



GUNDAGAI HIGH

Friday, 29 June 2018

STOP PRESS - COMING EVENTS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the students at Gundagai High School for consistently displaying our core school values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity. As part of our school's wellbeing initiatives, the student body was challenged to collect 200 merit tokens. It is my pleasure to announce that students far exceeded this target and in recognition of their efforts, a whole school barbecue was held this week. Thank you to all the staff and students who assisted in cooking, serving and taking photos at our barbecue on Thursday.



This Sunday, students along with Mrs Toohey, Mr Chadwick and Mr D'Alessandro will be departing on the Central Australia trip. A big thank you to all the parents, careers and staff for their support of this fantastic opportunity for our students. Regular updates of the trip will be posted to our school Facebook page.

I would like to take the opportunity to announce that Mrs Adelia Fuller's secondment as the Relieving Director Educational Leadership has been extended until the end of this term. It is anticipated that Mrs Fuller will be back at GHS on Monday week 1 term 3, 23 July. For week 10 of this term, I will continue in the role as relieving principal.

Mr Nathan Wong
Relieving Principal



**COME ALONG AND
IMPROVE YOUR
MATHS SKILLS**

OUR TUTORING CENTRE IS OPEN EVERY
MONDAY IN TERMS 2 AND 3 UNTIL
4.30PM IN OUR LIBRARY

FRONT OFFICE NEWS

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

Westpac have made changes to the Parent online Payment (POP) portal.

These changes include:



- Collapsible sections have grouped information in a more logical order making the form easier to use.
- Browser auto-fill will allow parents and carers to make payments without having to re-enter details.
- More time to enter details.
- Larger controls to make it easier to use on mobile screens.
- Allow payment via a credit card or direct debit from a bank account.



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

JUNE	
Friday 29	• NAIDOC Excursion Years 7 - 10
Friday 29-Saturday 30	• RFS Cadets Qualifying in Orange
JULY	
Sunday 1 – Sunday 15	• Central Australia and Outback Queensland Excursion
Friday 6	• Last day term 2
Monday 23	• Staff return term 3 – SDD3
Tuesday 24	• Students return term 3

BBQ

Students were treated to a BBQ lunch on Thursday 28 June in recognition of achieving 200 merit tokens. Thank you to the students that assisted with cooking, serving and cleaning up. Well done on reaching 200 merit tokens, keep up the hard work and remember to hand your merit tokens in to your Year Advisor.



WOODWORK CHALLENGE

On Friday 22 June four GHS students, Jayden McDonald, Oscar Bartlett, Kelvin Hillier and Campbell Smith competed in the Woodwork Challenge in Sydney.



We are still waiting to hear the results of the Challenge but our 4 boys worked well as a team and all completed what was a difficult project in the allowed 2 hours.



**2018 National NAIDOC Theme:
Because of her, we can!**

NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

Under the theme - Because of her, we can! - NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July. As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play – active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, our rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate our culture, language, music and art.

They continue to influence as doctors, lawyers, teachers, electricians, chefs, nurses, architects, rangers, emergency and defence personnel, writers, volunteers, chief executive officers, actors, singer songwriters, journalists, entrepreneurs, media personalities, board members, accountants, academics, sporting icons and Olympians, the list goes on.

They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters and our daughters.

Sadly, Indigenous women's role in our cultural, social and political survival has often been invisible, unsung or diminished.

For at least 65,000 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have carried our dreaming stories, songlines, languages and knowledge that have kept our culture strong and enriched us as the oldest continuing culture on the planet.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women were there at first contact.

They were there at the Torres Strait Pearlers strike in 1936, the Day of Mourning in 1938, the 1939 Cummeragunja Walk-Off, at the 1946 Pilbara pastoral workers' strike, the 1965 Freedom Rides, the Wave Hill walk off in 1966, on the front line of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 1972 and at the drafting of the Uluru Statement.

They have marched, protested and spoken at demonstrations and national gatherings for the proper recognition of our rights and calling for national reform and justice.

Our women were heavily involved in the campaign for the 1967 Referendum and also put up their hands to represent their people at the establishment of national advocacy and representative bodies from the National Aboriginal Congress (NAC) to ATSIC to Land Councils and onto the National Congress for Australia's First Peoples.

They often did so while caring for our families, maintaining our homes and breaking down cultural and institutionalised barriers and gender stereotypes.

Our women did so because they demanded a better life, greater opportunities and - in many cases equal rights - for our children, our families and our people.

Because of her, we can!

**NAIDOC WEEK
2018**



**BECAUSE OF HER,
We Can!**

8-15 JULY 2018



Cheryl Moggs, a proud descendant of the Bigambul people of Goondiwindi, Bungunya and Toobeah regions in South West Queensland is this year's winner of the prestigious National NAIDOC Poster Competition.

Her artwork - tarmunggie-woman - was judged to have beautifully interpreted this year's NAIDOC theme - Because of her, we can!

The theme celebrates the essential role that women have played - and continue to play - as active and significant role models at the community, local, state and national levels. "Ms Moggs' artwork portrays the courage and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women"

SUNDAY 8 JULY

Visit to Elm Grove Sanctuary
Transport:
Leave Cooee Cottage 10.00 am

Elm Grove Sanctuary:
11.30 am Smoking Ceremony &
Spiritual Service at Outdoor Chapel

12.30 pm Women visit site
with Talea Bulger

Men to cook BBQ for Lunch

After Lunch

Visit Cottages or yarn up beside the
river or meditate

Depart Elm Grove 2.30
3.00 pm return to Tumut

MONDAY 9 JULY

10.00 am
Flag Raising
BTLALC Building
95 Capper Street

10.30 am
Morning Tea
Tumut Library
Art Exhibition
Featuring local
Aboriginal Women Artists

TUESDAY 10 JULY

12.30 pm
Cooee Cottage
Community BBQ

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

10.30 am
Tumut TAFE Library
Book Presentation & Morning Tea

Wednesday Evening

6.30 pm
Guest Speaker at Tumut Library
Nova Peris

THURSDAY 12 JULY

10.00 am
Gundagai
Family Day
Mirrabooka
Smoking Ceremony
Flag Raising
Story Telling
Information Stalls

FRIDAY 13 JULY

Brungle Health Centre
Yarning Circle - Lunch
Casserole and Damper