PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week we hosted our first ever Partner Schools Fun Day! We welcomed over 40 students from our local partner schools: Gundagai PS, Gundagai South PS, Nangus PS and St Pat’s. It was an action-packed day coordinated by the students who took part in the Middle Years Leadership Program. They designed a range of lessons which they flexibly delivered to small groups of students. This enabled our students to develop their leadership skills and build their confidence in communicating with younger peers to achieve a goal.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we plan to build on this in the future. Well done to all involved, especially to Mr Wong for coordinating the day and Miss Brandenburg and our food technology and hospitality students for treating our special guests to their fine catering skills for a delicious recess and lunch.

Important information about holidays
As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods are included as absences. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, the following considerations apply:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as “L” and a Certificate of Extended Leave - Holiday issued.

This must be done prior to going on the holiday.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the reason or if the parents have not approached the principal, the absence will be recorded as “A”. A Certificate of Extended Leave - Holiday will not be issued.
- If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education Parents/carers should contact the school to obtain an Application for Extended Leave – Travel so their application can be considered in a timely manner.

BYOD information
Parents/carers are reminded that we encourage all students to bring their own device to use a learning tool. We also wish to remind students that Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud software is available for free from the student portal. If you have any further questions about BYOD, please feel free to see Mr Wong.

ADAM GOODES AFL TALENT PROGRAM 2017

On Friday 3 November I attended my first camp with the Adam Goodes AFL talent program.
The camp lasted for three days and it was so much fun. The things I really enjoyed and participated in were:

* meeting Josh Ado-Carr from the Melbourne Storm
* meeting Adam Goodes after dinner on the first night
* playing a scratch match on Saturday after we did some drills with Adam Goodes
* Saturday night we did a 30-minute stretching session before we had dinner
* Sunday morning after breakfast we did a 30-minute pool recovery session
* Sunday afternoon I had my first ever plane flight from Sydney to Wagga Wagga!

Riley Bethune – Year 7

Fire Service cadets and Student Representative Council. Stuart approaches his learning in a measured and thoughtful manner. He is able to successfully work in collaboration with his peers and also as an individual, showing excellent logical and critical thinking skills. This has helped Stuart gain respect from both his teachers and peers.

FOR SALE
Multi station weights unit by silent auction
Inspection welcome, please contact Simon Bridgeman on 0429365994. Note: purchaser will be responsible for dissemble and pick up.
Closing date Friday 24 November at 3.30pm. Please email adelia.fuller@det.nsw.edu.au or place bids in an envelope marked confidential and drop off to the front office.

VICTOR CHANG SCIENCE AWARD
On 10 November Stuart Petty was awarded the Victor Chang Science Award for Gundagai High School. He was presented with this award by Professor Jamie Vandenburg from the Victor Chang Institute. This prestigious award also includes an invitation to attend the Institute in December.

Stuart’s award citation is copied below:

Stuart is an extraordinary student who has achieved academic excellence in the majority of his Preliminary courses. He studies 3 science courses and has achieved 1st place in Physics, Biology, Mathematics, Advanced English and Multimedia. Stuart was identified as a gifted and talented student, accelerating through junior science to begin Stage 6 Chemistry in year 10. He also gained a merit in the RACI Titration competition and credit in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Stuart is an active member of the community having represented the school in Rural

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017

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Reminder for term 4: Our Tutoring Centre is open every Monday afternoon from 3.30pm – 5pm. Each week there will be at least 2 Mathematics teachers available to help students with their learning.
Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers

You are invited to attend the parent information evening for Year 7 2018, to be held at 6pm on Monday 4 December 2017 in the MPC at Gundagai High School.

People you will hear from are:
- The Principal, Mrs Adelia Fuller
- Year 7 Adviser, Mr Aaron Hoang
- Students of Gundagai High School

Each family will receive an information package and school uniform items will be available for sale between 5-6pm. Lowes will apply a 15% discount on all purchases made up until the 31 December 2017.

If you were unable to attend our parent information session earlier in the year there will also be an opportunity for you to have a tour of the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Mrs Adelia Fuller
Principal

RSVP

Parent/Carer Name:...........................................................................................................
Student Name:..............................................................................................................
Attended first information session   Yes    /    No

Please return to your school office by Monday 27 November 2017