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GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

Principals Report

Year 12 - HSC/Graduation

I would like to personally, and on behalf of the school, wish Year 12 best wishes as they approach the final weeks of their preparation for the HSC examinations and their final weeks of schooling. These final weeks will involve a variety of activities for the Year 12 cohort. This will include activities prescribed in the **Life Ready Program** for Stage 6 students, the traditional Gilgandra High School **Slave Day**, and an afternoon of **Barefoot Bowls** to recognise a difficult COVID year for the 2020 HSC cohort. With further COVID information to be released by the Department of Education, we are planning towards an evening Graduation Ceremony event, from the 12th November to celebrate the achievements of Year 12. Year 12 students have been provided with a timeline of activities for their parents.

Classroom Visits

In the past 2 weeks, I have enjoyed visiting a number of classrooms. Ms Murphy's Year 7 music classes - recycled musical instruments, Mrs Standings Year 8 Agriculture - tractor driving, Mr Wilson's Year 8 PDHPE class and I also enjoyed a tour of Mrs Lambell's English class assessments. The students in these classes should be very proud of the effort they applied to such varied aspects of their learning and it was great to be invited to be part of this.

COVID Updates

The Department provides us with regular updates to the COVID guidelines for all NSW Public schools to follow.

The link is below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

There is also an app that you are able to download to your phone or device that keeps you updated with any changes.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

Physical appearance - clean up!

Thank you to Donna, our relieving general assistant, staff and students for their combined efforts in working towards sprucing up the school grounds. With such a generous and expansive footprint, it is certainly an ongoing task, but together we have filled a skip bin with debris that will find a home elsewhere and our site is looking clutter free.



Finally, I wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday break. I look forward to seeing you all back here at school on Monday 12th October. There is no **Staff Development Day** to begin the term, Monday the 12th October is a school day for all students.

Erica Burge
Principal (RLG)



Luke, Kooper, Ashleigh and Sarah from Mrs Lambell's 10R English class, with their decorated canvas shoe with images, symbols and quotes from Harper Lee's 'To Kill A Mockingbird'

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:

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

Welcome to the final week of Term 3.

This term has seen Year 11 and 12 students working hard to complete their final assessments.

Year 12 students have been finalising their major projects. I appreciate the time and energy that both students and teachers have placed into completing these over the last 12 months.

Last week, Year 12 Hospitality demonstrated their food preparation and serving skills by opening up the commercial kitchen. The service was outstanding and the food was delicious.

Gilgandra High School has many opportunities available for students. Some of these include: First Aid Course, transition from school community talks, learning to drive a tractor and farm vehicle safety program.




I wish all students, staff and their families a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to an action packed Term 4.

Sheryn West
Deputy Principal (RLG)

Communication with our school community

I indicated that I would provide further information with regard to communication between Gilgandra High School and parents/carers/community.

GHS makes use of a number of communication channels for various purposes. I have listed below a brief outline so that you have clarity of how best to receive information from and provide information to us here at school.

	<p>Facebook Gilgandra High School will use Facebook to communicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good new stories and celebrate student/school achievements • Share information about future pathways; university, TAFE etc. • Information that is not of pressing importance, but great to read about <p>If you are a Facebook user, make sure that you LIKE the Gilgandra High School page, to see great stories about your school.</p>
<p><i>Emails from the GHS Office</i></p>	<p>Email - gilgandra-h.School@det.nsw.edu.au Gilgandra High School will send emails containing important information to all families, select year groups and individual contact where appropriate. Email allows GHS to attach documents and reach a large number of our families. Parents and community members may email the school on the address above to provide or request information or ask questions. If you have not provided an email address to GHS as yet, please contact the office and we will add you to our database.</p>
<p><i>Gilgandra High School Website</i></p>	<p>Website - https://gilgandra-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/ The GHS website provides information about our school that does not change on a regular basis. You can find information here about school planning and the Annual School Report The NSW Department of Education regularly posts important information on our site about such things as COVID updates and changes to curriculum.</p>
<p><i>Messages</i></p>	<p>Parent Portal Newsfeed and Messages Class teachers and Year Advisors will use Sentral Newsfeed to provide information to parents/carers/students. Newsfeeds can be sent to the whole school/classes/year groups/parents and individuals to communicate important information that relates to a specific topic. Staff are able to attach documents to this form of communication. Information such as changes to planned events/changes to routine/issue dates and due dates of assessment tasks will be communicated via this format. Parents are encouraged to have 'push notifications' turned on in their Parent Portal settings to view these instantly. Parents are able to send a message to any of their child's classroom teachers via the Messages link in the Parent App or Parent Portal. Please allow three days for a response. If your matter is urgent please phone the GHS office. Action: Please ensure that you have signed up for the Parent Portal, through school, so that we can ensure we reach you.</p>
<p><i>Local Media</i></p>	<p>Local Paper, Radio, TV This is the place to look for 'Good News' stories.</p>
<p><i>Newsletter</i></p>	<p>The school newsletter currently is distributed every 2 weeks to parents via email, or in hard copy to parents who have requested this mode. The newsletter provides a reflection of the school weeks and provides information about upcoming events.</p>
<p><i>Text Messages from School</i></p>	<p>Text messages are sent to parents to inform of student absences, late to school and truancy. These important messages are provided to you as a courtesy to you as parents/carers. You are able to reply 'cost free' to the text messages to explain your child's absence.</p>
<p><i>Year 12 Google Classroom DoE Emails</i></p> 	<p>@education.nsw.gov.au The Year 12 Advisor and Careers Advisor predominantly use these methods of communication to provide information directly to the Year 12 cohort. It is important that students check these formats regularly. Careers information, university, TAFE, HSC information is provided via these methods</p>
<p><i>Promotional Brochures and Flyers</i></p>	<p>Brochures and Flyers are used to provide information to prospective families and promote the school as an excellent comprehensive high school, servicing the local community.</p>
<p><i>GHS Phone</i></p>	<p>GHS Phone Number - 6847 2276 The school is contactable by phone between the hours of 8.00 am and 3.30 pm Monday to Friday</p>
	<p>Students and mobile phones We also ask that if you need to contact your child during school hours, please ring the office and we will get a message to your child. If your child contacts you directly to collect them from school, eg they ring and say that they are sick, please contact the school office so that the school is also aware. This saves confusion when a parent arrives to collect a child, or if a child leaves the school grounds without signing out.</p>

From the Support Faculty

How closely have you looked at the new \$10 note? We discovered the microprint features excerpts from Gilmore and Paterson's poems *No Foe Shall Gather Our Harvest* and *The Man from Snowy River* while studying our poetry unit! Well done to all students for using their creative brain to come up with some clever poetry.

A big shout out to AEO, Kimm Naden, for her engaging Wiradjuri lessons. The students are making excellent progress in learning the local language and culture.

This term, the support classes also have been focussing their studies on Forces (Science), Spanish Conquests in the Americas (HSIE) and Road Safety (Health). Quite a diverse list and very challenging.

Mrs Di Irvin
Head Teacher Support



**Air
Pressure
Experiment**

**Creating
Aboriginal
Totems**



Tell Them From Me Survey for Parents/Carers - We Value Your Feedback

Gilgandra High School is conducting the **'Tell Them From Me Survey'** and asking students, parent/carers and staff to provide valuable feedback on a range of questions relating to our school.

To provide your feedback simply:

1. Click on the electronic link below to start the survey, or
2. Copy and paste the link into your browser to start the survey, or
3. If you have a paper copy of the newsletter, type in the link below to start the survey.

Survey answers are anonymous.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Medication

Under the DoE guidelines, the school is not permitted to supply non-prescribed medication (i.e Panadol) to students. When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for bringing this need to the attention of the school.

If your child needs to take prescribed medication at school, please contact the school office regarding the paperwork required for the administration to be carried out safely.

Students must not carry medications, unless there is a written agreement between the school and the students parents that this is a required part of the students health care support, e.g epipen, asthma.

Term 3 concludes on Friday 25th September
And
Term 4 commences on Monday 12th October

Green Leaf Café



You are invited to

3D Printing Workshop

Designing 3D models, printing and live 3D scanning with artist Andrew Christie

When: Sunday 27 September

Where: Gilgandra Youth Club

Workshop times: 12.30-2.30pm Ages 10-12 years
2.45pm-4.45pm Ages 13-21 years

Free event

Places limited, so bookings are essential.



RSVP by Weds 23 Sept. to Gilgandra Shire Library

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library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

**Make sure you're
not travelling
with COVID**



**STAY &
GET
TESTED**

If you're experiencing any of these symptoms:

Runny Nose Cough Fever Tiredness
Loss of Smell Loss of Taste Trouble Breathing

Don't guess, Get a Test

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1800 020 080**

**Find more information online
www.wnswphn.org.au/coronavirus**

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