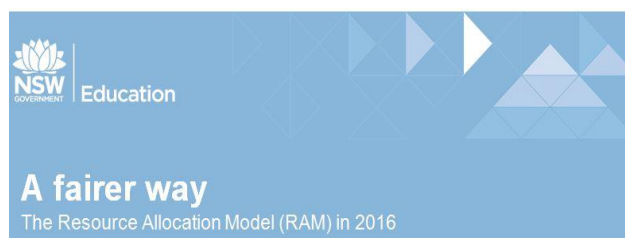


PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another edition of our Gundagai High School newsletter for Term 4!

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) in 2016

In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.



To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, \$113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for staff professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 November	Last day of HSC exams
9 November	Yr 12 Dinner @ 6pm
1 December	Yr 6 Parent Information Night @ 6pm, LOWES Uniform van visit
2 December	Yr 6 Orientation Day
11 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Last day for students

2016

27 January	Staff only return
28 January	Yrs 7, 11 and 12 return, LOWES Uniform van visit 10am
29 January	All students return

Eligible schools will also continue to receive a location allocation in 2016 to address the additional costs faced by NSW public schools that are geographically remote or isolated.

Our school has been advised that we will receive \$180,884 RAM equity funding to support our students with additional learning needs in 2016 and \$15,198 in the new base per capita allocation.

The school executive will continue to work with our school community to determine the best ways to use these resources to support student learning.

A reminder to support the GONSKI campaign

This year National Gonski Week is being 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



Partnerships with our community

This week our community spirit is strong, as a number of important events provided our students with an opportunity to connect with our feeder primary school students as well as the broader local community.

Year 6 Gala Day

Our student leaders connected wonderfully with Year 6 students who attended our Gala Day on Thursday 29 October. Year 6 students participated in a range of fun activities at our school and were supported by our student leaders throughout the day. I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Lu, our 2016 Year 7 Adviser, Ms Weaver and Mr Hall, for organising the engaging activities that made the day a huge success. Thank you also to Ms Bartlett, our Canteen Manager, for the fabulous lunch!



P&C Street Stall

Our students once again have strongly supported our P&C!

We have had many students who volunteered to assist at the street stall in support of our P&C. This is a wonderful way

to connect with the local community. A big thank you to our families for the many contributions we received - our raffle hampers are overflowing with lots of goodies!

P&C Street Stall

It is important for our students to engage fully in all areas of their learning so we will continue to provide as many engaging opportunities as possible, both in the classroom and beyond it.

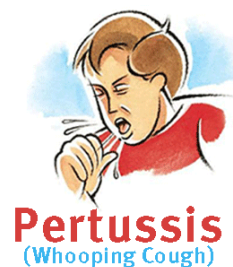
I would like to wish all the best to our Year 7 - 10 students as they undertake their final assessment tasks in week 5 this term. I am looking forward to reading all about their achievements as we begin preparing their end of year reports in the coming weeks.

Mrs Adelia Fuller
Principal

WHOOPING COUGH ALERT

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.



Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

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. School Finance
2. Highlands SAM conference
3. Riverina Sports Association meeting
4. OLIVER (new library system) training
5. Rural education strategies
6. HSC Marking
7. Riverina Principals meeting
8. Building capacity leading learning

School Uniform

The Wagga Lowes 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.

Welfare Assembly

Term 4 Welfare assembly was held on Tuesday 20 October. James Smart addressed the assembly about his new role with the NRL and the path he had to travel to reach his goals. James was also on hand to present Level 4 certificates. Thank you James for speaking to our students and taking the time to visit Gundagai High School.

The following students were promoted

Level 2 - Year 9- Matthew Bell, Jake Elphick, Year 11: Matilde Venturi

Level 4 - Year 7- Harriette Britt, Drew Elliott, Serena Petty, Cameron Smart, Samantha Tout, Holly Young,
Year 8 – Harry Jones, Year 9 – Bailey Cooper, Britney Wilson

Level 3 - Year 8 – Jayda Bartlett, Karleigh Bower, Jack Elphick,
Year 9- Georgie Britt, Tate Brooke, Mitchell Luff



Facebook Page – Gundagai High School – “Strive to Serve”

Gundagai High School facebook page has been getting lots of positive feedback and is a great way to keep up with our school activities. If you are a facebook user please **like** our page and you will get all the updates and pictures from excursion and special events taking place.

Mr Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

FRENCH FOOD DAY



On Monday 19 October all year 7 students were involved in a French food tasting lesson as part of the current 'Food and Drinks' topic. Students sampled a variety of French cuisine and learnt about their history and origins. Particular favourites of the students were the ham and cheese croissants, warm crepes and the delicious Laduree macarons. Students participated enthusiastically and this experience has helped them to consolidate their learning in preparation for the Listening Test in Week 5 this term.



GHS GIRLS NETBALL

Gundagai High School took part in the CHS Under 15s Netball Knockout last Wednesday at the Wagga Equex Centre. The team, consisting of Year 7 & 8 students, was in a very strong pool, but gelled together extremely well and played some very skilful netball in each game. The conditions were extremely tough, with torrential rain falling at times, adding to complexity of the games.

The girls had a very successful win against Young High School and suffered only a narrow loss to Leeton High. The games against Griffith and Albury brought out the best in the team and even though both games were losses, the girls put it to both schools giving them a real run for the money.

The girls were excellent representatives for Gundagai High School and should be very proud of their achievements.

Miss Lucy Annetts
Netball Coach



GHS GIRLS CRICKET

On Wednesday the 21 October, our girls' team travelled to Wagga to play a strong Koorringal High School team. The girls, as always played with wonderful enthusiasm and fantastic spirit during the match in fairly trying weather conditions. However, we were outclassed by a solid Koorringal outfit which included a State Representative and several Riverina Reps and we were dismissed for 35. Harriet Britt top scoring in a gutsy effort playing strongly despite several bruising deliveries bowled at her. Koorringal reached the total without losing a wicket but our girls bowled well to accomplished batswomen.

I would like to thank the girls for their efforts and the parents that helped us get to Wagga, without their assistance we could not play these games. Also, thanks to Harry Jones for his scoring on the day and Mr Bridgeman for his help to organise the match. Hopefully we will be back again next year and have better results.

Mr Rodney Crane
Cricket Coach



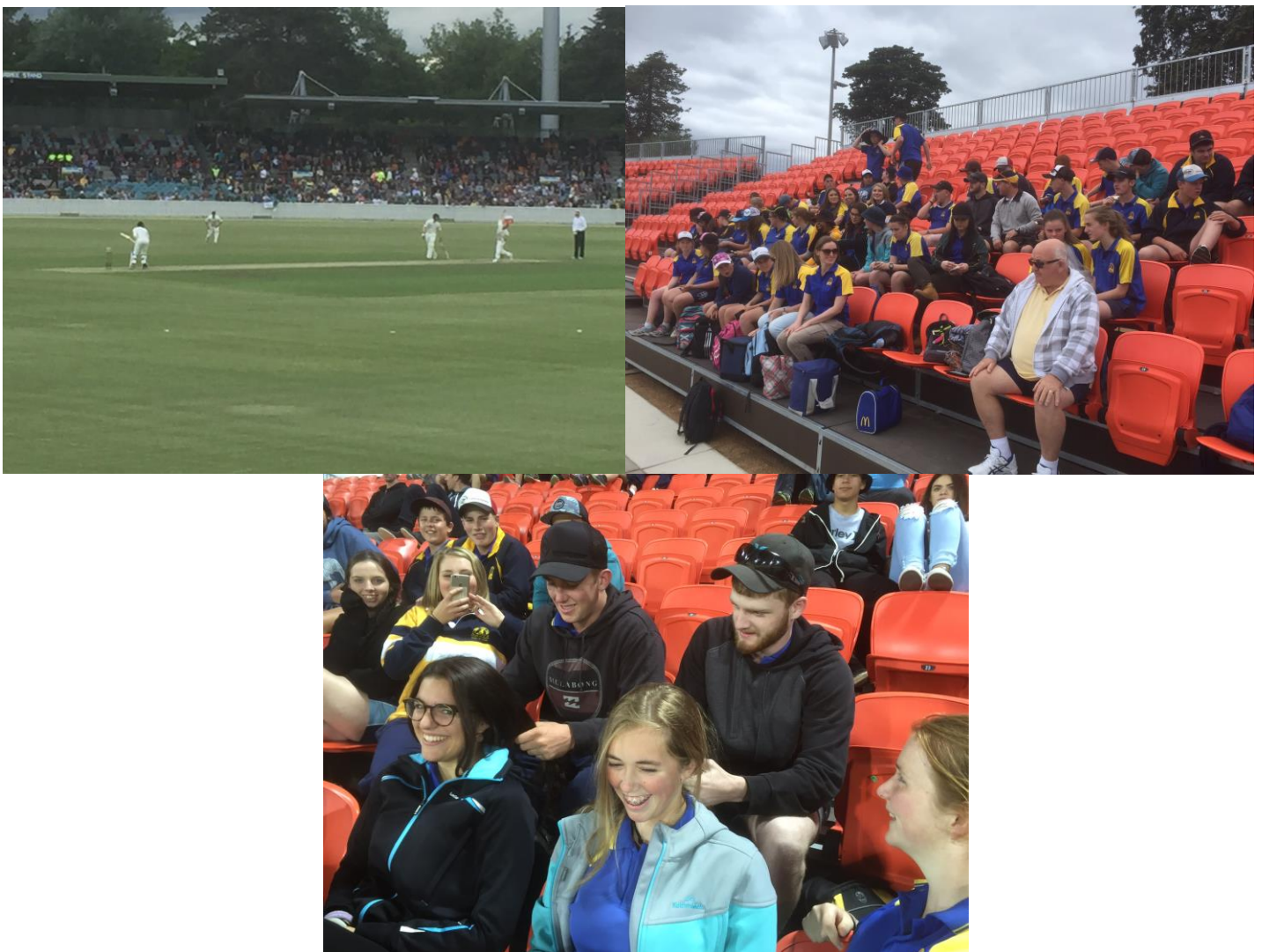
CRICKET TRIP TO CANBERRA

Last Friday 46 enthusiastic students and 7 excited adults attended the annual Prime Minister's XI cricket match at Manuka Oval in Canberra. In what was a history making occasion, as it was the first time a pink ball has been used in a day/night ODI, Australian team played host to a very talented New Zealand outfit.

The cricket was highly entertaining with the New Zealanders sending a strong message to Australian cricket that they were going to be very tough competition this coming summer, smashing over 300 runs in the allocated 50 overs. In what was one of the most start-studded PM's XI team in years, the crowd had high expectations and were eager to see what the second innings would bring. However, when the PM's dropped their first few wickets in quick succession, the chances of epic run chase seemed less likely to happen.

The students didn't seem to be phased by the lack of runs coming, enjoying every moment of the day, utilising the plethora of food options, snapping up the opportunity for autographs from their cricketing heroes, spotting people's twins and look -a-likes and relishing the cricket atmosphere. On what was a wonderful day, the students who attended were exceptionally well behaved and represented the school outstandingly well.

Thank you to Mr Bridgeman for all his organisation, the students and staff appreciated it.



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



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.

1st 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 31st October 2015

From 7pm to 10.00pm

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

REASON FOR ABSENCE



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

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