. We now go to the next round to be played in term four against either Wagga High or Billabong High schools. I would like to thank all the parents that helped with getting the girls to Wagga and for continuing to support our sport, I know it is not easy to do.

I also would like to commend the girls on their fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour during the game. The girls are outstanding ambassadors for our school and enjoy every moment of the experience which makes my job a pleasure. Also, thanks to chief scorer and advice giver Mark Hawthorne for his efforts.

Rodney Crane – Cricket Coordinator

Gundagai High School Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics was held earlier this term. As a result of the result of the recent floods it was a little late this year and we must thank the Gundagai Shire council for the great efforts in getting the grounds prepared for us. The day was very successful for those students that did attend and some outstanding performances were produced. Jake Russell was again outstanding in high jump and he was pushed all the way by Toby Beath who jumped well. Ella Manton showed great speed in her running events and Boz Gilpin threw solidly in the shot put as did his sister Alison.

Mr Rake again provided our athletes with a tasty BBQ at lunch that filled the energy needs of students. The emphasis of the carnival is on enjoyment and we congratulate all students who participated on the day. We would like to thank staff for their efforts during the day and parents that came to watch their



children. Thanks to the senior students that attended and assisted with events. It was greatly appreciated by the teachers that they were with.

The overall winner of the carnival is yet to be decided and we are unable to announce the age champions at this stage as some events are yet to be held. These are the long distance running events of 800m and 1500m and the throwing events of Discus and Javelin. Students will need to nominate for these events if they wish to complete.

Zone Athletics Carnival in Temora

The Zone Athletics Carnival was again held at Temora this year on Monday 7th May. Although Gundagai was not among the top point scoring schools there were some outstanding individual performances. It was particularly pleasing to see an increase in the number of senior students attend this carnival and setting a good example for younger students.

Best performances included:

- Shae Smith (12 years) – 3rd in Long Jump
- Tihana Bromley (12 years) – 4th in High Jump
- Ella Manton (13 years) – 2nd in both 100m and 200m
- Simon Shipley (14 years) – 3rd in Javelin; 4th in High Jump
- Alison Gilpin (14 years) – 4th in Shot Put
- Emily Bridgeman (15 years) – 1st 1500m; 2nd in the 800m
- Sam Lindley (16 years) – 3rd in the Shot Put; 3rd in Javelin
- Peter Lindley (17 years) – 3rd in the 800m; 2nd in Javelin
- Boz Gilpin (17 years) – 1st in Shot Put; 4th in Discus
- Kate Hawthorne (17 years) – 4th in Shot Put
- Jake Russell (17 years) – 1st in Javelin; 1st in High Jump
- Meg Armour (17 years) – 1st in High Jump
- Stephanie Cribb (17 years) – 4th in 1500m
- 17 years girls relay team – 3rd



Thank you to the parents who travelled with students to this carnival.
This is a big effort and was appreciated by the school.

LIBRARY NEWS



Any student who received a shield or trophy at the Awards Ceremony last year could they please return them to the Front Office ASAP.

We would like to put them on display.

Thank you.

