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25th October 2018  
**Term 4 Week 2**

*Quote of the week*

*The difference between winning or losing  
is often not quitting*

### ***Principal's report...***

Telling the stories of our students is a very important part of what we do. Each and every day, when a student hears about the success of students here at Gilgandra High School their sense of belonging increases. In that space, to further support student belonging, a core group of teachers have been working on the resilience and character strengths program You Can Do It! The program will be introduced for next year's Year 7 and 11 students and will provide another platform to reinforce the important values we hold as a community for our students.

One of the values which we hold dear is that of leadership, and I would like to acknowledge our AEO, Kimm Naden, who has spent time with three of our young indigenous leaders in Armidale at the Oorala Youth Leadership camp in Armidale. Over the course of three days Cassie Nolan, Zoe Welsh and Kirralah Pracy learned to challenge themselves physically and mentally – drawing upon their resilience and learning from other role models.

Role models from Parramatta High School will be visiting Gilgandra, and Gilgandra High School, towards the end of November. Working with Mr Schier, Mrs O'Neill and the SRC, Parramatta High School have fundraised for our students and town after learning about the impact of drought on rural communities. The (welcome) recent rainfall notwithstanding, it is humbling to know that the Gilgandra connections are strong with our city cousins and we look forward to sharing many positive experiences with the Parramatta students, some of whom have never been beyond the Blue Mountains.

Neal Reed Principal



Congratulations to the following students who received Principal Awards on Wednesday.

L to R: Korrani Reid, Tallara Walford-Fernando, Noah Ryan, Ellanorah Matthews, Mitchell Carlow, Georgia Horan, Lauchlan Bash, Brock Johnston, Jack Briggs and Mitchell Gaff.

Principal Award winners back row  
L to R:

Ella McAnally-Elwin, Breanna Dann, Laura Smith, Amelia Murray, Annabelle Matthews, Emily Skinner, Chloe Wieland, Blair Keogh and Sam Duff.

Front row: Ashleigh Carlow, Sarah Schier, Olivia Ferguson and Aliza Purvis



## ***Deputy's report...***

Welcome back to Term 4. It is pleasing to see the majority of students back in full school uniform. This is a first reminder to keep clear of the hall during the HSC, and to Year 12 students to seek assistance from your teachers before your exams. Please check the Sentral notifications for all information regarding the use of the back ovals. Of immediate concern is the amount of rubbish being left around the school. There are many bins for easy disposal, especially around the school quadrangle. Please do not drop the standard of cleanliness which you and the staff have worked so hard to maintain throughout the year. In addition, once the music plays, it is off to class time. Fill up your drink bottles when the music begins, not after the bell has commenced. If your teacher asks you to move off to class, then do so. Year 11 have been presented with their assessment schedules. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your classroom teachers or Head Teaches if there are any concerns. The HSC work commenced day 1 this term, so your attendance every day is vital to ensuring you receive the best education possible.

Have a great week,  
Mr Webb.

## ***Student support team...***

Recently our student wellbeing journey continued. Mrs Jordan, Miss Smith, Mr McCutcheon and Miss Ford worked tirelessly to develop the You Can Do It! framework for next year's Year 7 and Year 11 students. You Can Do It! is a resilience and character building initiative to help students become strong and active citizens. Our school will also feature as an exemplar school for the Department of Education, because of the coordination of support services offered and accessed by students. Well done to Mrs Drady and our student support team for your outstanding efforts!



Mrs Jordan, Miss Smith, Mr McCutcheon and Miss Ford

## ***Oorala Youth Leadership Camp...***

The University of New England's Oorala Aboriginal Centre Youth Leadership Program is an introduction to university life, personal development and a range of life skills, as well as health, wellbeing and Aboriginal cultural awareness and pride. These camps are designed to provide an opportunity for students to develop important values and skills such as communication, leadership, mindfulness, and respect.

Our Aboriginal Education Officer Kimm Naden, and an outstanding group of young leaders, had a great time at the Oorala Youth Leadership camp in Armidale recently. They engaged in many great activities and pushed themselves both physically and mentally.



Year 10 student Cassie Nolan, Year 9 students Kirralah Pracy and Zoe Welsh pictured above and below at the leadership camp.





## ***Year 12 Formal Presentation Dinner..***



This year the Douglas Irving Award for a student deemed to have made a significant contribution to the school was presented to William Herbert



Abby Ryan and Connor Whiteman were presented with the P&C Citizenship Prize, awarded to the male and female student who have made significant contributions to the school and community. This award is voted by Year 12.



Brooke Harland pictured with Principal Mr Reed, receiving the School Executive Award which is awarded to a student who has made a genuine and committed effort in all aspects of their schooling.



The Caltex Best All Rounder Award, presented to Meg Horan, is one of Australia's best-loved secondary education recognition programs. For over 30 years it has been presented to thousands of final-year students, acknowledging their all-round contributions to their schools and communities.



Andrew Dinsey received the Stuart and Karen Border Award for all round improvement in, and involvement with, sport.



Connor Whiteman received the Reuben F Scarf Award for a student deemed to have made the greatest commitment to the school in all areas.



## Dates for your diary...



## Canteen Roster

Thursday 25th October	HSC Mathematics General 2 and Mathematics exam Yr 7-11 guest speaker
Friday 26th October	HSC Senior Science and Metal & Engineering exam Cake stall
Tuesday 30th October	HSC PDHPE exam
Wednesday 31st October	AECG Meeting 1.30pm at GHS
Thursday 1st November	HSC Hospitality VET exam
Friday 2nd November	HSC Business Studies exam
Monday 5th November	HSC Chemistry, Automotive and CAFS Excursion Coffs Harbour VALID Year 8
Tuesday 6th November	Excursion Coffs Harbour VALID Year 8
Wednesday 7th November	HSC Food Technology Excursion Coffs Harbour VALID Year 8 History talk in the hall
Thursday 8th November	HSC Geography VALID Year 8
Friday 9th November	HSC Design & Technology VALID Year 8

Monday 29th October	Kristy Gale Volunteer needed
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THE P&C USE FUNDS RAISED  
TO BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS

### SCHOOL TIMES

School begins 8.55am  
Recess 1: 10.25am - 10.45am  
Lunch begins: 12.05pm - 12.45am  
Recess 2 begins: 2.00pm - 2.15pm  
School finishes 3.30pm

### NOTICE

Parents/carers are reminded that money for school excursions needs to be paid before the excursion date. Also, as the office does not hold change, please send the correct money

### ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE Term 4

Assignment (ASG), Assessment (AST), In class task (ICT), Student Research Project (SRP), Skills Assessment (SAT)  
Completion of Project work (CPW), Working Mathematically Task (WMT), Bookmark (Book) Practical Task (PTK)

Due	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Week 3 Term 4 29-10-18 to 02-11-18</b>	Maths AST Art AST	Maths ASG Art AST	Maths AST	Maths ASG		
<b>Week 4 Term 4 05-11-18 to 09-11-18</b>	Music CPW Science SAT	Music CPW Science BM	Maths ICT Music ASG	Music ASG		