



**Friday, 7 September 2012**

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**DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

**Term 3**

**Week 9**

- ✓ **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Work Placement commences
- ✓ **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
RFS Cadets State Championship start

**Week 10**

- ✓ **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Work Placement continues
- ✓ **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
Variety Night Concert @6.30pm in the MPC
- ✓ **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**
  - Year 12 Farewell Assembly commencing at 10.30am
  - Last day of Term 3

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**All staff and students**  
**return to school**



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

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Congratulations

- To the Year 7, Level 4 Promotions recipients: Joseph Carberry, Kathleen Graham, Samantha Gradon, Ella Manton, Ali McGuire, Josie McInerney, Matthew Peterson, Kyle Smith, Rachel Stuckey, Kelsie Thatcher, Claire Tout, Teagan Worsnop.
- To those students who planted trees on the Elworthy property on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Your commitment and diligence has been noted by Cherie White who said 'you were a credit to the school'. Well Done!



### Thank you

To G.R.E.G. for their donations to Gundagai High School for equipment to support live musical performances and the Hospitality Trade Training Centre.

### Good Luck

- To the RFS Cadets for their trip to Port Stephens for the NSW State Championships on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- To the Cattle Parading Team heading off to the Melbourne Show on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September.



### Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Gundagai High School will be farewelling the 2012 Year 12 students at an assembly in the MPC on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2012, beginning at 10.30am. Invitations have been sent to parents to join the school on this occasion and for morning tea afterwards with Year 12 and staff.

### Reminder

**Fund Raising at Gundagai High School – Council Elections Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** There will be Cake Stall, 100 Club, BBQ – breakfast and lunch, Drinks, Raffle.

*Strive to Serve*

Please see P&C Stall Reminder further on in the newsletter. Labels for the food items have been included at the back of this newsletter. Thanking you in anticipation of your contribution.

### **Fundraising for the School and extra equipment for the new Hospitality Trade Training Centre Kitchen**

In the demolition of the current kitchen facilities there will be items that will not be reused by the school. Therefore these items and other items from storage will be available for purchase as part of a silent auction.

There will be a special newsletter in the last week of school (the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September) outlining this process, that will be emailed to families or it can be collected from the School's Front Office.

### **Good Luck to Year 12 Students**

Now is the time to really focus on your revision of work, in support of your Higher School Certificate exams that begin Week 2 Term 4, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The School Reports you will receive shortly have advice on how to improve in each of your subjects, so read these very carefully and put in the extra effort and application. Use the last couple of weeks of this term to access your teachers for their advice and guidance so that your time in the term break and study week will be fruitful.



Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

### **Asthma and You**

*The message is simple.....**Be Prepared.***

With spring upon us, now is the time for students who suffer from Asthma to make sure that they carry their asthma puffer with them in their bag or pocket at all times, particularly when outside during sport and PE.



Due to health regulations, any student who needs to use a spacer to administer their asthma medication will need to provide their own. We have been advised that spacers cannot be washed and then shared between students. The school is more than happy to store your child's labelled spacer in a locked cupboard in the clinic.

### **Staying safe online**

Cybersmart is an education program for parents and children of all ages. It features tips on mobile phone and online safety, resources to use with your child, and games and videos that support key cybersafety messages.

Go to: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

### Teenager life skills

An online game designed to help your teenager learn and improve life skills, such as communication, problem-solving and optimistic thinking, uses real life scenarios, and is free and confidential. Topics also include depression, independence and body image.

Go to: [ReachOutCentral.com.au](http://ReachOutCentral.com.au)

### Tax and super essentials

*Tax, Super + You* is an online resource that uses interactive videos, quizzes and forums to help students learn essential financial skills, such as applying for a tax file number, lodging tax returns and understanding super. The site also explains why tax is collected and where it goes.

Go to: [www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au](http://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au)

### Getting roadworthy

Getting a driving licence is high on the list of priorities for many senior students, and the Geared website can help them get on the road armed with the information they need to stay safe. The site features information on getting a licence, driving techniques and how to choose, buy and fix a car. Go to:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/geared/>

### Cycling in safety

Knowing how to ride safely is crucial for all riders. This useful NSW Government summary provides tips on the right safety gear to get as well as clearly written information on how to stay safe on two wheels. Go to

[http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding\\_safely/10\\_tips\\_for\\_cycling.html](http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding_safely/10_tips_for_cycling.html)

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal

# P&C Stall Reminder



Just a reminder that **tomorrow, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September** Gundagai High School P&C are holding a stall at the Council Elections at the entrance of Gundagai High School.

We are asking for donations of **cakes, muffins, pikelets, slices, books, jam** etc.. Donations can be dropped off at the stall on your way in to vote.

**Please** label all cooking.

**BBQ** breakfast and lunch is also available.

Any assistance you can give on the day would still be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school fundraising.



Lizzie Britt  
P&C President

## DER INFORMATION

2012 represents the first year that DER laptops will be 'graduated' (unlocked and ownership fully transferred to students) to Year 12 students who are completing their school studies.



A cover letter and the 'Transfer of Ownership Acknowledgement & Acceptance' documents will be given to students during week 9 and will also be available from the TSO. It will include more information on the processes that students should follow before and after the laptop is unlocked.

Year 12 students can start handing the laptops in for this process at the beginning of Week 10, 17/09/2012. Unlocked laptops will only be returned to students once the regular sign out process is complete unless a prior arrangement to have the laptop returned for study purposes is made when handing the laptop to the TSO.

# Firewood Raffle Winner

**Emma Edwards - Congratulations**



# Year 7 Catch-up Vaccinations

If your child was away when vaccinations took place last Friday, there is an opportunity for them to have their missed vaccinations here at school on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm.**

Vaccinations that will be given are their **3rd HPV vaccine and 2nd Hepatitis B vaccine**

All other Year 7 students should have by now taken home the record slips of the vaccinations they were given. Please keep these with their other immunisation records.

Thank you  
Community Health Nurses

## MESSAGE FROM JAMIE & MELANIE ELWORTHY

Jamie and I would like to thank Mr Chadwick and the students for braving the elements last Friday to help plant our trees. We were impressed with the determination and efficiency of the group who banded together and worked really well as a team. We found them all very thoughtful and polite and congratulate Mr Chadwick on such a terrific group.



## School Newsletter by Email

Approximately 50 families have the school newsletter emailed to them each fortnight. If you are not already one of those families but would like to have the newsletter emailed to you in pdf format (adobe reader) which takes less time to download and is a smaller file, then simply email us at [gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and we will add you to the growing list.

Hardcopies of the newsletter are available for the students to collect from the front office at lunchtime each Friday fortnight.

The newsletter is also available for reading on our website [www.gundagai-h.schools@nsw.edu.au](http://www.gundagai-h.schools@nsw.edu.au)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Gundagai/Adelong Junior Rugby League Presentation Day

When: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Where: Anzac Park, Gundagai  
Time: 11.30 (Presentation to start at 12pm)

A BBQ will follow the presentation of Trophies and Awards

### Gundagai Panthers Junior Soccer

Trophy Presentation and End-of-Season BBQ to be held at Yarri Park on Sunday 16th September at 11:30am. Could all players please return their shirts on the day.

### STUDY SPACE - FREE

Are you a Mum or Dad struggling to help your child with homework, assignments and assessment tasks?

Why not suggest they try out Study Space? We have quality volunteer teachers who want to help your child do that homework and get that assignment done plus a great study environment, access to computers and it's FREE!!

Every Monday at the Library  
Yr6 to Yr12 students  
4.00pm to 5.00pm.

Want to know more?  
Contact the Library



### Still looking for a summer sport?

Koorungal Softball Club caters for girls and boys teams in U8, U10, U12, U14 and for girls of all ages.

Registration day-Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4pm-6pm

-Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 3pm-5pm

Henwood Park, near the tennis club rooms.

For further information please phone  
Kelly Bishop 0438 909 054.





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