Welcome to another edition of our Gundagai High School newsletter!

There have been many school activities over the last fortnight - our school calendar is full of student, staff and community events, providing a host of opportunities and experiences for student learning, teacher growth and development, as well as engagement with some of our community partners.

It is always wonderful to acknowledge the achievements and successes of our students, especially when they are able to further develop their talents and explore areas of interest.

Emily McDonald, Year 9, represented our school as a member of the Riverina Central Choir at the Combined Secondary Schools Choral Performance, 'In Concert', at Sydney Town Hall on Monday 18 May. I am very pleased that Emily enjoyed the experience in Sydney and was a fine ambassador for our school - well done, Emily!

Tate Brooke, Year 9, was selected to represent the Under 15s Rugby League NSW Greater Southern team. Tate travelled to Toronto, near Newcastle, to compete in the CHS carnival and stayed at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre for the duration of the carnival. Nearly all NRL clubs had talent scouts present. Tate played very well and was heavily involved in all the games. What a great experience for Tate!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Amber Britt, Year 10, has also recently learnt that she has been accepted into the University of NSW for the 2015 Winter School program, which is a program specifically designed for Indigenous students in years 10, 11 and 12 who are considering further studies beyond high school. The week long residential program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to experience what university life is all about, through participation in academic lectures and tutorials, presentations, study sessions, team building activities, interacting with university staff, current students and fellow applicants, cultural activities and more. To add to the experience, accommodation is provided in colleges on campus. We are very excited for Amber and know that she will engage in many worthwhile learning experiences.

Savannah Thomson, Year 11, has recently received excellent news that following an extensive selection process, she has been accepted into the Black and White Photography section of the National Art School HSC Intensive Program. We are delighted that Savannah will have the opportunity to explore more about developing her photographic skills and capabilities under the direction of experienced practicing artists, through intensive practical study.

Our school community is inspired by the achievements of our students and we look forward to encouraging and fostering involvement in academic, sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities to extend student learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Adelia Fuller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Staff Training

During the past few weeks GHS Staff have been involved in the following training and development:

- NSW SASS conference
- Professional Development Framework Training
- VET accreditation
- Riverina Deputy Principals Conference
- Cootamundra Network Principals meeting
- Highly Accomplished Teacher meetings
- Careers network meetings
- Interagency meeting at Gundagai Mirrabooka
- Welfare team training in ACCESS requests
- Primary School visits

National Sorry Day

On Tuesday 26 May Mrs Knight took 19 students to Tumut for a National Sorry Day ceremony held at Bila Park. All GHS Aboriginal students were invited to attend and also invite a friend. We travelled by bus with Gundagai Public School. The students had a good time at the ceremony and really appreciated the opportunity to attend an official event.
Riverina X-Country

Hold the Date – Friday 12 June

The Riverina X Country carnival is again being hosted in Gundagai. This will be the fourth year hosting the event. Parents and students are being asked to help out / donate some time and make this carnival a successful and positive event for the Gundagai community. This year the Primary school carnival has also moved to Gundagai and will be held the day before.

Students will be able to collect permission notes from Monday 1 June and will have responsibilities ranging from Check points, recording, finishing judges, cooks in the kitchen and selling raffle tickets.

Parent helpers are asked to contact Lizzie Britt on 0411 888 097 or lizbrittgundagai@hotmail.com

The P&C will be running the canteen and over the past few years this has been a very successful fundraiser. The more hands the better to make it a success.

School Tours

It has become increasingly popular for past students to want a tour of the school when they hold a school reunion. The long weekend will see another group that finished school in the 70’s take a look around the familiar corridor’s and notice all the changes to the school over the years.

Facebook Page

For those on Facebook please like - Gundagai High School “Strive to Serve” page and keep up to date with all the student activities and excursions.

State of Origin

Around 30 people attended the first State of Origin in the MPC. Mr Rake had lucky door prizes, first try scorer prizes and best dressed prizes. The new big screen was a wonderful way to experience this game of footy and will be happening again for State of Origin 2 on Wednesday 17 June.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal
HSIE

7B History – Examining primary sources and bias

In Year 7 history students have been learning about the Qin Dynasty and Ancient China. In this study the students have examined sources depicting China’s first emperor Qin Shi Huangdi. Some sources present him with a positive image and other sources develop him in a very negative way. As history students it is important to question the validity of primary sources and the motives behind the creation of a source.

Using an image of Redfoo students attempted to convey his character with both positive and negative bias. 7B have left these descriptions of Redfoo for future historians researching famous pop musicians from 2015. Some were positive and others were negative. See if you can judge which is which?

Redfoo's hair looks like a mop. He is only famous because of his dad is a music producer. He dresses like a teenager despite his age. He wears ridiculous glasses that have no lenses and look like they come from a two dollar shop. All his songs are terrible. – Jazmine Carberry

He is still fit for his age. I like his afro as it is fluffy and when he jumps his hair bobs up and down. He dresses like a teenager and his appearance is good. I also like how he has a good background, because other people are on drugs and he is drug-free. His glasses are fake but they look good with the outfits he wears. – Dakota Anderson

Redfoo is nearly 50 years old and he is still singing about picking up girls, it is creepy. His clothes are really ugly and what's the point of glasses without lenses? It looks silly and out of fashion. His hair is frizzy and disgusting. – Holly Young

Redfoo is a singer/songwriter who is awesome. He has a huge brown afro that looks like the top of a palm tree. He wears funky clothes with animal prints and the symbol of his clothes company 'La Freak' on them. He wears glasses which are white with fake diamonds on them. They have no lenses in them. He has a very scruffy brown beard and looks like a very fun person. – Braith Crane

8B Geography – Non-government Organisation Brochures

Students in 8B have achieved outstanding assessment task results for the task requiring the creation of a promotional brochure for a non-government organisation. Students used Microsoft Publisher to create some very sophisticated brochures. Congratulations to the following 8B geography students for creative promotional brochures: Karleigh Bower, Patrick Daley, Kaeleigh Rowley, Jayden Bonat, Chloe Manton and Jayda Bartlett. All students in the class are commended for their effort when paraphrasing their information. This demonstrated ethical and responsible behaviour when using the internet as a research tool. Class awards were also given to Brooklyn Lloyd, Kaeleigh Rowley and Jayden Bonat for achievement in class work.
On 13 May, Gundagai High Schools Year 11 Biology class set out with their teacher Miss Streckfuss to a small half hectare plot behind the South Gundagai cemetery. They travelled there to study the diverse ecosystem, shown by Mr Mason Crane, local ANU ecologist.

The ladies were given a guided tour through the brush and introduced to small creatures such as caterpillars, spiders, a few striped skink lizards and even a small brown snake. They enjoyed their time learning about different species of plants, trees and grasses and about the white box grassy woodland’s past life.

Then after the informative talk, Mason helped the small class through their Field work, identifying what plants and animals dominated the chosen plot area. When the girls had finished collecting samples and writing up data, Brielle Cramond thanked Mason for the tour on behalf of the class at the end of the day.

The Riverina Volleyball Championships were held in Albury on Friday 29 May. The Girls team just missed out on the finals, whilst the boys had some close games without a win.

2K15 Volleyball Team – Winners are Grinners
The Zone Cross Country Carnival was held in Harden on Friday 29 May with 26 students representing GHS.

Jane Lemon won the 13 year Girls. Bradley Luff ran 4th in the 13 year boys with Corey Longhurst coming in 5th. In the 15 Year Boys Will Carberry was 2nd and Harry McDonnell 4th. Ellie Sheahan placed 3rd in the 17+ Girls, Nikki Smart 4th and Zoe Watson 5th. These 8 students will now go on to the Riverina Carnival to be held in Gundagai on 12 June.
RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY

Gundagai Racecourse

Friday 12 June 2015

Helpers Needed

The P&C will be running the canteen and parent helpers are required.

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