

NEWSLETTER



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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 1 - 2013

Week 5

- ✓ **Wednesday 27th February**
Study Skills Sessions at the
Gundagai Club
Year 11 – 9am to 11.10am
Year 12 – 11.35am to 1.35pm

Week 6

- ✓ **Monday 4th March**
Year 10 Girls Lifestyles Day at
Mirrabooka
- ✓ **Tuesday 5th March**
Cattle Parading (Novice) Year 9
at Doodle Cooma Stud, Sturt
Highway, Wagga Wagga
- ✓ **Wednesday 6th March**
Cattle Parading (Novice) Year 9
at Doodle Cooma Stud, Sturt
Highway, Wagga Wagga
- ✓ **Friday 8th March**
District SRC Meeting - Albury

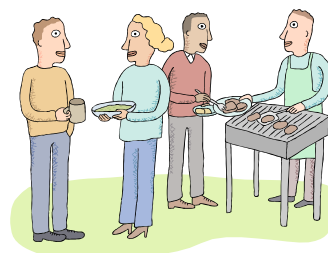
DER Information Evening
26th March @6pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 7 and 8 students' Parents BBQ on Monday 11th February, 2013

This was an enjoyable and fun night, with many staff and parents in attendance. The bowls competition was a satisfying new learning experience for some, others achieved excellent bowling techniques in a very short time, while others were involved in a very competitive game with many ends played.

Thank you to those parents and staff who attended. Thank you to Ms Thake and Mr Bishop for their organisation of this very successful evening.



Congratulations to James Petty and Terry Watson

James and Terry had an extraordinary opportunity in being involved in the RoboCup Training Program yesterday at Charles Sturt University. They were excellent role models for Gundagai High School. We look forward to your future involvement in competitions in this arena.



The Australian National Chemistry Competition

Ms Appleby has called for applications for this highly prestigious event, don't be shy or apprehensive as Gundagai High School students have always done extremely well in the competition. Student's results have been at High Distinction, Distinction and Credit.

REMINDER

- ✓ P&C Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 18th March at 7.00pm at the Services Club.
- ✓ SNAP SHOT REPORTS will be coming out in Week 5. These reports will be for Year 7 and 11. These will be a gauge on how your child has settled into the new year and new subjects.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



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

Strive to Serve

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Vocational education

Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship or an apprenticeship, or gain other valuable industry experience.

Find out more:

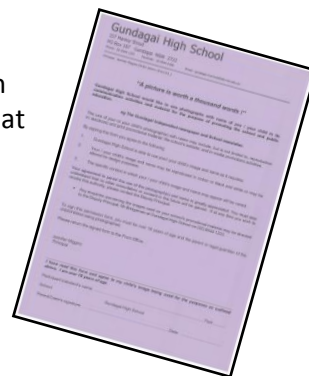
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>

Media Release Notes

We still have a number of students who have not returned their media release notes. Unfortunately for students, if they have not returned their note, we are unable to publish photos in the newsletter of all their activities around the school. This also often means that we cannot publish group photos.

If you don't have any issues with your child's picture going in the newsletter and then uploaded to the internet and cannot recall signing the purple media release note, please have them call into the office and collect another one for you to sign.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal



SCIENCE NEWS TERM 1

Year 7 have begun their lessons in Science in 2013 with great enthusiasm and are gaining an appreciation for the subject. After becoming familiar with the various laboratory equipment they will use, 7A and 7B, have conducted filtering and heating experiments successfully. It was great to see the students engage in their lessons and achieve results that they were happy with. As the term goes on, students will be exposed to many new science concepts and skills and will need to keep an organised workbook to help them understand outcomes required.

It is also a good idea to read over each lesson's notes on a daily basis to reinforce their knowledge base and reflect on the concept learnt. Also, just a reminder that students do need to wear fully enclosed leather shoes at all times in Science laboratories for safety.



Big Science Competition

In 2013, the Science Department will provide an opportunity for science students to challenge themselves in the Big Science Competition.

This one-hour international competition is open to students of all abilities at three different levels: Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12).

Questions are aligned with the Australian Curriculum and test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their science knowledge.

Each student who takes part will receive a certificate as well as detailed feedback on their performance in the competition. They also go into a draw to win hundreds of iTunes and movie vouchers.

Our school will receive a comprehensive report for each paper level showing how each student performed on each question, the percentage of students in the cohort who answered correctly, and a comparison with the national results.

The Big Science Competition will be held in school between 22nd and 29th May 2013.

The Big Science Competition is organised by Australian Science Innovations, a non-profit organisation committed to providing high quality science extension programs that inspire, challenge and raise the aspirations of students in science.

For more information visit www.asi.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Junee Rhythm N Rail Festival Friday 1st-Sunday 3rd March 2013

Junee's Rhythm and Rail Festival is fast approaching so highlight it on the calendar! The festival highlights Junee's distinctive rail heritage and features lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Start your weekend of fun off with a trip down memory lane and jump aboard on the Historic Tin Hare Trains! The historic 'Tin Hare' rail motors are a must-see and will be available to shuttle you between Wagga Wagga, Junee and Cootamundra.

The Rhythm N Rail Festival Photography competition is open to all ages and the Junior category is a fantastic way for kids to explore their artistic side. Entries are open until Wednesday 27th February so get snapping!

Make sure you head over to the Junee Licorice Factory to be part of making chocolate history! We need your help to build the longest smash train in the world. Let the kids go wild at the Factory Funland! Sit back while the kids are entertained on the famous giant slide, jumping castle and animal petting zoo.

Another fantastic attraction to the event calendar is the markets held on both the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival. Filled with boundless fun filled activities for the kids as well as produce and boutique shopping for the adults!

Don't miss out on your chance to be a train driver of the Thomas the Tank Engine on the model Railway at the exhibition in the Junee Recreation Centre!

**OUTDOOR
DINING
AREAS**



No smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas

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FACTS

Section 6A of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free.

From **6 July 2015**, smoking is not permitted in commercial outdoor dining areas, being:

- ✓ a seated dining area – an area in which seating is provided and in which food that has been purchased and served on plates or packaged for immediate consumption is consumed - but only while food is being consumed or is available for purchase and consumption there.
- ✓ within 4 metres of a seated dining area on licensed premises or at a restaurant.
- ✓ within 10 metres of a place at a food fair where food is sold or supplied for consumption.

Are designated outdoor smoking areas allowed at licensed premises and restaurants?

The new law does not prevent the creation of designated outdoor smoking areas in licensed premises and restaurants. However, such spaces can not be located in or within 4 metres of the seated dining area and must comply with all other requirements of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*. The area must display appropriate signage and occupiers must take reasonable steps to ensure that eating does not occur in the area.

In addition, from 6 July 2015, smokers will not be able to smoke within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point, being an entry to or exit from licensed premises, restaurants and cafes, which may affect existing smoking areas.

From 7 January 2013, smokers will not be able to smoke within 10 metres of any children's play equipment located in the outdoor area of the premises.

Does the law apply to alfresco dining areas of restaurants and cafes?

Yes. The *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* states that any commercial outdoor dining area, as defined above, is to be smoke-free while food is being consumed in that area or is available for purchase and consumption in that area.

Why is the new law not coming into effect until 2015?

This is a similar timeframe to the ban on smoking in enclosed public places which came into effect in July 2007. The staged approach will help to ensure that the community and businesses have adequate time to adapt to the ban on smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas.

Will there be signage to indicate where smoking is not permitted?

Yes. Occupiers of premises must ensure that adequate signage is erected and maintained to indicate that smoking is not permitted in commercial outdoor dining areas in accordance with requirements outlined in the *Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2007*.

Appropriate signage will be made available to licensed premises and businesses by NSW Health.

How will this be enforced?

NSW Health is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000*. NSW Health Inspectors are authorised to enforce the ban in commercial outdoor dining areas.

Penalties of up to \$550 apply to individuals who smoke in a commercial outdoor dining area.

Penalties of up to \$5,500 apply to occupiers if a person is found to be smoking in a commercial outdoor dining area.

Why is this new Act in place?

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. This is the smoke which smokers exhale after inhaling from a lit cigarette.

Recent research has shown individuals in typical public outdoor areas such as alfresco cafes may be exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke levels previously only associated with indoor environments.

In adults, breathing second-hand tobacco smoke can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and other lung diseases. It can exacerbate the effects of other illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis. Exposing ex-smokers to other people's tobacco smoke increases the chance of relapsing to smoking.

For children, inhaling second-hand tobacco smoke is even more dangerous. This is because children's airways are smaller and their immune systems are less developed, which makes them more likely to suffer negative health consequences of second-hand tobacco smoke such as bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma.

Smoke-free areas provide a supportive environment for those who have quit and make smoking less visible to children and young people.

How does this affect Local Council bans on smoking?

Many NSW councils, under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, have progressively introduced their own smoking bans. Where these bans are in place, they can continue to be enforced by Local Council rangers.

NOTE: The ban on smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas and within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from licenced premises, restaurants and cafes does not apply until 6 July 2015.

For more information

Please contact the Tobacco Information Line on **1800 357 412** or visit the NSW Health website: **www.health.nsw.gov.au**

The Tobacco Information Line can be accessed by non-English speaking people via the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50.

Additional signage can be obtained from the Resource Distribution Unit on telephone (02) 9879 0443 or email **tobinfo@doh.health.nsw.gov.au**.



Health

REASON FOR ABSENCE



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

Reason: ☐ Sick ☐ Medical/Dental ☐ Family Leave

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