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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 4:

- ✓ **Monday 14th October to Friday 8th November**
HSC Exams
- ✓ **Tuesday 22nd October**
Tumut Cultural Excursion
- ✓ **Friday 25th October**
Crazy "Sox" Day – P&C Street Stall Fundraiser – see inside newsletter
- ✓ **Thursday 31st October**
P&C Street Stall
- ✓ **Friday 1st November**
P&C Street Stall
- ✓ **Saturday 2nd November**
P&C Street Stall



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

Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Sorry Business

Gundagai High School staff and students send our sincere condolences to our local Aboriginal Community who have lost a well-respected elder and leader. Our thoughts are with our Aboriginal families and students at this time.

Congratulations to:

- **The Maths Challenge students:** Both the Year 7 and Year 8 Team put up a valiant effort on the day, but with more experience the Year 8 Team were successful winners. The students involved were: Summer Elliott, Shauna Kuhnert, Rhys Murray, James Franklin, Clare Tout, Rachel Stuckey, Kelsie Thatcher and Samantha Gradon.



- **Rural Fire Service Cadets.** Again the team was outstanding in their competition results, with equal eleventh overall from twenty six teams. With new recruits in the team this was a credit to all of the team members and the Volunteers trainers. This event was held at Myuna Bay for the Australian Fire Cadets Championships on Monday 30th September – Thursday 3rd October. **The team included: Harry McDonnell, Stacey Lewin, Stuart Petty, Marten Petty, Savannah Thomson and Sabrina Meurs.** The student's conduct was exemplary and their participation tireless. A credit to themselves the school and their families.



Strive to Serve

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- **Melbourne Cattle Parading Show Team:** The Team competed at the Melbourne Show on the 20th– 25th September. The students conduct was exemplary and their parading was very professional. The Team included: Miles Hunt, Harrison Daley, Billie-Joe Carberry, Taylor Piper, Clay Willshire, Jack Jones, Charlie Degotardi, William Crane, Elise Hughes.

A special congratulations for success in their Age Group competitions: Clay Willshire 4th place, Taylor Piper 5th place, and William Crane 6th place.

A more detailed account and photos of the team's achievements are in another report.



A very big **THANK YOU** to the businesses and volunteers that have supported our students in these activities. Without your support, such activities may not have the success and positive results for these students and the whole student body. The confidence, and pride that these students display is inspiring to others within the school which supports the continuation of student enthusiasm and participation.

The dedication of Dale Chadwick, is also integral to the success of these programs, Thank you Dale. Thank you also to Ms Thake for her time and efforts in support of this valuable program.

Higher School Certificate Exams

Year 12 students began these exams on Monday 14th with the English Standard and Advanced paper and will end on the Wednesday 6th November with Geography. Students have generally been happy so far with the exams and the opportunity they have been given through the papers to demonstrate their learning.



Good luck for the rest of the exams Year 12!!

Don't forget the Year 12 Farewell Dinner on Tuesday 12th November!!

Year 11 Preliminary Reports

The end of the Preliminary course Reports were handed out to students on Tuesday. Students should consider the comments made by teachers regarding changes that could be made in order to improve their learning. It is important to implement any changes to study habits, organisation or commitment to learning in order to be successful in your HSC exams. Any student with outstanding work from a Preliminary course must ensure that it is satisfactorily completed by and handed in to your teacher by Monday 28th October in order to be confirmed as having completed the preliminary course and then progression in the High School Certificate course.

Success for Gundagai Youth Council

The Gundagai Youth Council – which is comprised of Gundagai High School students, have had the first stage of their Skate Park completed. It was opened in the school holidays and it has been used every day by youth of all ages. I congratulate the Youth Council for what they have been able to achieve and the community support that they have gained as a result of their perseverance with this project. The tireless work of Cindy Smith and Peggy Elliott must also be recognised in support of our Youth.

As not all the Youth Council members could attend the opening, please see their photo on the next page at the Skate Park.



I would like on behalf of Gundagai High School to extend to you an Invitation:



Gundagai High School

Trade Training Centre

Recognition Ceremony Invitation

Please join us to celebrate

Date: 8th November 2013

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Gundagai High School

RSVP: Friday 1st November

Phone: 02 6944 1233

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Jennifer Miggins
Principal



Deputy Principal's News

Well done Tate!

Last term Tate Brooke completed in the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Championship at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush after securing a spot for himself in the Riverina Athletics Team.



To qualify for the Riverina Team, Tate was placed first in the shot put event at the Gundagai High School Athletics Carnival, then taking out first place at the Zone Athletics Carnival and first place in the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury.

Competing in Sydney, Tate was placed 9th in the Boys 13's shot put, only missing out on being placed 8th by 3cm.



Extract from Gundagai Independent

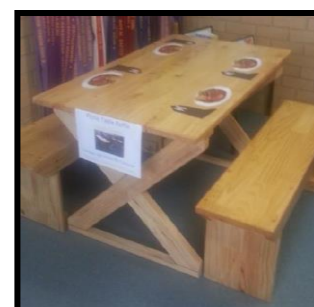
P&C Election Day Raffle Winners

The winners are as follows:

Table & chairs donated by Mens Shed was won by Maureen McInnes

100 Club won by Graham Rose

50 club x 2 winners Bridie Ingold and James Graham (Adjungbilly)



The social media background check: why your teen needs to be careful now:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/outsidesschool/teenagers-social-media-background-check/>

Essentials for working teenagers:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/outsidesschool/essentials-working-teenagers/>

Resume for teenagers:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/outsidesschool/resume-for-teenagers/>

Why teenagers cut or self-harm:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/healthandwellbeing/teenagers-who-self-harm/>

Mentoring for teens:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/healthandwellbeing/youth-mentoring/>

Timely Reminder

The recent bushfires serve to remind us of the importance of up-to-date contact numbers, especially mobiles for the parents of our students. The importance of this cannot be stressed enough.

Also, students when they are ill become quite distressed and need to go home and it is very difficult when we cannot locate someone for them.

Please ensure your details are correct!!

Simon Bridgeman

Deputy Principal



P&C Street Stall

The Gundagai High School P&C street stall will be held on Thursday 31st October, Friday 1st November and Saturday 2nd November.



The P&C is busy planning for this major fundraising activity.

To gather items for the hamper raffle, a **"Crazy Sox Day"** will be held on **Friday 25th October**, however instead of a gold coin donation students are asked to bring donations for the hamper .

Years 7 – Cleaning items (laundry, bathroom, kitchen) eg sponges, gloves, cleaners, detergent, buckets, tissues, paper towels etc



Year 8 – Snacks – biscuits, chips, lollies, nuts etc

Years 9 & 10 – Kitchen pantry items – food items such as soups, cans, flour, spices, rice, pasta, breakfast cereals etc



Years 11– Garden /Outdoor items/Pet Food – seeds, bulbs, gardening gloves, pegs, etc

Please check hamper items are "in date".

We need helpers to sit on the stall. If you can spare an hour during any of the 2 ½ days please phone Lizzie Britt on **0411 888 097**. Your support for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

GUNDAGAI WINS THE MATHS CHALLENGE 2013

The 2013 Regional Interschool Maths Challenge competition was held in Cootamundra High. The winners are awarded a shield. Gundagai fielded two teams. The first team was a Year 8 team and the second team was a Year 7 team. The Year 8 team won the challenge in which a total of 10 teams participated from different schools all over the region. The Year 7 team too did well and will find it excellent practice for next year's competition where they will get to defend the shield. Congratulations to the competition teams.

Thanks to the parents who helped out with the transport.

Mr Mukerji

Mathematics Teacher



A TREE-MENDOUS EFFORT

On Thursday 29th August, 32 agriculture students from Years 8, 9 and 10 travelled to the Elworthy's farm on the Tarrabandra Road for what has become an annual Tree Planting partnership. This year the students were able to plant 1000 trees from mid morning to just after lunchtime. This is the fourth year that agriculture students from Gundagai High School have assisted the Elworthy's with their plantings and achieving their Total Catchment Management goals. To date over 4000 trees have been established with the student's assistance.



This exercise supplemented their in class work on native trees with a large scale practical planting. The trees were placed on a ridge line to reduce the chances of salinity arising, reduce erosion, provide shelter for stock and increase on farm biodiversity.

The students were provided with sausages and drinks for lunch by Mel and Jamie Elworthy which fuelled them for the second half race to the end of the tree belt. The day all came together as a broad scale practical experience for students, a late National Tree Day initiative and provided an opportunity to assist the Elworthy's who are strong supporters of our Melbourne Show Cattle program.

"Jamie and I are very appreciative that a tree planting day can be incorporated into the busy school routine. We are very grateful for the students help and once again cannot fault the behaviour of any of the students who attended the day. They were a well-mannered, energetic group and not once did I hear complaints about all the walking they had to do!" said Mel Elworthy.

Dale Chadwick

Agriculture Teacher



The Team briefing before they branch out into the various tasks.

Planting into a rip line are Ali McGuire, Samantha Gradon, Kathleen Graham and Tahlia Crane (front).



The new guard crew Samantha Gradon, Tahlia Crane, Emily Casnave, Billie-Joe Carberry, Brodie Paton and Ms. Veronica Thake.

Brodie Wilson, Charlie Degotardi, Ben Salmon and Jack Jones discuss the rigours of tree planting.





YEAR 7 FRENCH FOOD DAY

At the end of the 'French Food' unit, Year 7 students were treated to a lesson of sampling some French cuisine. The students had fun tasting the different flavours of a variety of foods, which included croissants, macarons, camembert cheese and crepes. The classes learnt about the history of the foods and showed their approval of the lesson with their empty plates and beaming smiles!



GREAT RESULT FROM NEW GUNDAGAI HIGH RFS CADET TEAM AT NATIONAL EVENT

Six Rural Fire Service Cadets from Gundagai High School who only came together as a team in Term 2 this year have performed extremely well at the recent Australian National Fire Cadets Championships placing equal 11th from 26 competitors from around Australia. Their best performance was a 4th place in the Tanker and Ladder event, one of the most difficult and challenging that they had to complete.

The Gundagai Team, Stacey Lewin, Sabrina Meurs, Savannah Thomson, Marten Petty, Harry McDonnell and Stuart Petty travelled to Myuna Bay, Lake Macquarie on Monday September 30th accompanied by Managers and Coaches Brian and Karen Lewin, Ian Petty and Dale Chadwick. The competition was held over 2 days with various team building and leadership exercises being incorporated to allow the cadets' time to recover after each run of events. These were a welcome break to the intensity of competition. It was great to have some of the cadet's families supporting them at the events with Mr and Mrs Petty and Mr and Mrs Meurs also travelling to Myuna Bay.

The cadets were a credit to themselves, their families and their unit in the way they conducted themselves and pitched in to assist the organisers to stage the event.

I wish to thank Brian Lewin for his ongoing support as coach/coordinator of the Gundagai High School Cadet unit and the personal time he gives to the students to allow them to compete at such a high level. Thanks also to Karen Lewin who took time during the week to travel with the team. Her organisation that ensured the team met the registration and equipment requirements was appreciated, along with her role as a supervisor at the camp. Also thanks to Ian Petty who was available at various times throughout the term for his assistance with the training and skilling of the Cadets.

Dale Chadwick
GHS RFS Cadet Coordinator



Assisting a casualty (Stuart Petty) in the Tanker and Ladder event.



Stacey Lewin and Stuart Petty rig the hydrant in the 2 Lines 2 Lengths event.

Negotiating the Spider Web in the team challenge.



Sabrina Meurs and Marten Petty drain and roll in the 1 Line 1 Length relay.

STUDENTS AND STEERS SUCCESS AT ROYAL MELBOURNE.

Three Agriculture students from Gundagai High School have won individual Parader ribbons at the 2013 Royal Melbourne Show. Clay Willshire (Year 8) was placed 4th, Taylor Piper (Year 9) was placed 5th and William Crane (Year 9) was placed 6th in their age group from 25 other competitors from across Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. "This follows on from the success of the 2012 Show Team at the Royal Melbourne Show. It is especially significant as it was the first major show for Clay, Taylor and William" said Agriculture Teacher Dale Chadwick. "These 3 students are another example of what can be achieved by those individuals who are willing to have a go. The student's only real opportunity to practice was at lunchtimes and after school" he said. "Miles Hunt and Charlie Degotardi were extremely unlucky not to win a ribbon. Their display in the ring were two of the best performances I have seen and deserved recognition" said Dale.



Taylor Piper and William Crane receive their Parading ribbons.

Three steers were prepared by students for Melbourne and 'Bentley' an Angus steer bred from a Gundagai High cow by a bull loaned to the school by Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus was placed 4th on the hoof in its Medium Domestic Class (180.1 – 240 Kg) and then went on to be placed 4th from all 41 carcasses in that weight range. Scoring 89.73 points it was just 1.2 of a point behind the winner and 2 points behind the Grand Champion Carcase. Another steer 'Boris', also in this class, was placed 23rd scoring 80.32 points.



"Bentley" who was paraded by Elise Hughes.

The Show Team travelled to Melbourne on Friday the 20th September to exhibit the 3 animals they had prepared for the Beef Carcase competition. The show was held over the 4 days of the 21st to the 24th with the Parader competitions on the Monday and steer judging on the Tuesday. Accompanying the team were teachers Veronica Thake and Dale Chadwick their Agriculture Teacher. The students on the trip conducted themselves in a professional manner and were a credit to their families and the school.

"The success of the School Show Team is dependent on the continued generosity and support of the local rural community. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Jamie and David Elworthy of Tarrabandra who continually donate hay and grain. Thanks also to Gary Williamson and Paul Ferry of Abingdon Station for donating another steer this year. I would like to especially thank Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus for their continued support of our Agriculture program with the loan of one of their bulls each year.

I wish to also recognise and thank for their ongoing support, Abb and Jim at McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs who sponsor our banners and team jackets and Bill and Tony Barton at Gundagai Meat Processors for their donation towards the teams expenses. Thank you also to English teacher Veronica Thake who gave up some of her school holidays to assist at the Melbourne Show” said Dale.



The 2013 Gundagai High School Show Team:

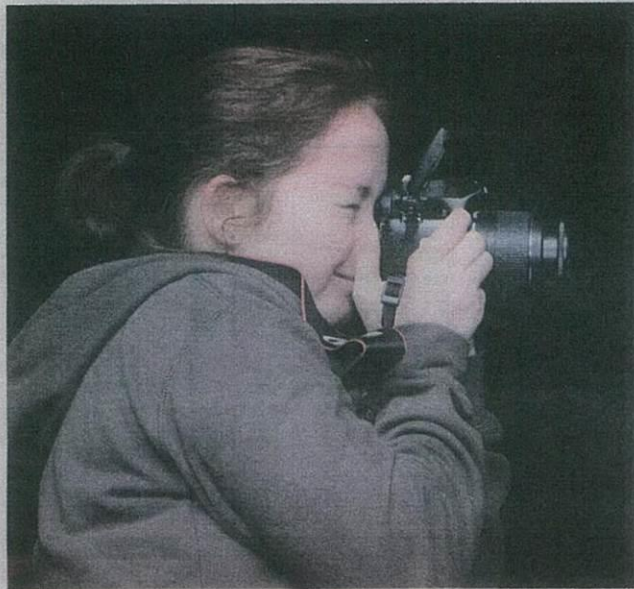
Lto R: William Crane, Harrison Daley, Jack Jones, Charlie Degotardi, Elise Hughes, Taylor Piper, Billie-Joe Carberry, Clay Willshire and Miles Hunt.

Gundagai High is a PBL School

(POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Our core values are

- *Respect*
- *Responsibility*
- *Integrity*



Regina Evans in action at the recent Riverage concert in Gundagai.



Budding photographer Ellie Sheahan with DJs Andy Murphy and Apocolypto.

Learning through the lens

IT IS said that the best way to learn a skill is to put the instruction manual to the side and get out there and have a go.

Photographer and educator, Robyn MacRae, agrees with this principle and is passionate about sharing her talent for taking spectacular photographs with others.

Imparting her knowledge to her classes at the Tumut TAFE, Robyn used the recent Riverage event in Gundagai to engage two young budding photographers and provide them with a hands on experience they will never forget.

Trained as a graphic designer, photographer and educator, through Robyn's own life experience working in the media as an art director in Sydney, Canberra and Darwin, she was able to offer the girls an in-depth insight into the creative profession.

With a career as varied as the people she has photographed Robyn has had stints with newspapers, magazines and in blue chip advertising agencies dealing with clients including BMW Australia, The Australian Ballet, The

Mint, The Australian War Memorial, The National Gallery of Australia, The National Film and Sound Archive, Casino Canberra, Nissan and The Canberra Cannons.

Robyn's connection with the local papers commenced after she settled with her family in Tumut in 1999.

With the love of ink running through her veins, Robyn started work at the Tumut and Adelong Times before returning to university where she studied a Bachelor of Education in Technology and Applied Studies (secondary TAS). Her photographs, however, still feature regularly in the Tumut paper.

"I became passionate about challenging students to think creatively and work outside the box during my studies," Robyn said. "I worked at local high schools and currently teach design and photography with the vocational access faculty and the Riverina Institute of TAFE Tumut campus.

"I am working on developing an innovative program to explore the use of design and pho-

tography and emerging technology to improve the educational outcomes of Youth At Risk."

Robyn's involvement in Riverage was as the official photographer for the band Winterlexia in which her son is a member.

"I thought it might be a great opportunity to get some young people involved in photography," Robyn said. "I thought I could give them some skills and a chance to build up some work for a portfolio to get more experience or study later on.

"I met with the two girls who were chosen, Ellie Sheahan and Reggie Evans, along with their careers teacher, Lucy Annetts, at Gundagai High and gave them some initial training with the camera and some tips on composing images for music as well as posing people for press shots."

The concert went off without a hitch and the photographs that the two young photographers, under Robyn's instruction, turned out fantastic.

Several have found their way into the local papers and are also

brandished across various Facebook pages.

"I was really impressed with both Regina and Ellie, they worked really hard on the night and I watched their skills improve over

the few short hours that I was mentoring them,"

Robyn said. "I love working with teenagers as they usually have a really different outlook on composition and a creative edge that we

tend to lose in adulthood.

"At the moment I am keen to create a kit that would include simple cameras, and a learning resource for a kids photography bootcamp

that could be delivered by teachers or youth workers to improve educational outcomes of youth at risk of not completing their education."

— Kirsty Roche

REGISTRATION for 2013/14 season

- Thursday 31st October 4.00pm-5.00pm
- Thursday 7th November 4.00pm-5.00pm

At the Gundagai Swimming Pool

Fee \$75 (Swim Aust/NSW- \$55 paid online + Gundagai Swim Club \$20 paid when you register)

First club night -Thursday 14th November 5.30pm

Enquires to Kellie Magnone 0448254852 or magnone@live.com.au

Photography student, Ellie Sheahan

1. How did the opportunity to shoot with Robyn present itself?
We were told at school if anyone was interested in photography to put our names down. Regina and I were chosen and Robyn came to school one morning and gave us an insight into the cameras and what to do at the event.

2. What did you do on the day?
We got to the venue and Robyn ran us through a few quick things, we were able to go where the performers were. Robyn gave me some tips as we took photos of some of the crowd and the performers.

3. What were the highlights/challenges for you taking photographs at Riverage?
For me the highlights were just getting the chance to have Robyn's time and for her to share her knowledge and skills with me.

4. Do you envisage yourself having a future in photography?
I really enjoy photography and would love to get the chance to photograph something like the Riverage event again in the future.

REASON FOR ABSENCE



My son/daughter _____ in Year _____
was absent from school on _____
(dates student absent)

Reason: Sick Medical/Dental Family Leave

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Date: ____/____/____

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