



**Thursday, 31 October 2013**

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Principal: Jennifer Miggins

**DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

**Term 4:**

- ✓ **Monday 14th October to Friday 8th November**  
HSC Exams
- ✓ **Thursday 31st October**  
P&C Street Stall
- ✓ **Friday 1st November**  
P&C Street Stall
- ✓ **Saturday 2nd November**  
P&C Street Stall
- ✓ **Monday 4th November**  
Year 10 Exams in MPC
- ✓ **Tuesday 5th November**  
Year 10 Exams in MPC
- ✓ **Wednesday 6th November**
  - Grip Leadership @ Albury
  - Year 10 Exams in MPC
- ✓ **Thursday 7th November**  
Year 10 Fieldwork @ Lake Albert

**Year 12 Farewell Dinner**

 **Tuesday 12th November**   
**6.00pm**  
**Gundagai District Services**  
**Club Function Room**



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

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

### Thank you to:

**The Year 7 and Year 9 students who volunteered to be part of the Charles Sturt University Research Project - Trial of NAPLAN online Test design.** This research and the feedback given by Gundagai High School students will inform how the NAPLAN tests of the future, from possibly 2016 onwards, will look like online.

The Year 7 and 9 students gave feedback to the researchers about the types of questions, how the questions were written, the ease of use of the computer and the functions of the program, accessibility of the questions online and other areas of the test.

This research forms part of the full research project run by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) whose aim is about improving educational outcomes for all young Australians.

ACARA is an independent authority responsible for the development of a national curriculum, a national assessment program and a national data collection and reporting program that supports the 21st century learning for Australian students. Their work is carried out in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, including teachers, principals, governments, state and territory education authorities, professional education associations, community groups and the general public.

[www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au)

ACAR representatives also came to the school and spoke with the Principal, Jennifer Miggins, Head Teacher Maths, Phil Mann and Head Teacher Science, Allison Appleby about the Research Project, the changes around the NAPLAN test for the future and the type of feedback that the test would be able to provide for teachers with regard to student learning. We were able to give our feedback about the current NAPLAN tests, the type of feedback, the type of format that would be beneficial for teachers regarding student learning and the links required to 21st Century learning skills.

This has been an invaluable opportunity for staff and students in being able to positively influence the testing for all Australian students in the future.

*Strive to Serve*

## Reminders:

### ➤ Hospitality Trade Training Centre Recognition Ceremony

Please RSVP as soon as possible if you are attending the official ceremony. If you would like to just look at this new facility then please join us from 11.45am – 12.45pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### ➤ P & C Street Stall this week outside IGA

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November & Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Great prizes to be won in the raffles – thank you to all those students who brought in hamper items on the Crazy Sock Day.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## Deputy Principal's News

### NAIDOC Celebrations Excursion

All schools across the district were invited to attend a NAIDOC celebration that ran over a two week period. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Mr Bridgeman, Mrs King and 42 year 7 and 8 GHS students travelled to Tumut to attend festival. Our students were combined with McAuley Catholic School and rotated around the activities in groups.

The activities throughout the day included;

1. Net weaving where students learnt the traditional way to make nets for fishing and carrying things. Some students progressed very well in this activity.
2. Rope and string making using natural plant materials.
3. Aboriginal art and storytelling where students were asked to tell a visual story through art. They were given a chart with many Aboriginal symbols and were also guided by the many helpful volunteers on the day.
4. Students were shown how to play the yidaki (didgeridoo) and learnt how it was first discovered. They also experienced throwing boomerangs, making axes and painting ochre on their faces.



Unfortunately the afternoon activities were cancelled as the rain set in and we were not able to play the traditional games.

Gundagai High School would like to thank the National Parks and Wildlife staff and also the volunteers who made the day so enjoyable. Please see end of newsletter for more photos taken during the day.

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal



**Please** come along for a cuppa and cake from 11.45am – 12.45pm if you are just interested in a look at our Hospitality Trade Training Centre facility.

## Parents Help Welcome for 2014 Gundagai Sporting Teams



Gundagai High School has entered in a large number of Combined High School knockout competitions for 2014. This will cater for the diverse range of sporting interests here at Gundagai High School. Parents are welcome to help with these teams and any expertise they can offer would be appreciated.

Parents will be required to complete a working with children check prior to assisting or coaching sporting teams. This can be done online and then completed by going to the RTA. In addition to the teams below, a number of other competitions will be entered into throughout 2014 and for these opportunities to exist we appreciated the help of parents when driving to events.

The teams entered in knockout competitions include:

### Boys

Australian Football (15 years and under)  
Basketball (Opens and 15 years)  
Cricket  
Rugby League (Opens and 14 years)  
Squash  
Touch Football  
Volleyball

### Girls

Netball  
Basketball (Opens and 15 years)  
Cricket  
Soccer  
Squash  
Touch Football  
Volleyball



## Bush fire safety fact sheets available by RFS



### NSW Bush Fires

Our thoughts are with all those who have suffered loss or still under threat during this bush fire emergency. We would also like to sincerely thank all our fire fighters and emergency volunteers who are in the thick of it .



### Fire Wise Fact Sheets

The RFS has provided great information on their website to help us all be prepared and informed. We encourage you to check out their fact sheets and updates. [rfs.nsw.com.au](https://rfs.nsw.com.au)

### Don't forget your pets!

Do not tie animals up during a major emergency, it could be fatal for them. Animals can sense danger and could easily become stressed. Keep a watch on them and reassure them.

Because of the potential stress on animals in a major bush fire, we recommend that you relocate your pets early to a safer location.



The middle of a bush fire is no time to start thinking about what you should do. Having a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help you avoid making last minute decisions that could be deadly.

Download the **RFS Bushfire Survival Plan** at [rfs.nsw.com.au](https://rfs.nsw.com.au) today!

## Gundagai High is a PBL School

(POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

*Our core values are*

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



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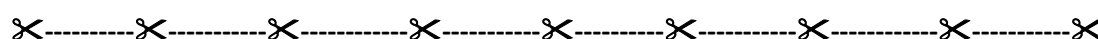
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## Yr 10 Exams, Week 5, Term 4, 2013

Period	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Period	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
1	Normal Class	English	1	History
2	Normal Class	Normal Class	2	Normal Class
Recess			Recess	
3	PDHPE 10A in B4, 10B in Demountable	Mathematics	3	Science Part B
4	Normal Class	Normal Class	Lunch	
Lunch			Sport	Normal Sport
5	Science Part A	Geography		

All exams are in the MPC, unless indicated otherwise

Elective exams will be held in elective lessons as advised by your teachers



**Please** indicate your preference by numbering 1-3 in the boxes and return slip to school. Thank you



## REASON FOR ABSENCE



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

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*"Students interested in a career digital media, IT programming, mobile apps or game design are invited to apply for a **\$10,000 scholarship to study at The Academy of Information Technology**. AIT is hosting an info night on Nov 20 for students or parents interested in learning about careers and study options in the IT and creative fields. All ages welcome Register at <http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/>"*

It's **Spring Time Glamour** at this year's  
**Snake Gully Cup**  
 Fashions on the Field  
 Friday 15th November 2013

**\$3000** in prizes  
 Four categories including:

- Cutting Edge Lady
- Elegant Lady
- Best Dressed Couple
- Millinery Award

[www.snakegullycup.com.au](http://www.snakegullycup.com.au)



