



#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the final edition of our Gundagai High School newsletter for 2016!

#### **Semester 2 reports**



As we head quickly toward the end of term, our teachers and administrative staff continue to work extremely hard to finalise the end of year reports for our students to ensure that they receive explicit and meaningful feedback about their achievements in semester 2. Years 7 – 10 students will receive their semester 2 reports in Year meetings on Friday 9 December. Students who have received learning support throughout the year will also receive a letter providing feedback detailing their progress.

## **End of Year Presentation Day – Friday 9 December**

We are all very much looking forward to celebrating the achievements and successes of our students at our end of year Presentation Day on Friday 11 December. We are also looking forward to welcoming as many of our parents, carers and friends as possible to join as a strong school community to support each of our students as they continue to strive to achieve their personal best. We are particularly thankful that our Director, Jenene McGrath, is joining us on this special occasion, along with a number of prominent community members, including Michael McCormack MP, Christine Ferguson and Abb McAlister.

#### 2017 Year 7 Parent Information Evening

On Monday 5 December, we welcomed over 20 of our new 2017 Year 7 students and their families to our school for an information evening where they met some of our teachers and received important information about the 2017 school year. The Lowes van once again provided a fantastic service for the community, offering a 15% discount on all stock until the end of 2016, as well as spot sales to allow parents to take advantage of even further discounts. Many thanks to our current Year 7 students, Bridie Ingold and Francis Hindmarsh, for sharing their top tips and strategies about how to make a successful transition to high school, as well as to our current P&C President, Dan McDonnell, for discussing the benefits of the P&C and encouraging our new parents to join.



**UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 4 2016** 

**December 9** Presentation Day

December 15 2016 HSC results released
December 16 Last day for students

December 19 School Development Day 4 – all staff
December 20 School Development Day 5 – all staff

Last day for staff



#### 2017 Canteen Upgrade



Our canteen is undergoing a major upgrade, with work beginning during the school holidays in January and continuing until the end of March, close to the end of term 1. We are very excited about the project as this will involve significant changes to the whole operating space, including an increase in size of close to 2 metres. We plan to continue to offer a modified menu and operate out of the MPC so students can still access a range of food options.

Unfortunately the lockers will be unavailable for use until the work has been completed. We anticipate at this stage this will be from the start of term 2.

#### 2017 Central Australia Trip

Preliminary organisation has commenced for a 15-day Central Australian Adventure to take place in the last week of term 2, 2017 and the first week of the July school holidays. We are keen to establish interest in the trip and we will be surveying students next week. Up to 38 student places can be accommodated, with a total cost of \$1,500 - \$1,700.



## 2017 BYOD - Bring Your Own Device



We have formed an interest group to commence consulting with the school community about introducing a Bring Your Own Device Policy to enhance teaching and learning opportunities for our students and teachers. In 2017 we plan to consult further with teachers, students and parents/carers.

#### **Annual Renewal for Permission to Publish and Use of Online Services**

Parents/carers are advised that we will be seeking an annual renewal of your permission to publish information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service. An annual renewal is also required from parents for the provision of online services from the Department.

A form for this purpose will be distributed again to parents/carers at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school staff, students and families for contributing to a wonderful 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed a most productive year working alongside you to ensure that all our students engage in quality learning experiences.

May you all enjoy the school holidays and take the time to rest and relax during summer. I am looking forward to another amazing year in 2017.

With my very best wishes

Mrs Adelia Fuller Principal

**Reminder: 2017 School Dates** 

Friday 27 January: School Development Day 1, all staff return

Monday 30 January: Years 7, 11 12 students return

Tuesday 31 January: Years 8, 9, 10 students return, all students at school

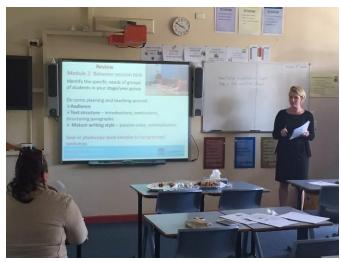
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PRESENTATION DAY 2016

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS WRITING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Several teachers are continuing with their professional learning on raising the expectations of students and teachers for writing in the middle years of school (Years 5-8). Even though teachers have completed the 3 compulsory modules for this training, further activities are continuing in classrooms where we are putting the strategies into practice. This will continue for the rest of term 4 this year and then into 2017. Initial feedback from teachers and students is that the strategies and information about writing have been helpful to both students and teachers.

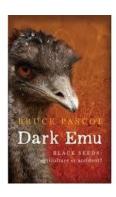




#### PATRICK WHITE INDIGENOUS WRITERS AWARD 2016



At assembly on 2 December, 2016 Taleika Worldon was recognised for her achievement in poetry writing. Taleika submitted a poem into the 2016 Patrick White Indigenous Writers Award and was commended for her poetry writing effort. The competition was for open for Indigenous students in Years K-12, with Talieka choosing the optional theme "Things are not always what they seem". Talekia was rewarded for her effort, receiving a certificate and 'Dark Emu' novel as her prize. Well done Taleika.



### YR 9 CULTURAL DAY

On Monday 5 December, Year 9 took part in a Cultural Day learning about the local Wiradjuri community. We walked to the Gundagai Common and learnt about traditional bora rings, which were used for Aboriginal family gatherings and initiation ceremonies for young Aboriginal boys. We also learnt about the difference between carved trees and scarred trees and how they were used by Aboriginals. We then walked back to Leary's Paddock and participated in activities such as basket weaving, rope making, throwing boomerangs and creating fire, all using traditional Aboriginal methods. The boys also played didgeridoos while the girls played clap sticks and imitated native animals. We were taught by Shane Herrington and Talea Bulger, who are Aboriginal Discovery Officers for the Tumut National Parks and Wildlife Services. We had a great day and thank Shane and Talea for teaching us about the significance of the local Wiradjuri Aboriginal community.

Written by Jacqui Tout

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**



School captains, Rachel Stuckey and Kathleen Graham, and Year 9 History students attended the 2016 Remembrance Day Ceremony at ANZAC Grove. Our excursion to the Remembrance Day Ceremony was an important experience for Year 9 students as it provided students with connections to their study of World War 1 and World War 2 in history.

Rachel and Kathleen delivered moving commemorative speeches and the Year 9 students acted with respect, responsibility and integrity at the ceremony.



On behalf of Gundagai High School, Jacqueline Tout was responsible for wreath laying on the day.

Students were complimented by members of the general public for their exemplary behaviour.

Casey Norden SRC Coordinator

## STUDENT LEADERS GET A GRIP

On Wednesday 26 October, 3 SRC members travelled to Albury to attend a GRIP Leadership conference and associated workshops. Growth, Responsibility, Integrity and People are the core values of the GRIP group and their goal is to share their skills and experience to develop young people into the leaders of the future. It is interesting to note that Responsibilty and Inegrity are also 2 of Gundagai High's core values.



Kalem Makeham, Patrick Carberry and Jarrah Ransome travelled to Albury to engage with topics like The Compass of Leadership, Generating Ideas that are Outside the Box, Overcoming the Challenges of Leadership, Turning an Idea into Action and Seeking the Support of Your Peers.

The 3 students were challenged with devising a plan and strategies to address issues of interest to their peers at Gundagai High School. All 3 came away with a willingness and enthusiasm to improve the impact of Gundagai High School's SRC.

D Chadwick SRC Coordinator

#### STUDENTS VISIT THE MOBILE BLOOD BANK



Ten brave and generous Gundagai High School students donated blood last Wednesday 23 November.

The students walked down to Mirrabooka where they were welcomed at the Mobile Blood Bank by the friendly Red Cross Nurses.

To donate blood students must be 16 years of age, weigh 50kg and be healthy and hydrated.

A single blood donation of 470mL, when separated into its components, can contribute to making up to 22 different products and save many lives.

After giving blood students were asked to help themselves to the refreshment area, which included the famous extra-large chocolate chip cookie that totally lived up to the student's expectations set by the well-known television advertisement.

The students' feedback about the experience was all positive, and even those who had some difficulties with their first donation said they would be happy to do it again.

It was great to hear the nurses glowing comments about our students behaviour and positive attitudes to making blood donations. We are all very proud of you!!

Miss Streckfuss and Mr Rake Teachers





#### YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 6th December Gundagai High School students and teachers welcomed 29 Year 6 students to experience a day in the life of a Year 7 student. Students experienced our seven period day and took part in lessons in History, Geography, Mathematics, Computers, Agriculture, Art and Library. They also spent their break times in the Year 7 area making new friends and versing new handball opponents from other primary schools. Highlights from the lessons included Ms Appleby's



data collection activity using M&M's, Mr Chadwick's introduction to cattle parading and Agriculture, and Mr Rake's lesson on Monet.

There were many teachers and students who contributed to the day's success. Our peer support leaders Brianna Smith, Lochlan Bower, Samantha Tout and Benjamin Crooks were outstanding students leaders. Mr Chadwick's cattle parading team of Corey Bennett, Maranda Carberry and Patrick Daley provided the Year 6 students with a great experience and may have recruited some new team members for 2017. Dylan Doran and Oliver McDonnell also gave excellent assistance in Mr Wong's IT lesson. Thank you to Miss Sturt, Mrs Lu, Ms Appleby, Mr Wong, Mr Chadwick, Mr Rake and Mrs McCallum for your efforts organising lessons for the Year 6 students and contributing to the day's success. Thank you to Shannan Bartlett and Lynda Petty for preparing lunch for the Year 6 students and offering additional service in the canteen on the day.

I look forward to seeing the students again at our school on Monday 30 January, 2017 when they are officially in Year 7.

Casey Norden Year 7 Adviser 2017



#### TAFE PRESENTATION

TAFE Riverina Institute Tumut and Wagga Campuses held their annual Graduation and Presentation ceremonies on Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 December. Gundagai High School had eight students completing TVET courses in 2016 both in the Preliminary and HSC courses.

At the presentation ceremonies three of our students were recognised with major awards for outstanding achievements. Darcy Ingold was awarded First in Class in the Beauty course and Elle Anderson who also completed the Beauty course was awarded TVET Student of the Year. Mat Thomson who completed the Preliminary Automotive course before taking up an apprenticeship with Hutcheon & Pearce was awarded First in Class for his achievements.

All students are to be congratulated on their wonderful achievements with TVET courses in 2016 with particular acknowledgement to Darcy, Elle and Mat on their outstanding results. The school is very proud of each of you and your achievements.







### **GRAPHIC DESIGN WORKSHOP**

Angela Pearce Graphic Design hosted a workshop for 3 of our students, Ali, Sam and Dempsey in Cootamundra on Tuesday 6 December. The workshop was an excellent hands on practical experience and gave students a wonderful insight into the Graphic Design industry. Students explored marketing and research strategies, the processes involved in logo design, an introduction to screen printing and an industry visit to Cutting Designs. Ali, Sam and Dempsey were given the brief of creating a new logo for the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and contributed excellent ideas and concepts for the logo. Angela Pearce commended our students on their engagement and creativity. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all three girls for embracing the opportunity to attend the workshop and for being excellent representatives of Gundagai High School and were a pleasure to take away.





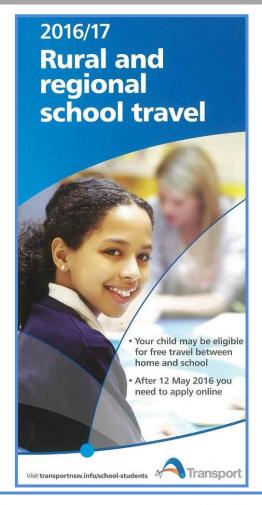




# Students enjoying the Cultural Day excursion



#### ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION





#### What's new

From 12 May 2016, applications for free school travel in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms

This change makes it easier to apply, as you only need to complete one form that covers all situations, including journeys that involve multiple transport operators.

It's also easier for schools and bus operators, as Transport for NSW will now handle the applications.

This change only affects the application process; no changes to any public transport services are planned.

## Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking.

## Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.

However, you need to update student details online if the student:

- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7Is changing schools or campuses
- · Is changing address

### How to update your details

If the student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes, or the student is entering Years 3 or 7, you will need to update your details at

apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails.

## How to apply for free travel for the first time

Applications for 2017 open from the start of Term 4, 2016.

#### Step 1

Once you have confirmed your 2017 school enrolment, complete the online application form at transportnsw.info/school-students, nominating your home address and which bus company or transport operator the student needs to travel between home and school.

#### Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then return it to the student's school for endorsement.

#### Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. You will receive an email confirming the outcome of your application. If the application is approved, Transport for NSW will inform your local bus or transport operator who may send a school travel pass (where applicable) to the student's school, or in some cases will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

## Frequently asked questions

Can I still apply using a paper form?

Carbon copy forms are no longer being accepted after Term 2, 2016. To download a paper form visit apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

How can I apply if I don't have internet access?

Call 131 500 for assistance with your application.

#### Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

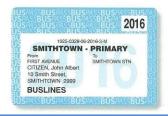
Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to purchase a ticket.

#### What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, eligible NSW residents may receive a subsidy for transporting the student to school by private vehicle. For details visit transportnsw.info/school-students

#### How do I apply if the student is in a shared parenting situation and needs to travel from two addresses?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to make a separate application for each address. The same eligibility criteria apply.





## Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$70 for school-aged children and \$50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02













## VACATION CARE OPERATES MONDAY'S TO FRIDAYS 8.30am—6.00pm

For the convenience of all families with primary school aged children.

~NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY APPLIES~

Vacation Care Cost \$35.00 a day - Families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren with the Family Assistance Office

### STAFFING

<u>Co ordinator</u>: Bonita Taylor <u>Educational Leaders</u>: Tash Smith and Makara Smith

Educational Assistants: Emily Bridgeman, Jarrod Crane, Jack Lemon.

Staff are local people who are Qualified in Children's services, Recreational activities or are undergoing training. Staff frequently attend a variety of training relevant to Children's Services.

#### **PARENT & SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES**

All children MUST be signed In and Out by a parent/guardian and an enrolment form MUST be completed before the children are left at the service.

Staff are not responsible for your child/ren before 8:30am and after 6:00pm during Vacation Care.

Families will be provided with a GOOSH family handbook and have access to our services policies and procedures.

GOOSH encourages parents to be involved in the services planning, programming and operations. Please be aware that due to children having severe allergies to nuts, we keep our centre nut free to prevent any reactions.

<u>Don't Forget to Pack:</u> Hat, Swimmers (on pool days), Morning Tea, Lunch & a Drink bottle. A change of clothes is also recommended. Entry Fee if no season ticket.



#### OUR PROGRAM

Our service provides quality programs which include supervised play, stimulating developmental social and recreational activities and experiences for children while meeting the needs of the families. Vacation Care has a variety of activities available to suit all ages and stages of development as well as the different interests of children. These include: Science, Art/Craft, Cooking, Physical, Cognitive, Social/Emotional, Computer Skills, Language and self Help, Excursions, Music/Movement, Free Play and more.

The program aims to meet the needs of working and non-working parents and those who need occasional childcare.

During Vacation Care a theme is set for every program, with the implementation of a culture. This program we will be experiencing "Sizzling Summer".

## ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre, Mirrabooka 245 Sheridan Street, Gundagai NSW 2722

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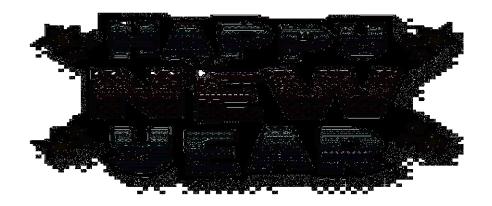
Email: gundagai.centre@westnet.com.au

## merry christmas from all our staff $\odot$

DEC 2016 Week 1	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Wednesday 21*		Thursday 22 <sup>d</sup>	Friday 23 <sup>d</sup>
8:30am	Arrive/Free time	Arrive/Free time			Arrive/Free time		Arrive/Free time	Arrive/Free time
	Outdoor Group Games		Gardening – Planting Seedlings		Handball Competitions & Hopscotch		Bubbles & Sensory Table: Lentil Car track	Outdoor Sand and Water Play
	Magazine Christmas Trees		Outdoor Giant Games		Sandpit Land & Water Painting		Outdoor Group Games	Colouring in and Cards
10:45am	Morning Tea		Morning tea		Morning tea		Morning tea	Morning tea
	Board and Card Games		Dramatic Play: Dress Ups		Lego, Beading & Bowling		Target Games & Gym	Spin Art!!!
	Indoor Ping Pong & Handball		Craft - Christmas Lanterns		Christmas Card Making		Craft: Candy Cane Reindeer	Christmas Craft: Angels
1:30pm	Lunch		Lunch		Lunch – Picnic In Park		Lunch	Lunch
	Christmas Cooking: Santa's Hat Cupcakes		Santa letters and Colouring In		Cooking – Grinch Fruit Skewers		Library & CTC – Free time	Christmas Craft: Milky Way Sleighs
	Movie- The Polar Express		Tap Tap & Construction		Movie – The Grinch!		Pin The Nose on Rudolf	Dramatic Free Play
3:30pm	Afternoon tea		Afternoon tea		Afternoon tea		Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea
	Library Visit & Christmas Story		CTC – Children's Choice		Pool ©		Cooking: Candy Cane Hearts	Movie- I'll Be Home for Christmas
6:00pm	Departure		Departure		Departure		Departure	Departure
JAN 17 Week 2	Monday 9th	Tues	eday 10*	W	Tednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 13*
8:30am	Arrival/ Free time	Arrival/Free time		Arrival/Free time		A	rrive/ Free time	Arrive/ Free time
	Free Outdoor Play	Outdoor Giant Games		Outdoor Group Games		O	utdoor Group Games	Painting & Water Activities
	Library-Summer Reading Club	Science – Gardening:Mini lands		WII SPORTS & Warm Fuzzies		Sa	and and Water Play	Wii Gaming & Parachute Play
10:45am	Morning Tea	Morning Tea		Morning Tea		Morning Tea		Morning Tea
	Science-Bubbles & Slime	Cooking- Shortbread		Mural – Children's Choice			ibrary-Free time & SRC!	Sensory Table & Memory Games
	CTC- Summer around the World!	Dramatic Play- Cubby Construction		Kinnex, Lego & Paper Weaving			TC & Craft Room- Paper late beach Scenes	Musical Group Games & Dramatic Play: Schools
1:30pm	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch		L	unch	Lunch
-	Activity Table & Start Mural	Tap Tap & Beading		Indoor Targets & Obstacle Course		Sι	RE DRILL! Mural – Sunny un	Movie- Children's Choice
	Movie- The Sandlot	Mural-Heading "Sizzling Summer"		Movie- Children's Choice		Board Games, Puzzles & Crosswords		Mural- 3D Art Fans and Pinwheels
3:30pm	Afternoon tea Afternoon tea		Afternoon tea			fternoon tea	Afternoon tea	
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Week 3	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 19 <sup>e</sup>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>
8:30am	Arrive/ Free time	Arrive/Free time	Arrive Cost- \$30 per child	Arrival/ Free time	Arrival/Free time
	Gardening & Watering	Sandpit & Water Activities	EXCURSION Depart 9am	Outdoor Target Games	Outdoor Giant Games
	Hoop & Ball Games	Scooter Boards & Skipping	Arrive in Wagga	Cooking- Fruity Jelly Cups	Drawing & Card Making
10:45am	Morning Tea	Morning tea	Morning Tea 10am	Morning tea	Morning Tea
	Story Time & Felt Games	Indoor Ping Pong & Handball	Jump n Putt	Sensory- Glittery Goop	CTC & Typing Competitions
	Board and Balloon Games!	CTC & Salt Glue Designs	Packed Lunch at	Library-Summer Reading Club & Story Time	Stencils, Codes & Memory Games
1:30pm	Lunch	Lunch	Memorial Gardens	Lunch	Lunch
	Musical Instruments & Dance	Puppets and OOSH Theater	Fee activities & bus. Please pack, all food, drink & hat	Movie- Children's Choice	Dramatic Play-Shops & Cubbies
	Mural – Summer Clothing	Cooking: Children's Choice	Afternoon Tea and	Mural – Summer Fruit	Mural – Children's Choice
3:30pm	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Movie at Cinema	Afternoon tea	Afternoon Tea
	Outdoor Water Activities	Mural – Summer Foods	Bus Home	Group Soccer	Outdoor Water Games
6:00pm	Departure	Departure	Departure	Departure	Departure





Week 4	Monday 23 <sup>d</sup>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>
8:30am	Arrive/Fire drill	Arrive/Free time	Arrive/Free time/Invacuation	(PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	BACK TO SCHOOL!
	Outdoor Musical Group & Circus Games	Science-Gardening & Handball	Volley Ball & Parachute Games		AFTER
	Gymnastics and Rhythmic Ribbons	Outdoor Target Games & Bin Ball	Science- Exploring Water	<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	SCHOOL
10:45am	Morning Tea	Morning tea	Morning tea: Party Food	DAY	CARE
	Beading , Lego & Tap Tap	Board Games , Puzzles & Cards	Sketching & Beading		STARTS
	PS3 Gaming & Activity Table	Paper Weaving & Stenciling	Hand and Foot print painting		
1:30pm	Lunch	Lunch	BBQ Lunch	NO	
	Science- Straws	Cooking: Fruit Smoothies	Party games		SEE
	Mural – Ceiling Craft Insects	Mural – Children's Choice & Finish	Movie- New Release	VACATION	AFTER SCHOOL CARE
3:30pm	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	CARE	PROGRAM ©
	Outdoor Water Activities	Musical Instruments	Pool ©		
6:00pm	Departure	Departure	Departure		



