



Friday, 16 November 2012

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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

- **Monday 19 November**
P&C meeting
- **Tuesday 4th Dec – 7th December**
Year 10 Camp till 7th Dec
- **Tuesday 4th Dec**
Year 6 Parent evening
- **Wednesday 5th Dec**
Year 6 Orientation Day
- **Friday 14th December**
Presentation Day
- **Wednesday 19th December**
Students Last Day
- **Thursday 20th December**
Staff Last day (SDD)



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

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Remembrance Day

A huge THANK YOU to the Gundagai RSL sub-branch for inviting our students to be part of the special unveiling ceremony of the WW1 memorial plaques for each of the fifty two Gundagai soldiers who perished in this war. Each student felt very proud and privileged to carry out this special role on this Remembrance Day.

Well done: Jeana Bell, Sabrina Meurs, Gabrielle Turek, Emily Bridgeman, Clare Tout, Teighan Worsnop, Tahlia Crane, Samantha Gradon, Brodie Paton, Ally and Josie McInerney.

Our School Captains, Danian Makeham and Kate Hawthorne presented a very thoughtful and thought provoking speech to those gathered at Anzac Grove as part of the Gundagai Remembrance Day Ceremony. They very proudly represented Gundagai High School.

Year 12 farewell Dinner

The Year 12 formal dinner at the Gundagai Services Club on Monday 12th November, 2012 was a wonderful opportunity for school staff and families to get together to congratulate the students on their successes. This was an evening that brought students' school years to a close and a start to a new beginning in their lives. We all at Gundagai High School wish them all the very best.

Thank you to Mrs Lico for her event organisation, the Gundagai Services Club for the venue, Ms Decker as Year Adviser and Mr Armstrong and Mr Crane for their room decoration.

Year 6 Transition Program

Gundagai High School has begun its Year 6 into Year 7, 2013 transition program. The Year Adviser Ms Thake has been to the partner primary schools and answered the many questions and given out important information. Some students have already visited the high school with Ms Carr who is also working on the transition with Ms Thake.

Reminders: Tuesday 4th December – Parent Orientation Evening @ 6pm
Wednesday 5th December – Student Orientation Day

Strive to Serve

Thank you for Completing the Survey

Thank you to the Parents of Year 8 and Year 10 students for completing the survey related to the Mathematics Review. If you missed this and would like to complete one, please see the end of the newsletter.

P&C Support Required

The fundraising opportunity during the Gundagai Rodeo on **Saturday 24th November** needs your support. Please see information further on in the newsletter.



Specific Religious Education Lessons

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To gauge students and parents interest in being involved in such a program in 2013, it is requested that you complete the attached form at the end of the newsletter and return to the school asap and placed in the box at the front office marked SRE. These returns will remain confidential.

Uniform Reminder

All students must ensure that they are wearing black enclosed leather shoes as part of their uniform. This is and has always been part of the school uniform at Gundagai High School and will be enforced as these footwear requirements are necessary for student safety.

I look forward to parent support in ensuring that students are wearing the correct footwear to ensure their safety.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Mobile behaviour

AUDIO: What do parents need to know about sexting – the use of a mobile phone to send sexual images or messages? Learn about the consequences and get tips to help you educate your child.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/sexting-what-every-parent-should-know>

Reminders:

- If you think you will require **new uniforms** for your child/children next year, please call into school and see Mrs Ballard anytime between now and the end of term.
- The **school newsletter** is being sent by email to those families who have given us their email address. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to ensure you receive copies of our newsletter, please forward your email address to gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- **Travel Concession Cards** are available at the school office for students who are attending school and wish to use the public transport services when travelling throughout the year.
- It is important that the school has **up-to-date contact information**. This includes mobile numbers, land line phone numbers as well as postal and residential addresses. If you think any of these may have changed recently, please let the school know.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

P & C News

We have been asked to do the catering at the Gundagai Rodeo on **Saturday 24th 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:



Carmel Lemon – 0418 432 654
Lynda Petty – 0408 693 949
Gundagai High School Office – 6944 1233



With thanks
Gundagai High School P & C

Prize Winners from P&C Street Stall

100 Club - Joe Collier
100 Club - Tahnee Franklin
50 Club - Angela Hawthorne

RAFFLE :-

1ST - Variety Hamper - Marg Smith
2nd - Cleaning Hamper - Peter Reardon
3rd - Gardening Hamper - Shirley Luff
4th - Tickets to Snake Gully Cup - Lyn Lindley
5th - Potted plants - Helen Ballard

Many thanks to everyone who supported this P & C fundraiser

CAREER NEWS

UOW Visit term 1 2013 – Year 12 students are currently selecting lectures for their University of Wollongong visit on Thursday 7th February 2013.

Job Centre Australia and Atel continue to make themselves available to assist students find employment. Job Centre visit every fortnight and Atel visit on request.

Work Experience – Year 10 students should be making arrangements to find work experience. Work experience is available to year 9 on request, but is not automatic.

TAFE 2013 – There are opportunities, depending on funding, for year 10 students in 2013 to undertake courses at TAFE. Tumut TAFE is offering Hair and Beauty, Automotives, Panelbeating, Business Services, Aged care and Children's services. Wagga TAFE is offering Shopfitting and maybe Plumbing.

Year 10 Career Interviews – Year 10 Careers interviews are almost complete. Students have indicated that they now have a clearer idea of the sorts of careers they might pursue.

Community News



Now taking bookings for 2013. Gumnut is a long day care centre offering an Early years education to children aged 0-5 years in a safe, purpose built centre. Our Service operates 8 till 5.30 daily; we are open through school holidays except for our Christmas close down period. If you would like more information or to obtain a booking form please ring the centre on 69 441 889, email gumnut1@westnet.com.au or drop in for more information. Located at 136 West Street Gundagai.

Remembrance Day Snapshots!



For all inquiries about Charles Sturt University courses, please contact info.csu on:

T: 1800 334 733

F: (02) 6338 6001

E: inquiry@csu.edu.au

W: www.csu.edu.au

November 12, 2012

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CSU

Information for consideration in your next school newsletter to parents

You + CSU = \$20,000

Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University's 'You + CSU' competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win \$20,000 towards the cost of study at the University.

All you have to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket the \$20,000 and land a role as CSU's Digital Ambassador for 2013.

Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year.

More details are available at www.csu.edu.au/experience and entries are open until December 9, so grab your camera or smartphone and start shooting!

Facebook information session

And to hear about the CSU experience straight from the horse's mouth, the University's 'CSU Future Students' page will be hosting a forum on December 20.

School leavers curious about what life on a CSU campus is really like can log in via www.facebook.com/csufuture and ask current students about their own experiences.

All the information will remain on the page for others to read in future, so your questions could soon be helping other future students get a feel for the CSU experience too.

But Facebook is just one of the ways you can connect with CSU... you can find us on Twitter (@CharlesSturtUni) and the web (CSU.edu.au) or you can call us on 1800 334 733.

Parent Survey – Mathematics – Year 10

In 2011, our Mathematics faculty underwent a review aimed at improving student outcomes and achievement. Parent feedback is critical in the evaluation process. I would appreciate if you could complete this survey and return it to the front office.

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
My child's teacher provides work for him/her in Mathematics that allows him/her to achieve to a high standard.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My teacher provides my child with a wide range of assessment tasks which allow them to demonstrate what they know in different ways.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My teacher gives my child feedback on their assessment tasks that allows them to improve their ability in Mathematics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child's Mathematics teacher knows what my child is good at and what it is they need to improve.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child's Mathematics teacher has high expectations and always pushes my child to do their best.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parent Survey – Mathematics – Year 8

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GUNDAGAI LIONS CLUB

CHRISTMAS CAKE



DECORATING COMPETITION

The Gundagai Lions Club will be conducting a Christmas Cake Decorating Competition this December.

The competition will consist of four classes :-

- 1/ Primary School Students. Cake to be decorated in your choice of a Christmas design.
- 2/ High School Students. Cake to be decorated in your choice of a Christmas design.
- 3/ Novice Beginner. Cake to be decorated in your choice of a Christmas design.
- 4/ Open Class. Cake – Christmas Inspiration / design of your own.
- 5/ Professional These cakes will not be entered in any of the competition but will be for display and auction only...

PRIZES :- \$ 50.00 for each entry judged as best in classes 1 to 4

Special Award of Encouragement presented by H.D. Cake Decorators Wagga

Public Choice Award

Judges :-

Ken and Helen Robinson
Proprietors of
H D Cake Decorators
242 Baylis street
Wagga Wagga.
Phone 69319131

Cakes, Boards, Application Forms and Rules are available from McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs Office

RULES – REGULATIONS

There is *NO* entry fee.

Entry forms are available from McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs. Sheridan Street Gundagai.

Cakes will be supplied free of charge, by the Gundagai Lions Club, to each entrant when they return their completed entry form / forms to McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs. Sheridan St Gundagai.

You and your family may enter as many cakes as you like...

Completed cake entries will be received at the Gundagai Library on Friday the 7th December During opening hours...Late entries will be accepted but not judged... If cake entry is not presented for auctioning you will need to reimburse the Lions Club the value of cake and board...

The decorations and all ingredients used in the decorating **MUST BE** edible; the only exception is the use of ribbon... No toothpicks or pins... Please use spaghetti or icing paste (mix icing mixture with water to form a paste) to attach any decorations...

Cake can be cut up and sculptured into any design/shape ... But entrants must use entire cake...

Please Do Not use almond icing as this may cause an allergic reaction to our potential buyers...

HD cake decorators located at 242 Baylis street Wagga have many types of icing suitable for use... Also our local Woolworth's and IGA stores have Orchid white icing available for purchase...

Suggested decorations for the young ones can include the use of non toxic coloured crayons with a simple drawing, drawn directly on the iced cake or even non toxic water paints...

Official Judging will take place on Monday the 10th December and the entries will remain on display in the Library till the 13th.

At the completion of judging all entries will become the property of the Gundagai Lions Club and will be auctioned off on 13th December at the Christmas Carnival in Carberry Park

The auction will take place prior to the drawing of the Lions Monster Xmas Stocking Raffle and all proceeds of the night will go to funds for Lions Charitable Projects.

Our Judge's Mr. Ken Robinson and Mrs. Helen Robinson who are Master Cake Decorator's have offered to donate a decorated cake for the auction...

**This Competition is Presented by the Gundagai Lions Club
and proudly Supported By**

McAlister, Saunderson & Stubbs
Sheridan Street
Gundagai

H D Cake Decorators
242 Baylis Street
Wagga Wagga

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The SRE lesson organisation would be such that students would not miss curriculum time with the lessons on a rotational basis. Therefore, the achievement of course outcomes towards their Record of School Achievement (RoSA) will not be impacted.

SRE lessons are completely optional and parents can in writing have their child included or removed from the program. A Certificate of Exemption will be issued for each student who will not be attending the program.

To gauge students and parents interest in being involved in such a program in 2013, it is requested that you complete the section below and return to the school and be placed in the box at the front office marked SRE. These returns will remain confidential.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Miggins

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Special Religious Education Lessons

I wish my child _____ Year _____

to attend / not to attend SRE lessons in 2013
(cross out not applicable)

Optional Comment: _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____