



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School Sport

Thank you for your patience and understanding around the change in school operations with regards to Wednesday afternoon sport. As Government restrictions are easing we have been given the advice that our school sport program can return to normal from the beginning of term 3. This means we will continue to allow students to sign out of school from 12.50pm each Wednesday to go home until the end of term 2.

School sport will continue to operate utilising school facilities only, students who are not able to go directly home

or need to attend school until buses arrive will participate in the modified program at school.

Student Reports

All students in Years 7-10 will receive academic reports in week 10 of term 2. These reports will be a modified version of our existing reports and will include information about face-to-face learning and working from home learning. Students will be given an indication of their level of involvement and commitment to learning.

We envisage that student academic reports will be as per normal at the end of Semester 2, 2020.

School Maintenance upgrades

Gundagai High School continues to have facilities upgraded in the current maintenance cycle. The Boys and Girls toilets are currently being refurbished, climate-controlled air conditioning has been completed in a number of classrooms and installation has started in the Library. Our grass quad area has received some more student furniture and an all-weather shelter, the school has used a sustainable schools grant to install a large water tank connected to the MPC and COLA.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020

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

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

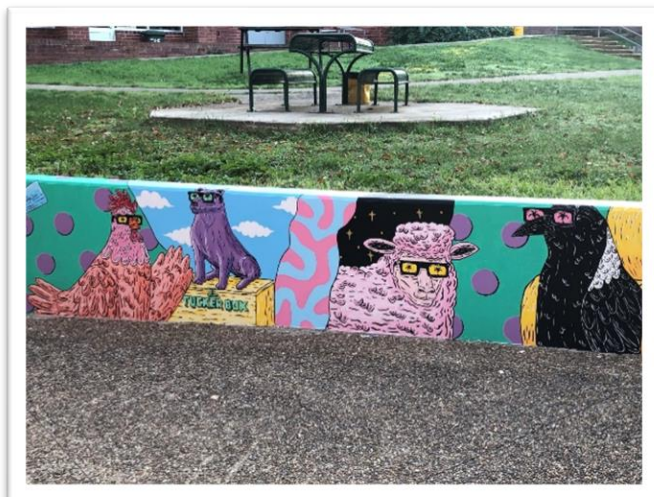
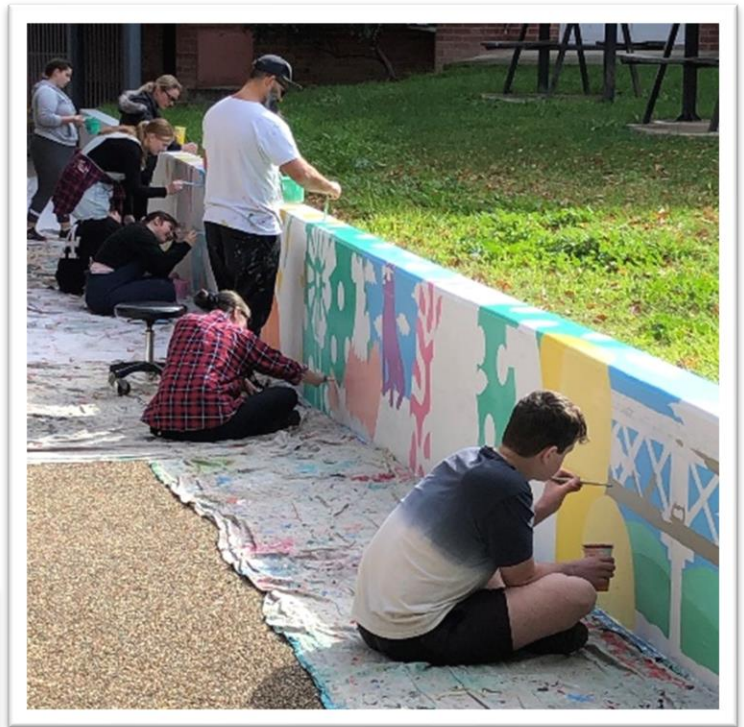
JULY	
Friday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7-10 reports handed out• Last day term 2
Tuesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Term 3 – ALL students return
AUGUST	
Monday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P&C AGM Meeting 7pm in the Staff Common Room
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photos
NOVEMBER	
Saturday 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antique Car Show at GHS

The Metals and Wood rooms are having machinery upgraded. The works have given the school much improved facilities and learning environments.



School Mural

Congratulations to our current Yr 10 and Yr 11 Art students and Miss Carr who participated in painting a mural with 'Mulga the Artist'. The Mural includes several Gundagai icons including an old shack, Jacki and Yarri and the great flood, a gold rush reference with a funky Koala, the old railway bridge, Captain moonlight and the Dog on the Tuckerbox. Mulga visited the school and worked with the students over a four day period to complete the art work.



NSW CHS Sport Association

The NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association wishes to advise that the following events have been **cancelled for Term 3, 2020.**



- NSW All Schools cross country
- NSW All Schools touch football trials
- NSWCHSSA gymnastics state championships
- NSWCHSSA Trans-Tasman squash exchange
- NSWCHSSA athletics championships
- NSWCHSSA boys tennis state championships
- NSW All Schools football tri-series
- NSW All Schools opens netball tri-series
- NSWCHSSA trampoline sports state championships
- NSWCHSSA bowls exchange
- NSWCHSSA girls tennis state championships
- Secondary Water Polo trials
- Secondary Boys Cricket trials

All NSWCHSSA state-wide (formerly knockout) competitions have also been cancelled for 2020.

The health and wellbeing of everyone involved is paramount and at the heart of this decision. We recognise the pressures that schools are currently experiencing and supporting students and staff remains our highest priority.

Mr Simon Bridgeman
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the return to school I have noticed that many students are still wearing their home learning outfits rather than full school uniform. Students have been given a few weeks leeway to return to full school uniform. If you need items they can be ordered from Lowes in Wagga or online. The school can also assist with uniform items. Students have been getting marked out of uniform for the past week and letters will be sent home to parents for students of concern. The most incorrectly worn items are shoes (non-leather sneakers are not school uniform), pants (leggings and active wear are not school uniform) and jumpers (coloured hoodies are not school uniform). We appreciate your support with this matter.

We have continued to expand our use of our administration system, called Sentral. Parents are encouraged to register as this is a portal to access up to date information about your child/ren. You can respond to absent notices, review student reports etc.

I have recently trialled adding an assessment task for my Year 10 science class as an additional method of communicating with both students and parents. The Sentral portal allows better access between the school and parents and this is one of our priorities for 2020.

gundagaihs.sentral.com.au/portal

Ms Allison Lloyd
Deputy Principal

FRONT OFFICE MESSAGES

Family Details Update

Included at the end of this newsletter is the Family Details Update Form. Please take the time to complete the form and return it to the school office. We have noticed recently that many home phone numbers, including mobiles have been disconnected or changed, and at times, this has made things difficult when trying to contact the parents of sick children. Current national circumstances make it necessary for us to send all sick children home.

Medicare numbers and expiry date are also required as these are now important for when students are going on excursions as well as work placement/work experience.

Email Addresses for Newsletter/Correspondence

Please add your email address to the family update form. Many of the email addresses we have in our system are no longer valid and 'bounce back' when used to send out the newsletter and other important information. As our school moves into the future, emailing is becoming a more reliable and efficient way of communicating directly with parents.

If you do not already receive the school newsletter by email and would like to do so, just send through an email to gundagai-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au requesting for your email address to be added to our distribution list. We have a large number of families that prefer this method to ensure that they receive a copy as even though we have printed copies available, students seem reluctant to collect one.

Sport Kits / Overnight Bags / Shoes / Class Projects

Due to our current circumstances and for safety reasons, sport kits, overnight/weekend bags, shoes and other belongings can no longer be left in the front office. Students will be required to carry these items with them throughout the day. Alternatively, they may hire a locker for \$20 for the remainder of the year to store their belongings. Woodwork and metalwork projects will need to remain in the technology rooms and be collected from there at the end of the day.

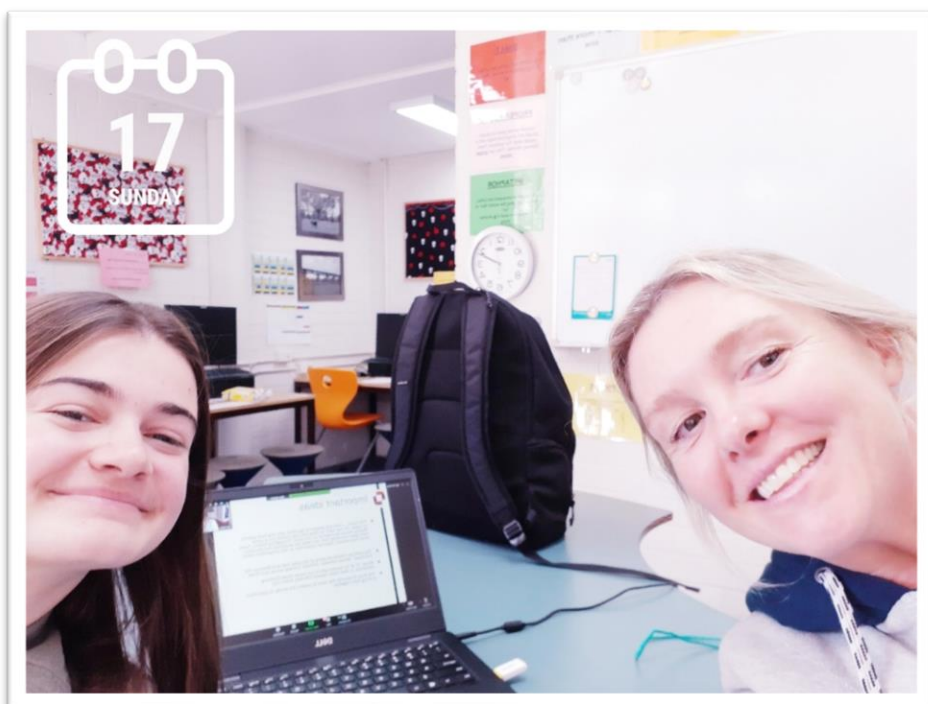
ENGLISH EXTENSION 1 HSC STUDY DAY

Held in the same week as the HSC timetable being released, the HSC Study Day season kicked-off with Georgia Murphy and Mrs Norden attending the English Extension 1 webinar on Sunday 17 May.

Delivered through the English Teachers Association NSW, the first session was hosted by top-scoring 2019 HSC students giving their insights and feedback on their examination experiences. These students shared excellent strategies to apply for the English Extension 1 HSC exam.

The second and third sessions focused on the compulsory and elective modules within the course. These sessions were facilitated by experienced English Extension 1 HSC markers, and Mel Dixon - President of the English Teachers Association. With over 500 students in attendance state-wide, this study day was a valuable experience for Georgia, who studies this subject as a single student. Study days promote a sense of competition, and provide a platform for equitable and course specific HSC advice.

Mrs Casey Norden
English Teacher



SCIENCE NEWS



Year 11 Chemistry students Brianna and Jonty have recently been learning a quantitative technique called "titration". In past years the school has participated in a National Competition with strong results, however, it was cancelled for 2020. We are planning to compete in 2021 with a quick brush up of skills early next year and hopefully with some of next year's Stage 6 science students.



Back to School Allows for Development of Practical Skills

The return to class has allowed to students in the Vocational Education and Training courses to start to develop their practical skills. Primary Industries students have used the home learning period to read the Tractor manual and extract operation information, safety requirements and maintenance schedules.

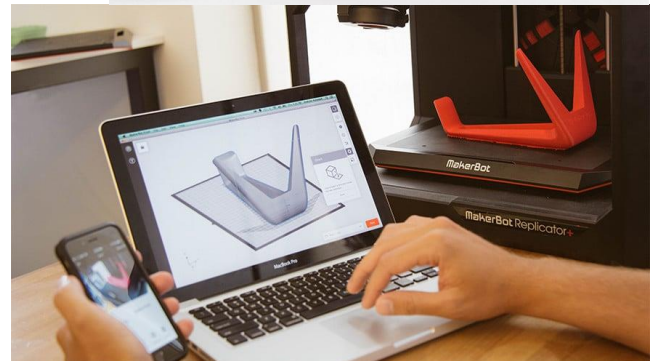
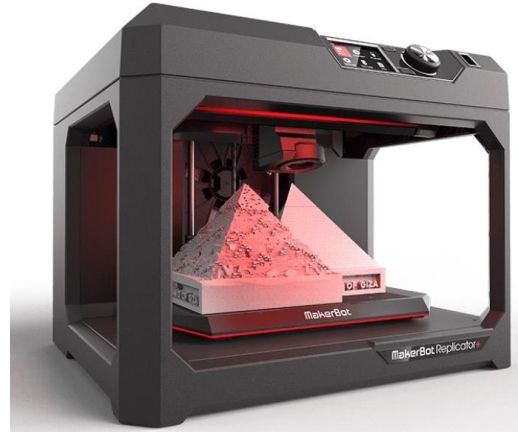
School provides them with the opportunity to apply this knowledge in a practical situation. Safe competent driving is also a requirement to complete the Tractor Operation competency. Matilda Carberry is pictured driving a challenge course with a 3point linkage implement attached and with a trailer.



Workshop Upgrades

The TAS department have upgraded the workshops with new machinery so our students have the opportunity to create the highest quality practical projects. After many years of faithful service, the old Hercus metal lathes from the Metal workshop and the Woodfast table and band saws from the Timber workshop will be retired and replaced with current industry standard models that include excellent safety features, higher powered motors, increased material size capacity and precision features including digital readout panels that will ensure the highest levels of machining accuracy.

We have also purchased an industry standard 3D printer that our students will use in combination with our new 3D CAD software 'Onshape' to create highly complex projects that are not possible to make in a workshop. The machine is capable of producing items in a vast array of plastics including an environmentally friendly PLA plastic that breaks down in landfill through to engineering plastics embedded with carbon fibre to make fully functioning parts for engineering projects. Students will now be able to create components made to their own specifications instead of designing projects around purchased 'off the shelf' products.



CONGRATULATIONS INDIANA COOPER

There has been little to report about in the way of school sport lately, but I am very pleased to report some exciting news involving Indiana Cooper and her achievement in the sport of Athletics.

Indiana has been selected into the NSW Athletics Target Talent Program 2020. This program is partnered with Athletics Australia's High-Performance Athletes Program as a talent identification pathway. The selection criteria for this program is of an elite standard, with young athletes needing to attain results consistent with World junior athletics benchmarks.

Congratulations on your selection into this program
Indiana.

Mrs Casey Norden
Sports Coordinator



SCHOOL SPORT INTO SEMESTER 2

As we move back to Wednesday afternoon sport next term, the staff involved with sports planning at Gundagai High School are working to develop opportunities for students to engage with competitive sport, skill development and representation in Semester 2. The school cross country and athletics carnivals will go ahead in Term 3 & 4 respectively. With the cancellation of



Riverina and NSWCHSSA representative sport in these disciplines the focus of our school carnivals will be whole-school participation and sports house rivalry. The Gundagai High School Golf Tournament will also be scheduled for late term 3, allowing students to select golf on Wednesday afternoons in preparation for the competition.

In addition to the future planning of whole-school carnivals, staff are working in partnership with Sporting Schools to deliver a team sports program in Term 3 & 4. This opportunity will be delivered through the Wednesday afternoon sports time, and will promote team sport skills. There are also preliminary discussions within our local high schools network to schedule an inter-school sports competition in a range of sports and venues across the South West Highlands region.

It is great to know that whole-school sport will continue into the rest of the school year.

Mrs Casey Norden
Sport Coordinator

NSW YEAR 11 & 12 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Georgia Murphy who has represented Gundagai High School in the state-wide Year 11 & 12 Plain English Public Speaking competition.

In 2020 this competition has changed format, meaning that Georgia was required to prepare an eight-minute speech on a topic of her choice, having her public speaking entry filmed and uploaded to the competition website. Georgia wrote an outstanding persuasive speech titled "Female Archetypes and Manipulation". In this speech she addressed the wide range of texts she has studied over the course of Year 11 and 12 English Advanced and English Extension 1, including *The Crucible*, *Othello*, *The Awakening*, *Frankenstein* and *North and South*, whilst using Margaret Atwood's speech *The Spotty-Handed Villainess* as her text-type exemplar.



Georgia's speech covered the characterisation of women in literature, and explored the themes of explicit and subtle manipulation through the roles female characters employ as plot devices.

We wish Georgia the best of luck through the judging process, and congratulate her for her enthusiasm to represent Gundagai High School in this student competition.

Mrs Casey Norden
English Teacher

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER & OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

Having had some setbacks with their learning time interrupted by the COVID-19 quarantine, Year 12 are back at school and keen to make the most of their class time with their teachers. Year 12 look forward to their Formal Graduation and are continuing their fundraising efforts for this special occasion.



Next Wednesday 24 June, Year 12 will sell some delicious **cakes or slices priced between \$1 and \$5** from the Year 12 bake-off stall at school.

Also, to show student gratitude for the end of school lockdown **the day will be out of uniform**, where students may choose to wear relaxed clothing, (as they did during the home learning due to COVID-19.)



For a gold \$1 or \$2 donation students may wear a combination of attire such as sloppy joes, track pants, winter pyjamas pants or onesies. The idea is to be warm and comfortable. (Please vet inappropriate labelling or advertising prints on jumpers etc.) **Students must wear enclosed footwear as normal.**

Please support these Year 12 fundraising efforts. More events and raffles have been planned for the upcoming weeks. **If you would like to receive raffle tickets please contact Ms. Katherine Moore, Year 12 Advisor** E: Katherine.Moore7@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school front office.

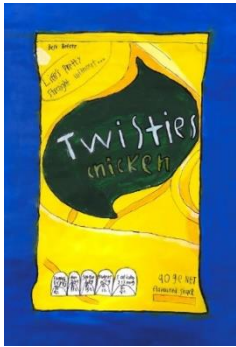
Ms. Moore on behalf of the Graduation Committee



VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Gundagai High School's Art students have been actively creating and learning about 2D art this semester. We have seen a number of excellent artworks created by our talented students since the start of 2020. Below is a snapshot of the learning that has occurred in Visual Arts classes.

Year 7 have created Pop Art Paintings using bright colours and bold outlines. They learnt about colour mixing and tonal shading techniques to create a 3D effect.



Dallas Miller



Clarity Glazebrook



Henry Hindmarsh



Halle Smart



Amity Robb

Year 8 have looked at Australian artists who depict the land in their art. Students created humorous Mambo-inspired landscape drawings.



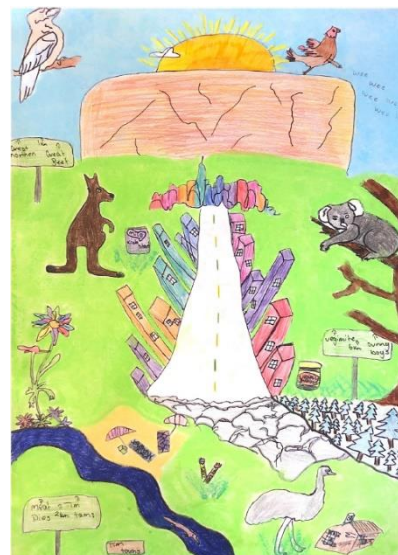
Bill Elphick



Seb Smith

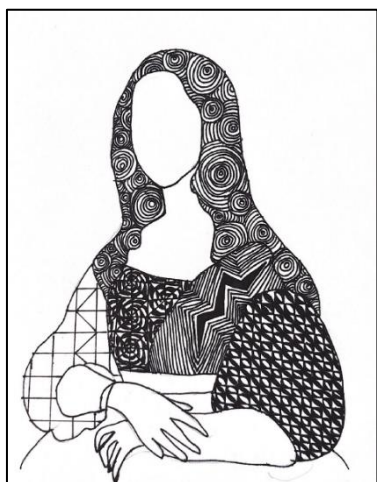


Don Cotterill

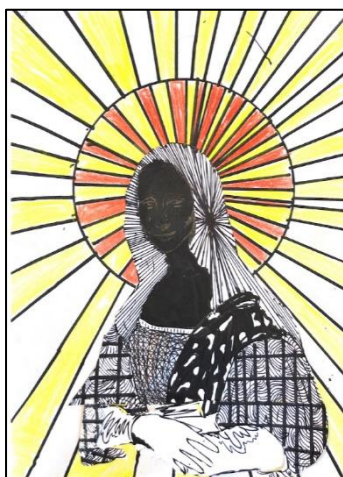


Mackenzie Dunn

Stage 5 are developing their artmaking skills in drawing and painting. They have studied still-life artworks and are currently looking at Surrealism.



Tazmin Makeham



Chelcea Robertson



Tiara Foster

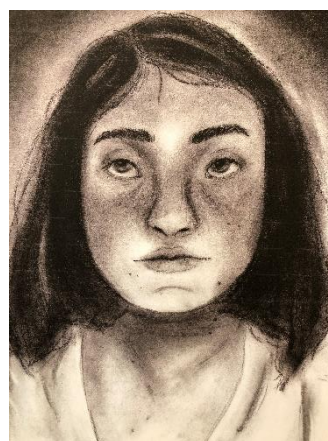
Year 11 have created several self-portrait artworks which developed and enhanced their technical drawing skills and pushed them out of their comfort zones. They used graphite, charcoal, ink and paint for their artmaking.



Lilian Crane



Frankie Hindmarsh



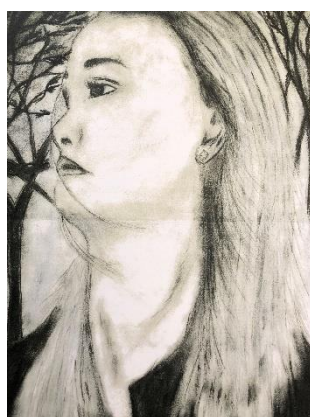
Bridie Ingold



Tyler Roberts



Will Morgan

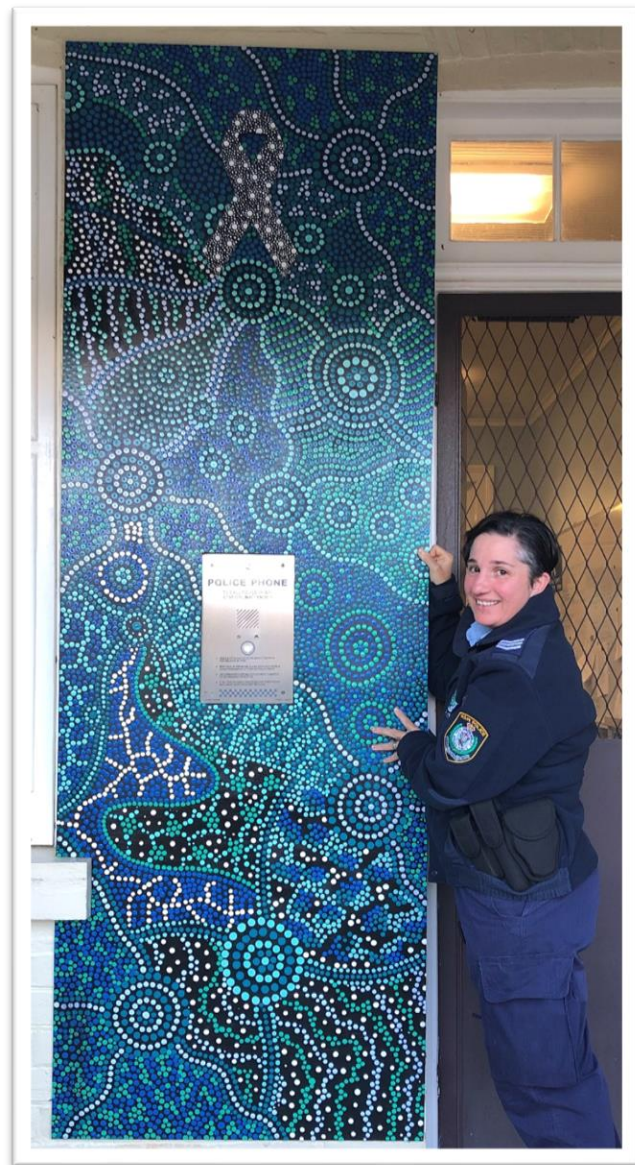


Hannah Hand



Chris Afuang

Year 12 are progressing with their HSC Body of Works. Students are experimenting with unique and individual approaches to painting, drawing and sculpture. The due date for their artmaking is quickly approaching! Stay tuned for images of their final submissions next term.



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact
Joss Facility Management via email on
cleaning@jossgroup.com.au
Check us out of Facebook **Joss Cleaning** or visit our webpage
www.jossgroup.com.au

Sergant Joanne Gallant from Gundagai Police Station is very happy with the artwork produced by Tyrone Hoerler and GHS students. The artwork will be officially unveiled at the Police Station on Tuesday 7 July 2020.

SAVE THE DATE

Gundagai Antique Motor Club
CAR SHOW
Saturday 7 November 2020
Venue: Gundagai High School

More information call Lesley - 0401154939 or Jim - 0408441495

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Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next in town



Wednesday 24th June, 10:00 - 3:00pm at the Gundagai District Services Club car park, Gundagai



Family Details Update – Gundagai High School Students only



Please print all details

Student's Names _____

Mailing Title (eg Mr & Mrs Smith) _____

Family Street Address _____

Postal Address (if different to above) _____

Name of Parents living with student/s _____

Name of Parent living elsewhere (optional) _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email _____

Mobiles: Parent 1 _____ Parent 2 _____

Work Numbers: Parent 1 _____ Parent 2 _____

Email address: _____

(will be used for newsletter and important information)

Emergency Contacts: (Grandparents/Neighbours etc) (We need their name & phone/mobile + relationship to student)

1. _____

2. _____

Please check if there has been any change in following and update:

Either parent occupation _____

Either parent qualifications _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE

Medicare Number: _____

Current Doctor _____ Phone No _____

Allergies for any of your children: eg stings, nuts, etc

(Please print clearly child's name and allergies, then next child and allergies and so on.)

Please specify any other medical conditions, (eg asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc) and for which child

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:/...../.....

Please return to school office promptly. Thank you for helping us keep our records up-to-date.