



GUNDAGAI HIGH

Thursday, 22 September 2016

STOP PRESS - COMING EVENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the final newsletter before we all have a well-deserved break to mark the end of term 3.

Variety Night - our best ever!

A number of our students and staff are involved in the final preparations for our Variety Night being held on the evening of Thursday 22 September. We are very much looking forward to being entertained by the talents of our students as they showcase their music, dance and performance skills.



Many thanks to the staff involved in ensuring that the night is a success - Miss Decker, Mr Crane, Miss Carr and Miss Annetts continue to devote their time, energy and expertise to deliver what promises to be the best Variety Night ever. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mr Rake and our Visual Arts students for their impressive backdrop, as well as to the many sponsors in our community who have generously donated prizes for our raffle. We were also pleased to welcome students from Gundagai PS to our school for the matinee performance at 2pm today.

NSW RFS State Championships 2016

In our final fortnight at school our students have continued to excel themselves in a number of extra-curricular areas. Our RFS Cadets represented the school with determination and commitment at the recent State Championship event held at the Narrabri Showground Complex. Despite being a team member under, Stuart Petty, Campbell Smith, Wayne Freeman, Bradley Luff and George Gradon ended up with an impressive overall 4th placing! Our team also placed in a number of events. They were 2nd in the Spot Fire Event and the Head to Head, with a first place in the Commissioner Impossible Event.



Our whole school community is incredibly proud of your achievements! Well done to the team, as well as to the support provided by our accompanying parents, Ian Petty and Paul Smith.

2016 Melbourne Show



Congratulations are also in order for our cattle parading team who are currently at the Melbourne Show with Mr Chadwick. Corey Bennett, Patrick Daley, Mitchell Luff, Hayden Smart and Maranda Carberry are presently competing at the Melbourne Show and have performed extremely well in their heats.

I would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr Chadwick and our Farm Assistant, Mr Hourn, for their unwavering commitment to the program which enables our students to take part in this amazing opportunity. We are looking forward to welcoming the team back to school on Wednesday 21 September.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016

SEPTEMBER	
Friday 23	• Yr 12 Farewell Assembly @10.15am
OCTOBER	
Monday 10	• Staff & students return
Thursday 13	• P&C street stall
Friday 14	• P&C street stall
Monday 17	• Agriculture & Food week commences • Yr 7 Student Aboriginal medical

Farewelling our Year 12!

Our final Year 12 assembly will be taking place on the last day of the term. We extend our warmest congratulations to all of our Year 12 students on reaching this wonderful milestone! We are looking forward to coming together as a school community to reflect on their school journey and to wish them all the very best in their upcoming Higher School Certificate examinations. The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP has also forwarded her well wishes to the school with the following message for our Year 12 students:

Finishing school is one of those moments in life that is so exciting and yet so daunting. To have reached this important milestone is a wonderful achievement and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves as you head into your final exams and look to life beyond school. Whatever your plans may be, go forward confidently knowing that your family, your school and your local community wish you every success.

Term 4 staffing

As we look toward term 4, there are a number of additional staffing changes. We extend our thanks to Miss Halgren, our student welfare teacher, for relieving at our school during the past few terms. Mrs Gleeson returns in term 4 and will be at school each Friday.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Mrs McCallum for relieving in the role of Head Teacher, Mathematics/CAPA, for a number of terms, as we welcome Mr Lloyd who joins us from the start of term 4 in a relieving capacity.



Self-Evaluation of our School Learning Support Team

In term 4 we will be undertaking a self-evaluation of our learning support team. The purpose of the self-evaluation process is to provide the school with support to evaluate and develop findings and recommendations for improving our learning support team. As part of the process we will be conducting interviews with staff, students and parents/carers in week 3 next term. We are looking forward to completing this process and we will be supported by external specialist personnel from our local education office.

Happy Holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all of our staff, students and families a very relaxing and safe holiday.



See you all on Monday 10 October when all staff and students commence term 4.

Many thanks for your continued support

Adelia Fuller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

School Uniform

Moving into the warmer months often presents families and the school with uniform challenges. Students may have grown over the winter months and last summer's uniforms may not be the best fit anymore. Students also tend to take jumpers off during the day and leave them lying around.

It is an important part of school life to be dressed in full school uniform. Our uniform has been designed and endorsed by our school P&C. Please make sure your child is dressed each day in appropriate school attire. GHS uniform shop is located in the Lowes store in Wagga Wagga or you can purchase items on Lowes website. GHS has items for students to try on for size before you do an online order. You can also organise your order through the front office if either of the above options are difficult. Lowes will also be visiting the school on Monday 5 December for all your 2017 school uniform needs 5pm – 7pm.

R U OK DAY

Gundagai high School proudly supports the initiatives and promotion of R U OK day. A large sign was put up in the quad, students were given balloons and mini footballs to play with. Year 7 student Jonty Hourn won the lucky dip prize of a R U OK football. Staff were also reminded of the importance of the day by receiving a R U OK tea bag.



This year the message was 'Ear to Listen' and the vision is a world where we're all connected and are protected from suicide. The mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

The goals are to:

1. Boost our confidence to meaningfully connect and ask about life's ups and down
2. Nurture our sense of responsibility to regularly connect and support others
3. Strengthen our sense of belonging because we know people are there for us
4. Be relevant, strong and dynamic

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal

Year 12 Farewell Assembly



*Good Luck
in
your exams*