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Quote of the week

October 2019
Term 4 Week 2

Your always one decision away from a totally different Life.

Principal's report...

Term 4 is upon us and much of this term is dedicated to saying thank you and celebrating the successes of this year. In Week 5 we will be saying thank you to our many volunteers who have supported our students and school events in different ways this year by way of a luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday 20th November in the school library.

This year we are also acknowledging our sporting achievements through an inaugural Sports Awards Evening to be held in Week 5. Coordinated by Mr Wilson and the Sport and Enrichment Team, together this team has looked for ways to celebrate our students who have represented Gilgandra High School in the sporting arena and to acknowledge the staff who have coached and nurtured their talents along the way.

Term 4 also marks a beginning and an ending for our students. As a beginning, this term we host our Year 6 students as they commence their transition in to high school. Held on a Tuesday afternoon, students rotate through different Head Teacher lessons. This provides an opportunity for expectations to be shared and learning activities to be undertaken. As an end, we also have our Year 12 students undertaking their HSC. The first HSC exam was completed last week with the exam period concluding on Monday 11th November. This HSC period is one which can be quite stressful and I encourage all members of our school community to support the students through this time of their school career by listening to them if they need to talk and by reminding them of their character when the going gets tough. We always punch above our weight as a town, and as a school, and providing perspective to the students will help them in the short and long term.

Every good wish for the term ahead and I'm very much looking forward to the different opportunities to celebrate our school achievements this year.

Neal Reed
Principal



Ella McAnally-Elwin, Jacob Wilson, Ashleigh Carlow and Sarah Schier

Year 9 this year has helped the Red Cross by baking and decorating over 500 cup cakes. This is the fifth year that our school has been involved with the Red Cross fund raising event.

English Faculty News

The conclusion of Term 3 and the commencement of Term 4 have seen many changes for our faculty and the school.

Firstly, best wishes to all the Year 12 cohort. With 3 English classes, plus a Modern History class and an Aboriginal Languages cohort, it has been a busy time of revision. Well done to the seniors who attended study sessions and communicated with their teachers regarding revision and examination preparation. The school knows you have done your very best. At the same time, the Year 11 classes are now commencing their Year 12 coursework. All students, whether they be in English, Ancient History or Drama, are urged to start as they mean to finish, positive and determined to succeed.

Sadly, on the staffing front, we farewelled Miss O'Sullivan. Mel taught with us for three years and will be greatly missed by students and staff. We wish her well as she commences in her new role as an HSIE teacher at Koorungal High School in Wagga Wagga. With Mel's departure we have been fortunate in securing an excellent replacement in the form of Mrs Nadine Wilkin. Mrs Wilkin comes to us with a decade's experience in Central Western schools. She has eagerly embraced the ethos and routine of the school and we are sure that she will make an immense contribution to the faculty and the wider school community.

This term, in English, the junior years from 7 to 10 are studying film. History classes are continuing and Drama, LOTE and Commerce are also in the thick of engaging, practical activities. Assessments for all juniors will be occurring soon. We encourage all students to revise their classwork on a regular basis and complete take home activities in a timely manner.

Fiona Lambell
Head Teacher English



Mrs Nadine Wilkin



Lucy Davis, John Bunter and Kate Gilmour

Gilgandra High School has received the names of the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Year 10 scholarship winners for 2019.

This annual opportunity, available to all Year 10 History students, was this year overseen by Ms Collier and Miss O'Sullivan. Both teachers were impressed with the sophisticated entries they received. Entries were sent to Sydney where the finalists were decided.

Congratulations to Lucy Davis (1st), John Bunter (2nd) and Kate Gilmour (3rd).

St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Honorary Secretary, Mr Tony Fryer, spoke by phone to Head Teacher Mrs Fiona Lambell and praised the efforts of all involved. He commended the winners for their attention to detail and genuine engagement with the process.

The three winners were justifiably thrilled. They will receive their scholarships from representatives of St Marys at the annual presentation assembly in December.



Dates for your diary...

Term 4	November
Monday 11th November	HSC Finishes
Tuesday 12th November	P & C Meeting in the library
Tuesday 19th November	Year 6 to 7 Parent Information Night
Wednesday 20th November	Volunteers Luncheon
Thursday 21st November	Sports Award Night
Monday 25th November	Year 10 Work Experience Starts