

# NEWSLETTER



**Friday, 30 November 2012**

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*Principal: Jennifer Miggins*

## **DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 10 Camp till 7<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Year 6 Parent evening
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Year 6 Orientation Day
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Presentation Day
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Students Last Day
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Staff Last day (SDD)



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

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

A very big congratulations goes to all the students who achieved Level 4, Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1 at yesterday's Welfare Assembly. Level achievements are in recognition of the student's demonstration of effort and application of students in the areas such as Community Service, School Service, Scholarship, Leadership, Participation, Sport achievement and being a role model for others.

The highest level of our Welfare System is Level 1, and this was achieved by James Petty in Year 10 – well done and congratulations James!



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

In the Welfare Assembly on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Gundagai High School students and guests took time out to remember, the service men and women who have and are serving our country, with a minute silence. Our School Captains Danian Makeham and Kate Hawthorne also presented their very thoughtful and thought provoking speech they gave on Remembrance Day at Anzac Grove.

### **FUND RAISING FOR THE YOUTH COUNCIL SKATE PARK**

Cheques from fund raising activities by Nangus Public School, Gundagai Public School and Gundagai High School were presented by the school's representative to the Youth Council Chairperson Holly Ingold, at yesterday's Welfare Assembly. The fund raising was a show of support from the youth in all schools in Gundagai for the Youth Council's Skate Park project.

### **YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Reminder about the:

- Parent Orientation Evening next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm
- Year 6 Orientation on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## REMINDER

SRE Notes need to be returned by current Year 7 and 8 students/parents regarding their involvement in Scripture classes for 2013. The organisation must be completed within the next week, so it is urgent that the note at the back of the newsletter is returned please.

## POINTS TO NOTE:

- Year 10 students' official last day is the same as the rest of the school students **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.
- **End of year Reports** will be issued to students in the last week of school
- Gundagai High School Front Office will be closed after Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, so if you have any business to complete please do so on or before this date.
- Gundagai High School Teachers have completed the School Development Day allocated for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, on a weekend earlier in the year. Therefore Gundagai High School will be closed for the Christmas break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.



Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### 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 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- 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 next year, please forward your email address to [gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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.

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School Attendance is compulsory. It is also recorded on student reports, both half yearly and yearly. Lateness after 9:00am is recorded and can add up to full day absences.

Students late to school require a note explaining the reason for their lateness, so that the absence is not recorded as an unexplained absence.

School starts at 9:00am with roll call and announcements regarding changes to routine for the day.

We seek parents support in your child being at school on time and ready for lessons.

## P&C News

**Many thanks** to everyone who helped in the canteen at the Rodeo on Saturday.

Our combined efforts were fantastic and everyone's help, no matter the duration, was very much appreciated.

The Rodeo Club were very grateful and we have raised a substantial amount of money towards our school fundraising.



Thank you  
Lynda Petty & Carmel Lemon  
GHS P&C

## DOG DAY AFTERNOON.



On Tuesday 30th October, 15 Agriculture students from Years 9 to 12 visited Graham and Deb Armour's property on the Gocup Road. The purpose of the visit was to provide students with some of the basic dog training and welfare tips to improve dog / farmer partnerships. On hand was Alan Rutter a much capped dog trial champion who was able to guide the students through some of the basic techniques used to train his dogs to work sheep. He then showed how you build on the dogs basic instincts to develop a working dog that will provide valuable assistance on farm.

Graham Armour also talked about his techniques and stressed "Repetition, patience and good breeding" are the key elements for developing a good working animal".

Students were also taken through the basic welfare requirements of keeping a dog. Topics covered ranged from disease control and feeding to appropriate housing.

Graham and John also introduced the students into the world of competition Yard Dog Trials. They put several dogs (old and new) through their paces in a simulated trial. He highlighted the difference in

technique that each dog displayed. He explained the Trial sequencing, points scoring system and the costs associated with taking up this activity. Satisfaction and enjoyment are their main motivation everything that comes along is a bonus. They were quick to emphasize that anyone could get involved in Dog Trials and there is a lot of expert advice around to assist you.

I would like to thank Alan Rutter, Graham and Deb Armour for making themselves and their animals available to enrich the experiences of the agriculture students, it is very much appreciated. A special thanks to Graham and Deb who put on a BBQ lunch for the students, your generosity is appreciated.



This 2011 photo of Graham Armour shows how a good dog makes yard work so much easier.



Graham shows how to train the dogs to 'back' the sheep. (2011)



## RFS CADETS DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, five Gundagai High RFS cadets put on a display of their skills as part of the Gundagai Primary School Fete. The cadets simulated a motor vehicle fire and a BBQ gas bottle that had caught alight. These activities were very well received by the large crowd in attendance. Some primary students were then invited to partake in some hose and knapsack use skills by knocking over various targets. I wish to express my thanks to Brian and Karen Lewin for their participation and ongoing role as cadet coordinators at Gundagai High School. Cadets displaying their skills were Christopher and Stacey Lewin, Savannah Thomson, Cody Makeham and Sabrina Meurs.

Dale Chadwick

Agriculture Teacher and Cadet Coordinator

## CAREER NEWS

- **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** – Work Experience is not compulsory, it is an option for years 9 and 10. There may have been some confusion regarding work experience in the last newsletter. 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.
- **Apprenticeship with local bakery** - There are two apprenticeships available for suitable persons. If interested please contact the High School.



## *Gundagai High School*

### *P&C Association*

#### **RETURN SLIPS – HIRE OF SCHOOL LOCKER 2013**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I will hire a locker for my child at \$60.00 per term

Yes / No

I will hire \_\_\_\_\_ lockers

I will pay by cash / cheque

I have enclosed payment by:

a) cheque made payable to Gundagai High School P&C Association

or

b) cash

for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Gundagai High School Presentation Day Award Ceremony**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2012  
commencing at 2pm**



Parents and community members are invited to join us on this occasion to recognise students who have been focused on their learning and who have made outstanding achievements throughout the year.

**All students are requested to wear full school uniform.**

**\*\*Please be seated in the MPC by 1.50pm\*\***

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Dear Parents,

Gundagai High School has been approached by Mr Steve Maynard, on behalf of the Gundagai Churches and Genr8 which is a joint ministry of Scripture Union NSW, Sydney Anglican Youthworks, Presbyterian Youth NSW and the Baptist Churches of NSW and the ACT to run Specific Religious Education lessons to Year 7 & 8 students. These SRE lessons will be non-denominational.

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Gundagai Services Club Social Round Robin Squash**

All standards catered for.....  
Play whoever turns up.  
Informal coaching available.  
Sundays from 3pm onwards  
Hosted by the Squash Club  
(Rob Glazebrook Ph. 69443349)

#### **Costs**

**Members** - \$3.50  
**Junior Members** - \$2.00  
**Non-members** - \$7.00

