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DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:

2014

Term 4:

December

- **Wednesday 3rd**
Cadets Graduation during sport
- **Thursday 4th**
Year 7 & 8 Discovery Day
- **Friday 5th**
Year 9 & 10 Discovery Day
- **Monday 8th**
P & C Meeting
- **Friday 12th**
Presentation Day
- **Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th**
Year 11 Excursion
- **Wednesday 17th**
Students Last Day



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

Gundagai High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

WITH SADNESS

It is with great sadness that I inform the Gundagai High School Community that Mr Peter Franks, Principal from 1993 till July 2009 passed away on Tuesday 25th November, 2014.

I have passed on our deepest sympathy to his wife Wendy and Family.



Gundagai High School will be holding a gathering to celebrate the contribution made by Peter to Gundagai High School. The date and time is yet to be confirmed.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FORUM at Gundagai High School on Monday 17th November was attended by over thirty parents and community members. The feedback and input was very valuable to our planning process. Thank you to all those that attended and participated on the night. I look forward to future opportunities when parents, community and the school can work together on such important strategies.

CONGRATULATIONS

- IT Wizzes – Daniel, Sabrina, Emily, Clare, Samantha and Ali who participated in an Adobe workshop last week. They demonstrated their skills with news items at our Assembly on Tuesday. Look out for these items on our website.
 - Year 8 Visual Art class on your exceptional mugs that are displayed in the Front Office area. Thank you for sharing your art expertise with us and the visitors of the school. (Photos over the page)
 - To the Premier Sporting Challenge participants on receiving your Certificates on Tuesday. Keep up your exercise program.
 - Students who attended the GHS Disco on Wednesday night. Your behaviour and participation in the event was as expected – excellent. Well Done!
- THANK YOU to all the organising and supervising Teachers. Without the support of the staff these types of events would not be possible.

Strive to Serve

REMINDERS

- **Year 6 Parent Orientation evening** Tuesday 2nd December, 6pm
- **Year 6 Orientation** Wednesday 3rd December
- **RFS Cadet Graduation Ceremony 1.30pm** Wednesday 3rd December
- **PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS** This Award Ceremony for our Aboriginal Students and Families will take place on Thursday 4th December, 2014 at **5.00 pm** Bila Park Tumut

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

GUIDE TO TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here's what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/technology/using-technology/a-guide-to-technology-toys>

NEW WEBSITE GIVES EASY ACCESS TO VOCATIONAL COURSES

Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/>

The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships.

For enquiries, students can contact enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

EXCURSION TO UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

On Tuesday 25th November Year 9 and Year 11 students travelled to the University of Canberra to participate in the UC 4 Yourself Day. UC 4 Yourself is an initiative offered which aims at raising the aspirations of students for higher education. The program aims to familiarise rural and regional students with a university environment, provide information on the range of courses available, and encourage students to think about their post-school options. During the day students took part in a range of activities including workshops, a campus tour, the 'Expo' with interactive stalls and demonstrations from different discipline areas of the university and an accommodation tour. UC 4 Yourself was a jam packed day and the feedback from students was very positive. The students' behaviour was exemplary and their enthusiastic approach to all tasks was noteworthy. All students who attended are to be congratulated on the way in which they represented Gundagai High School.



Year 11 Sport Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR) -

On Tuesday 18th November Year 11 SLR students with Mr Hall, Miss Zoe Sturt and Mr Bridgeman went on a canoeing expedition. Students had previously practiced their canoeing skills and passed a competency test at the local swimming pool.



Starting at the end of 'Common Farm Road' we set off at 11.30am and finished at the Gundagai boat ramp on Nangus road at around 2.30pm.

Students used their own craft, or borrowed vessels from friends and or the local scout group. In total we had 12 boats which made for a great site travelling downstream.

Stopping along the way to check out the scenery, we had a picnic beside the river and rescued Jack's boat; this broke up the trip and helped make it a fun and relaxing way to see the Murrumbidgee River.

Many of us had not taken part in such a trip before.



Highlights of the day were -

- Spending the whole school day on the river
- Jack Casnave videoing us with his go-pro
- Stopping along the way and having a picnic lunch
- Sliding and rolling down the steep sandbanks
- Seeing a platypus
- Jack Casnave capsizing when he was too busy eating his chips and not watching the upcoming log
- Numerous water fights along the way

Thank you to the following people

- Mr Bridgeman for organising the excursion
- Mr Hall and Miss Sturt for coming along and being the extra supervision needed
- Rebecca Britt, Meike Coleman and Donna Hourn for your transportation
- The local scouts for your life jackets and canoes
- All those people who lent us your kayaks

Written by - Cody Makeham (SLR STUDENT)





Australia V South Africa One Day International Cricket

Australia took a 2-1 lead in the one-day international series against South Africa with a 73-run victory in the third game, at Manuka on Wednesday 19th November. GHS participated in this historical event by attending the first ever day/night ODI held at Manuka Oval. Fifty one GHS students, one grandparent and three teachers travelled to Canberra to experience the atmosphere of the live cricket match. Our group all wore the GHS sports shirt and special GHS bucket hats to stand out in the crowd. Upon arrival we set up camp and hung our school flag, which was swiftly taken down by security.

Throughout the day the crowd was as riveting to watch as the cricket itself. The Mexican Wave travelled around the grandstands at different times, which our students wholeheartedly joined. James Franklin's excitement to show his support of the Australian Cricket Team by enthusiastically attempting to start a Mexican Wave, fell short when he was the sole participant. The multiple inflatable beach balls that bounced off the fists and heads of the masses provided hours of fun for some and apprehension for those wanting to actually watch the cricket. Jack Casnave's home made sign to advertise his mobile phone number was a tad unsuccessful due to the fact he insisted on holding the sign in front of his face and that it said 'CALL MEXOX'. Even the cameraman who filmed our group to go on the big screen asked, "Who's Mexox"?

Unfortunately, our stand did not have any cover to protect us from the sun. Students responsibly applied sunscreen throughout the day to prevent sunburn. Miss Carr's handheld spray waterbottle proved to be a hit in providing some much needed relief from the afternoon heat. That was until it was put to shame by The Red Frog Company who walked around with highpressure backpack watersprays, soaking the crowd with cool water. Charlie Degotardi was particularly fond of this thought and encouraged a personal hose down when he lifted his shirt! The company also donated much needed sugar hits through the distribution of never ending bags of red frogs and iceblocks.

Our group was a standout in the crowd of over 10,500 people, both visually and vocally. Students cheered and clapped consistently throughout the match. A group of spectators nearby heard the enthusiastic cheering from our group and loudly expressed their support of Gundagai and their knowledge of the old Gundagai/ Tumut rivalry, which hyped the students up even more.

All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day. Congratulations to those dedicated students who managed to turn up to roll call at 9am the following day, after arriving back in Gundagai at 12:30am! Thank you to parents for collecting your kids at such an early hour of the morning. Thanks also to Makeham's Coaches for transporting us safely and comfortably.



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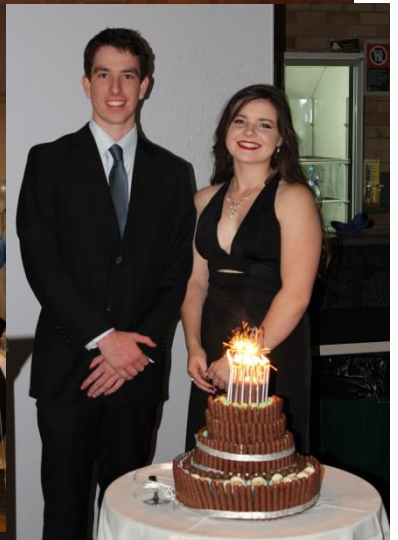


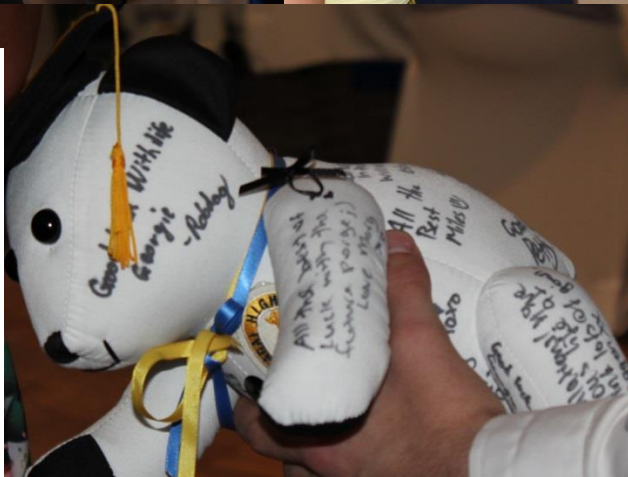
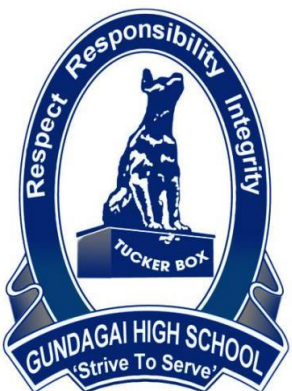
SCHOOL DISCO

Last Wednesday students from Years 7-12 enjoyed a school disco. All the money raised has gone towards Year 10's sponsor child. For at least the last 10 years this has become a tradition. Students had a good night and were well behaved. There was some great music supplied by DJ MISTA ROCKIN CRANE3 and Miss Turn Table Turner. Thanks to all teachers for taking time out of their evening and supervising the disco. Mr H was the bestest rocker of the night.



YEAR 12 2014 FAREWELL DINNER





REASON FOR ABSENCE



My son/daughter _____ in Year _____
was absent from school on _____
(dates student absent)

Reason: Sick Medical/Dental Family Leave

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

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