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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 3:

- ✓ **Monday 9th September**
Yr 11 workplacement starts
- ✓ **Friday 13th September**
Immunisations for all Yr 7(girls & boys) & Yr 9 boys only
- ✓ **Tuesday 17th September**
 - Year 10 'Lovebites' at Racecourse
 - Year 9 visit UC
- ✓ **Thursday 19th September**
Variety Night
- ✓ **Friday 20th September**
 - Year 12 Farewell Assembly
 - Last day Term 3
 - Melbourne Show Team leave

Term 4 commences

Tuesday 8th October

Last day Term 4

Wednesday 18th December



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

Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

P&C Election Raffles/100 Club and Cake Stall

The P & C are running a fund raising event on Saturday 7th September, Election Day at Gundagai High School.

Donations to the Cake Stall will be gratefully received on the day. Thanking you in anticipation of your contribution.

The Raffle First Prize is a table and chair set donated by the Gundagai Men's Shed. Gundagai Men's Shed will also have a stall with quality items for sale.



Date Notifications and Reminders:

- The Year 12 Farewell Assembly will be Friday 20th September at 10.00am for 10.10am at the school, with a Morning Tea for Year 12 and their parents afterwards.
- Year 12 Farewell Dinner will be Tuesday 12th November, 2013.

Congratulations

- To the **RFS Cadets** for their hard work and commitment over the last few weeks in their training for the Australian Championships. Well done to those representatives chosen.

THANK YOU to Ian Petty and Brian & Karen Lewin for their volunteer time and efforts in support of these students.

- **Riverfest Poetry Competition Winners.**

1st - Kathleen Graham

2nd - Rachel Stuckey

They will receive their prizes at the Poets Breakfast on Sunday where they will also recite their winning poems. These poems are included at the end of the newsletter for your enjoyment.



Strive to Serve



Good Luck

- To the [RFS Cadets](#) for their trip to Myuna Bay for the Australian Fire Cadets Championships on Monday 30th September – Thursday 3rd October.
- To the [Cattle Parading Team](#) heading off to the Melbourne Show on the 20th – 25th September.
Thank you Ms Thake for your time and efforts in supporting these students.

THANK YOU Mr Chadwick for your continued commitment, time and efforts for these programs and the students at Gundagai High School.



Good Luck to Year 12 Students

Now is the time to really focus on your revision of work, for your Higher School Certificate exams that begin Term 4, Monday 14th October. Your final School Reports will be received shortly and have advice on how to improve in each of your subjects. Therefore, 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

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Friday 20th September 2013

10:10am in the MPC

Year 12 parents should have received their invitation to attend the assembly and morning tea. Please call the school to let us know if you are able to attend.



Deputy Principal's News

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Every student in the school received forms in a sealed envelope similar to that on the right to take home to their parents/carers several weeks ago. Thank you to those of you who completed and returned these promptly. There are, however quite a few that we have not had returned. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

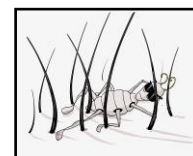
Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Head lice

Checking whether someone is affected by head lice is simple:

- Comb the affected person's hair thoroughly with conditioner. This stuns the lice, making them lose their grip on the hair strands
- Wipe the comb clean on a tissue or paper towel
- Check the tissue for eggs or lice.
- Repeat these steps four or five times, combing the entire head
- If you find lice or eggs, treat the person for head lice.



Exam stress busters

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much.

Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-exam-stress-busters>

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

Gundagai High
is a PBL School
(POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR
LEARNING)
Our core values are

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Integrity

LEADERS OF THE GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADETS ELECTED

Early in Term 3 the cadet unit held elections for their leadership roles for 2013. It was rewarding to see those cadets which have grown over the years take on leadership roles.

Sabrina Meurs of Year 10 was elected as captain of the unit and she is well supported in her role by the Deputy Captains Stacey Lewin, Savannah Thomson, Marten Petty (Yr 9) and Shaun Bawden (Yr 12).

Cadet numbers have fluctuated during the year but we now have a committed crew of 14 cadets. Much of the focus has been training for the upcoming Australian Fire Cadets Championships to be held at Myuna Bay from Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October. The cadets have been training at school during sport but also on the common every 2nd Sunday, which will eventually increase to every Sunday. The team was selected last Thursday and includes Sabrina Meurs, Stacey Lewin, Savannah Thomson, Marten Petty, Stuart Petty and Harry McDonnell. Congratulations to those students who were selected and the rest of the cadets who made themselves available and are willing to remain in training as reserves. Thanks also goes to Brian and Karen Lewin who give up their own time to train the cadets along with Ian Petty, your support is invaluable and very much appreciated.

Dale Chadwick
RFS Cadet Coordinator



The new Cadet Leadership with Ian Petty (L) and Brian Lewin(R).

MELBOURNE SHOW STEERS UP AND WALKING

Preparations for the Melbourne Show are now well underway and the animals are coming along after a few setbacks. The students from year 7 - 11 have had an interrupted preparation phase due to poor weather and other outside factors but they will now be busy at lunchtimes and after school in an attempt to ensure the steers are ready to parade.

Most recent weights are Caramello (Charolais x Angus from Abingdon Station) 424 Kg, Blocker (Bongongo Bull x GHS Angus) 616 Kg, Bentley (Bongongo Bull x GHS Angus) 405 Kg and Boris (Bongongo Bull x GHS Angus) 423 Kg.

Jamie and David Elworthy have continued to provide the grain and hay for the ration and I am very appreciative of their support.

The students will be heading to Melbourne on Friday 20th September with Ms Veronica Thake (English Teacher) and myself and will return on Wednesday 25th September.

More information and photos will follow.

D Chadwick – Agriculture Teacher

RIVERFEST POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Kathleen Graham and Rachel Stuckey who came first and second respectively in the Riverfest poetry competitions. Their poems were chosen from a range of entries written in their English classes over the last week. Thank you to all students who competed in the competition.



Mr Regan
Head Teacher English/HSIE

COMPETITION!

Help the Tumut Region Visitor Centre name their
Eight Southern Corroboree Frogs!

We need non-gender, wacky and unusual names for our resident frogs.
Drop in completed entry to the Tumut Visitor Centre
by Friday 27th September 2013

Frog Name: _____

Your name: _____ Age: _____ Contact: _____

Prize: One Aboriginal Discovery Cultural Experience at Yarrangobilly Caves
For a family of two adults and three children to the value of \$48.00
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DISCOVERY
WALKS, TACKS AND TOURS

The Beauty of the Murrumbidgee

I close my eyes

At first all I hear is the rushing of the water

But I start to pay attention

I become aware of the leaves rustling through the leaves of the emerald green trees

Then I start to feel the warm air beating against my sun licked face

In the distance I hear a bird

A tiny swallow I think

Chirping away

I open my eyes

And when they adjust to the bright white starlight of the day

I see the swallow in the swaying beauty of the trees

Swooping in the obstacle course of the branches

I walk with socked feet to the water's edge

But the stones and grasses will not let me

As I bend down I gingerly touch the tips of my fingers into the water

The cool, sweet sensation takes over and sends a shudder running down my spine

The water is dancing through the shadows of the trees

This is the Murrumbidgee

By Kathleen Graham.

Murrumbidgee River

Her water is glistening in the sun
Rushing by, as fast as horses run
Shaded here and there by the trees
We walk down the bank till the waters at our knees
Jump into the deepest part to have a swim
The sun is going down, it's getting dim
But fish flow by me as I get out
You should know by now what I'm talking about
The lovely Murrumbidgee, Gundagai's pride and joy
She's always been there for me, ever since I was a little boy

By Rachel Stuckey



A conversation could save a life.

MEN.....

Are you feeling thirsty all the time?

Are you out of breath?

Have your bowel habits changed?

Is there blood where it shouldn't be?

Are your trousers getting tight?

Are you lying awake at night worrying?

Join us at

Men's Evening

Thursday 12th September

Gundagai District Services Club

4pm -6pm - Men's Pit Stop

(Free health check)

6pm – 8pm - Guest Speakers

John Harper 'Mate to Mate'

David Post Relationships Australia

Food Provided


For more information contact

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