



**Friday, 27 July 2012**

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

#### **Term 3**

##### **Week 3**

- ✓ **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**  
Parent/Teacher Interviews –  
MPC - 4pm to 7pm
- ✓ **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**  
Yr 10 Careers Day to Canberra
- ✓ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Riverina Athletics Carnival -  
Albury

##### **Week 4**

- ✓ **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August**  
School Photo's
- ✓ **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
Yrs 8 & 10 Subject Selection  
Evening

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Congratulations** to Stephanie Cribb, Cooper Thatcher, Peter Lindley on their efforts at the State Cross Country Carnival. They all had commendable runs and were exemplary ambassadors for Gundagai High School.

**Term 3 2012 School Development Day** was held at Gundagai High School as part of the Riverina Highlands Learning Community. The day's focus was: Assessment: *for learning... of learning...as learning.*

This day was positively evaluated and enabled staff to have professional conversations and collegial work.

*Some feedback from the day: " Liked focus on LEARNING , Great session by making teachers reflect on their own practice ... fantastic strategies, Productive, Data Analysis really important, Valuable in school planning and discussion, Great to compare, get advice, discuss with same faculty people."*

Thank you to our partner primary school teachers who were involved in the day.

### **Parent Teacher Night on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 4.00 – 7.00pm MPC**

This is a very valuable opportunity for parents to discuss with their child's teachers, learning support strategies. A strong partnership between the school, its teachers and parents, will support the learning and future outcomes of students. An additional booking sheet is attached at the end of the newsletter.

### **School to Work Thank you and Evaluation evening was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

Employers who support Gundagai High School, School to Work Programs, were invited to this evening. It was an opportunity to say thank you to those employers,



gain valuable feedback from them for future program implementation. ATEL and Job Centre representative who have been working with Gundagai High School students were also in attendance and outlined their role and how they are of assistance.

We would like to thank those employers who attended, ATEL and Job Centre and also particularly to the Services Club for the venue and the food provided on the night.

### **Subject Selection Evening for Year 8 into 9 and Year 10 into 11 - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 6.00 – 8.00pm**

This evening is designed to give parents and students valuable key information in order to make informed decisions about the type of educational journey that will benefit the students and their learning success.

The Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Lindy Billing, will outline the changes to the Year 10 Certification and the new Record of School Achievement (RoSA). This is very valuable for Year 8 and 10. Both year groups will also have time to have key questions answered by Lindy, the Head Teachers and Year Advisers.

### **REMINDER: Students must have their Subject Selection forms return by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

Year 10 will be involved in personalised interviews after this date to ensure that they have made subject choices that best suit their future goals and the pathways to achieve these goals. Parents are more than welcome to also attend these interviews.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE: Year 10 Career's Market Excursion**

The Subject Selection Booklets will be distributed to Year 10 prior to the Career's Market excursion. This will enable discussions at home, and time for students to determine questions for stall holders, effectively utilising the time at the career's market. This is a valuable opportunity to to access current information regarding post school options.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

### **Safe Driving**

Is your teen learning how to drive? YouthSafe an organisation dedicated to preventing serious injury in young people aged 15 to 25 years, has developed resources for parents on how they can help their children become safer drivers. To download the fact sheet and for further information go to:

<http://www.youthsafe.org/publications-resources/resources-for-parents/42-publications-a-resources/resource-parents.html>

### **Young Endeavour**

Young Endeavour is a not for profit organisation that provides young Australians aged 16-23 with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience at sea aboard the national sail training ship Young Endeavour.

Applications are now being taken for voyages in the first half of 2013. For more information go to:

<http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/site/>

### **Year 12 Trial HSC Exams**

Trial exams will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Simon Bridgeman - Deputy Principal

## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR SERVICE

Hi ! My name is Tanya Willis. My role at Gundagai High School is to provide a counselling service to the high school community. I am continuing my study in the area of psychology in order to ensure I have the skills and knowledge that enables me to best support students.

How can I help?

- Support individual students deal with their problems
- Assist students learn new skills such as resilience, anger management and dealing with bullying
- Use assessment tools to work out why some students find it hard to learn and suggest ways to help them
- Help teachers and other staff to support students
- Help students and others deal with tragedies or natural disasters.
- Work with parents in addressing concerns they have about their child.



I visit Gundagai High every **Tuesday and Wednesday until 12pm**. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Just ring the school office on **6944 1233**.

## YEAR 10 NEWS

The year 10 students are excited about their end of year camp, being organised for the week of 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> December. They were fortunate to have an accommodation prize donated by Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort where they will be staying during their time away. Students sold raffle tickets last term to help raise funds for their camp and James Murray is to be congratulated on his terrific effort at selling the most tickets. The accommodation prize was drawn at assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> July and the winner was Shannon Bartlett (Canteen Manager). Congratulations to Shannon who will be able to take advantage of her prize and enjoy a weekend away at the beach.

Details of the camp itinerary and costing will be finalised shortly with information being sent to parents in the near future. This is a welfare based camp and students will need to be on level 5 or above to be eligible to attend.

Photo of Science Head Teacher Allison Appleby (left) with raffle winner and Canteen Manager Shannon Bartlett.



## SRC NEWS

### Mobile Phone Recycling Project

Last Term, Year 7 students Teighan Worsnop, Samantha Gradon and Kathleen Graham spent a few of their lunchtimes in the Art Room creating mobile phone recycling boxes.

These mobile phone recycling boxes are being placed around town to collect those unwanted, pesky mobile phones. We are asking students, their families and the community to drop your unwanted or unused mobile phones into these boxes so that the phones can be recycled for reuse. Each handset is restored to factory condition and all sim card and memory cards are

destroyed. Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their different parts and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers. Not only does this project assist with reducing over use a non-renewable resources but it also generates a small amount of financial benefit for the SRC. Please no rechargers.

Mobile phones can be dropped into the boxes at Gundagai High's front office, the Town Library and the Gundagai Newsagency.



# School Photographs

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**All students have received their photo envelope. This MUST be returned on the day with correct money enclosed. Students must return their photo envelope even if they are not buying any photos. Photo envelopes can be returned to the front office prior to the day for safe keeping.**



**Family photos are available to students attending this school. Please see the Office Staff for a family photo envelope.**

**Sport and cultural group photos will also be taken on the day. These will be available for purchase later on in the term.**

**Please contact Ms Weaver at the school if there any further enquiries regarding the photos. Thank you.**

# gonski factsheet



## Five things you need to know

**The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive review of schools funding in almost 40 years. Its recommendations give us a way to ensure real equality of opportunity for our children in education. Here are five key findings:**

- 1. There is an urgent need for change.** The Gonski Review found that Australia is investing far too little in schools and the way the money is distributed is not efficient, effective or fair. The system is failing too many students who are missing out on the resources they need.
- 2. There are growing gaps in student achievement.** While Australia remains a high achieving nation in education, our overall performance has fallen in the last decade. Students in disadvantaged areas are up to three years behind those of the same age who live in wealthy areas. One in seven 15 year old students does not have basic reading skills.
- 3. We must invest for success.** The review recommends a major increase in funding to schools. The way it is distributed would also change to better meet the needs of students. It says public schools should get the greatest increases in funding for additional staff, learning programs and upgraded facilities. Funding would vary according to the needs of students, but the average increase would be almost \$1,500 a student per year. That is enough for seven extra teachers in a public school with 500 students.
- 4. The Federal Government needs to lead the way.** Gonski recommends a much greater funding commitment to public schools from the Federal Government. Currently it is only providing 15 per cent of the money that public schools receive, despite having access to greater revenue sources than state and territory governments
- 5. Our children's future is at stake.** The report's recommendations are aimed at ensuring every child has the same chance to receive a high quality education. But Gonski warns a failure to act will cost not only our children but our country: *"Australia will only slip further behind unless, as a nation, we act and act now."*

# gonski factsheet



## What people are saying about the Gonski Review

*“The Gonski review told us that our funding system isn’t working. We are seeing a decline in results and our system is failing some of our neediest kids. Australia can’t afford to ignore this advice. This is a national problem which exists in every state and every school system, and it’s in the interests of all Australian kids that we work together on it.”*

*“We aim to legislate this year once a final model is developed.”*

**Minister for School Education Peter Garrett**

*“A reformed education system based on the Gonski recommendations can be the key that opens two doors: one to a stronger economy in which Australian students can successfully compete in the Asian century and the other to a fairer society.”*

**Minister for Trade Craig Emerson**

*“I think it would be disappointing if the opportunity that Gonski has presented wasn’t accepted. He’s put in place what I think is a reasonable formula for the way in which education could be funded into the future, I think it’s a formula that both benefits public education and non-government education and it’s a formula that we would dismiss at our own peril, I think.”*

**NSW Premier Barry O’Farrell**

*“It’s up to us, as mums and dads of Australian schoolchildren, to stand up and tell governments to get their act together and seize this opportunity for the future benefit of Australia.”*

**President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations  
Peter Garrigan**

*"We're saying, 'Forge ahead with Gonski'. We can't sit around and wait for perfection in the model. It's time to act, not to defer to further committees."*

**Chairman of the NSW branch of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia John Collier**

*"What is in it for public schools? An end to the funding arrangements that have tied one hand behind the back of every state school in the country..."*

**Gonski Review expert panel member and former NSW Director General of Education Ken Boston**

*"The release of the Gonski Review of School Funding has presented us with the first opportunity in more than three decades to fundamentally reform the way we approach education in this country in the interests of all students."*

**Greens Leader Senator Christine Milne**

*"Successful reform of our education system in line with the Gonski report could deliver a whole new world of opportunity for our children – and that means a stronger future for Australia."*

**Independent MP Tony Windsor**

*"I believe that the Government must move quickly to find the additional \$5 billion a year in funding recommended by Gonski."*

**Independent MP Andrew Wilkie**

*"The longer we wait the more the forces of reaction will muster and position themselves in their usual arrangements."*

**Former WA Premier and Gonski Review Panel Member Carmen Lawrence**

*"Australia needs more money spent in education and it needs to ensure that money is spent well, particularly on behalf of those kids throughout our nation who aren't getting a fair go now. Gonski has made very good recommendations that would deal with both those issues: more resources into education and a fair go for everyone. I think it is most important that we now move onto implementation."*

**Former WA Premier Geoff Gallop**

*"I call on the Gillard Government to extend the existing funding model for another four years to give schools and parents certainty."*

**Coalition Education spokesman Christopher Pyne**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Melbourne Shopping Trip- Gumnut Childcare Centre

Not long now and we will be heading of on our annual shopping trip! This time we are heading to Melbourne on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October. We still have some seats left on the bus if anyone is interested in coming along. Cost is \$280 which includes accommodation, breakfast both days, and lunch on the Saturday.

We will be visiting factories such as Bonds, Diana Ferrari, Home wares and linen warehouses, clothing for all the family, Natio to name a few. Sunday off to the markets and then we head home to be back in Gundagai by 7pm on the Sunday night. If you would like to come along please pay a \$50 deposit. Final payments will be due by End of August.

Hope you can come along for a weekend of fun! If so please let Gumnut know by calling 69441889 or emailing [gumnut1@westnet.com.au](mailto:gumnut1@westnet.com.au).

### Gundagai Netball Club - Street Stall

Our annual Street Stall is coming up on 2nd & 3rd August. (Not holding it on saturday morning because of netball commitments) As in previous years, we are asking for hamper items. I have divided the teams up to bring something for each hamper. They are as follows:

**Cleaning Hamper** - Clovers, Little Ladies, Little Gems, Rubies & Gundy Swifts - any cleaning item for kitchen, laundry, bathroom etc

**Celebrations Hamper** - McDiamonds, Pink Panthers, Sapphires, McGundy & Downright Diamonds - any celebration item eg chips, nuts, drinks etc

**Beauty/Toiletries Hamper** - Tigerettes, Netburners, Kombats, Tricky Chicks, Chunky Monkeys, Gundy Girls & AMS - any beauty item eg soap, shampoo, cosmetics, perfume etc

**ALL HAMPER ITEMS CAN BE LEFT AT THE COACH LAMP COFFEE SHOP. PLEASE GET YOUR ITEM IN ASAP AS THERE ARE ONLY A FEW WEEKS TILL THE STALL!**

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for other raffle prizes or would like to donate something for raffle, please let Bec Smart know. Her contact is 042841145 or email [shortysmart1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:shortysmart1@optusnet.com.au). Also please let Bec know if you are available to sit on the stall for an hour. Lots of cooking on both days would be great.

**COOTAMUNDRA NETBALL** is holding 2013 Rep/ State age trials - Nicholson Park  
7<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm

All girls born between 1998 - 2001 are asked to trial.

For further enquires contact - [cootanetball@hotmail.com](mailto:cootanetball@hotmail.com)



**Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**Parent Booking Sheet**  
**Years 7 - 12**  
**Tuesday 31 July 2012 - 4.00pm - 7.00pm**

**10 minute interview**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Suitable time Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Required (please tick)	Subject	Teacher	Interview Time (office use only)
e.g    ✓	<i>Creative Cooking</i>	<i>Mrs Kitchen</i>	