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## NEWSLETTER 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

### Principals Report

Welcome back to Term 4, it is always a busy term in schools filled with assessments, reporting and celebrations of a year of learning.

From the whole school, we wish Year 12 all the best in their HSC exams this week and trust they are well prepared.

As advised in the previous newsletter, **parent/teacher phone interviews** will be taking place in Week 4. Please call the office to make appointments with your child's teachers to discuss their learning.

I encourage all community members to engage with the **Tell Them From Me Survey**. This survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and can be completed on your phone or other digital device. Your feedback about our school is valuable information for forward planning.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ghs>

This past week, we have seen the installation of an aquaponics system at Gilgandra High School. Generously supported by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the **GROW** (Guiding Rural Outback Wellbeing), program teaches sustainable food systems through aquaculture. We look forward to our students learning more about this program in the coming months and years.

Congratulations to our history students who have been successful winners of the St Marys RSL School Scholarship: Abby Tate, Ella McAnally-Elwin and Sarah Schier. Our collaboration over the years with St Marys RSL has seen our students excel in their submissions to this competition.

As always, I encourage parents/carers to work with the school to ensure that our students are in uniform and in attendance at school everyday. Uniform supports a sense of belonging and attendance at school means that our young people are engaging in learning; together this supports academic success, sense of achievement, and prepares young people for a successful learning experience and progression to life beyond school.

Finally, as we continue to work within the constraints of COVID guidelines, I refer you to the latest COVID information for families <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

*Erica Burge*  
Principal



**Staff and students of GHS wish the Year 12s all the best in the HSC**

### Uniform Price List:

School Shirt	\$25
Sport Shirt	\$25
School Jumper	\$40
Knitter Jumper	\$60
Shorts	\$25
Track Pants	\$25
Skirts	\$65
Senior Winter Skirt	\$70
School Jacket	\$60

EFTPOS is available  
and if paying with cash,  
please have correct  
amount.

### Deputy Principal Report

Welcome back to our final term of 2020. This term there will be a focus on attendance and students being in the right place at the right time.

Attendance every day and in each lesson is vital for students to gain the most out of the learning experiences provided by our skilled and dedicated teachers.

Students are under our duty of care whilst they are at school. It is our responsibility to mark the roll and follow up trancies promptly; this includes when students are late to class.

It is the student's responsibility and our expectation that students are in the right place at the right time and are ready to learn when the bell goes for the lesson to begin. Students will be given permission to leave, when the lesson has been completed.

Students not adhering to the school's expectation and the Department of Education's behaviour code will be treated accordingly.

Please familiarise yourself with the bell times below:

Roll Call	8:55 – 9:05	(10 Mins)
Block 1	9:05 – 10:25	(80 mins)
Recess 1	10:25 – 10:45	(20 Mins)
Block 2	10:45 – 12:05	(80 mins)
Lunch 1	12:05 – 12:25	(20 Mins)
Lunch 2	12:25 – 12:45	(20 Mins)
Block 3	12:45 – 2:00	(75 mins)
Recess 2	2:00 – 2:15	(15 Mins)
Block 4	2:15 – 3:30	(75 mins)

*Sheryn West*  
Deputy Principal (RLG)

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### Aquaponics

Aqualife Industries, Ian and Carolyn Campbell, have finished installing the GROW aquaculture / horticulture unit which will allow the school to run a project based around sustainable food systems. The students will be growing a variety of fish and yabbies, as well as vegetables and other plants.

The Year 9 Agriculture class spent time learning about the new Aquaculture system. This included information on fish growth rates, environmental factors and water usage. They also discussed career options within this field and the importance of sustainability. It was very educational and we would like to say thank you to Ian and Carolyn for providing our students with the opportunity.



## Scholarship Finalists

Gilgandra High School is proud to announce the finalists in this year's St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Colin Shepherd OAM Memorial School Scholarship.

Congratulations to our Year 10 recipients Abby Tate, Ella McAnally-Elwin and Sarah Schier. Many thanks to Tony Fryer from St Marys and also our school coordinator Ms Collier for all her hard work. We received a record number of entries this year and the committee has reported that it was the most difficult decision ever because the submissions were so outstanding. Mrs Burge was thrilled to congratulate our finalists.



## Parent Teacher Phone Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be taking place during Week 4 of Term 4. Due to social distancing guidelines, parent teacher interviews will take place via a phone call system with each faculty allocated one afternoon during the Week 4, Term 4. Phone interviews will run for a maximum of 5 minutes per interview, between the hours of 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

Please note that some staff do work across faculties. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher, on the day they are listed, even if they teach in another faculty.

To book an interview time, parents are asked to call the school office on 6847 2276, from the 12th October (Day 1, Term 4) to Friday 30th October. Please advise the office of your best contact number.

The parent/teacher evenings will be as follows:

<b>English/HSIE</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm to 6:30pm</b> <b>Teachers:</b> Mrs Lambell Mr Godber Ms Collier Ms Wilkin Mrs Reed Miss Murphy Ms Patton
<b>Science/Art</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm to 6:30pm</b> <b>Teachers:</b> Ms Austen Ms West Mr Price Mrs Windeyer Ms Bunter
<b>Maths/Music</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm to 6:30pm</b> <b>Teachers:</b> Mrs Keogh Ms King Mrs Dent Ms M Foran (Careers)
<b>TAS/PDHPE</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm to 6:30pm</b> <b>Teachers:</b> Mr Woollams Mrs Schier Mrs Neeves Mr Wilson Ms N Foran (TAS) Mrs O'Neill Mrs Standing Mr McCutcheon

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# SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## For Further Education & Training

The OEC Scholarship Fund has been established to help break through financial barriers to education.

The Orana Education and Training Cooperative (OEC) is a Dubbo-based not-for-profit organisation with a history of working with disadvantaged communities in the Orana region to service need and to provide support and opportunities to develop sustainability.

OEC is offering a scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year to a person from Western NSW who has applied to study at an accredited registered training organisation or Australian university and may include apprenticeships and/or traineeships.

The scholarship is open to people of all ages who are struggling to afford tertiary studies and are willing to encourage other people in their communities to follow their education dreams.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- To be entitled to the scholarship you must be eligible to be enrolled/enrolled in/or part way through, a course at an accredited registered training organisation or Australian university.
- You must be enrolled to vote (or eligible to enrol if under 18 years old) in the electorate covered by one of the following local government areas - Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Bogan, Walgett, Warren, Coonamble, Narromine, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Wellington, Warrumbungle.)
- Applicants of all ages are encouraged to apply.
- You must be a permanent resident of Australia or an Australian citizen.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE OEC SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE FOUND AT

[oec.org.au](http://oec.org.au)

A testimonial from one of our scholarship recipients

*"The scholarship I was granted by OEC has been a major help in my first year of University. I would not be able to do this without the scholarship as it gives me support that I do not have at home. The scholarship has helped significantly in the start-up costs of moving away from home and helps to take care of expenses such as accommodation, resources and everyday things required for a student. The support from this scholarship has reduced stress and allows me to reach my full potential as a university student"*

Thanks John Hill