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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 2

Monday 25th June (change of date)

P&C Meeting, 7pm at the school

Friday 29th June

Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 16th July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 17th July

Students return to school

Friday 20th July

CHS Cross Country in Sydney

Friday 3rd August

Riverina Athletics Carnival - Albury

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good Luck to Stephanie Cribb, Cooper Thatcher, Emily Bridgeman, Peter Lindley and by invitation Morgan Tozer at the Riverina Cross Country carnival today. These very able cross country runners will compete with students from across the Riverina in their age groups. We look forward to these students doing their best and gaining entry to the state level competition.

Congratulations those students who have volunteered to fill the many roles to make such an event a great success. These volunteers include: RFS Cadets, Hospitality students, SLR/PDHE classes, and other individual students. Well done!!

Thank you to Gundagai High School's fantastic P&C who have worked tirelessly for two days and planning time to ensure that the locals and visitors to the Riverina Cross Country Carnival are well fed and are welcomed to the area.

Thank you to Mr Bridgeman and Mr Hall for their initiative and hard work with the Riverina Cross Country Coordinator to enable such an event to be held in Gundagai. Our students can have the rare opportunity in being able to compete on home soil and have their families able to be present rather than travelling long distances. It has also given Gundagai and Gundagai High School an opportunity to 'show off' how it can organise a successful large scale event. Well Done!!

Congratulations to Jeana Bell and Elle Anderson

Jeana and Elle participated in the Riverina Dance Festival at the Albury Entertainment Centre on the 1st June 2012. Several practise sessions were held in Tumbarumba and Tumut and these began in Term 4, 2011. The Riverina Highlands group which our girls were members performed an ensemble called 'Hunted'.

The girls were worn off their feet but had a wonderful time and learnt a lot more about dance and teamwork. Well Done!!



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

Strive to Serve



Congratulations to Dane O'Hehir

Below is a message sent from Adam Blake the coach of the President's XIII Opens Rugby League Team that competed at the recent CHS trials at Toronto.

"One of your students, Dane O'Hehir, was selected for this team and represented your school with pride over the 4 days of your trials. I have been a coach/manager at these trials for the last 6/7 years and the behaviour from this year's squad was by far the best I have witnessed out of all the teams I have taken. They followed all the instructions that were given to them and listened to the feedback that was given to them at the trials. There was nothing that was too difficult for them to do, which included making sure their rooms were spotless at the end of the carnival and being on time for every meeting or meal."



Jennifer Miggins
Principal

ENGLISH/HSIE NEWS

Year 7 have almost completed all of the activities for the unit of learning on Ghosts in Literature.

The highlight for most students was the excursion to Junee on Friday 1st June. On this excursion students visited Monte Cristo and were told just a few of the stories about the history of the home and the ghosts that are supposed to exist there. After a well-deserved break at the Junee Licorice Factory, where students recharged their batteries, we visited the Junee Cemetery. Students enjoyed the day and got some valuable ideas about how they can get information from various sources to enhance their own story writing.



HSC Study Day

Four year 12 students attended the English Teachers' Association HSC study day at Charles Sturt University on Friday 15 June. This was a great day and it gave all students across the Riverina the opportunity to review all of the units and texts that they have studied in year 12. Students also got some valuable information about how to approach the HSC exam later in the year.

History

On Friday 8th June year 9 students visited ANZAC Grove at Gundagai as part of their studies in Australian History. Students were given the task of trying to find memorial plaques for veterans from World War 1 so that they could start their research into the contributions made by those veterans. This will form part of an assessment task which is due in Term 3.

Students were keen to find relatives and people that they know and some are already getting information about their subject. Students will research their subject through various sources including the Australian War Memorial web site and local sources including the oral history held within families.



GHS RFS CADETS

The RFS Cadets have recommenced during sport and are well into their training program with Brian Lewin again giving his time to train the cadets. Recent elections filled the important positions of command for the unit. Christopher Lewin brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the position of Captain for 2012. He will be ably supported by his Senior Deputy Captain James Petty. Terry Watson has his second stint as Deputy Captain whilst the hard work and dedication of Sabrina Meurs and Shawn Bawden was rewarded when they were also elected as Deputy Captains.

The senior members of the unit have been taking the training sessions presenting the information about the skills that the cadets need to develop.

The unit recently received word that they had qualified for the State Titles to be held at Port Stephens during mid-September. A lot of time will now be dedicated to honing their skills in preparation for selection as a team member for this major event.

Dale Chadwick RFS Coordinator



Hot off the Press

Monday 18th June

RIVERINA CROSS-COUNTRY CARNIVAL



On Friday 15th June Gundagai High School hosted the Riverina X-Country carnival. The event was held at the Gundagai Racecourse / Showground and common.

Over 400 competitors from across the region attended and competed on the day. Races varied in length from 3000m to 8000m in age groups from 12 years to 18 years.

Gundagai High School students were heavily involved in making this carnival a tremendous success. The students were given duties such as marshalling, check points around the course, finish line judges, result recording,

helping in the canteen, selling raffle tickets and keeping the traffic aware of the events proceeding. Over 70 students volunteered for duties and showed terrific community spirit and performed their duties with enthusiasm. The carnival could not have been a success without them.

Staff accompanying the students included Mr Chadwick, who is in charge of the RFS cadets. Mr Hall and Dave Bridgeman supervised all the students around the course, and also walked all of the competitors around the track in the morning.

The school's P&C catered for the day, and it was terrific to see the many happy faces willing to help out by raising over \$1200 in much needed funds for the school. A special thanks to the core group of ladies for being so well organised and feeding so many people.



Mrs Miggins also came down to visit and was put straight to work presenting place certificates for a number of age groups.

Jan New from the Gundagai District tourism action group and Graeme Tickner General Manager of Gundagai Council were also on hand to present certificates to the top three place getters.

Gundagai High School had five students represent the school in races. These students all performed to the best of their abilities and ALL gained selection in the Riverina team.

Results included

Under 15 Girls- Emily Bridgeman - 1st

Under 15 Boys – Cooper Thatcher - 6th

Under 16 Girls – Morgan Tozer - 7th

Under 17 Girls – Stephanie Cribb - 3rd

Under 18 Boys – Peter Lindley - 4th



THANKYOU TO:

- the Local council who mowed the course, suppld signage and sponsored the event
- the Race course/showground and common trusts for sponsorship and use of the facilities
- Graham Smith (Tumut HS) and Jason Wilesmith (Riverina Sport) for their incite and wonderful support
- the local police for having a presence and patrolling the roads throughout the day
- the School P&C for the terrific catering job and also to all the staff and students who helped in any way to make this carnival a success.



More photo and news about the carnival will be in the next newsletter.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal



COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Battle on the Bidgee** committee will be running an adults fun night on **Saturday 23rd June** at 5pm. We will be running a bareback cut out and a farmer and wife relay for some entertainment. Cost will be \$20 for the relay and \$10 for the bareback cutout. Prize money will depend on entries. There will be a bar and a BBQ. So come down and have a go or just come down and watch.

On **Sunday 24th June** starting at 8.30am we will be running a kids and adults fun day. Waiver forms and money will need to be paid for before we start. Events include bending, barrells, flags, pole bend, apple race, and siamese barrells, depending on how we go for time we may run more events.

Cost for these events will be a block fee, children \$10 and adults \$20. Please spread the word it a cheap day for your kids to have fun.

There will not be a canteen on Sunday. We will be cooking sausage in bread and hot dogs for \$2.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.



Support for students with disability in regular classrooms: a factsheet for parents and carers

Every Student, Every School: Learning and Support

The Department of Education and Communities is implementing a new approach for meeting the additional learning and support needs of students with disability in all NSW public schools, through its strategy Every Student, Every School.

Many students with disability have additional learning and support needs. The level and type of support that each student needs is different. Many students need adjustments in their day to day learning. A small number of students need more intensive or specialised support.

Every Student, Every School aims to provide better outcomes for all students with disability. It will provide more immediate support for students and their classroom teachers, increase the expertise of teachers, significantly reduce administration and improve the coordination of educational services to students in regular classes who have additional learning and support needs.

To achieve this, Every Student, Every School will build a Learning and Support Framework in all NSW public schools to improve support for students with disability, wherever they enrol.

This Learning and Support Framework will ensure that students receive the highest quality education from trained teachers and support staff who are focused on personalising each student's learning experience. It will strengthen the capacity of all public schools to meet obligations to students under the Commonwealth *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.

A wide range of projects will be put in place during 2012 and 2013 to establish the Learning and Support Framework and assist all public schools to better meet the diverse educational needs of their students, including those with disability.

For more information about the Learning and Support Framework and details about the full range of projects being implemented in our schools, please go to our website at www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school

Increased training and support for teachers and staff to better meet the needs of students with disability

Every Student, Every School has a strong focus on building the professional knowledge and understanding of teachers, school leaders and support staff.

This focus will build the skills and knowledge of all staff to better understand and respond to the needs of students with disability and to effectively work in consultation with students and their parents or carers.

More support for students with disability in regular classes

Many students with disability are enrolled in regular classes in mainstream schools. Every Student, Every School aims to improve the capacity of schools to respond more immediately and effectively to the needs of all students, including those with and without a formally diagnosed disability.

From the start of Term 3, 2012, every regular NSW public school will have a specialist Learning and Support Teacher working directly in the school. These specialist teachers will provide additional support for students and their classroom teachers, when and where it is needed. Over 400 public schools will have a specialist teacher for the first time.

Each regular public school will also receive flexible funding to support students with additional needs in learning and behaviour, regardless of the cause.

The school will use these funds to support students and their teachers. This may include using funds for extra teacher time, school learning and support officer (previously called teachers' aide) time and release for teachers to undertake planning and programming or additional training.

The allocation of specialist teacher time and flexible funding support for schools under Every Student, Every School has been calculated on the most recent data on school enrolments and an index of student learning need.

Schools may also work with other local schools to share or pool their specialist resources to meet the needs of students, according to their local needs and priorities.

Students will not need a formal diagnosis, confirmation of disability, or a separate funding application in order to receive additional support for their learning through resources provided under Every Student, Every School. This includes students with mild intellectual disability, students with a language disorder or delay, and students with autism or mental health disorders who have lower level needs for additional learning support.

Learning and Support Teams

Each school's learning and support team will play a key role in planning how learning and support resources are used and how best to meet the specific learning and support needs of students.

Parents and carers have a vital role to play in their child's education. The learning and support team will work in consultation with parents and carers to ensure the best possible outcomes for their child.

Support for students with moderate, high or complex needs

Students with confirmed disability in regular classes who have moderate, high or complex learning and support needs will continue to be supported through the Integration Funding Support Program. This is funded separately from Every Student, Every School.

This program provides additional support to schools for students with:

- moderate or severe intellectual disability
- moderate, high or complex needs in autism or mental health disorders

- physical disability
- hearing impairment; and
- vision impairment.

In addition, the Department of Education and Communities will continue to provide specialist support for students with confirmed disability through support classes that operate in special schools and in some regular schools across the State.

Your child's school principal can provide you with more information about accessing these programs and services.

Local implementation of learning and support

Each region has established a team, lead by a School Education Director responsible for leading and coordinating Every Student, Every School in its schools.

Regional teams are working closely with principals to plan and implement Learning and Support in the school.

Need more information?

Your child's school can provide you with information about Every Student, Every School and how it will be implemented in the school.

The school can also provide you with details on learning and support arrangements for your child.

Further information about Every Student, Every School can be obtained through your local regional implementation team.

Further information including Regional contact details:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school