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### DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

**2014**

#### Term 4:

#### November

- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 11 Standard English to Wagga
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - Yr 12 Farewell Dinner
  - Year 7-10 Exams commence
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Welfare Assembly

#### December

- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Presentation Day
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Students Last Day



## Uniform Sale

Please see over page for more information.



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

# Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### ➤ HSC VISUAL ART STUDENTS

The HSC Markers came on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October to mark the student's Major Art Projects. They were impressed with the work they saw.

#### ➤ Year 7 and 8 Students

Your engagement, effort and application to activities as part of your Welfare Day yesterday (Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October) was exemplary.

All the guest speakers commented on your positive behaviour. Well Done!

This was a great day organised by the Welfare Team. THANK YOU.



### THANK YOU

- To the guest speakers from Relationships Australia, NSW Police, Head Space and Murrumbidgee Medicare.
- **To All Students** who supported the P&C Street Stall by bringing in hamper items or money to purchase hamper items on the Footy Colours Day.

**The Gundagai High School P&C Street Stall is running from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October situated near the Newsagency.**

### REMINDER to Years 7-10 Students

- End of Year Examinations are in Week 6, Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, with Years 9-10 in the MPC. It is important to follow up with teachers regarding study topics, have a study plan and follow this, in order to demonstrate your learning to your teacher.
- **Year 12 Formal Dinner, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure payments are made as soon as possible**

**CLAIM THE DATE: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 6pm**

Invitation Event - Community Consultation Forum at Gundagai High School.

*Strive to Serve*

**GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL - SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE:**

A uniform clearance sale is being held by Gundagai High School at the discounted rate of 30% per item. If you are interested please come to the schools front office any Wednesday between now and the end of November while stock lasts.

For further information please contact the school on 6944 1233.



Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

The **Gundagai High School P&C** has been asked to do the catering at the Gundagai Rodeo on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

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



## Deputy Principal Message's

### Is your child's backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at <http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo>

Gundagai High School P&C have lockers available for hire to help reduce the weight students carry during the day. A form has been included at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

### Staff Professional Development

Since the start of Term 4, Staff at GHS have been involved in the following activities

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| # Growth Coaching Training            | # AECG meetings                                     |
| # HSC marking                         | # After school Video conferences on various topics. |
| # Dyslexia and education course       | # School Planning for 2015-2017                     |
| # Diabetes information training       | # National Virtual School of emerging sciences      |
| # Best Practice in HSC monitoring     | # Careers Advisor network meeting                   |
| # Riverina Sports Association meeting |   |

### Year 7 & 8 Welfare Seminars

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October Year 7 & 8 students were visited by Head Space, Relationships Australia, Riverina Medicare Local (nutrition) and the Police Liaison officer. The students were very receptive to the information provided. Gundagai High School thanks all our guests for the time and effort it took to visit our school and present information to the students .

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal

## Introduction to Metals TAFE Course

Charlie, Tylor & Clay have recently successfully completed a five week Introduction to Metals TAFE course at the Tumut Campus. The boys developed a variety of metals and welding skills and achieved several course competencies, which is a positive achievement that can be included in their portfolios. The feedback from the participating students was very positive and the boys were grateful to the TAFE for the opportunity. The boys were commended by TAFE staff on their behaviour, enthusiasm and overall commitment to the course. Charlie, Tylor and Clay are to be congratulated on their achievements and the way in which they represented Gundagai High School. Well done!



## English/HSIE Faculty News

### Australian Business Studies and Economics Competition

Earlier this year the University of NSW ran a new competition the “Australian Business Studies and Economics Competition”. We had students from Gundagai High compete which was an excellent effort since none of them are currently studying Economics and one student hasn’t yet started the Business Studies Course.

Congratulations to Daniel Stuckey who received a Certificate of Credit in the Junior Division and Terrence Watson who received a Certificate of Credit in the Senior Division, this is an excellent achievement.

Ms Kingwill

### 10% on Top: Year 12 Mentoring Program

Year Twelve students have been given the opportunity to participate in Gundagai High School’s ‘10% on Top’ program. Teachers have volunteered their time to work with Year 12 students as mentors. The interested students have been paired with nominated teachers of their choosing. The program aims to provide guidance to students, encourage personal development and to help students improve their overall academic performance. Whilst it is not a compulsory program, students will benefit from the additional support and guidance offered by their teachers in order to achieve their best possible results in their final year of schooling.

Miss Sturt

## Year 10 English

Year 10 English Exam is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, I strongly encourage all students to be revising how to write a feature article, extended response and practise their essay writing skills. If any students would like help, lunchtime writing sessions will be running this week on Wednesday and Friday at the CLS.

## Year 9 History

The Year 9 History exam is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, all students need to revise the content covered so far this term for World War II. If any student requires some catch-up sessions please see Miss Turner at the English staffroom.

Miss Turner

## Year 10 Geography Fieldwork

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October all of Year 10 ventured to Lake Albert, Wagga Wagga to undertake some fieldwork with Darron Watt from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre. Fieldwork is a mandatory part of the Stage 5 Geography Syllabus and this excursion allowed students to witness and investigate some of the "Issues in Australian Environments".

Upon arrival, we completed some water tests for salinity, phosphorous, turbidity and pH levels. We witnessed 3 cod being caught within half an hour.

However, the elements were against us and we experienced rain, lightning and then extremely strong winds. We completed some soil tests and observed the Riparian Zone quickly after the rain, checked the piezometer for the water table height and salinity content. We had a look at some of the management strategies used to combat issues in the lake, such as the sediment trap and artificial wetland and came home.

Thankyou to Miss Ly and Darron Watt for accompanying us on the excursion & Brian Smith for saving us from the weather with the bus.

Ms Kingwill



**Year 10 Geography**



**Sediment Trap**



Gundagai High School  
P & C Association

**RETURN SLIP – HIRE OF SCHOOL LOCKER**

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

I will hire a locker for my child Yes / No

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

I will pay: \$60.00 (1 year)

I have enclosed payment by:

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

b) cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Community Notices

### Gundagai Swimming Pool

Gundagai Swimming Pool opening Saturday 1st November, 2014.

Opening hours:

Morning Lap Swimming: 6:30 - 8:00am (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

Recreational opening hours: 11:00am - 6:00pm (7 days)

Season ticket prices: \$70 single child, \$80 single adult, \$160 family

General entry: \$5 adult, \$3 child



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Look out for your invitation in the mail.



Australian Government

Stay tuned for the **RETUNE**

# Australia is retuning

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After channels have changed, you'll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder on **12th November 2014** to find the channels that have moved.

Want more information? [www.digitalready.gov.au/retune](http://www.digitalready.gov.au/retune) 1800 20 10 13

\*Different areas will need to retune on different dates. Visit [www.digitalready.gov.au/retune](http://www.digitalready.gov.au/retune) for more information.



Join us at the  
**Montreal Community Theatre**  
**on Thursday 20 November @ 6pm**

**For a Community Fundraising event**

**To help with the purchase of an  
ultrasound machine for the  
Tumut Hospital**



**A movie for everyone "Boyhood" will be shown,  
commencing at 6.30pm**

**Filmed over 12 years with the same cast,  
a ground breaking story of growing up as seen through  
the eyes of a child named Mason. Boyhood is both  
a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an  
ode to growing up and parenting.**

**Tickets cost \$20 and this covers:  
Entry, champagne, tea/coffee and a light supper.**

**Tickets are available at: the Tumut Hospital Administration,  
Tumut Family Medical Centre & Sounds of the Mountains.**