



# GUNDAGAI HIGH

Thursday, 12 September 2019

## NEWSLETTER

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Farewell Mr Anthony Rake

Mr Anthony Rake has been a valued staff member at Gundagai High School for well over a decade. His contribution as the Visual Arts teacher has seen many students enjoy art and enhance their artistic flare and abilities. In recent times, he has also taught outside his specialised area and had classes in Mathematics and Geography.

Over the years Mr Rake has positively contributed to student wellbeing by being a year advisor and a valued member of the wellbeing team and continues to contribute to meaningful discussion and promotion of positive behaviour by our students.

He is also a huge advocate for staff wellbeing and consistently creates opportunities for staff to celebrate with each other and the hard work that goes into everyday life as a teacher.

He has organised many wonderful classroom activities and excursions, and goes above and beyond to educate the students about values and morals. An example of this is the part he plays in recycling at the school and raising money for the local Can Assist.

Mr Rake will be taking extended leave from the start of term 4 and will officially retire in 2020, then he is hoping to come back to GHS as a casual teacher and continue to support the school and its students. On behalf of all his past and present students, the staff and also parents, I wish him well in his time away from school and I hope he has a long and healthy retirement and thank him for all of his contributions to Gundagai High School.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

**Our full school calendar is now available anytime online through Sentral at:**

<https://gundagaihs.sentral.com.au/webcal/calendar/1>

#### SEPTEMBER

<b>Tuesday 17</b>	• Futures Day
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	• Henty Field Days • RFS Practice 3.30 – 5pm
<b>Friday 20</b>	• Gundagai Remembers Tour
<b>Friday 20 to Wednesday 25</b>	• Melbourne Show
<b>23-27 Sep</b>	• Year 11 Exams
<b>Friday 27</b>	• Year 12 Farewell Assembly • Last day term 3



## Music Teachers

I would like to thank our staff members who have taken Music classes in term 3. Mr R Crane, Mrs L Pearce, Ms K Campbell, Mr C Palmer and Mr O Britt. Their contributions and willingness to teach music, create interesting and enjoyable lessons, whilst building on student talents and fostering interest in music has been appreciated by all of us. The staff members whilst having a personal interest in music are not trained music teachers and volunteered to help out for the benefit of the students.

I would also like to thank Ms Jedda Decker for coming back to the teaching ranks and supporting our senior students.

We are all looking forward to Mr Fuller starting as our new music teacher in Term 4.

## School Leaders

The school held a captain induction assembly in Week 6 for our incoming school leaders. I congratulate Jarrah Ransome and George Gradon and look forward to their growth as school leaders and public speakers.

Thank you for a job well done goes to Dempsey Elphick and Corey Bennett, our outgoing school leaders who have shown tremendous leadership and developed into role models for the younger students. They have had a terrific support group from their peers in Yr 12 and it has been a pleasure working and helping them develop leadership qualities that will last them a lifetime.



Mr Simon Bridgeman  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As term 3 draws to a close it's a really great time to remember to check student's summer uniform and purchase any required items so they are looking great in the warmer weather. Some letters were sent home earlier this term about students wearing incorrect uniform. A note for your child will avoid them being marked as out of uniform. The new school jacket is available at Lowes and is suitable for the upcoming cold mornings and warm days.

Also letters were sent home earlier in the year about attendance to remind parents to notify us of the reasons for the absence. This can quickly be supplied by return SMS when you receive a text message.

We have some major events coming up, with the Year 12 Farewell Assembly on 27 September, as well as student's taking cattle to the Melbourne Show and our RFS cadets competing in the National Championships during the upcoming holiday period. Futures Day on 17 September is an opportunity for students to engage with employers and experience some taster lessons for subjects they have selected in 2020. We are also utilising the CGRC community bus to take students to Henty Machinery Field Days.

These events, as well as all other items listed on our calendar are now available on our website <https://gundagai-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or directly on Sentral at <http://tiny.cc/x0elcz>

Or you can scan this QR code with your phone to go directly to our Sentral calendar



Ms Allison Appleby  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## PRE MELBOURNE SHOW PREPARATIONS

The Gundagai High School Show Steers and Heifer team are starting to make their final preparations for their upcoming competition at the Royal Melbourne Show. Six students have been parading, weighing and grooming the six animals over the past 16 weeks in the lead up to the show. The team will travel to the Melbourne Show on Friday 20 September with the actual competition to occur on the following Monday and the Parader competition on the Tuesday. The team consisting of Matilda Carberry, Jarrah Ransom, Kynan Crossley, Tom Sharman, Brock White and Bill Elphick who will travel by bus to Melbourne accompanied by teachers Mrs Casey Norden and Mr Dale Chadwick.

Three of the steers were donated by local producers with the Shaw family from Abingdon Station continuing a long tradition by providing an Angus steer 'Chips' to the school for this event. The Graham family from Bongongo Angus also donated a steer 'Chuck' and continue to provide a



bull each year for the school by which the school steer 'Gravy' and heifer 'Dianne' were sired. Mark and Suzie Sharman have also provided an Angus steer 'Scotch'.

The other steer 'Rocky' is an Angus X Angus/Belted Galloway. The Elworthy family have again assisted with mixing the feed and donating the hay.

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I must express my sincere thanks to Aaron Nicholls and the Nicholls Family trust, who even during this current climatic hardship were able to donate some of the grain required to prepare the stock.

All the very generous donations the team has received have come at a time of climatic and financial extremes on farms and the school and students are very appreciative.

Elders have again supplied the team vests and Gundagai Meat Processors have made a donation to help reduce the cost of the trip to the students. Again, our sincere thanks must go to Mark and Susie Sharman who are transporting the steers to Melbourne at no cost to the school. This is a significant donation and very much appreciated. Also Paul Meggison of AusFarm Nutrition Products at Bomen for his ongoing support with his Beef Feedlot + Bovatec supplement donation.

I would also like to thank the Gundagai High School P&C who have just purchased a cattle clipping chute for the team to use at school and whilst in Melbourne. The \$1800 chute has been on the teams' wish list for a while and the P&C were very keen to make that a reality for the students.



## RURAL FIRE SERVICE CADETS

### Gundagai High School Rural Fire Service Cadets Preparing for the Australian Fire Cadet Championships

Six Gundagai High School RFS Cadets have been training hard for the upcoming Australian Fire Cadets Championships to be held at Wesley Vision Valley from Monday 30 September to Thursday 3 October. The cadets have been training at school during sport, after school and on weekends to best prepare themselves for the event. The team was selected in week 2 and includes Damica Field, Chenise Denning, Annika Smith, Lachlan Clark, Blair Pollack and Jordan Paton.

Relieving Deputy Principal Allison Appleby has volunteered to accompany Mr Dale Chadwick and the cadets as a female supervisor and is looking forward to seeing them compete after seeing them in action last year at the State Championships. The cadets will compete in 8 events against teams from Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and the ACT.

Dale Chadwick  
RFS Coordinator



Practicing the Tanker and Ladder



Two Tanker



Recovering the Crew Leader in the Tanker and Ladder

# Meningococcal Awareness

As we head into late winter and spring, NSW Health are urging everyone to be alert to the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

NSW Health have launched a state wide campaign about identifying the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterial infection that can lead to serious illness if not recognised and treated in time. While anyone can contract meningococcal disease, infection rates are higher in children aged 0 - 4 years and young people aged 15 - 24 years.

## Do you know the symptoms of meningococcal disease?

Symptoms of meningococcal disease include:

- Sudden onset of fever
- Headache
- Neck stiffness
- Joint pain
- Dislike of bright lights
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Irritability
- Rash of red-purple spots or bruises that doesn't disappear when pressure is applied. (A rash does not always appear or it may occur late in the disease).

Some or all of these symptoms may appear and can mimic other common illnesses. Symptoms usually occur suddenly and can get worse quickly, so it's important to seek urgent medical treatment.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread. The NSW School vaccination program provides free vaccination against meningococcal disease for year 10 students in 2019. Students ages 15-16 can access free vaccine from their GP.

## Act fast and seek medical advice quickly

People infected with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell very quickly. People who could have meningococcal disease should seek urgent medical advice.

For more information about meningococcal disease and vaccinations, or to obtain information to promote this within your school community, visit

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal).



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**TAFE Course Information Session**  
10.00 am on Friday 27th September  
at Mirrabooka

### Morning Tea Provided

Whether you're a school leaver, a Senior, an aspiring apprentice, looking to kickstart a career, or you're up-skilling, reskilling, or re-training, there's a TAFE NSW course to give you the skills you need for the job you want.

Come along and learn about the various courses and all the different ways you can access these courses. This might be with a Short Course, Certificate or Diploma Course or an On-Line course.

For further information please contact the Neighbourhood Centre at Mirrabooka on 69440290  
Or email [info@gncinc.org.au](mailto:info@gncinc.org.au)  
or you are also welcome to just turn up on the day.



### Wise Women's Words Family Hotel, Gundagai

**5.45 pm Thursday 19th September**

Nibbles and Refreshments available on arrival  
We invite local women to join us for an evening of information

Guest Speaker Heather Jamieson – MLHD Women's Health Nurse,

Heather will speak from 6.00 pm

You are invited to stay and join us for dinner at 7 pm

\*PN cost of dinner is not included

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## REASON FOR ABSENCE



Student \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Roll \_\_\_\_\_

was absent from school on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date/s student absent)

Reason: ☐ Sick \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Medical/Dental Appointment ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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