PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 2 is now well underway and it has been another busy fortnight at Gundagai High School.

Our strong track and field students competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival at Temora, Year 7 and 9 students undertook their NAPLAN examinations and our teachers were engaged in professional learning about setting milestones for our School Plan.

Our school has also hosted community events, such as the important and highly successful Gundagai Community Drug (Ice) Forum, as well as coordinated the Getting into English evening led by our English faculty. It was also wonderful to meet so many parents and carers at our Term 2 P&C meeting and to discuss initiatives to help further promote and profile the school. The meeting concluded with the showcasing of the excellent work of Mr Bower’s construction students. Many thanks for the work completed so far - aspects of our outdoor spaces are looking great thanks to the work of our students.

A number of our Year 12 students are currently taking part in their VET Work placement. While this is a compulsory course component, workplace learning opportunities encourage students to spend a planned period of time, usually a week, in a workplace of their choice as a valuable enhancement to their learning in the classroom. As school and the world of work are very different, Work placement provides an opportunity to bridge this gap by bringing schools and industry closer together. We look forward to our students expanding their skillsets and gaining a deeper understanding of what it is like to work in their chosen industry.

I would like to acknowledge our front office staff and thank them for all that they do each and every day in such an accommodating way. Their impact on the efficient operation of the school day is immeasurable!

Adelia Fuller
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Uniform

With the onset of the cold weather many students are wearing items that are not school uniform to keep warm. Please make an effort to get your children into the correct full school uniform. School jumpers and jackets have been designed to keep our students warm in the colder months and the P&C has endorsed that Gundagai High School is a uniform school. Uniforms are supplied by Lowes in Wagga. They have online facilities and price lists can be obtained from the school’s office.

Wearing under garments, like thermals, will add extra warmth. Beanies, gloves and scarves will give students further protection from the chilly winds we are experiencing. Students can wear overcoats when outdoors, however, these must be removed when entering classrooms.

The GHS winter uniform includes long grey trousers for boys and long navy blue trousers for girls. Tracksuit pants are to be worn on Wednesdays only as part of the sports uniform.

Please label student names on the inside of uniforms as we do not want students losing their uniform when they have accidently left it behind in a classroom or the playground.

Staff Training

During the past few weeks GHS teachers have been involved in the following training and development;

- Professional Development Framework Training
- VET accreditation
- CHS Basketball Coaching
- Riverina Principals Conference
- HSC monitoring and delivery
- School Plan monitoring
- Utilising the Literacy Continuum for teaching
- English Programming
- Highly Accomplished Teacher meetings

NAPLAN

Years 7 and 9 completed the NAPLAN assessments this week. Results will be forwarded to the school to be distributed to students in Term 3, 2015.

MPC Audio Visual

The school has recently installed a new Audio Visual set up into the MPC. It was used for the first time in a public setting for the Gundagai Community Drug Forum. The staff and students are excited to have this fantastic resource and look forward to exploring its features in the future. Some up and coming events include the live screening of State of Origin 1 on Wednesday 27 May and a movie night coordinated by the Youth council (Date to be Confirmed).
Year 11 Construction

Mr Bower and his Year 11 Construction class have been busy concreting an old garden, building new yard furniture and refurbishing old tables around the school. The students and P&C are very impressed with their efforts and congratulate them on a job well done. This has provided the students with much needed additional 6 table sets in the playground.

Facebook page

Gundagai High School has created a Facebook page and I encourage our parents, students and community members to like the page and keep up to date with the events happening around the school. The page is called Gundagai High School Strive to Serve.

Year 10 subject selection

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Follow the link below for some tips to help your teen choose well.


Simon Bridgman
Deputy Principal
FRONT OFFICE

Student medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

ENGLISH

Year 7 English – Dorothy Mackellar Poetry Awards

Congratulations to all the creative Year 7 students entering into this year’s Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Entering into the junior secondary division were Benjamain Crooks, Bradley Luff, Bridget Smart, Harriette Britt, Izaac Cotterill, Jane Lemon, Lucy Doughty, Jarrah Ransom, Kieren Coleman, Samantha Tout and Tanisha Denhert. Here are some poetry excerpts from the competition entries:

**Kieren Coleman:**

My favourite sport is soccer
I love goalkeeper very much
It doesn’t take much effort
And you can give the ball a good punch
I enjoy squash also
This involves a lot of running
But sometimes people miss the ball

**Lucy Doughty:**

I have long straight hair sometimes it goes curly,
It is like little ripples in the ocean,
I have hazel eyes,
They are really colourful,
I have some freckles but not much,
My hair is blonde like a golden Labrador,
My skin is lightly tan,
OPEN GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

Open Girl’s League Tag Round Robin in Young

Gundagai High School participated in the Open Girls Riverina League Tag Championships at Young on Tuesday 5th May. The team played admirably against excellent competition from high schools in the Cootamundra, Temora and Young district. Elise Hughes was named best player for the Gundagai HS team on the day. Special mention must also go to Amber Britt and Elise Hughes for participating in the drop kicking competition, and Nikki Smart, Jeana Bell, Keylea Castles and Ella Manton for running in the 100m sprint challenge held on the day. Jack Lemon’s contribution as coach, strapper and water runner was also appreciated. The team representing the school was: Keylea Castles, Jessica Smith, Elise Hughes, Ella Manton, Ellie Sheahan, Darcy Ingold, Brodie Paton, Isabella Britt, Jade Smith, Amber Britt, Jeana Bell, Taylor Piper, Makara Smith, Nikki Smart and Mikaela Feltham.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

The SCHOOL DISPLAYS always wow the crowds and this year is promising to be bigger and better than ever.

Involvement in a free Cultural Community Event with a deep sustainable message is important to your students and parents - so save the date and get creative!

Feel free to brag on our Facebook site or leave cryptic clues about your entry!

Send your enquiries to lanternstumut@gmail.com
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