



# GUNDAGAI HIGH

Friday, 21 October 2016

## STOP PRESS - COMING EVENTS

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Welcome to Gundagai High School

We welcome new and returning staff members to the school in term 4.

- Mr Nathan Wong: Head Teacher TAS
- Mr Grant Lloyd: Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics
- Mrs Pru Gleeson: School Counsellor on Fridays
- Mr Michael Speering: Relieving PDHPE teacher while Mr Jamin Hall is on leave

#### P&C Street Stall

Thank you to all the parents and students who supported our P&C street stall. Everyone's effort in donating items for our hampers, baking items to be sold at the stall and tending the stall to sell items and raffle tickets is much appreciated. The P&C was very happy to raise over \$1300 and give some very lucky people the prizes listed below.

1. **Esky** – Leanne (Tooty) Herring
2. **Grocery Hampers** – Cecily Daley, Gerry O'Hehir, Annette Worldon
3. **Gardening Hamper** – Sam Tout
4. **100 Club** – Pat Worldon

#### Self-Evaluation of our Learning Support

Our Learning Support structures are currently undergoing a self-evaluation, with the aim to improve our student support procedures. As part of the self-evaluation we will gain broad feedback from a range of staff, students and parents/carers in relation to our Learning and Support and Multi-Categorical class.

#### HSC Examinations

Our Yr 12 students are well into the HSC exams and have been positive about the content of each one when they have left the exam venue. The last exam for Gundagai high School students will be Wednesday 2 November. Then we celebrate their completion of school one last time on Monday 7 November with the Year 12 Formal Dinner.

Simon Bridgeman  
Deputy Principal



During this term, we will be expanding the implementation of our **ALARM** (A Learning And Responding Matrix) program to include all students in stages 4 and 5. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be receiving an introductory handbook which will focus on developing their skills in literacy and writing. ALARM specific lessons will occur throughout the term to further build a common understanding across the school community.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016

| OCTOBER      |  |
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| Monday 24    | • P&C meeting @ 7pm<br>staff common room |
| Tuesday 25   | • Getting into English @ 6pm             |
| Wednesday 26 | • Grip Leadership Albury                 |
| Monday 31    | • Year 7-10 Exams commence               |

### DRAMATIC MINDS FESTIVAL

At the end of term 3, the Drama Club participated in the annual Dramatic Minds Festival at the Montreal Theatre in Tumut. Samantha Gradon, Kathleen Graham, Alyssa Monte, Layla Worldon, Merridy Glazebrook and Bridie Ingold performed an original play titled *Shylah* (which means one who is strong) on psychosis. The purpose of the festival was to promote mental health knowledge and reduce the stigma of mental illness in young people and the community. After 3 months of rehearsals and refining with Mrs Lu, the students put on a superb matinee performance in front of students from local high schools and did not stop short in their evening performance in front of family, friends and members of the community.



The group was awarded a Dramatic Minds Festival plaque which is on display in the front office.

Gundagai High School congratulates the girls on their achievement. Other schools involved on the day were Tumut High School and Batlow Technology School.



## GETTING INTO ENGLISH

The next *Getting Into English* evening is on Tuesday 25 October. As usual we will be starting at 6pm sharp in the Needlework room at Gundagai High School and we will go for about an hour or so. We really enjoy sharing our love of our subject area and the variety of the texts that we get to study in high school with our community. The focus this term is on picture books. They aren't just for young children and their messages can sometimes be quite complex. *Getting Into English* evenings are open to everyone in the community and we look forward to seeing you and your friends on Tuesday 25 October.

## MIDDLE YEARS WRITING INITIATIVE

Mr Regan and Mrs Norden have recently undertaken professional learning to deliver the Writing in the Middle Years training course to staff at Gundagai High School. Ten staff from across all faculties have now participated in two of the three training sessions that aims to help students improve their writing ability in those crucial early years of high school. The local primary schools have also undertaken this training so that students can more successfully continue their skill development as they transition from primary school to high school.



**Year 12**  
**Formal Dinner**  
 Monday 7 November  
 Gundagai High School MPC  
 at 6pm



**CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S WEEK**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 @ 3PM**  
**"FUN IN THE PARK"**

**This Way to the UN**

**CARBERRY PARK**

- FACE PAINTING
- MASCOTS, BUBBLES & PLAYDOUGH
- PHOTO BOOTH
- SHOUBAGS & LUCKYDIPS
- CLOWNS
- ART/CRAFT & ACTIVITIES
- MUSIC
- STORYTIME TENT
- FOOD & DRINKS
- NOVELTY & GIANT GAMES
- FREE WIFI
- FREE AFTERNOON TEA!

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR GRANDPARENTS TOO, SO BEING THEM ALONG FOR AFTERNOON TEA ON US!

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