



# Newsletter 8

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**Term 2 Week 6**

*Quote of the week*

*Success is simple do what's right, the right way at the right time.*

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

I am regularly asked 'How's the school going?', and my response is always a cheerful 'It's going very well, I don't have anything to complain about' – and it's true. We are very fortunate here at GHS, through the strong support of our school and broader community, to be able to offer the opportunities (and care) that we do. And it's the student cohort itself which adds a genuine richness to our school.

We need only revisit some of the recent learning activities from the ongoing work of catapults (play in learning at work here!) in Year 8 STEM, to the rehearsals for our annual school production, to our award winning Agricultural Show Team – we can provide the opportunities but it really rests on the students to take up the activities, and it's a privilege to work with such active and willing students. I am very proud of them and of the way they represent our hard working school.

The hard work doesn't stop at 3:30pm. We're in the midst of finalising the planning for the Athletics Carnival, which takes place Friday next week (14<sup>th</sup> June). We're in the midst of the planning for Open Day, which takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We're in the midst of planning the Public Speaking final which takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Most importantly we're always looking for ways to keep our lessons, and our teaching, engaging.

As Term 2 quickly draws to a close, today is the day for our Year 12 students to commence their study (if they haven't yet done so). Please continue to encourage our Year 12 cohort through the winter, to do their very best as their HSC draws nearer (even though it may seem a long time away), and to lend your support and guidance to them in the spirit of our community.

Neal Reed

Principal

## **Show Team News**



Mary Westwood, Amelia Murray, Ashleigh Carlow, Lucy Davis, John Bunter, Bailey McBurnie, Sam Duff, Clayton Fanning, Amber Tarrant, Aliza Purvis, Breanna Dann, Mitchell Carlow and John Raglus.

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The Gilgandra High School Livestock Show Team had an outstanding show season this year showing for New Armatree Border Leicester Stud, which is run by Craig and Jenny Bradley. The students participated at Baradine, Gilgandra, Wellington, Dubbo and Coonamble Shows and came away with an impressive 35 first place positions, 17 second place positions, 6 third place positions, 5 reserve champions, 2 Champions and a Grand Champion position. They also received Champion School at Coonamble and Most Successful Exhibitor at Wellington Show. The Show Team would like to express their gratitude to Craig and Jenny Bradley for the amazing support they give us every year. A special mention needs to be made to our impressive Show Team Captain Mitchell Carlow, who has spent a great deal of his own time organising and preparing this group for what has been our most successful season so far.



Year 9 Mathematics Students  
Amber Tarrant, Holly Davis, and  
Aliza Purvis

Lachlan Riley, Michael Raglus,  
Abbey Tate, Madison Hourigan and  
Sarah Schier



### Dates for your diary...

Monday 10th June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th June	Formal Assembly
Friday 14th June	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 26th June	Open Day
Monday 3rd July	Public Speaking Final

### Mathematics Department

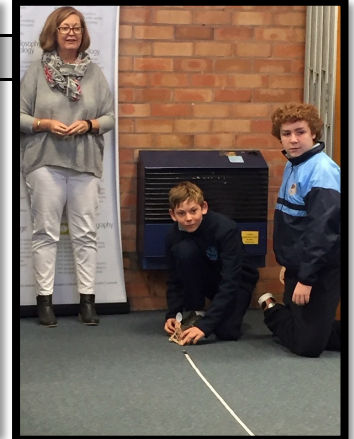
The Department of Education is currently trending towards “learning through investigation. In keeping with this line of thought ,9M3 completed a probability assignment.

In the first two sections of the assignment, they were given games and asked to work out the theory behind them. ( We have just finished a unit on Probability) The last section of the assignment was to design a game and explain the theory and their reasoning about the success or otherwise of their endeavours.

The students handed in a variety of games and enjoyed trying them out after they were marked. Most students could see where their games could have been “tweaked,” after they had shown them off to their peers. As their teacher, I was impressed with the variety of games and the time, thought processes and effort that went into this assessment.



Laura Farragher



Mrs Schier  
Brandon Walsh and Anton  
Davis

### STEM



### HSIE News



Ms Collier's and Miss O'Sullivan's Year 10 Geography classes have been investigating human impacts on the environment. With a focus on deforestation, both classes simulated the impact that felling trees has on both erosion and water quality. Their planted container represents a healthy vegetative forest. Students will care for the plants and, at the end of the term, run water through them to determine the impact of deforestation on water quality.

**Volunteers are required  
to help in the canteen.  
If you can spare some time  
Please ring the school 6847 2276**

### Sports News



Kaleb Sutherland, Ty  
Sutherland-Tink, Lachlan  
Riley, Marshall Ryan, Blair  
Keogh, Michael Raglus,  
Thomas Eason, Jacob  
Wilson and Coen Naden

On Wednesday 29th May our juniors braved the cold conditions to participate in a netball gala day hosted by Tafe NSW. We were able to nominate two 7/8 girls teams and a boys and girls 9/10 team. The kids had a wonderful day and showed a lot of skill and fantastic sportsmanship.



Sarah Schier, Kirralah Pracey  
Rebecca Gaff, Monique  
McEwen-Reid, Brielle Reid,  
Abby Tate, Maddison  
Hourigan and Tymecka Bush



Laura Farragher, Jade Elsom, Wendy Brown,  
Kate Woollams, Breanna Foster, Sarah Temple,  
Layney Godber, Olivia Schier, Molly Wilson and  
Kelsey Hutchison



Year 8  
Agriculture Students  
have been busy building  
new Vegetable Patches.

### More Show Team News

On 28th May Mrs Standing and some show team students spent the afternoon at two properties picking out the cattle that they will take to the Scone Steer show in October. These cattle will stay on farm until next term when they will be brought into the school and be broken in by the students in preparation for the show. The Agriculture department would like to say a big thank you to both Gavin Duff and Peter Bonham for their assistance this afternoon and for their support of our agriculture program.