



**Wednesday, 10 December  
2014**

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**DATES FROM THE CALENDAR:**

**2014**

**Term 4:**

**December**

- **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

**2015**

**Term 1:**

**January**

- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Staff Return
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 7,11 &12 return
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
All students return

**February**

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Swimming Carnival

# Gundagai High School

# NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

### THANK YOU

➤ **To Ms Annetts** for her organisation of the Year 6 Parent Orientation evening and the Year 6 Orientation. Both events were very successful; with students very keen to begin high school in 2015.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE:

#### ➤ **RFS Cadets on their graduation**

The Graduation Ceremony was held last Wednesday 3rd December 2014, with parents, Riverina Highlands Zone Manager Ian Stewart and Councillor Mike Kingwill in attendance with RFS Volunteer Ian Petty; the trainer of the RFS Cadets. Congratulations to the new Graduates.

This has been a long standing program that sees the students who engage in the program develop very valuable skills that will support them as members of the RFS but also like skills of teamwork and leadership.

#### ➤ **Proud And Deadly Awardees**

This Award Ceremony for our Aboriginal Students and Families took place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Congratulations go to: Amber Britt, Riley Britt, Jordan Crowe, Kyara Lyons, Caden Piper, Frank Smith, Angelica Whiting, James Franklin, Wayne Freeman, Cody Makeham, Makara Smith and Robbie Ward.

### BOARD OF STUDIES INFORMATION

#### **2014 Year 12 students who are eligible for the HSC**

Students will receive their vocational documentation with their BOSTES HSC Package posted - to arrive at their home address on **Wednesday 14 January 2015**.

### STUDENT END OF YEAR REPORTS

These reports will be distributed Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014



## THANK YOU

- **Parents for your ongoing support of Gundagai High School. It is important the partnership that we have with you in support of your child(ren).**
- **P&C for their support of Gundagai High School. The P&C are a positive group of parents who have been involved in all aspects of the school and have been asked for feedback and to be involved in key teams which they have done as valuable members of the school community.**
- **TO ALL GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL STAFF FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT THEY PUT IN FOR EACH AND EVERY STUDENT. THEY ARE A FANTASTIC STAFF.**

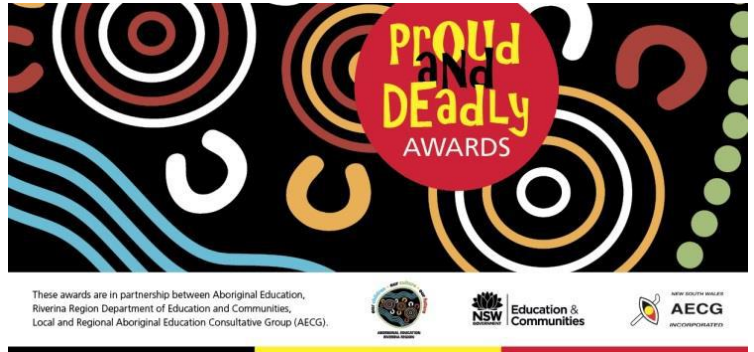
Jennifer Miggins  
Principal

Happy Holidays and a Safe  
Return to Gundagai High  
School in 2015



## Proud & Deadly Awards 2014

On Thursday 4 December the achievements and success of twelve students from GHS were recognised at the Proud and Deadly Awards held in Tumut. These awards acknowledge the achievements of many of our Indigenous students in areas such as academic, culture and citizenship. Well done to our award recipients!



| Year Group | Student Name     | Award              |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 7          | Riley Britt      | Encouragement      |
| 7          | Kyarah Lyons     | Encouragement      |
| 7          | Frank Smith      | Encouragement      |
| 8          | James Franklin   | Sport              |
| 8          | Wayne Freeman    | Sport              |
| 8          | Angelica Whiting | Encouragement      |
| 9          | Amber Britt      | Cultural           |
| 9          | Jordan Crowe     | Encouragement      |
| 10         | Caden Piper      | Encouragement      |
| 11         | Cody Makeham     | Yr 11 Completion   |
| 11         | Makara Smith     | Yr 11 Completion   |
| 12         | Robbie Ward      | Year 12 Completion |



## Aboriginal Science and Engineering Program



Congratulations to GHS Year 7 student Riley who was selected to attend the Aboriginal Science and Engineering Program (ASEP) at the University of New South Wales which was held in week 8 this term. He was one of only twelve Year 7 students chosen from throughout NSW. The three day camp was action packed with exposure to cutting edge technologies such as the Virtual Reality Simulator that virtually transported participants into the belly of a mine site, the World Cup winning football playing Robots and exploring space in 3D to learn about Indigenous sky stories in Sydney's newest Digital Planetarium at the Sydney Observatory.

## Year 6 Orientation Day

Students from five local primary schools attended the Year 6 Orientation Day last Wednesday at Gundagai High School. The day was action packed with students having the opportunity to experience a wide variety of high school subjects and activities. The orientation day gave students the chance to mix with students from other primary schools and experience firsthand what high school is like. The morning session consisted of six taster lessons with various teachers from different faculties running each lesson. In the afternoon, the students were treated to a display from the school's RFS cadets and were a fantastic audience for the cadets' graduation ceremony. The day concluded with an enjoyable sport session where the high participation and positive sportsmanship of all students was noteworthy.

Thank you to all students who attended Orientation Day, we look forward to welcoming you to the school in 2015. Thank you to the teachers of Gundagai High School who contributed to Orientation Day to make the day such an enjoyable and positive experience for the students.



## Year 7 Auslan

This year we have trialled an Introduction to Auslan course for our Year 7s as part of their Tec rotation. Auslan is the language of the Deaf community of Australia and Gundagai High School is the only state high school in NSW offering such a course in Year 7. Next year, Auslan will again run but this time as a year-long course. This means next year's Year 7 students will have more chance to develop their awareness of Deaf culture and gain greater skills in using and communicating in Auslan. Gundagai High will also be seeking to have their pilot Auslan course accredited with the NSW Board of Studies, following input from the NSW Deaf Society and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. Gundagai High School is extremely grateful to Rachel Jones and her partner Mark. Rachel and Mark are the parents of one of our students, Justin Jones and are members of the Gundagai Deaf community. Both have been very generous in giving their time to assist us in the practical aspects of learning Auslan. We look forward to another great year learning about signing.

Craig Palmer  
Year Adviser

## RFS Cadet Graduation

A very successful year for RFS Cadets at Gundagai High was capped off on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. with the graduation of 3 new Cadets and the awarding of a Basic Fire Fighting accreditation.

Stacey received her accreditation and PPE patch from Riverina Highlands Zone Manager Ian Stewart. Stacey is the first RFS cadet to receive her BF whilst still a School cadet; Stacey is also our RFS cadet brigade Captain.

Corey, Christian and Murray graduated from the RFS School Cadet program. Gundagai Shire Councillor Mike Kingwill was on hand to present all cadets with certificates of achievement. The cadets displayed their skills by undertaking various scenarios with the equipment in front of some 45 Year 6 students who were visiting for their orientation day.

This Graduation follows up the success GHS Cadets had by winning the title of State Champions at Pambula in September.

I would like to thank Ian Petty for the time he dedicated to training the cadets throughout 2014; giving of his personal time to develop the unit. Without the continued support of community members like Ian, programs like cadets would find it difficult to continue.

I would also like to thank Karen Lewin who went as a chaperone with the cadets to Pambula again giving of her time to assist and ensure the success of the program. Tumblong and North Gundagai Brigades are strong supporters of cadets as they freely make their vehicles and equipment available for training so I extend my appreciation to those brigades. Also to the RFS Riverina Highlands Zone staff who are also strong supporters of cadets in this area, thank you.

Dale Chadwick RFS Cadet Coordinator



## Agriculture News

### Donations

We recently sold some lambs at Wagga and again Hawthorne's Transport trucked the stock to the saleyards at no cost to the School farm. I would like to thank Jack and Jenny for their ongoing support of the School farm by providing this service to us. These lambs were by a Poll Dorset ram donated by Andrew and Donna Scott at Valley Vista, Coolac and returned \$114 each.

A bull from Bongongo Angus was also picked up recently by Ian Petty at no cost to the school farm so I wish to thank Ian and Lynda for their support and Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus for the loan of the bull.

Dale Chadwick Agriculture Teacher

## 2015 School Start Dates

Years 7, 11 and 12 only return

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

All students return

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015



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Free  
Hockey Development Clinics  
TUMUT this summer

Tuesday 13th, 20th & 27th January 2015

5 - 6pm Coaches Development Session  
6 - 8pm Game/Skills Session for 15-18+

Wed 14th, 21st & 28th January 2015  
8 - 9.30am Skills/Game for 5-8 Yrs  
10 - 11am Skills/Game for 9-12 Yrs  
11-1pm Skills/Game for 13-15 Yrs  
1.30- 2pm Coaches Session

RSVP is essential! Contact:  
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