PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to the final edition of our Gundagai High School newsletter for term 2!

As the end of the term quickly approaches, all staff are working towards the preparation of the student reports so that they can be made available according to our published timeframes. I would like to extend my many thanks to everyone involved in the process for their commitment to completing their work on time. This is one example of the collaborative effort required to produce a quality product so that parents/carers and students receive appropriate and explicit feedback to highlight successes in their learning as well as addressing areas requiring further attention.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the NSW Secondary Principals’ Annual Conference held at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney. It was a great opportunity to network with colleague principals across the state as well as listen to a number of keynote speakers address the theme of the conference which was ‘Honouring the Past, Designing the Future’. Our Minister for Education, the Hon Adrian Piccoli, gave an engaging speech about the introduction of the many reforms over the last four years and the way forward to ensure that these reforms have real impact on the learning of our students in all schools across the state. Over the next four years, as we work towards embedding these reforms, we will be focussing on driving improvements through enhancing standards. This includes enhancing the quality provision of the teaching and learning both in the classroom and through extracurricular activities, enhancing the professional learning opportunities and experiences for all staff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15 June  P&C Meeting 7pm
16 June  Boat Licence Course at school
19 June  Rugby League Country Cup
21 June – 5 July  Central Australia Trip
24 June  Youth Council Dance Party
26 June  Last Day Term 2
13 July  Staff Development Day
14 July  Students Return for Term 3
14-17 July  Yr 7 Milson Island Camp
15 July  P&C Meeting 7pm
22 July  Ski Trip to Mt Selwyn
so that they align with the goals identified on their professional development plan, and through the mandatory accreditation of all teachers by 2018.

We certainly face very busy and challenging times ahead! Through collaboration and collective practice, we will be in a strong position to take advantage of all on offer so we can ensure that our students continue to strive to achieve their personal best and are empowered through their learning to embrace their future goals.

I am looking forward to the next P&C meeting on Monday 15 June at 7pm. All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend our meeting which will be held in the staff common room.

Even though term 2 is not yet over, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing end of term 2 holidays. May you enjoy the time to re-energise after a busy schedule over the last ten weeks.

Adelia Fuller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welfare Assembly

On Tuesday 2 June, 47 students were promoted a level in this terms Welfare Assembly. Mr Mason Crane was our special guest and he gave a very interesting talk about his job with the Australian National University. He was able to explain to the students through a visual presentation of the many things that he is involved in across the state and the benefits to farming, flora and fauna that results from the research he conducts. Mr Crane also donated a book to the school Library at the conclusion of his talk.

The school leadership team for 2015-2016 was also inducted at the assembly. Congratulations to Darcy Ingold, Marten Petty and Mikaela Feltham for your election into the schools leadership team. We look forward to your positive contributions and the development of your leadership skills over the next 12 months.

Promoted to Level 4 were

**Year 7** - Oscar Bartlett, Braith Crane, Lucy Doughty, Bradley Luff, Jarrah Ransome

**Year 8** – Tyler Blundell, Jayden Bonat, Nathan Crane, Dylan Doran, Amber Harding, Grace Hylwa, Justin Jones, Brooklyn Lloyd, Kaeleigh Rowley, Makayla Saltmarsh, Zac Smart, Andrew Smith, Frank Smith, Logan Whitebread-Monte

**Year 10** – Caitlin Crane, Helen Ryan, Wyatt Smith

Promoted to Level 3 were

**Year 8** - Maranda Carberry, Patrick Carberry, Patrick Daley, Dempsey Elphick, Micah Glazebrook, Jenna Hawthorne, Oliver McDonnell, Casey Polsen, Tayla Smith, Jacqueline Tout

**Year 9** - Emily McDonald

**Year 11** – Brielle Cramond, Will Crane
Promoted to level 2 were
Year 9 - Shauna Kuhnert, Harry McDonnell, Nicole Meurs, Stuart Petty

Promoted to level 1 were
Year 10 - Joseph Carberry, Tahlia Crane, Samantha Gradon, Kathleen Graham, Josie McInnerney, Rachel Stuckey, Clare Tout

Congratulations to all our students for your efforts and contribution to a positive environment in the school.

2015 Riverina X-Country Carnival

On Friday 12 June, Gundagai hosted the annual Riverina X-Country carnival. Once again the event was held at the Gundagai Race Course, Showground and Common. This year the Riverina PSSA carnival was held the day before and many families stayed over in Gundagai and brought spectator numbers up from previous years.

Over 360 participants from across the Riverina, 70 student volunteers from Gundagai HS and many parents made the carnival a great success.

Gundagai High School P&C successfully coordinated the canteen and raised funds in the process. Mr Chadwick and the RFS Cadets manned the roads and informed motorists of runners on the common. Mr Hall supervised our students on the check points around the courses and Ms Kingwill helped with students organisation in and around the main event area, which included finish line judging, selling raffle tickets, photography and recording information.

Special mention must also go to the students who participated in the carnival

Jane Lemon in the 13 Year Girls race was placed 4th and was selected in the Riverina Team
Ellie Sheahan in 18 Year Girls was placed 6th and was selected in the Riverina Team
Nikki Smart in the 18 Year Girls placed 7th and is a reserve for the Riverina team
Zoe Watson in the 18 Year Girls was placed 8th and is a reserve for the Riverina team
Will Carberry in the 15 Year Boys event was placed 7th and is a reserve for the Riverina Team.

Bradley Luff, Corey Longhurst, and Harry McDonnell were all placed in the top 20 of their respective age groups and Mat Thomson was also happy with his result in the 16 Boys event.

A Big Thank you for all the following people:

1. The Gundagai Show Ground, Race Course and Common trusts for the use of the venue.

2. Mr Graham Smith from Tumut HS and Mr Jason Whilesmith from Riverina Sports Association for their organisation and energy in making this event a success.

3. The staff and students of Gundagai HS for their time and efforts.

4. The GHS P&C for coordinating the canteen.

5. All the visiting students, parents and teachers from across the Riverina.

Simon Bridgeman
Deputy Principal
ENGLISH

Year 7 English

Year 7 students have composed some excellent short stories in their recent assessment task. Students scoring in the top band demonstrated creativity and control of expression. They were also able to develop a short story inspired by the stimulus, rather than relying on the stimulus for narrative development. Congratulations to Bradley Luff, Lucy Doughty, Jazmine Carberry, Drew Elliott and Braithen Ray for outstanding short stories.

9B History Speeches

This term students have been learning about western contact with China during the 19th Century. The assessment task for this topic required students to present a speech on a Chinese personality from the time period. Congratulations to Harry McDonnell, Jessica Smith, Megan Hand and Ashleigh Sutton for outstanding speeches. Chaz Bishop, Keylea Castles, Malcolm Clarke, Summer Elliott, Andrew Luff and Brittany Wilson are also commended for their improvement in History. Well done 9B.

10A History Speeches

Students in 10A have spent the last 15 weeks studying the changing rights and freedoms of Aboriginal people in Australia. For their assessment task students were required to research an Aboriginal activist and detail how they contributed to the development of Aboriginal civil rights in Australia. Congratulations to the following students who received a class award for their speech: Samantha Gradon, Ali McGuire, Kathleen Graham, Kassandra Owen and Kyle Smith.
VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Gala Day Friday May 29 2015 (Albury)

On Friday the 29 May, after weeks of committed training sessions the Gundagai High School girls’ and boys’ volleyball teams headed off to the Riverina Schools Sports Association volleyball gala day which was held at the Lauren Jackson Stadium in Albury.

We were joined by just two other schools, both from the Albury area, James Fallon High School and Murray High School with three other schools pulling out before the day had started. Each participating school played the other schools twice in a round robin format, with the top two schools to play out a final.

Our girls’ team was made up by Ebony Britt, Lily-Lyn Britt, Amelia French, Ella Manton, Kassandra Owen, and Ma-Theresa Pailano. In their first game against James Fallon the girls’ played well but were unlucky to not win a set. The first game against Murray, the girls were one set a piece after two sets and almost won the match but lost the final set in a tie-break (20-22). In their second game against James Fallon, the girls played well but were again unable to win a set. The girls played their best match last, the second game against Murray, picking up the first two sets thereby giving them the win. The girls were rightfully very pleased with their efforts with their play for the day. Throughout the day the girls team developed as players and were assisted by helpful constructive criticism and advice from the staff running the gala.

The boys’ team was represented by Jayden Bonat, Joseph Carberry, Keiran Coleman, Bailey Cooper, Zachary Smart and Wyatt Smith. The boys faced some serious competition with most of the opposing players being well seasoned players from senior years. The boys were unable to win a set in all four games, and thereby went without a win. On a positive note, the boys team did further develop their team work, communication and strategy again assisted by the staff running the gala.

Both teams are looking forward to future competitions and the chance to demonstrate improvement.

Thanks go to Allison Appleby and Samantha Smith who assisted with transport and supervision as well as to Simon Bridgeman and Adelia Fuller for accommodating the day away.

Finley Guinness (GHS Volleyball Coach).

JUNIOR / SUB JUNIOR CRICKET

Gundagai High School and myself are in the process of raising money for a new cricket pitch in at the High School Oval. This will allow for our local Junior / Sub Junior teams to play there, also for the High School to run inter school competitions.

We are still seeking a person to kindly donate their time and labour to lay the concrete. We also will need some man power to help rip up the existing slap in preparation for the new pitch. If you could let me know on the number below of your availability and then once in process I will let you know when this will be happening.

I have organised with Woolworths to hold a BBQ out the front to sell sausage sandwiches and cold drinks. This will be held on Saturday 20th June 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If there are a couple of parents out there that could spare some time to give me a hand that would be greatly appreciated.

My contact details are: 0417 742 880

Kind Regards Louise Smith Junior / Sub Junior President
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Dog on the Tuckerbox Recreation Trail**

**GRAND OPENING**

Sunday 21st June

9:30am Start for Bikes
9am Start for Walkers

Meet at the end of Springflat Drive 15 minutes before to register – cost $2 per participant to Gundagai CanAssist

Breakfast available to purchase at the Dog on the Tuckerbox

Official opening ceremony 10:30am at the Dog on the Tuckerbox

Wear suitable clothes & shoes, helmets for riders

Enquiries 6944 0250

When: 24 June
Where: Gundagai High School
Time: 7pm – 11pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Wella Dance Party**

Feat. Wella

Entry $5
Food & Drink at the Canteen

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY!