



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first feature-length newsletter for term 4! Last Friday 27 October and Saturday 28 October we **celebrated our 50+ years of public education**. Over 50 people visited our school on Friday and close to 200 people joined us on Saturday to take a walk down memory lane and reunite with school friends, browsing through school photos in our decade rooms, remembering our different school uniforms and experiencing the school and how much it has changed over the years.

Many thanks to all the staff for their incredible effort and the time they spent in making our celebrations a success, and many thanks to the many past students and teachers who visited the school and attended the reunion dinner on Saturday evening. Over 200 people attended the dinner on Saturday evening at the Gundagai District Services Club and enjoyed a magnificent dinner, catching up with school friends and teachers. It was wonderful to be part of such a positive and happy experience!

We received many messages congratulating the school on its successes over the years and we thank everyone who took the time to send and share their well wishes with us. We are looking forward to many more years of providing positive educational experiences for the young people in Gundagai and its surrounding area.



On Friday 20 October, we welcomed over 30 eager Year 6 students to our **Annual Gala Day!** Everyone enjoyed a great day engaging in fun activities, such as sports and drama. The students were keen to meet students from other partner primary schools as well as our teachers and student

volunteers who accompanied them for the day. A big thank you to Mr Aaron Hoang,

our 2018 Year 7 Adviser, for his coordination of the event, as well to our teachers who ran sessions on the day.

Mrs Adelia Fuller

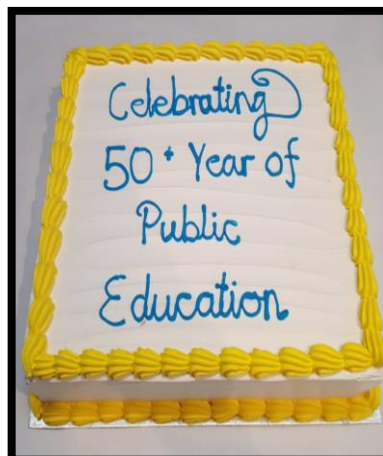
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## UPCOMING EVENTS – TERM 4 2017

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| 6 November  | P&C Meeting 7pm Staff Common Room                                    |
| 7 November  | SDD Professional learning workshop 3.45pm – 6.45pm                   |
| 16 November | Year 12 Formal Dinner 6pm – 9pm                                      |
| 17 November | Assembly   |
| 20 November | Proud and Deadly Awards Bila Park Tumut 5pm                          |
| 30 November | Year 7 Gala Day - Tumut  |
| 1 December  | Assembly   |
| 4 December  | Lowes Uniform Shop in MPC 5pm onwards / Year 6 Information Night 6pm |
| 5 December  | Year 6 Orientation Day   |
| 8 December  | Presentation Day   |
| 13 December | Wellbeing Christmas Shopping Trip                                    |
| 15 December | Students last day  |
| 19 December | School closes at 3.30pm for 2017                                     |





Thank you to all those people who donated uniforms/pictures for display over the weekend.

## P&C NEWS



50+ Years Celebration Merchandise is still available and can be purchased at the Front Office at Gundagai High School.

Mugs \$10  
Can Cooler \$10  
Fridge Magnet \$2



## LEARNING FOR SUCCESS UPDATE

During term 4, the Learning for Success Program will continue to be embedded across all KLA's within the school. Year 11 Students will receive a skills session this week which will focus on study tools and using the ALARM matrix to deconstruct extended response questions. In week 7, our school will host the Cootamundra Network ALARM Coordinators' Professional Learning Day where we will continue to collaborate with neighbouring schools and start planning for 2018. In stages 4 and 5, students will continue to partake in literacy based ALARM lessons to revise their understanding of the language of ALARM and how to improve the depth of their writing.



Miss Emma Sturt  
Learning Coordinator

## DRAMA CLUB'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLAY

As part of Gundagai High School's 50+ Year Reunion celebrations, the Drama Club put on a comedic performance entitled *High School Reunion*. The play starred **Damica Field** (Year 7), **Jazmine Carberry** (Year 9), **Georgia Murphy** (Year 9) and **Clair Ryan** (Year 9) who performed their roles spectacularly. **Gabrielle Butcher** (Year 7) assisted with costume design. The play is a comedy which follows an elderly couple who are getting ready for their fifty-year high school reunion. Things suddenly turn sour when a fellow classmate gets what appears to be a facelift to make him look young again. Big congratulations to the girls who put on a stellar performance!

Mrs Sarah Lu  
Drama Club Coordinator





## RECENT TAS LEARNING EXPERIENCES





## TEMORA AVIATION EXCURSION

On 25 October 2017 Miss Carr and Mr Crane took Year 7 to the Temora Aviation museum to see the Da Vinci Machines exhibition and to look at their historic war planes.

The Da Vinci Machines exhibition included many of Leonardo Da Vinci's inventions that he designed thousands of years ago. There were things like paddle boats, water lifesaving equipment, water movement contraptions, weight lifting machines, bicycles and lots more. We were allowed to use some of Da Vinci's machines to see how Da Vinci designed them and how they work. Everyone found it very interesting and had lots of fun.

We also saw all the war planes at the museum and our helpful guides told us about the many roles they played in the wars they were used in. All the planes in the museum still fly due to the museum's efforts to maintain them. We were taken to a viewing platform to see mechanics working on the planes to ensure they still fly for many years to come.

Thanks to Miss Carr and Mr Crane for organising the excursion.

A big thank you also to Makeham's Coaches and Temora Aviation staff for their assistance on the day.

Written by Tom Sharman and Kynan Crossley  
Year 8 Science students



## ROAD SAFETY DAY

In Week 3, Year 10 and 11 students participated in a Road Safety Day at school. The purpose of the day was to raise student awareness of the need to be safe when driving. Many of our students in these year groups are working towards gaining their driver's licence, so the day was very relevant and important to them. Our students rotated through five activities, coming together at the end of the day for a presentation from the Gundagai SES.

Youth Liaison Officer for the Cootamundra Area Command, Senior Constable Joe Camilleri, highlighted the two greatest causes of motor vehicle accidents in young drivers: inexperience and alcohol. Students enjoyed his practical demonstration of how roadside breath and drug analysis works. Senior Constable Camilleri brought home the message that country youth face different challenges than those in the city and the very real difference between 'paddock bashing' and driving on country roads.



Ross Tout, Controller of the Gundagai SES, captivated students with his presentation about the need to drive to the road and weather conditions. Ross showed students photographs of local motor vehicle accidents and discussed the challenges faced by the SES and the emergency services at accident scenes. Students were shown local crash 'black spots' to encourage them to be aware of their limitations as beginning drivers.

Our students were privileged to meet Brendon Talbott, a director of Wheelchair Sports NSW and senior presenter of the Wheelchair Sports Roadshow. Brendon tours high schools around the state, emphasising the importance of being safe behind the wheel and the realities of permanent physical disability due to road trauma. All students participated in playing wheelchair basketball and by doing so gained insight into what it takes to participate in a wheel chair-based sport for someone with a physical disability.

Our Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Alex Davies, is based at Barellan. Senior Constable Davies has a fantastic sense of humour and engaged our students with a light-hearted presentation with a serious message. Young drivers are over-represented in motor vehicle accidents and male drivers make up the majority of those accidents. Our students were made aware of some of the legal and financial consequences of not following the road rules and being responsible when in charge of a motor vehicle.

Forty students enjoyed the experience of using a driver simulator, generously offered by the Young Rotary Club. In pairs, students experienced simulated driving hazards, most notably the distractions of other passengers, music and mobile phones. Students enjoyed this experience so much that many returned for a second go.

To finish the day off, all students combined for a demonstration by Ross Tout and the local SES crew. The crew used a car to demonstrate how they extricate people trapped following a car accident. The SES impressed us with their state-of-the-art rescue equipment and expertise as they safely removed a "trapped" Reece Lindley-Kell from the car.

This was a very worthwhile day and students took a lot away from it. The school would like to thank all those who presented and demonstrated on the day, as well as Mark Tozer who very generously donated the car used by the SES in their demonstration and the Young Rotary Club.

Mr Craig Palmer  
Year 10 Adviser





## YEAR 10 MODEL HOUSE BUILDING

Year 10 students are busy learning about the differences between series and parallel circuits and building shoe box houses that model how light and power point circuits work - using small components such as LEDs, light wire and paperclips.

Ms Allison Appleby  
Head Teacher Science



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Safer Drivers Course  
for young learner drivers**

**Preparing you for your P's**

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

To book a Safer Drivers Course contact:  
**National Driver Education Pty Ltd**  
**02 9853 3243**  
www.ndeaustralia.com.au      programs@ndeaustralia.com.au



Courses conducted at Wagga Wagga RSL Dodds Street Wagga Wagga. 3hr theory session and 2hr drive equals 20hrs driving time in Learner Driver Log Book for \$140. Both modules completed in 1 day. Book via NDE Website or call 02 98533243

**Saddle-up & Come on Over**  
to the  
**RDA Hoedown**  
Yes, that right, the Hoedown is back!


Saturday,  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Gates Open: 5.30pm

RDA Whitaker Centre  
Boonderoo Rd  
Tumut

Entertainment by  
The Moonshiner, with guest artist Diane Mason,  
playing all your favourite songs.  
- get ready to tap your toes, dance and sing-a-long!

Entry only \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

- ♦ Why not make this your Christmas party: no work/no fuss!
- proceeds will support Riding for the Disabled, Tumut!
- ♦ Dinner and soft drinks available for purchase
- RSVP to 0428 160385. Please note that this is not essential but will assist with catering.
- ♦ BYO: Grog and chair/blanket



### WORKSHOPS!!!

**Drawing with Jennie Forster  
Tumut**

**10AM-11:30AM KIDS (Ages 6-12)**

**2-3:30PM ADULTS**

**2PM-4PM BECOME A SUPERHERO WITH KEELY (AGES 12+)**

**ALL WORKSHOPS \$10**

**Limited Spaces -Book soon!**

**Booking: [e: admin@tumulart.com](mailto:admin@tumulart.com) or S.M.S Jenny Crain  
0412524922**

**Payment details: Cash on day or by direct deposit**

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**PLEASE JOIN  
COOTAMUNDRA HIGH SCHOOL  
IN THE GARDENS OF  
'LINDEN' AND 'FERNDALE'  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017  
10AM – 5PM**



Share a beautiful day with family and friends in these two prominent Cootamundra District gardens enjoying refreshments, stalls, raffles and activities.

**ADULTS - \$15  
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN - FREE  
BUSES AVAILABLE & RUNNING HOURLY  
ADULT-\$5 / CHILDREN-GOLD COIN  
LAST BUS LEAVING 'FERNDALE' @ 4PM.**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR THE GARDENS ON THE DAY.**

**FOR MAPS & FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL  
[cootahighpandc@gmail.com](mailto:cootahighpandc@gmail.com) OR REQUEST A PRINTED VERSION FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS A COVERED  
MULTICOURT TO REPLACE OUR DATED  
BASKETBALL COURTS.**