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Quote of the week

November 2019
Term 4 Week 6

Knowledge has to be improved, challenged & increased constantly, or it vanishes

Principal's report...

As the school year draws to an end, there is much about 2019 that we can reflect on with pride. Much of that reflection falls under the umbrella of care.

Care forms a large part of what I feel school should be about. This year I have been very pleased to see care shown in how we celebrate students achievements. This week we have the inaugural Sports Awards night and events such as this are developed to recognise the effort students have put into growing as young adults- being a better competitor, growing with their skill set or growing with their persistence and resilience. Mr Wilson and his team should be very proud of the care and attention they have shown, and will show publicly on Thursday night, in recognising the role of sport in the school. We will also see the DAME Awards taking place on Thursday the 5th December in another example of taking care to celebrate success and achievement.

I regularly reflect on the care our community shows to the students of Gilgandra High School, and in so many ways, reflect the high expectations we have of our students and of ourselves. So much of what we do would not be possible without the volunteers who make time to support the students in their endeavours and achievements. To that end, our Volunteers Luncheon, held on Wednesday 20th November, is an annual event which is duly coordinated by the Student Representative Council (SRC) as a formal thank you to our community in recognition of the care given to our students and the programs we coordinate to support excellence.

Lastly, I would like to welcome the parents of Year 6 who will be attending the Year 7 Parent Information evening on Monday 25th November. The evening will be a catered event and is an opportunity to meet key staff and the school's Executive to learn about our school – what Day 1 will look like for Year 7, what supports will be in place to make sure it's a successful transition to high school, as well as key events on the school calendar which students can expect to be involved in. All of this is about care and preparation to make high school the best experience possible, something we strive to achieve for every student, every day in every lesson.

Neal Reed
Principal



Volunteers Luncheon held in the library on Wednesday 20th November

News from the TAS faculty

It is always, at this time of year, that we have students working through to the completion of major projects. This is especially true for our Year 10 students, who are busily putting their final touches on a range of projects in Industrial Technology. Online games have been popular with the Multimedia class, including a Pac-Man remake, car racing games and a burnout game.

The timber class have utilised a range of local timber to produce a variety of projects. This has included hardwood book cases, a bench seat, corner desk, and even coffee tables incorporating woolshed timber, a wine barrel and even a resin filled top.

This term, we welcomed back Miss H, who has returned to lead a number of Food Tech classes for us. Under her guidance and experience, these classes have produced a range of exceptional meals and recipes.

The agricultural show season is finally over for another year with Mrs Standing and her show team recently arriving back from the Beef Bonanza at Scone. Her team was amazing yet again and they should all be very proud of their efforts this year.

Currently our Year 11 Design and Technology class have just started sketching up and designing their major projects for next year. And so the design process starts again! We look forward to seeing what 2020 may bring for this new HSC class.

Russell Woollams
Head Teacher TAS



Congratulations to Mitchell Gaff, this year's recipient of the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award. Mitchell was nominated for his tenacity and commitment to Science and will now be invited to tour the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. Well done Mitchell!



Representative from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Mitchell Gaff and Miss Sheryn West



Dates for your diary...

Term 4	November
Monday 25th November	Year 6 to 7 Parent Information night
Monday 25th November	Year 10 Work Experience Starts
Thursday 5th December	DAME Awards
Friday 6th December	Year 10 Work Experience Finishes
Friday 13th December	Presentation Day Assembly
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day of Term