



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

We farewell our 2015 Year 12 students in style!

On Monday 9 November we held our Year 12 Formal Dinner in our very own Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) and the night was absolutely amazing in so many ways. Our MPC was transformed into such a gorgeous space to celebrate the fine efforts of such a deserving group of young men and women.

Our Year 12 students are a credit to themselves, their families and our school community. With over 100 guests attending the dinner, we formally recognised the achievements of our Year 12 students and acknowledged the end of their schooling with a wonderful celebration. The evening was most relaxing and the catering was exceptional.

I received countless positive comments about the quality of the food and the high level of service. We extend our thanks to Embellish Catering for making our night a most enjoyable and delicious one and also thank you to Lisa Elphick for making and decorating the Year 12 cake!!



We would also like to acknowledge and thank the team of staff and Year 11 students led by Ms Weaver for their efforts in ensuring that the night was such a huge success!

Thank you also to our current student leadership team for leading the proceedings on the night.



UPCOMING EVENTS

16 November	P&C Meeting @7pm in the staff common room
28 November	Volunteers needed for P&C Canteen at the Gundagai Rodeo
1 December	Yr 6 Parent Information Night @ 6pm, LOWES Uniform van visit
3 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



Partnerships with our professional learning community



In week 5 our Principals In Practice (PiP) group (from Gundagai, Gundagai South, Bongongo, Brungle and Tumut), along with our network of local School Administrative Managers (SAMs), met at Nangus Public School to learn more about reading planned RAM reports. This document outlines the school's projected funding for 2016 and for the first time, includes the funding outline for staffing. The approved RAM report will be made available next year once we have submitted actual student enrolment numbers early in term 1.

In addition, there was also a professional learning session on how to best develop and enhance the writing of our students, in particular across stages 3 and 4. As a community of schools, we acknowledged the need to work more closely together to increase our professional understanding and knowledge so we may have a more positive impact on student learning, growth and achievement.

Remembrance Day

Our student leadership team represented our school with distinction and honour at the Remembrance Day event at Anzac Grove on Wednesday 11 November. Our students delivered moving speeches about their own personal reflections - well done to Marten Petty, Mikaela Feltham and Darcy Ingold for their heart felt words and their respectful address. Our Year 9 students also had the opportunity to attend the service and be part of an important community event.



Exploring the 4C-able Future Conference - Clarity Consensus Capacity Confidence

Lucy Annetts, our Careers Adviser, along with the Head Teacher TAS, Matt Bishop, and myself attended the inaugural conference in Albury, one of three being held across NSW.

During the event we had the opportunity to hear from a number of keynote speakers about their understanding of the changing role of the Careers Adviser, as well as some strategies for exploring alternatives to helping our students unlock their potential and access more flexible pathways. We have already started to consider options for student learning in this space and we are looking forward to further developing initiatives to inspire our students.

I would like to congratulate all of our students for continuing to stay focussed in their learning and to maintain this throughout the remaining weeks of term. It is a very busy time for teachers as they are in the process of marking assessment tasks, providing feedback to students and preparing student reports.

A reminder that our next P&C meeting is on Monday 16 November in the staff common room at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend - please come along and support the school community!
I look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Adelia Fuller
Principal

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Teacher Training and Development

During the last few weeks, Gundagai High School staff members have been involved in the following training and development:

1. Coaching at National CHS Basketball finals
2. OLIVER (new library system) training
3. Cootamundra Network Principals Conference
4. Riverina Deputy Principals Conference
5. Riverina Careers Conference
6. PiP Network Meeting

School Uniform

A reminder that the Lowes uniform shop will be at Gundagai High School on the following dates:

Tuesday 1 December 2015 from 5pm

Thursday 28 February 2016 from 10am

Tuesday 3 May 2016 from 10am

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 excursions and special events taking place.

Victor Chang Awards 2015

Stacey Lewin from Year 11 was Gundagai High School's nominated recipient of the Victor Chang Award for excellence in Science. She received her award at the Riverina Awards Ceremony held at Junee High School on Wednesday 11 November. The award was presented by Dr Romaric Bouveret from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. Stacey also received an invitation to visit the research institute later this month. The following citation was part of the nomination process and recognises the commitment and dedication Stacey has shown in her schooling.

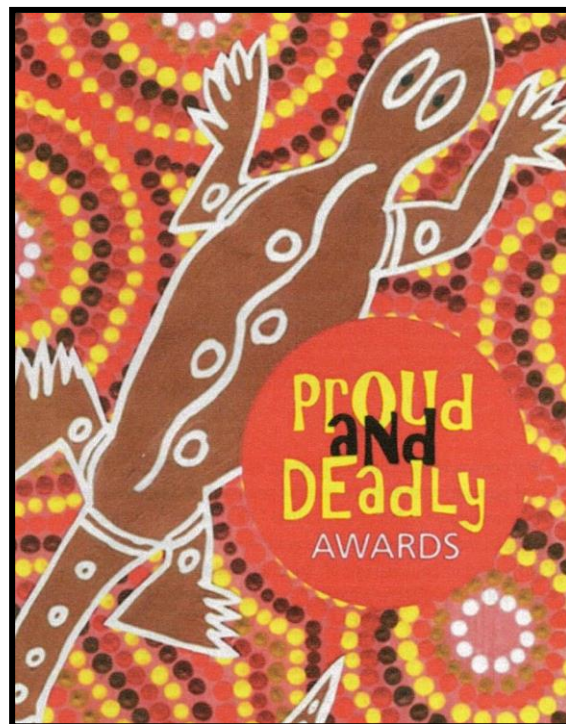


"Stacey has been an outstanding student throughout her school career at Gundagai High School, achieving either First in Course or Dux consistently from years 7 to 11. Her attention to detail and efficient, methodical processing techniques have been invaluable assets during her Science studies. She has always been willing to help others and demonstrates a patient and supportive role during co-operative activities. Stacey is highly motivated with an excellent work ethic, developing respect from both her peers and teachers. Her pursuit of excellence had produced outstanding results in her Preliminary studies, including first in Biology, Mathematics, English, PDHPE and Modern History."

Proud and Deadly Awards

On Wednesday 11 November the annual Proud and Deadly Awards for the Tumut District were held at Franklin Public School. The following students were recognised for their achievements at Gundagai High School. Congratulations to all our recipients.

Year Group	Student Name	Award
7	Jordan Cooper	Encouragement
7	Logan Coulton-Wescombe	Encouragement
8	Riley Britt	Aboriginal Cultural Engagement
8	Frank Smith	Encouragement
8	Kyarah Lyons	Aboriginal Cultural Engagement
9	James Franklin	Encouragement
9	Angelica Whiting	Aboriginal Cultural Engagement
9	Wayne Freeman	Aboriginal Cultural Engagement
10	Amber Britt	Aboriginal Cultural Engagement
11	Caden Piper	Encouragement
12	Makara Smith	Excellence in all areas Yr 12 Completion
12	Cody Makeham	Yr 12 Completion



Mr Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the street stall in any way.

Combined efforts proved to be successful and we raised approximately \$1,400.00

And the
Winners
are...

for the Street Stall Raffle

1 st	Cleaning Hamper	Mick Heydon
2 nd	Pantry Hamper	Samantha Tout
3 rd	Party Hamper	Will Murray
4 th	Gardening Hamper	Lizzie Britt
5 th	Pet Hamper	Anne Field
6 th	Half Dressed Lamb	Craig Ferguson
7 th	Half Dressed Lamb	Dorothy Skelton

for the 100 Club

Cathy Polsen
Pat Hartwig

With thanks to all,

Mrs Lynda Petty
Gundagai High School
P&C



THANK YOU!

Thank You to the RFS Cadets and Melbourne Show Team and their Parents

I was pleasantly surprised last week when a gift was left at the front office for me with a card indicating that it was in appreciation of my effort with the RFS Cadets and the Melbourne Show Team. It was very much appreciated to receive this expression of thanks. The students' commitment and achievement at these events is reward enough and the motivation for such activities. Whilst I am very much appreciative of the gift it was much unexpected and to those students and their parents who were involved in its organisation my sincere thanks to you.

I must also mention the valuable members of the teams that also ensured these activities occurred in particular Mr Ian Petty who gives of his time each week and on weekends in the lead up time to the Cadet competition and at the event. Also to Sandy Daley and Fiona Meurs who accompanied me to these events ensuring that all students could compete, my sincere thanks as well.

Mr Dale Chadwick



HISTORY NEWS

Year 8 History

Year 8 have completed their semester 2 History course examination answering questions about a variety of ancient and medieval civilisations. Outstanding exam results were achieved by Jacqueline Tout, Brooklyn Lloyd, Micah Glazebrook and Jayda Bartlett. Special mentions must also be given to Andrew Smith and Jack Elphick for most improved. Other students demonstrating improvement in the History examination were Frank Smith, Kaeleigh Rowley, Leonie Rolfe-Lanyon, Kyarah Lyons, Riley Britt and Maranda Carberry. It was wonderful to see so many Year 8 History students improve upon their term 3 examination results.

Year 9 History

A group of Year 9 History students attended the Gundagai Remembrance Day ceremony at ANZAC Grove on Wednesday 11 November. Their behaviour and respect were exemplary at the ceremony despite unfavourable weather conditions. Thank you to all the Year 9 students for coming to school in full school uniform on Wednesday and representing the school at the ceremony. A special mention must also be given to Year 9 SRC representative Zac McDonald for laying a wreath at the ceremony.

Students achieving pleasing results in the Year 9 History examination on World War II were Stuart Petty, Harry McDonnell, William Carberry and Geordie Britt. The section focusing on war propaganda proved to be the most challenging section of the examination. Students who were able to assess usefulness, reliability, purpose and audience in this section performed well and Geordie Britt scored the highest result in the war propaganda section. Other students demonstrating improvement were Lilly Bowditch, Reece Lindley-Kell, Tate Brooke, Bailey Cooper, Hayden Smart, Jack Hamilton, Logan Elphick, Gus Lindley and Daniel Clark.

COOTAMUNDRA PRINCIPALS NETWORK SRC

Cootamundra Principals Network SRC Formally Established

Over the past school year high schools that make up the Cootamundra Principals Network have met each term to work through the process with the goal of establishing a Student Representative Council for the Cootamundra Network. On Friday 23 October the high school converged on Gundagai to formally ratify their constitution and so establish a Network Student Representative Council. This council will form in 2016 voting in an executive to administer and monitor its actions. The purpose is to initiate Network relevant issues within each member school and to share ideas and develop leadership skills. Gundagai High students that have been involved in this formative process are Samantha Gradon, Rachel Stuckey, Clare Tout, Marten Petty, Lily-Lyn Britt, Zac McDonald, Samantha Tout and Jarrah Ransome.

Next year the Gundagai High SRC will elect 2 members to represent them on the Network SRC and the constitution also allows for 2 observers to attend meetings. The schools of the Cootamundra Network include Tumut HS, Junee HS, Murrumburrah HS, Coolamon CS, Aria Park CS, Temora HS, Cootamundra HS and Gundagai HS.



AG INSPIRATIONS TOURS

During the week of the 12 - 16 October, two Year 10 Agriculture students participated in the Ag Inspirations Tours sponsored by Local Land Services. These two-day tours were designed to highlight the diverse careers that are available within the Rural Industries sector and the many pathways available that could lead to Agricultural careers.

On the Friday before the tours an industry induction day was held which included presentations by various people currently working in the Industry and whom the students would meet at the various locations. Harrison Daley participated in 2 of the tours the Beef Cattle and Sheep and Wool whilst Rachel Stuckey went on the Biodiversity and Animal Welfare tour.

The itinerary was as follows.

Beef Cattle:

Knight's Meats and the changing role of the butcher shop. Wagga saleyards on Cattle sale day and Teys International. Jindalee Feedlot operation and careers. Werrinella Poll Hereford Stud and EBV's, yard design and safe stock handling. Hick's Beef and their Composite Cattle enterprise. Holbrook Vets and embryo transfers and Calf Corps. Charles Sturt University and the various courses offered.

Sheep and Wool:

Wagga Saleyards and Lamb marketing. Fox and Lillie Wool Brokers on wool sampling and brokering and the Riverina Wool Testers. Junee abattoirs and lamb processing and marketing. NSW TAFE and shearing, wool handling and classing courses. Tolland Meat Centre meat presentation and marketing. Collingullie Lamb feedlotting and breeding.

Animal Welfare and Biodiversity:

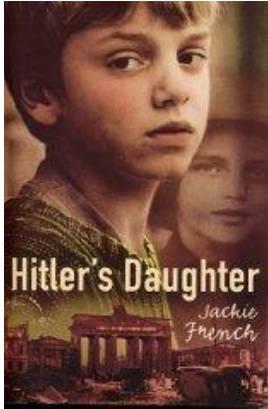
Wagga Saleyards Livestock selling from a compliance perspective (NLIS). Local Land Services role. Cultural Heritage Walk, Indigenous aspects of riparian plant ecosystems. The Glen (TSR) vertebrate pest control. Flowerdale and importance of Riverine wetlands. Don Kirkpatrick's Farm options in Native vegetation plantings, pastures, Agronomy and Seed Production. Emergency responses to Natural disasters ie Floods. RSPCA and WIRES. Local Land Services and community awareness roles. Native Vegetation Act and Government compliance.

Each tour provided students to experience the work done by employees in these areas and to discuss with the employees their career paths.

Harrison and Rachel both agreed it was a valuable experience to assist them in their future career path selection.

D Chadwick
Agriculture Teacher

BOOK REVIEW



The story is about a group of friends Anna, Mark, little Tracey and Ben. They all take turns at telling little stories to entertain each other. It was Anna's turn and she decided to tell her story about Hitler's daughter. The story was about a little girl named Heidi who is Hitler's daughter. Heidi was kept away from the war. She lived with Fraulien Gelber at Berchtesgaden – that was where Hitler had a house in the country.

Anna was a really good and confident story teller. She made the story very entertaining and imaginative. At times Anna seemed to be stressed out or frustrated by Ben and his passion for war such as explosive weapons.

Also at times Anna seemed scared to tell the next part of the story because she wants to get the story right.

Mark likes to listen and is really intrigued by Anna's story. Something was wrong with Mark, the story was unfinished and it started to worry Mark throughout the story. Mark asked his mother and father a lot about Hitler and World War 2 to get some background knowledge and what had happened back in those days.

In my opinion the book is a very interesting and creative novel. Anna narrated her story so well and it is one of my favourites. Sometimes it was so well explained I thought an adult was telling the story and not a teenage girl.

Book Reviewed by Clay Webb

SRC NEWS

On Friday 30 October the school SRC supported the 'Day for Daniel' to raise money for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Students were encouraged to wear red on the day to raise awareness of child safety. It is important to let people know where you are going and who you are going with. It is also important for students to be mindful of who they communicate with on social media.

The day was a success with \$160 raised.

The SRC would like to thank the students for their gold coin donation on the day and helping to raise money for this worthwhile charity. Clare Tout and Bailey Cooper have captured some photographs of the day.



Kathleen Graham



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