



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 4! The warmer weather has certainly arrived and the school grounds are looking more colourful and much brighter!

### Year 12 Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations

The HSC examinations commenced last Monday, 12 October, with Paper 1 of the English Standard and English Advanced courses and our Year 12 students have been attending school over the past week to complete the rest of their scheduled examinations.

The students who attended the first English examination remained at the conclusion of the examination to have their photo taken and both Jack Lemon and Nicki Smart were interviewed by the Gundagai Independent. It was good to hear that they felt they were off to a good start.

Our whole school community wishes all of our Year 12 students the very best for their HSC examinations!



Did you know that around 69,000 students in NSW will complete their HSC program this year? Our students are among an increasing number of students who continue their learning to Year 12 level. Students have already completed 50 per cent of their HSC assessments at school. Over the next few weeks, in completing their examinations, they will have the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learnt in their HSC courses.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

20 October	Welfare Assembly 11.35am in MPC, Getting into English Night @ 6pm
21 October	Boys Junior Basketball - Albury, Girls Cricket - Wagga, U15 Netball -Wagga
23 October	District SRC at GHS, ODI Cricket at Manuka Oval
29-30 October	GHS P&C Street Stall
4 November	Last day of HSC exams
9 November	Yr 12 Dinner @ 6pm
1 December	Yr 6 Parent Information Night @ 6pm
2 December	Yr 6 Orientation Day
11 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Last day for students

To be awarded the HSC, students must complete at least 12 units of preliminary courses usually in Years 11 and 10 units of HSC courses, including English.

Following the last HSC exam on Wednesday 4 November and the marking of around 1.2 million scripts, students will receive their results from 6am on Wednesday 16 December.

### **ALARM professional learning training**

Last week six of our teachers attended a two-day forum on ALARM training at Cootamundra.

ALARM is an acronym for **A Learning And Responding Matrix** and is a literacy strategy that explicitly teaches students to think and respond critically, evaluate information and make connections between ideas.

Students learn to develop a scaffolded matrix for organising their course content and for writing extended responses.

Our teachers are very excited about learning about how to best implement ALARM at Gundagai High School and we can already see the potential this strategy has to improve student higher order thinking, literacy skills and our NAPLAN and HSC results.

Our school has created a Learning Coordinator teacher position to facilitate and support the introduction of ALARM, starting with our stage 6 (Year 11 and Year 12) classes in 2016. More information will be outlined in the next newsletter but in the meantime, if you wish to find out more about how we plan to help our students learn better, there are some YouTube clips that outline the features of ALARM and these are presented by the creator of the system, Max Woods, a teacher from Freshwater Senior Campus. The link for the introduction is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnZ2TiBh-QY>.

### **Reminder: *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

A reminder that the closing date for the current parent/carer survey has been extended to 23 October. Please complete the survey which can be accessed via the following direct link:

[https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j\\_acegi\\_security\\_check?j\\_username=parent12654&j\\_password=Gun8442](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent12654&j_password=Gun8442)

The link will open directly to the 'Begin Survey' page of the parent/carer survey and no login details will be required. Please feel free to contact the school if you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the survey.

Many thanks to the parents/carers who have taken time out of their busy schedule to complete the survey. We are looking forward to analysing the results of the survey once they become available.

### **National Gonski week 2015**

This year National Gonski Week will be held between October 26 and November 1.

It is a great opportunity to get active in the campaign and help secure the resources that will improve the education children receive across Australia. Where Gonski funding is going into schools it is making a huge difference. Please visit the following website to register your interest

[http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/act\\_now](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/act_now)



At our school, the following has been made possible because of the additional funding that we have received under the Gonski initiative:

- **Boys Program and Girls Program, with a Boys Adviser and a Girls Adviser**
- **Significant increase and upgrade in technology across the whole school, including the installation of an audio visual package in the Multi Purpose Centre (MPC)**
- **Increased opportunities for teachers to engage in professional learning experiences**

We are in a position to better meet the learning needs of our students because the above programs and initiatives help us to:

- **Raise awareness of gender issues; develop respect, responsibility and integrity in students to support our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) initiatives**
- **provide extra ICT resources for faculties to embed into classroom practice and whole school initiatives**
- **Enhance teacher quality**

I would like to once again wish all of our Year 12 students all the very best in their HSC examinations and thank their parents/carers and families for their continued support at this important time. I look forward to celebrating with our Year 12 students, their families and the staff at the Year 12 Dinner on Monday 9 November.

Mrs Adelia Fuller  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Teacher Training and Development

During the first few weeks of Term 4, GHS Staff have been involved in the following training and development;

1. A Learning and Response Matrix (ALARM) training
2. Agriculture Inspirations training
3. Principals Meeting – School Planning Processes

### School Uniform

Representative from Lowes, the P&C and GHS met on Thursday 15 October. At this meeting we discussed access to sample uniforms for sizing purposes, ordering uniforms online, Ezy-Way Card, sales and discounts and Lowes uniform shop visiting Gundagai High School. There is further information at the end of my report about access to Lowes, ordering online, their discounts and Lowes Rewards Club.

The Wagga store is bringing a mobile uniform shop to GHS on the following dates;

- Tuesday 1 December 2015** from 5pm
- Thursday 28 February 2016** from 10am
- Tuesday 3 May 2016** from 10am



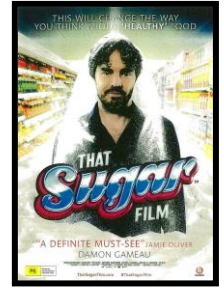
It is hoped these dates will allow for a smoother uniform transition into 2016 and the colder months for our students.

Gundagai High School will also permanently have all items on the uniform list available and all sizes for students to try on before parents order uniforms online. This will be available at the front office from Monday 26 October 2015.

If parents still have difficulty with obtaining uniform items, please come into school and discuss options with the office staff. We will work with you to get all students in the correct uniform.

## That Sugar Film

Gundagai High held a free public screening of 'That Sugar Film' on Tuesday 13 October. The writer, director and star of the film Damon Gameau was the special guest for the evening. He answered many questions from the crowd and discussed the impact of sugar on our health. Gundagai High has received a school action kit which includes a copy of the film on DVD, lesson activities and healthy recipe book. All students from Years 7-10 will be viewing the film during term 4 and completing some modules from the action kit.



For those with smart phones who are interested in tracking their daily sugar consumption, download the free 'That Sugar App'. This app helps you identify the amount of sugar in foods by scanning the barcode and gives you healthy diet advice.

'That Sugar Film' internet website and Facebook page also provides ongoing information and health tips. I encourage everyone to view the film as it addresses many health issues that confront today's society including obesity, mental wellbeing and oral health.

Mr Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal



### Apply in-store today for an amazing way to save

The Lowes Ezy-Way Credit Card is the only credit card that offers 5% instant saving even on goods already reduced. Offers just for Ezy-Way customers are included with their monthly statement. Up to 59 days interest free depending on date of purchase. No interest or monthly fees if account is paid in full by due date for payment.

It costs nothing to open an Ezy-Way credit card. There are no annual fees and you can avoid all credit charges by paying in full before the due date.

### Benefits and features of an Ezy-Way Credit Card

Save 5% on all purchases. This includes items that are already reduced. No annual fees  
No interest or account keeping fee if your balance is paid in full by the payment due date

Exclusive shopping specials and promotion offers sent in statement

Exclusive shopping offers - Emailed

Exclusive promotion offers - Emailed

Up to 59 days' interest free period depending on date of purchase  
Additional cards on account upon request at no charge

### Apply in-store to be rewarded with Lowes Rewards Club

The Lowes Rewards Club card is free to join, and with every purchase you will earn 5% rewards voucher that is sent to you twice a year.

As a Rewards club member you will receive exclusive shopping offers and great promotions.

The more you spend the more you earn.

### Benefits and Features of the Rewards Club Card

The value of 5% of your purchase will be sent to you as a voucher twice a year.

No Joining Fee

Exclusive shopping offers - Emailed

Exclusive promotional offers – Emailed



# P&C Street Stall

The P&C is busy planning for this major fundraising activity.

To gather items for the hamper raffle, on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, students are asked to bring a donation for the hamper or \$2.00, and hand this donation in to the Canteen prior to 9am. Students will receive a ticket which can be used to collect a sunny boy at lunch time on that day.



**Years 7 – Cleaning items** (laundry, bathroom, kitchen) eg sponges, gloves, cleaners, detergent, buckets, tissues, paper towels etc.



**Year 8 – Snacks** – biscuits, chips, lollies, nuts etc.

**Years 9 & 10 – Kitchen pantry items** – food items such as soups, cans, flour, spices, rice, pasta, breakfast cereals etc.



**Years 11– Garden /Outdoor items/Pet Food** – seeds, bulbs, gardening gloves, pegs, etc

Please check hamper items are “in date”.

## Street Stall Days - Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October

Donations of wonderful homemade baked goodies would be greatly appreciated.

These can be sent into school on the day or dropped off at the street stall. Labels for your goodies are included at the end of the newsletter.

**We also need helpers to sit on the Street Stall.**

If you can spare an hour during either of the 2 days please phone **Lizzie Britt - 0411 888 097**, **Lynda Petty – 0408 693 949** or ring the school office - 6944 1233

Your support for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Thank you



### English Faculty Primary School Visits

Mr Regan and Mrs Lu visited Gundagai South PS and Nangus PS teaching skills on paragraph writing to Years 5 and 6 students. This was the third visit this year. Students showed great enthusiasm writing about the topic given this time: Do you prefer Hungry Jacks or McDonalds? They were able to back up their fast food preference with good supporting points. They are well on their way to producing well written paragraphs.



### Getting Into English

This term's Getting into English evening will take place in the **Needlework Room on Tuesday 20 October from 6pm to roughly 7pm**. All members of the community are invited to come and take part in the evening and share coffee, tea and lively conversation. We will be looking at more of Frost's poetry. In term 1 we read and analysed Frost's *Mending Wall* and everyone enjoyed it so much that we will consider another of his poems this term. Please be assured that no previous knowledge of Frost or his poetry is needed to take part in the evening. We hope to see you there.

## MELBOURNE SHOW

### **Gundagai High wins Melbourne Show Ribbons**

The partnership between Gundagai High School and Bongongo Angus has again resulted in ribbons at the 2015 Royal Melbourne Show. Three Agriculture students have won individual Parader ribbons at the 2015 Royal Melbourne Show along with 2 of their led steers. Jarrah Ransome and Hannah Ballard (Year 7) were placed 5<sup>th</sup> in their age heat whilst Clay Willshire (Year 10) was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in his. This is an excellent effort by the two Year 7 girls at their first major show and Clay has followed up with another Ribbon to add to the one he won last year. The whole team performed well and this is a very good example of what can be achieved by those individuals who are willing to have a go.

The student's only opportunity to practise was at lunchtimes and after school.



Seven steers were prepared by students for Melbourne and 'G.T.' (Bongongo Angus x Belted Galloway steer) was placed 1<sup>st</sup> on the hoof in its heat of the Open Medium Domestic Class (180.1 – 240 kg) and then went on to be placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the School Section for that heat. 'G.T.' went on to be placed 20<sup>th</sup> from 39 animals in this class in the carcass section. 'Meerkat' a Gundagai High bred heifer (Bongongo Angus x Charolais, Palmgrove Refine) was placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the same carcass section. 'Dozer' an Angus steer also bred at the school by Bongongo Angus bull NGXH339 was placed fourth overall in its heat in the live weight class and 24<sup>th</sup> in the carcass section.



'Billy' an Angus steer also bred at the school by Bongongo Angus bull NGXH339 was placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Heavy Domestic Carcass (240.1 kg – 300 kg) out of 95 animals entered and was only 5 points behind the Grand Champion. An Angus steer donated by Abingdon Station was placed 42<sup>nd</sup> and 2 steers donated by Drumard Partnership were placed 54<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> also in the Heavy Domestic Class. Abingdon Station has been a long-time supporter of Gundagai High School and its Show Team and I wish to thank Paul Ferry and Gary Williamson for their generosity over many years.

'Burry', donated by Drumard Partnership of Humula was just pipped from its selection in the Angus Team for the Borthwick Trophy (best 3 steers of that breed) and went on to outscore two of the Angus steers in the team by 10 points. I also appreciate the continued support of Craig Thomas one of the owners of Drumard Partnership, by his donation of 2 steers for the Melbourne Show Team in 2015.

The Show Team travelled to Melbourne on Sunday the 20 September to exhibit the 7 animals they had prepared for the Beef Carcass competition. The show was held over the 2 days of the 21 and 22 September with the Parader competitions on the Monday and steer judging on the Tuesday. Accompanying the team was teacher Dale Chadwick and parent Sandy Daley. The students on the trip conducted themselves in a professional manner and were a credit to their families and the school. The students were also able to visit some of the sights of Melbourne as well as attend a performance of The Lion King on the Wednesday.

The success of the School Show Team is dependent on the continued generosity and support of the local rural community. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Jamie & David Elworthy of Tarrabandra who continually donate hay and time to mix the ration. Thanks also to Gary Williamson and Paul Ferry of Abingdon Station and Craig Thomas of Drumard Partnership, Humula for donating steers this year. I would like to especially thank Bill and Shauna Graham of Bongongo Angus for their continued support of our Agriculture program with the loan of one of their bulls each year. I also like to welcome and thank Paul Meggison of AusFarm Nutrition Products at Bomen for his support this year donating 10 bags of his Beef Feedlot + Bovatec supplement for our ration and I look forward to continuing the relationship into the future. I wish to also recognise and thank for their ongoing support, Abb and Jim at McAlister, Saunderson and Stubbs who sponsor our banners and team jackets and Bill and Tony Barton at Gundagai Meat Processors for their donation towards the team's expenses. A very big thank you goes to Sandy Daley who gave up her time to assist with the many tasks that are required to allow the Melbourne Show trips to happen.





Gundagai High School  
Melbourne Show Team

## RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADETS

### RFS Cadets Gold Medal at Australia Fire Cadet Championships

During the second week of the school holidays six Gundagai High RFS cadets travelled to Myuna Bay to compete against 24 other teams at the AFCC. The team competed in 8 events over 2 days completing some of the events twice for a combined time and others only once. The cadets were able to post the fastest combined time for the 'Two Tanker Event' which resulted in the awarding of the gold medal for that event. Their overall results in the other events of 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> gave them an overall placing of equal fifth outright. This was an excellent effort from the relatively new team with three Year 7 students in it.

The team, Stuart Petty (Crew Leader), Mitchell Luff, Nicole Meurs, George Gradon, Campbell Smith and Bradley Luff, competed and conducted themselves in a very professional manner and were a credit to themselves and their school. It was quite a shock to actually win an event. The students all felt they had completed it quite well but still did not expect the great result followed up with the overall fifth exceeded all expectations. The team trained during Wednesday sport and for an extra 2 hours after school as well as half days and full days on weekends.



The team was trained by Mr Ian Petty and Mr Dale Chadwick who travelled with them to the AFCC along with Mrs Fiona Meurs.

I wish to thank Ian for giving up his Wednesday afternoons during the school term and weekends in the lead up to the AFCC to train the cadet team his support ensures the success of the program. I would also like to thank Fiona Meurs for assisting as our female supervisor at the Championships. Also thanks to Peter Jones at the Riverina Highlands Zone HG who is a strong supporter of our cadet program.

This link has photos of the Gundagai team at the AFCC.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianFireCadetChampionships>

Dale Chadwick  
RFS Cadet Coordinator



First target down

RFS Cadet in action







Team building by being roped together to complete a challenge course



Gundagai High School  
RFS Cadet Team



## Gumnut Childcare centre is now taking bookings for 2016.

Gumnut is open 49 weeks of the year – 8 till 5.30 each day. We offer education and care to children aged 0- 5 years of age. If you would like to book for 2016 or to find out more – please call Gumnut on 69 441 889 or email [gumnut1@westnet.com.au](mailto:gumnut1@westnet.com.au)



We're so happy we could Scream!  
Why? Because it's Halloween!  
Our crypt is ready and it's a scary sight  
filled with frightening creatures of the night.

1<sup>st</sup> Gundagai Scout Group is holding a Halloween  
Disco for all children 13 years and under

At the new Scout Hall which is in the Boys Club

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

From 7 pm to 10.00 pm

Dressing up encouraged

Cost - \$5.00 per child

Hot and cold food and drinks for sale

Please contact Group Leader Lynda Petty  
on 69 449 232 with any enquiries



# Open Garden Bundarbo Station



Sunday 15 November, 2015  
8am to 5pm

## Bundarbo Station

Dating originally to 1823, Bundarbo Station sits on a glorious stretch of the Murrumbidgee River.

Edna Walling visited the garden over a number of years and her hand can be detected in the encircling stone walls that delineate the inner garden from the historic outbuildings.

The driveway of E. Mannifera leads to extensive parklands, magnificently restored and expanded in more recent years. Roses, lavender beds, an olive grove, orchard and herb garden create a tranquil and beautiful space where time stands still.



All proceeds will support  
the Jugiong Public School

Entry \$10.00 per person (children free)

Devonshire Teas, Garden Stalls, Picnic Hamper Lunches, Lucky Door Prizes, a Raffle, Garden Tours and more.



Visit our Facebook page – Bundarbo Open Garden or email us to pre-book:

• Picnic Hampers • Garden Tours

Email: [jugiongpandc@gmail.com](mailto:jugiongpandc@gmail.com)  
or call the Jugiong School on 6945 4210

From Riverside Drive, Jugiong, turn onto Bundarbo Road, and follow the signs.

## FREE Keeping Children Safe

3 Session Program:  
Thursday 19 November 2015  
Thursday 26 November 2015  
Thursday 3 December 2015

10:30am to 2pm

Mission Australia  
Unit 2, 36-40 Gurwood St,  
Wagga Wagga



To help parents understand:

- The importance of creating a safe home environment for their children
- The need to protect children and young people as they grow and develop
- What to teach your children to keep them safe

Bookings are essential please contact your  
Case Manager or RSVP by emailing  
[ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au)  
or contact Stacey on 6942 8001



A light lunch will be provided.  
(Please advise of any special dietary requirements at time of RSVP)  
Please note child care is not being provided

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Institute of Family Practice

**MISSION AUSTRALIA** together we stand

## COLOURING & CAKE

For  
Grandparents & Grandkids

Friday 23 October  
3:30pm - 5pm - FREE!  
Adelong - Batlow - Tumut Libraries

To book phone: Batlow 69491315 Adelong 69462270  
or Tumut 69412541. Book by 22 October!

Celebrating Grandparents Day 2015



## CELEBRATING STUDENT VOLUNTEERING COMPETITION

Students are actively giving their time and energy to volunteer.

The NSW Government recognises and celebrates student volunteering.

Shape Your Future NSW is a mobilisation campaign to encourage more students to volunteer.

This competition acknowledges the contribution of student volunteers and enables students to share their experiences of:

- Building the skills and experience to get job ready
- Making a difference in your local community
- Meeting new people and hang out with new friends
- Getting involved with something you're passionate about
- Having fun, getting healthy and keeping fit

## SHARE YOUR STORY FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN \$1000

Complete these two simple steps:

1. Create an image with a 25 word caption that describes your experience of celebrating student volunteering.
2. Post your captioned images to the Shape Your Future NSW facebook wall.

Competition organisers will be looking for the best representations of how student volunteering has been celebrated.

Winners will be awarded prizes in two categories:

Students in secondary education	Students in tertiary education
\$1,000 First Prize	\$1,000 First Prize
\$500 Second Prize	\$500 Second Prize
\$250 Third Prize	\$250 Third Prize

Competition closes 30 October 2015.

To find out more, jump online or talk to one of your student leaders.



FACEBOOK.COM/NSWVOLUNTEER | VOLUNTEERING.NSW.GOV.AU





## REASON FOR ABSENCE



My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_  
was absent from school on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dates student absent)

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

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