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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 4:

- ✓ **Saturday 30th November**
P&C Canteen at Gundagai Rodeo
- ✓ **Tuesday 3rd December**
Year 6 into Year 7 2014 Parent Information Night
- ✓ **Wednesday 4th December**
 - Year 6 into Year 7 2014 Orientation Day
 - Yr 7 Jump Rope for Heart during sport
- ✓ **Friday 13th December**
Presentation Day
- ✓ **Wednesday 18th December**
Students last day of school

**School Leaders at
Remembrance Day Service**



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

Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

The Hospitality Trade Training Centre Recognition Ceremony

The Gundagai High School Hospitality Trade Training Centre was opened by the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Member for Riverina on Friday 8th November, 2013.

This ceremony is a celebration of the **team work**, by many groups of people, that has gone into the process to be able to have this facility. We can count ourselves very fortunate.



For Gundagai High School, this process began back in 2009, when the first discussions were taking place between the school and the Vocational Education and Training Unit about making an application for Federal Funding.

Throughout 2010 support from the local community, businesses, the shire council and parents was gained. Their enthusiastic support was great encouragement to know that this was a project that the whole community was behind. From there the application grew with staff consultation on areas such as kitchen layout and equipment. Finally the application was completed.



The support of Gundagai High School staff, especially our Hospitality Teacher, Mrs Bronwyn Hunt who has been involved in the kitchen design, equipment purchases and establishing the Industry Standards environment which is integral to the Trade Training Centre and her efforts have been outstanding.

Strive to Serve



This is a fabulous opportunity that is available for our students to use, to gain valuable hospitality industry standard skills and qualification that will be recognised widely within Australia.

Students have regularly made themselves familiar with the facility and the new operational procedures in the kitchen to produce outstanding food products.

This facility has enabled us to work with our local community in providing catering services for a

number of activities as part of the Riverfest events this year and we look forward to future collaborations where we can utilise our facilities. The school is an integral part of the Gundagai Community and we look forward to other collaborations.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs Hunt for her organisation of the catering for this function, the Hospitality students who catered and served on the day, the Leadership Team who welcomed guests and helped serve, Mr Bridgeman for his organisation, the hall squad and the rest of the staff for their support of this day.



Congratulations to James Petty on his successful application for the *Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships*. Each year the scholarship funds study tours for up to twenty young people to travel to one or more sites associated with the ANZAC tradition. Special consideration is given to applicants whose current financial, personal or family circumstances would normally preclude them from overseas travel.

The Selection Panel considered all scholarship applications closely and was impressed by the high standard of the applicants and obvious deep interest in ANZAC history.

The *Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarships* provide a unique opportunity for students of history to participate in an overseas pilgrimage to sites of significance in the lead up to the Centenary of ANZAC 2014-2018. To date, over 60 students from secondary schools across NSW have travelled to Asian and/or European battlefields to participate in commemorations

The Premier has stated that the scholarship is about ensuring "that the ANZAC story remains a living part of our history, now that all the original Diggers are gone."

James leaves this Saturday 16th November, 2013 for the Western Front in France and will return home via London for his two week trip. We look forward to hearing all about his trip on his return.



Remembrance Day

Thank you to the Gundagai RSL sub-branch for inviting our School Captains to speak at this service.

Our School Captains Holly Ingold and James Petty presented very personal thought provoking speech to those gathered at Anzac Grove as part of the Gundagai Remembrance Day Ceremony. They very proudly represented Gundagai High School and the youth of today.

James was also honoured at the service to receive a gift from both the Gundagai RSL Sub-branch Ladies Auxillary and the Gundagai RSL Sub-branch in support of his scholarship trip to the Western Front.

[Holly and James' speeches can be found at the end of the newsletter.](#)



Year 12 Farewell Dinner

This evening was outstanding, with specially set and decorated tables, to a lit entrance arch and photograph section, to the personally made and decorated cake and mood music all created Ms Weaver, Ms Appleby, Mr Crane and the Year 11 supporter of Courtney, Robbie, Joseph and Tegan and the Year 11 Leadership on the night of James, Nina and Terry.

Year 12 received their end of schooling Portfolios, a gift bag from the school that contained a school mug and pen and this year the P&C purchased and personalised a Graduation Bear for each student. This proved a huge hit with students who collected special messages from their friends, teachers and parents on the night.

Thank you to the Gundagai Services Club for the use of the Blue Rooms for this function and the delicious food on the evening. The service on the evening by Tara and Lilly was excellent.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Year 12.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal





P & C News

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the recent Street Stall.

We are very pleased to have raised approximately \$1200.00

Raffle Winners are:

1st – Ps3 – Riley McDonald

2nd – Hamper – Louise Smith

3rd – Hamper – Melissa Murray

4th – Hamper – Claire Hartwig

100 Club – Joan Field

50 Club – Kande Ryan



We have been asked to do the catering at the Gundagai Rodeo on **Saturday 30th November.**

The P&C will be paid for this service.

This is an excellent opportunity and if everyone helps out for an hour or two it won't be too difficult for anyone.

Please, please don't leave it all up to the regular workers to do everything.

All proceeds will be used to benefit our children and our school.

We would like to make up a roster to ensure there are plenty of helpers at all times.

To put your name on the roster, please contact:



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Lynda Petty – 0408 693 949

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With thanks

Gundagai High School P & C

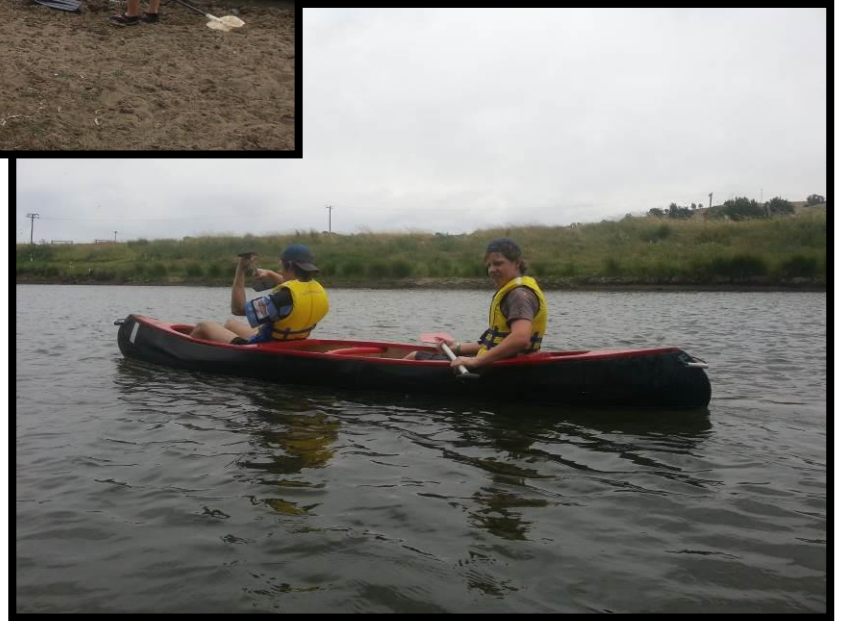
Gundagai High is a PBL School

(POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Our core values are

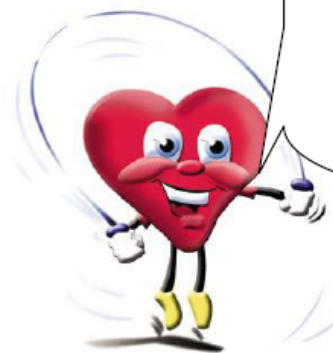
- *Respect*
- *Responsibility*
- *Integrity*

Year 11 SLR class - Canoeing on Morley's Creek



Bike Riding for Sport



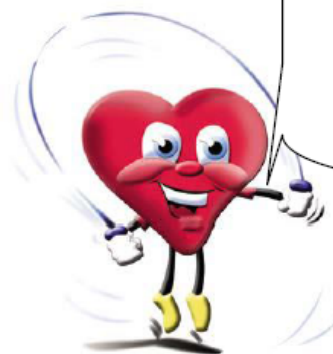


Hi Kids!

Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It's fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is **Click, Flick and Skip!**

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart



Hey Mum and Dad

Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online. It's easy, safe and secure. www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

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New website

We are pleased to announce that we have updated our website to give it a fresh new look. The brand new site has a more straightforward layout which has made all of the most popular content easier to find. The new site is designed to work well on smartphones, tablets and computers. The site is intended to give parents a sense of how we work, and to give them the confidence to give us a call when the time comes. **See it for yourself at www.parentline.org.au**

Parentline

1300 1300 52



Education &
Communities

Strive to Serve

We meet here today, not to glorify war or praise its victors, but to remember those who have served our country during times of conflict and crisis, and to reflect upon their selfless sacrifice.

Today marks the 95th anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. World War I saw 70 million soldiers worldwide rise to the call of duty and over half of them die on the battlefields. Three hundred and thirty-two thousand Australians fought in the Great War with the First Australian Imperial Force. Sixty thousand died and 152,000 were wounded. Those grim statistics meant that only one out of every three Australians who went to the war got through it unharmed, at least physically. With a population only of about four million, Australia had, proportionate to forces fielded, the highest casualties in the British Empire.

I believe it's important for my generation and future generations to continue this tradition and commemorate the sacrifice of Australia's Veterans. The Stone of Remembrance in Belgium reads "Their name liveth for evermore". If younger generations aren't taken to Remembrance Day ceremonies as children they won't take their children and the tradition will soon be lost. "Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it".

Few people understand the significance of the minute of silence we undertake. The idea for the minute silence originated with Edward Honey, a Melbourne journalist and First World War veteran who was living in London in 1919. He wrote a letter to the London Evening News in which he appealed for a period of silence, to honour the sacrifice of those who had died during the war. King George V readily agreed to the proposal. The King requested that "a complete suspension of all our normal activities" be observed at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" so that "in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

What is remembering? – How do I remember something that I didn't actually witness myself? I wasn't on the battlefields or even alive during times of war, so how do I remember something I have only been taught about? The dictionary defines remembrance as "a memory or recollection". I believe it's much more than this. To actively remember our veterans and the sacrifice they made we have to get involved in ceremonies like Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day. Next Saturday I am leaving Australia and going on a tour in Europe of the Western Front for two weeks. I won a history scholarship to visit museums and battlefields to remember Australia's soldiers and to learn about their involvement in these areas. I look forward to sharing my experiences with many of you when I return.

Every year we remember those who have fallen, but today I would like to also mention those who are still here with us. The fact that you did come home to us and continued with your lives has helped make our community the great place it is today. I have always felt a great respect for all soldiers, in particular the ones I could see and look up to. So during these services I find myself also thinking of the veterans around me, feeling so proud of them and grateful for the services that they have done for our country. I have been inspired by this to pursue a career in the ADF. I hope to be attending the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2015 but for now I would like to personally thank all those here today and past who have served in the military, I would also like to thank their families for supporting them. We are all grateful for their service to our country.

Let's all remember them.

Good morning all. My name is Holly Ingold, and I am here today to speak on behalf of my peers at Gundagai High School.

We're all gathered here today to acknowledge Remembrance Day, and pay our respects to the sacrifice of our soldiers, past, present, and future. All over Australia, people have stopped for the one minute's silence to remember and appreciate the great gift we have been given—one of a free, prosperous country with a history we can be proud of.

When my family have searched my great grandfather, Neville Regan, on the World War II Nominal Roll, it simply says "date of birth: unknown". This is because, like thousands of other young men at the time, he lied about his date of birth to hide his age, so he may go off to fight in the war. He was 17, the same age I am right now, when he was sent to fight in the Kokoda Campaign. The Kokoda Campaign has become one of the ANZAC soldier's most awe-inspiring battles, due to the extraordinary conditions these everyday men and women faced.

So close to home and in such terrible terrain, it's an incredible tale of bravery and mateship, true to form with all other ANZAC battles. Any Australian can appreciate the courage it took for these soldiers, and we can learn important lessons to be incorporated into our everyday life. Strong ties of friendship, loyalty and standing up for any cause you have a passion for are values that are relevant to every Australian.

While celebrating Remembrance Day, we must consider what it really means to remember. To me, this goes much further than sparing a few moments to consider the brave actions of our soldiers. It is about incorporating the aforementioned values into our everyday lives as much as possible. Remembering with our actions, appreciating and utilising our freedom, is the best way to respect the sacrifices of our diggers.



UPDATE OF
STUDENT AND FAMILY DETAILS

Date: _____

Student(s) Name: _____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contacts Phone No: _____

Father – Name: _____ Work Ph. No: _____

Mother – Name: _____ Work Ph. No: _____

Doctor: _____ Phone No: _____

Medicare Number: _____

Medical/ Allergy Problems: Yes / No

Details _____
