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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

Term 1 - 2013

Week 9

- ✓ **Monday, 25th March**
Yr 11 to Wagga for "The Hobbit"
- ✓ **Tuesday, 26th March**
Yr 9 DER Information Evening at 6pm in C1
- ✓ **Thursday, 28th March**
Riverina Netball Trials
- ✓ **Friday, 29th March**
Good Friday Holiday

Week 10

- ✓ **Wednesday, 3rd April**
Athletics Carnival
- ✓ **Thursday 4th April**
CHS Swimming, Sydney



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

Gundagai High School

NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

THE YEAR 6 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT was on **Tuesday 19th March**. This was the first of many opportunities for students and parents to find out about Gundagai High School. This was part of the Transition Program for Year 6 students. Just a reminder!

Gundagai High School is committed to:

- ❖ **learning** and we expect all students to be focused at all times on their learning
- ❖ **providing** quality learning opportunities, quality teaching in the classroom, and extra-curriculum activities eg: Debating, SRC, Sporting Carnivals, RFS, GATS Days, Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ❖ **supporting** all its students, through valuable welfare programs to be successful learners

RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Both Neil Armstrong and Allen Crooks were very appreciative of the morning tea in honour of their retirements. They were overwhelmed by the number of previous Gundagai High School staff members and others who were able to attend and join them at this time.

Thanks to those community members who were able to attend and make this day something very special.



Strive to Serve

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

- ✓ Swimmers at Leeton for the Under 13's Riverina Selection Trials. They swam 4th in the Relay heat. See photo to the right.
- ✓ The Gundagai High School Girls Cricket Team who narrowly didn't win their game yesterday against Tumut High School. They were model representatives for the school, with enthusiasm and the style to match any Australian Team. Well done Girls.
- ✓ The Gundagai High School Basketball Team consisting of eleven boys and fifteen girls recently attended a Gala Day in Wagga. All players played well and showed true sportsmanship. Well done!!!



RIVERINA REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Mr Colin Parker visited Gundagai High School yesterday Thursday 21st March. He had an event filled two hours meeting with staff and especially spending time and speaking with students. The visit's highlights were: seeing one of the Riverina Highlands Learning Community Video Conferences in progress, an engaging Year 7 mathematics lesson, students in the MultiCategorical class actively engaged in literacy tasks, and an opportunity to sit and talk with Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives, students who participated in the Science and Engineering competition, and Gundagai Youth Council representatives. He finished off with a tour of the new Hospitality Trade Training Centre.



His thank you email was with high praise of the students we have here at Gundagai High School and how enjoyable his time was, especially seeing engaged students and in being able to interact with students.



YEAR 7 SCRIPTURE FOR TERM 2 2013

Jörg (George) Ernst will be spending one day a fortnight at Gundagai High School starting next term. While much of his time initially will be spent getting to know the staff and students, part of his role with us will be teaching scripture initially only focusing on year 7 students. With faith and religion featuring prominently in the news and in our changing society it will be good for students to have the chance to discuss their own beliefs, explore issues of life and faith, and discover the meaning held within the bible.

Mr Ernst comes to us with 10 years' experience in Christian youth work and chaplaincy; he currently lives in Tumbarumba with his wife, Emma, and two children, Heidi (11) and Isaak (9). Welcome.



Gundagai Multi-Purpose Service

Our School Captains were invited and attended the opening ceremony of the Gundagai Multi-Purpose Service on Wednesday 6th March, see photo to the right.

Jennifer Miggins
Principal



Deputy Principal's News

Clothing

With cooler weather approaching, please ensure that students have jumpers, jackets and tracksuits labelled so we can return any lost clothing. Unmarked clothing that is sent to the front office and isn't claimed by its owner is sent to the op-shop at the end of each term.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal



Three Generations of Principals



“3 in a Row”

A rare sight was witnessed by staff and visitors at the Farewell Morning Tea held for Neil Armstrong and Allen Crooks.

Past Principals Alan Dundas and Peter Franks joined current Principal Jennifer Miggins to enjoy the festivities.

Maths News

Gundagai High School has again subscribed to the interactive Mathematics program called Mymaths online. This program allows all GHS students access to the resources online, at school and at home. It allows students to work through topics covered in the Junior and Senior syllabuses and in particular allows students to revise work that they are having problems with. Please ask your child to show you the program and how easy it is to use. The password has changed and all students have been notified of the new password. Students having problems with their numeracy skills will again be using mymaths online as part of their lessons. We would like to thank Mr Mukerji for his work allowing all students to have personal logins.

Assessment schedules were given to all Junior Students in the first week of term and should be pasted into the front of their workbooks. Their second assessment task in Mathematics will be completed in the coming weeks, before the end of this term. Senior students receive an assessment booklet with all subjects covered. Year 11 students will complete their first assessment task in Mathematics in Weeks 10 or 11.

Relevant syllabus information is also distributed directly to senior students. However they should also be aware that this information is available from the Board of Studies web site at:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

and then by selecting M for Mathematics and the relevant course.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Phil Mann

Mathematics Head Teacher

DER Information

All Year 9 students and their parent's are invited to attend the DER Information Night and hand out being held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, 26th of March. This night is to help you understand the responsibilities with the Loan Laptop Charter that need to be agreed to, for access to a laptop. Anyone that cannot attend please contact the school in advance and we will send an information pack home on Tuesday.



A reminder to all students and parents that padded cases, chargers and batteries for the laptop are available to order through the front office.

Shane Jones
TSO

High School Students Study Remnant White Box Woodland at South Gundagai

As part of their Preliminary HSC course Biology students have to undertake a study of a local ecosystem. The White Box Woodland community at South Gundagai provides a perfect opportunity for students to visualise the local landscape prior to white settlement and contrast this to the post white settlement era.

Year 11 students Morgan Tozer and Tara Cook met with guide Mason Crane to discuss the area and those factors which have impacted upon it. The girls conducted a biological analysis of the area drafting a transect and taking a survey of plant and animal species present via quadrat sampling.



The girls noting major features to draft their transect.

Other physical factors were also tested and recorded including slope, soil pH, texture, light intensity and climatic conditions. The report on their findings forms the first assessed task they have to submit as part of their biology studies.

I wish to thank Mason for giving up his time to lead the girls through this practical exercise. His knowledge of the area is extremely valuable and interesting.

Biology Teacher / Supervisor Dale Chadwick



Morgan, Tara and Mason survey plant species in a quadrat.

Swimming Carnival News

Reno Continue Dominance at Swimming Carnival

Reno has been the dominant team in the pool for a number of years and has again won the swimming carnival in 2013. Despite having fewer numbers present than their opposition they showed great team spirit with newly elected captains Terry Watson and Lilly Degotardi leading the way. In the battle for the minor placings, Parnassus was second and Kimo third. The final point score was as follows.

Reno – 448 points

Parnassus – 390 points

Kimo – 374 points

Prior to the carnival the election of house captains and vice captains took place. The house captains and vice captains for 2013 are:

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| Kimo : | Captains – Joseph Field and Emily Bridgeman
Vice captains – Brandon Graham and Molly Dean |
| Parnassus : | Captains - Tom Lemon and Skye Thomson
Vice Captains – James Petty and Brodie Paton |
| Reno | Captains - Terry Watson and Lilly Degotardi
Vice Captains – Chris Lewin and Tara Halpin |

There were many good performances on the day, especially from the following age champions:

Boys		Girls	
12	Rhys Murray	12	Lilly Bowditch
13	Chaz Bishop	13	Summer Elliott
14	Joseph Carberry	14	Rachel Stuckey
15	Jimmy Lindley	15	Zoe Watson
16	Jack Lemon	16	Regina Evans
17+	Tom Lemon	17+	Stephanie Cribb

It was pleasing to see parents come and watch their children participate. They were given the difficult task of judging the fashion parade.

Thank you must go to the teachers who fulfilled different roles throughout the day. Staff roles included marshalling, recording, time keeping, starting, refereeing, judging and general supervision. These roles are tiresome and difficult at times. Thankyou also to the year 11 and 12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation students who helped organise the carnival and non-swimming students who volunteered for jobs throughout the day.

The next carnival to be held is the Athletics Carnival which is scheduled for the 3rd April.

Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Tumut Pool two weeks after the school carnival where Gundagai High School had 15 representatives. These students are to be congratulated on their willingness to represent their school and give their best effort competing against students from larger schools. The point scores were:

Tumut 502	Gundagai 158
Young 445	Tumbarumba 121
Temora 425	Batlow 118
Murrumburrah 356	June 97
Cootamundra 354	

The best performances on the day were from our junior boy swimmers. Rhys Murray was the 12 years age champion winning both the 100m Freestyle and Backstroke and finishing second in the 50 m Freestyle. The 13 years boys relay team consisting of Chaz Bishop, Harry McDonnell, William Carberry and Kalem Makeham finished first in their event.



12 Years Zone Swimming Champion – Rhys Murray

Rhys and the 13 years relay team (with the inclusion of Jake Elphick) went on to swim at the Regional Swimming Carnival where they competed against the best swimmers in the Riverina. The boys did their best and finished mid-field in their heats.

Thank you to those parents who transported children to both the Zone and Regional Carnivals. This is greatly appreciated and provides these students with happy memories.

Jamin Hall
PE/Sports Teacher



2013 HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CAMP



Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th April 2013

Specialist coaching catering for all skill levels of players 12 to 16 years.

All players receive: -

- Top class coaching and instruction from NRL Development Staff, guest coaches and the opportunity to meet current NRL players (subject to availability).
- Dormitory room accommodation with dining, recreation, video, seminar rooms and use of the Borambola Camp's facilities
- All meals from dinner Monday to lunch Wednesday
- 2 nights' accommodation, CRL Football, 1 training shirt, Cap, Water bottle, Camp Photo and Certificate of Attendance

The Camp cost is \$220.00. There are no additional costs and the three-day camp provides the players with an invaluable Rugby League experience they will always remember. Throughout the duration of the camp, players will follow a carefully balanced program designed to promote skill development, sportsmanship, fun and enjoyment. All players are fully supervised throughout the duration of the camp by trained NRL Staff and NSW Sport and Recreation Staff.

For further information, email:

dskinner@crlnsw.com.au

or register online

www.bidgeebulls.leaguenet.com.au

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Community News

➤ Netball Registration

Netball Registration will be held on Tuesday 9th April at the Coach Lamp Coffee Shop from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Team packs can be collected from Hope at the Coach Lamp Coffee Shop.

Modified & junior players will be organized into teams on registration day.

More information available from our website www.gundagainetball.wordpress.com or contact Tracey on 0412806400 or trace33@westnet.com.au

Tumut Bull Ants Junior Rugby Union Club

2nd Registration Day

Come along to the 2nd registration & training night with a free BBQ for all players.

Date: Tuesday 2nd April 2013

Where: Jarrah Oval Tumut - Bulls Home Ground

Time: 5.30pm

Cost: \$60 per player

\$50 per player for extra siblings

Enquires contact David Elworthy on 0418 694401. For more details visit

www.tumutbullants.rugbynet.com.au



➤ Gundagai Panthers Soccer Registration Days

Wednesday 3 April
District Services Club
4 – 5:30pm

&

Friday 5 April
Owen Vincent Oval
Kick around for kids and
final registration
4 - 5:30pm

\$50 per player
socks for sale \$15 each

If unable to make it to either registration but intending to play please contact Meredith Tait on 0438 835 658 as we must have numbers in by Friday 5 April.

1st game will be Saturday 11 May.



No smoking near the entrance to or exit from a public building

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FACTS

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

From **7 January 2013**, smoking is banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. The ban on smoking within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building will be delayed for licensed premises and restaurants until **6 July 2015**. The delay has been allowed to support consistent application of the ban on smoking in commercial outdoor dining areas across these settings.

What types of public buildings will be covered by the smoking ban?

Smoking is already banned in enclosed areas of public places in NSW. The law extends the smoking ban to cover the area within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building, such as:

- ✓ professional, trade, commercial and other business premises;
- ✓ Local, NSW and Federal Government premises;
- ✓ shopping centres, malls and plazas;
- ✓ restaurants, cafes, hotels and clubs;
- ✓ schools, colleges and universities;
- ✓ community centres, halls and places of worship;
- ✓ theatres, cinemas, libraries and galleries;
- ✓ accommodation hotels and motels;
- ✓ fitness centres, bowling alleys and other sporting and recreational facilities; and
- ✓ childcare facilities.

How will the new law affect residential buildings?

Buildings used only for residential purposes such as private houses or multi-unit residential accommodation (such as boarding houses, buildings in caravan parks and residential accommodation in community or strata schemes) are not covered by the ban on smoking within 4 metres of the building entrance or exit.

Buildings that have multiple uses, such as residential and commercial purposes, will be subject to the ban on smoking within 4 metres of the building pedestrian entrance or exit only at those entrances and exits which are used for non-residential purposes.

Will a person break the law if they pass by a public building, such as a convenience store, while smoking?

No. The law creates appropriate defences to ensure that it will not be an offence to pass through a smoke-free area outside the entrance of a public building, such as a convenience store, while smoking.

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

The law does not require signs to be displayed to indicate that smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building. This is due to the diverse range of public buildings that are captured under the law.

The law allows the Ministry of Health to work with Local Councils and other Government departments to develop signage appropriate to the different public buildings.

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 within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building.

Penalties of up to \$550 apply for anyone who fails to comply with the law.

Why is this Act in place?

The number of people who congregate immediately outside the entrances of buildings can be significant. People entering and exiting from public buildings are exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke and smoke drift can occur from outside buildings to the indoor areas.

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.

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.

Creating smoke-free outdoor areas, such as outside the entrances of public buildings, can 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.



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