



**Friday, 14 November 2014**

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*Principal: Jennifer Miggins*

**DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

**2014**

**Term 4:**

**November**

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - SLR Canoeing Expedition
  - Year 9/10/11 Art excursion to Wagga
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
ODI Cricket at Manuka
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 9/11 excursion to Canberra University

**December**

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Cadets Graduation during sport
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Presentation Day
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 11 Excursion
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Students Last Day



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

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to the Gundagai RSL sub-branch for inviting our School Captains to speak at this service.

Our School Captains Sabrina Meurs, Brodie Paton and Zoe Watson gave a powerful speech to those gathered at Anzac Grove as part of the Gundagai Remembrance Day Ceremony. They very proudly represented Gundagai High School and the youth of today.

The Captain's speech can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### YEAR 12 FAREWELL DINNER

Decorated tables, a lit entrance archway and a personally decorated cake set the mood for an outstanding Year 12 Dinner. Ms Weaver, Ms Appleby, along with the support of some hardworking Year 11 students are to be congratulated. THANK YOU!!

Year 12 received their end of schooling Portfolios, a gift bag from the school that contained a Gundagai High School mug and pen and the P&C Graduation Bear for each student. This proved a huge hit with students who collected special messages from their friends, teachers and parents on the night.

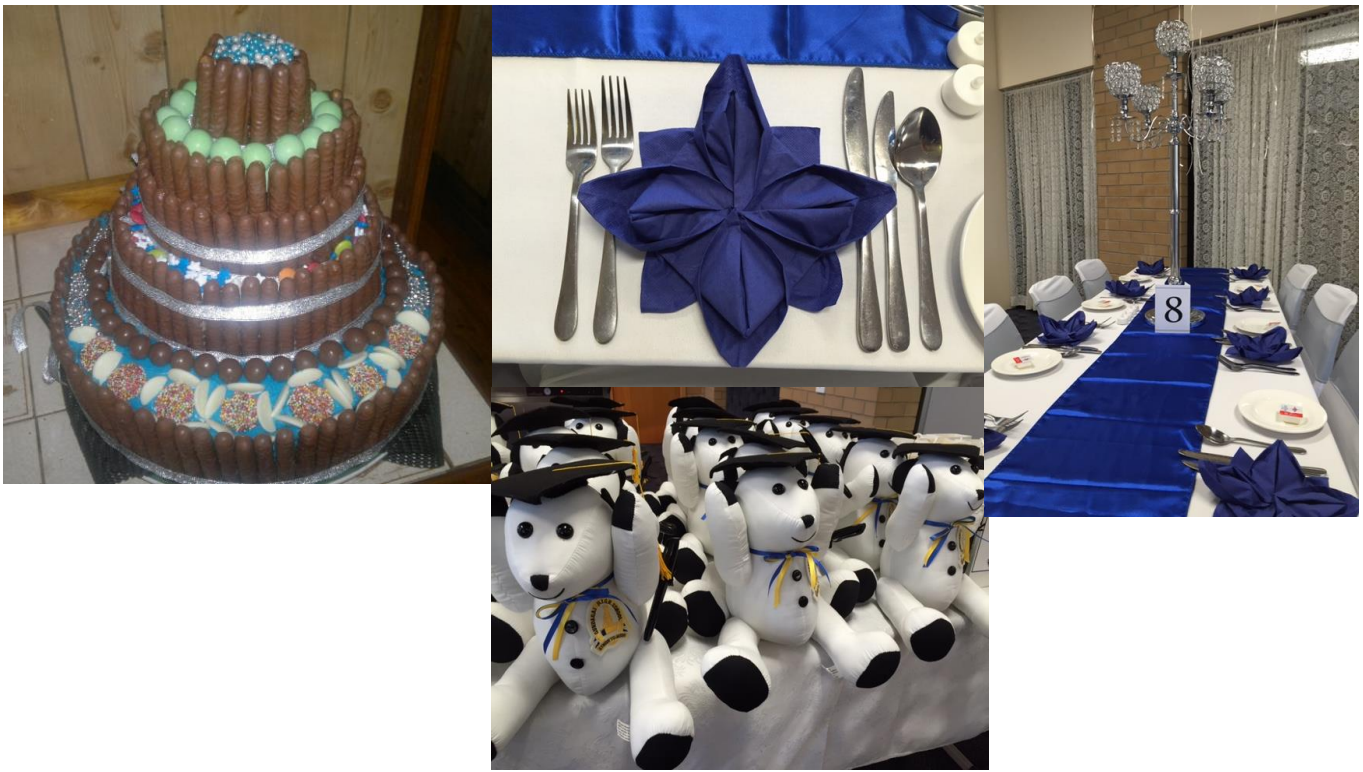
Thank you to the Gundagai Services Club for the use of Blue Rooms for this function and the delicious food on the evening. The service on the evening by an ex-student Monique Luff and current student Nikki Smart was excellent.

Our School Captains did a fantastic job as hosts for the evening.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to Year 12.



*Strive to Serve*



There will be more Year 12 photos in the next newsletter.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- To Miles Hunt and James Petty who have had their HSC Industrial Technology Major Design Projects nominated for inclusion in the 2015 InTech exhibition. This is a very prestigious event which is patronised by many students and teachers for inspiration for their projects and admirations of the high level of skill application demonstrated in the displayed projects.
- The Year 12 students who have been successful in being accepted through the Principal's Report Entry Program (PREP) through Charles Sturt University. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Ms Annetts as soon as a possible.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- **Harry McDonnell** for his extraordinary efforts in the Sydney to Wollongong MS Charity Bike Ride. Harry raised \$300.00 Well Done!!



**REMINDER: for those that have sent an RSVP**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 6pm**

Invitation Event - Community Consultation Forum at Gundagai High School.

Jennifer Miggins  
Principal



### 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.



## Deputy Principal Message's

### Welfare Assembly

Congratulations to all **52** students who received their level certificates at the Welfare Assembly on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.



### Natural Disasters

Is your child studying the science behind natural disasters? The science assignment starter gives interesting links and resources that explain the causes of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Science assignment starters: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/natural-disasters-project>

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal



# 7 Science A

Year 7 students have recently been studying forces and how they exist in the world around us. We've looked out how friction can be both helpful and "bad". EG we couldn't walk if we didn't have friction between our feet and the ground, but it makes it really hard to push a heavy box across a carpet floor.

In one of our lessons we looked at the forces involved in flying planes. Students made 3 planes of different designs to see which would fly the furthest. Jack Elphick made the most successful paper plane on the day. We also made water rockets and although we had technical difficulties with the launchpad, Harry and Jack showed excellent problem solving skills to fix the Launchpad so we could fly our rockets. Harry and Jack also achieved the result of longest water rocket flight. Well done!





# WELFARE ASSEMBLY

## Level 1 Student Promotion



## Level 2 Student Promotion





### Level 3 Student Promotion



### Level 4 Student Promotion



# Remembrance Day Speeches 2014

## **Sabrina**

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm Sabrina Meurs, and with my fellow School Captains Brodie Paton and Zoe Watson, we're representing Gundagai High School.

On this day in 1918, the Germans called for an Armistice, in order to secure a peace settlement after more than four years of war. It is the day when the guns fell silent, marking the end of World War 1. This day is called Remembrance Day, and it is the day in which we stop to remember those who fought for our country, and gave their lives for us in all armed conflicts and wars.

## **Brodie**

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, the Armistice was signed 96 years ago. There was supposed to be no more conflict, no more lives to be lost, and it was the day that our soldiers realised they were going to return home. It was initially called Armistice Day, however, after World War 2, it was renamed Remembrance Day. It is an important day recognised by countries around the world. It is a day for countries to remember, and honour, their fallen soldiers, who had not only fought in World War 1, but other wars such as World War 2 and Vietnam.

Each year we take a moment of our time to acknowledge the sacrifice made by soldiers past and present. I believe that it is important to incorporate the standards and values of our servicemen and women into our everyday lives. For me, this means to show loyalty, mateship and appreciation within my family as well as the community. I show respect to all citizens by taking time away from myself to give to others. I pride myself on making a positive contribution to my community and I value the opportunities I have as a result of the sacrifices of others. While we remember the sacrifices of others on this day in particular, I strive to carry the spirit of remembrance with me every day and in all my pursuits.

## **Zoe**

Gundagai soldier James Bell was one of many troops from Gundagai that helped protect our country during World War 1. He joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1915. He enlisted with his two brothers, Jack and Tom. James was shot twice, suffered trench fever and severe gas poisoning, and required transportation to England for medical treatment. After recuperating each time he returned to the war front to resume his duty. James's brother Tom had been killed a few years earlier at Gallipoli, just eight weeks after the initial landings at Anzac Cove. James then witnessed his other brother Jack, killed in action. Jack was killed by a shell burst and James crawled from his trench to bury his brother. If there can be any beauty to war, it is the mateship and loyalty between comrades.

James returned home to Gundagai after having to leave his brothers behind on the battle front. After this very sad time in the Bell families' life, they named their property 'Lone Pine' in honour and memory of their lost sons. On the hill at 'Lone Pine' Gundagai, stands a tree that has stubbornly refused to die, even during bushfire and years of drought. That tree was planted from seeds brought back from the Gallipoli Peninsula by James Bell. Like the Lone Pine, every tree standing here around us today, is in memory of the life of a lost son of Gundagai. When remembering the fallen it is not hard to look for what their sacrifice has provided. The beds in which we sleep or the education that I am provided is evidence of our freedom. I refuse to waste this freedom and endeavour to put 100% into everything I do. We gather here today as free Australians with countless opportunities and choices; and I believe we should choose to live a purposeful life in memory of our servicemen.

Although our soldiers have passed, they still live on through us.

### **Sabrina**

As citizens of Australia, we're all connected to the ANZACS, and we all recognise the sacrifice they made for our country. As a volunteer of the Rural Fire Service, I would like to think that I am honouring the memories of those that have sacrificed everything. I'd like to thank the families that sacrificed so much to protect our country, I'd like to thank the ANZACS who fought for Australia to provide us with a safe lifestyle, and I'd also like to thank the troops that serve today. Today we will honour the families that sacrificed their lives for our country, the soldiers who returned home, and the brave actions of our ANZACS. Remembrance Day is a time for everyday Australian citizens like me to remember, and honour, the valiant actions of our Australian troops that protected our country, who will never be forgotten. Lest We Forget.



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



**White Ribbon Day**  
**25 November**

**Unite for the Right**  
**To**  
**Prevent Domestic Violence**

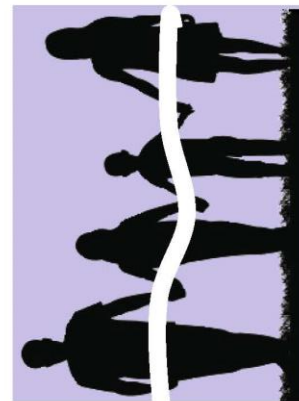
March against domestic violence

Gather at the old Franklins Car Park Off Peter Street at 9.45am

March from Southern end of Baylis Street at 10am

Concluding at Victory Memorial Gardens

FREE BBQ	Face Painting	FREE Soft Drinks	Support and Information
Petting Zoo	Feed the Ducks	DRUMBEAT	Children's Entertainment
			Community Groups



Proudly Supported by Wagga Domestic Violence Liaison Committee, including:



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## REASON FOR ABSENCE



My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_  
was absent from school on \_\_\_\_\_  
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# DISCO



**When:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Time:** 7:30-10:30pm **Where:** GHS MPC

**Tickets** - \$5.00 Levels 1 & 2 - \$4.00

Tickets must be purchased before the night.

Level 1 & 2 need to present their Level Card.

**Tickets on sale at recess and lunch Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed 26<sup>th</sup> November in Year 10 area.**

Hotdogs \$2 Order with Ticket

Drinks 1.50

Chips \$1.00



Glow items will be on sale at the Disco by the SRC.

Items and prices will be advertised later.