



GUNDAGAI HIGH SCHOOL

P&C Newsletter

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Street Stall

The P&C held our annual street stall on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August. This was a highly successful fundraiser for our school. The funds raised from our street stall will be going towards a leadership camp for students on the school SRC. We thank all families for their support with donating prizes for our raffle, baking and helping to supervise the stall. We have been told the baking from our hospitality students was very tasty with lots of positive feedback received. We had some lovely feedback on the students who also gave up their time to help support this fundraiser and it was lovely to see students learning about community responsibility.

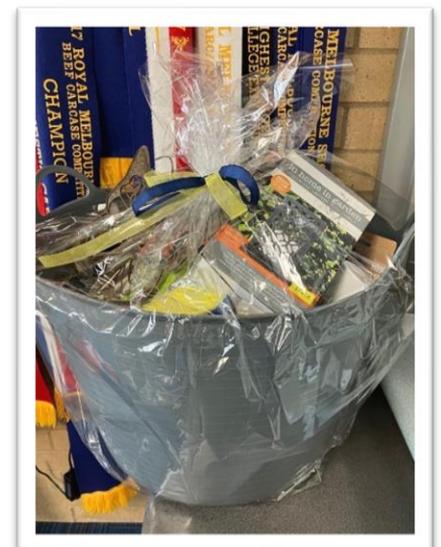
It was wonderful to see our table filled with baking and to have families supporting this fundraiser. Thank you everyone, especially Deyanne Field from Moey's for donating a raffle prize and Elders for the donation of the work boots – we appreciate your support. Thanks also to Deyanne for allowing us to store items in your store and keeping a watchful eye on things!

Thanks also to Jan Freestone for wrapping our raffle prizes and to the P&C committee who helped to organise and get all the jobs done for the stall – many hands made light work.

Congratulations to the P&C Street stall winners :-

1. Boots donated by Elders Gundagai - Brendan Daley
2. Hamper Raffle - Briget Gibson
3. Hamper Raffle- Jenny Martin
4. Hamper Raffle - Cavel Fuller
5. Hamper Raffle - James Bartlett
6. \$50 voucher donated by Moey's - Tania Murray
7. 100 club - Denise Manton
8. 100 club - Jacki Fairall

One of our raffle prize winners donated her prize back to a family who would appreciate the help. The school will be donating this on to a worthy family. What wonderful community spirit and kindness.



[Primary schools' carnival](#)

Gundagai High school was asked to hold the Highland PSSA school's athletics carnival in the school grounds on Friday 19 August. This last-minute change occurred due to the flood waters and wet conditions at Owen Vincent and Stan Crowe sporting grounds. The school welcomed students from local schools including Gundagai, Tumbarumba, Batlow, Adelong, Tumut, Nangus, Brungle and Bongongo. What a massive day it was- you may have noticed all the cars!

The students helped and showed wonderful sportsmanship cheering on peers and offering a helping hand. We had many people step in and help in the canteen which was not only catering to the normal school body but all the additional visitors as well. Thank you to the staff and students who stepped in to help. Year 12 also ran a highly successful fundraiser for their end of year events, selling hot dogs on the day.

[Canteen staff](#)

Our canteen employee Shannon Bartlett has informed the P&C that she will be going on Long Service Leave in term 4. We are currently advertising for staff for our canteen. Please keep an eye out in the local paper, via email and Facebook if you are interested in this role. The P & C would like to acknowledge and thank Kay Makeham, Jo Field, Kellie Kerr and Jo Elphick who stepped in recently whilst Shannon was on leave. We wish Shannon a very relaxing break from her role and thank her for her dedication and hard work in our canteen.



[Yondr – mobile phone pouches](#)

You may be hearing your child talking about mobile phones at the moment as the school is undertaking some research around mobile phone usage in the school grounds. The school has seen an escalation in negative incidences for students, which just keeps increasing. This has seen the school reviewing their policy and thinking about how they can better manage this within the school grounds.

At our recent meeting, the P&C committee endorsed and encouraged the school to try out innovative ideas to manage mobile phone usage within the school context.

We look forward to the school introducing Yondr – a mobile phone pouch that will limit use of phones in classes and lessons. We all know that we can get a little attached to our phones and children are no different. This can cause them to be distracted and not focused on what they are learning. It is also distracting to their peers in the class. The school have tried a few different strategies that they feel are not working – as noted in the escalation of the incidence of mobile phone usage.



This program is also rolling out in our local area with Cootamundra and Batlow High School also introducing Yondr in their schools. This will be a positive thing for our school and students as it will allow students to focus on their learning.

[Committee Members](#)

The P&C meets twice a term and is made up of parents, teachers and any interested community members. We welcome new people to our meetings and encourage you to come along and have a say on what happens within our school. This is a great way to get to know the teachers and hear about what happens at school. Please think about coming along to our next meeting – meetings are advertised on the school calendar, via the Sentral for parent's app, sent out via SMS and on the schools Facebook page.

Our next meeting is Monday 19 September at 6.30pm in the music room at school.