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Quote of the week

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

Principal's report...

The academic pursuits of our students are a very important part of our school culture – it is something that I and our staff are very proud of. Most recently, a team of 32 students competed at the state level of the Science and Engineering Challenge, which was held in Newcastle. As one of the top 24 schools in the state to have made this level, the depth of application and effort demonstrated by our students is commendable. Of equal importance is the manner in which they conducted themselves – academically and socially they represented GHS with pride and were excellent ambassadors for our school.


Mrs Reed and her team are working very hard to lead our students into this year's annual production, *Murder's in the Heir*. The Production will be taking place in Week 10 of this term, the final night being the 25th of September. I have been told the show resembles a live game of Cluedo with audience interaction. Should be a lot of fun! Supper and drinks will be catered by the Gilgandra Branch of the CWA. We are looking forward to a wonderful night of entertainment.

The community NAIDOC Week preparations are coming along nicely. Held in Week 8, we will be hosting our annual NAIDOC Week Dinner on Tuesday 10th September an occasion where our students always shine. Our Aboriginal Education Team, led by Kimm Naden, is the driving force behind much of this work and we benefit from the positive collaborations which occur between staff and community. I am very much looking forward to the activities and cultural enrichment which will take place across the school and community.

Neal Reed
Principal

Gilgandra High School & Gilgandra C.W.A Present
A FUN night out for our Community

Murder's in the Heir



An audience interactive murder mystery

24th & 25th of September 2019
7pm Start, Gilgandra High School Hall

Tickets available at Tooraweenah Prime Lamb
8 Bridge Street Gilgandra or 68470205

\$10 Adult, \$5 Concession with Supper & Drinks
provided by Gilgandra C.W.A

TICKETS MUST BE BOUGHT BY FRIDAY
20TH SEPTEMBER

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

NEWS FROM THE TAS FACULTY

This time of year in the TAS faculty, the focus is definitely around the creation of major projects. At present the Year 10 Industrial Technology – Timber and Multimedia classes, are designing and starting their major projects due later this year. In Multimedia a range of projects from animations, computer games and photo slideshows are being designed. These will be created using a range of industry level software from Blender and Unity, to more commonly used programs such as Scratch and PowerPoint.

The Year 10 Timber class have also started work on their major projects. A large quantity of local hardwood is currently being measured, cut, drilled, joined and sanded into a range of creations. Projects include wine barrel and river pour coffee tables, slab timber corner desks, a hat rack and a trophy cabinet.

This Thursday will see Henry, Lauren, Anna and Tyler submit their major projects for the Year 12 Design and Technology course. They have worked through the design process for these projects over the last four terms and are looking forward to submitting these projects for external markers. We will share photos of these next month after they are presented for the markers.

The best tips I can give for anyone completing a major project in a course are:

- Plan your design – make sure your design fits your need, checking that it is the right size and shape for the final user
- Plan your time – give yourself enough time to complete each stage of your project so no part is rushed
- Plan your tasks – know how you to complete each part of the process so they are completed correctly first time
- Enjoy the journey – look forward to bringing home a project of high quality!

Russell Woollams
Head Teacher



Coen Naden



Jack Green

Dates for your diary...

Monday 2nd September	2020 Captain Speeches 1pm
Thursday 5th September	Sydney University Visit
Friday 6th September	Sam Bailey
Monday 9th September	NAIDOC Week Commences
Tuesday 10th September	NAIDOC Dinner
Wednesday 11th September	NAIDOC Culture Workshop
Friday 13th September	NAIDOC Week Finishes



Sam Bailey

Gilgandra High School is fortunate to have Sam and Jenny Bailey addressing our entire student body on the 6th September. Invitations have been extended to the students of Year 5-12 from our partner schools Gilgandra Primary, St Joseph's, Gulargambone Central, Eumungerie and Tooraweenah in recognition of the importance of the nature of Sam's journey. A big thank you to Heather Frewin for obtaining a grant to provide this inspiring opportunity.

Sam Bailey suffered a spinal injury in a car accident while jackerooing in the Northern Territory at 19-years-of-age, leaving him a C6/C7 quadriplegic.

He is paralysed from the chest down with only limited use of his arms and hands and can't regulate his body temperature. He has lost bowel and bladder control and part of his lung capacity. He has overcome all those challenges to become a farmer, ultralight pilot, public speaker and best-selling author of the book *Head Over Heels* which he co-wrote with his wife, former ABC Rural Reporter, Jenny Black.

He has achieved all of this from a wheelchair...and has an incredible ability to take an audience on the journey of his life.

From a childhood growing up in the Australian bush to a car accident in the outback that turned his life upside down and its aftermath, Sam tells his story in his own down-to-earth laconic style that captures the great Australian spirit of 'having a go'.

He relates how he beat the odds to fulfil his life-long dream to be a farmer, learning to ride a four-wheel bike; devising a hoist to get into farm machinery and ultimately learning to fly an ultralight.

Sam then found his soul mate in former Tamworth-based ABC radio Rural Reporter, Jenny Black – who he proposed to “live” on regional radio. The real-life proposal jammed the phone lines and the fax ran out of paper.

Their story appeared on ABC TV's “Australian Story” in 2000 with an overwhelming response and was published in April 2006 in their book ‘Head Over Heels’.

Today they live and work together on their beef cattle property in North West NSW, in between travelling the country telling their story and giving inspiration to others.

They are also working towards their next big goal – Sam becoming the first quadriplegic in the world to fly a helicopter and flying into schools to inspire children to fulfil their own dreams and goals.