

Newsletter

TERM 3 : Week 3 : 5th August 2022



From our Principal

It is with great regret that I need to let you know that unfortunately I will be leaving Gilgandra High School during Term 3. Please know that this decision has nothing to do with the school or the community, but is based on unforeseen family circumstances that require me to be back closer to family. I have committed to stay on until a replacement can be appointed. Our Director Educational Leadership has already begun a recruitment process. We are currently planning a smooth handover of the role to the successful candidate. I want to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, parents/carers and broader Gilgandra community for the wonderful welcome and support during the short time that I have been here. Though it has only been a short time, I will leave with a deep sense of the passion and commitment that all staff at this great school have for the students and this community.

Now, onto some happenings around our school.

Our staff have been working really hard collectively on a couple of really important changes at school that will support staff, student and most importantly learning. We are about to launch our new Wellbeing Framework over the coming weeks with student information sessions coming in Week 4. A copy of the policy will be distributed via email to all parents.

We have also been developing a revised day structure to be established from 2023 onwards. The change involves switching to 5 periods rather than 4 blocks a day to enable students to learn more effectively. We have 3 variations of the model that we will be presenting to the P&C and student representatives over the coming weeks for feedback. This is a really positive change that we believe will benefit everyone across the school without losing any teaching time.

I am also pleased to announce that Mr Will Godber has taken on the role of Head Teacher Secondary Studies for this term. Mr Godber will be looking after the Science, Library and Careers areas of the school and will continue to do the excellent work in the daily organisation of the school that he has been doing.

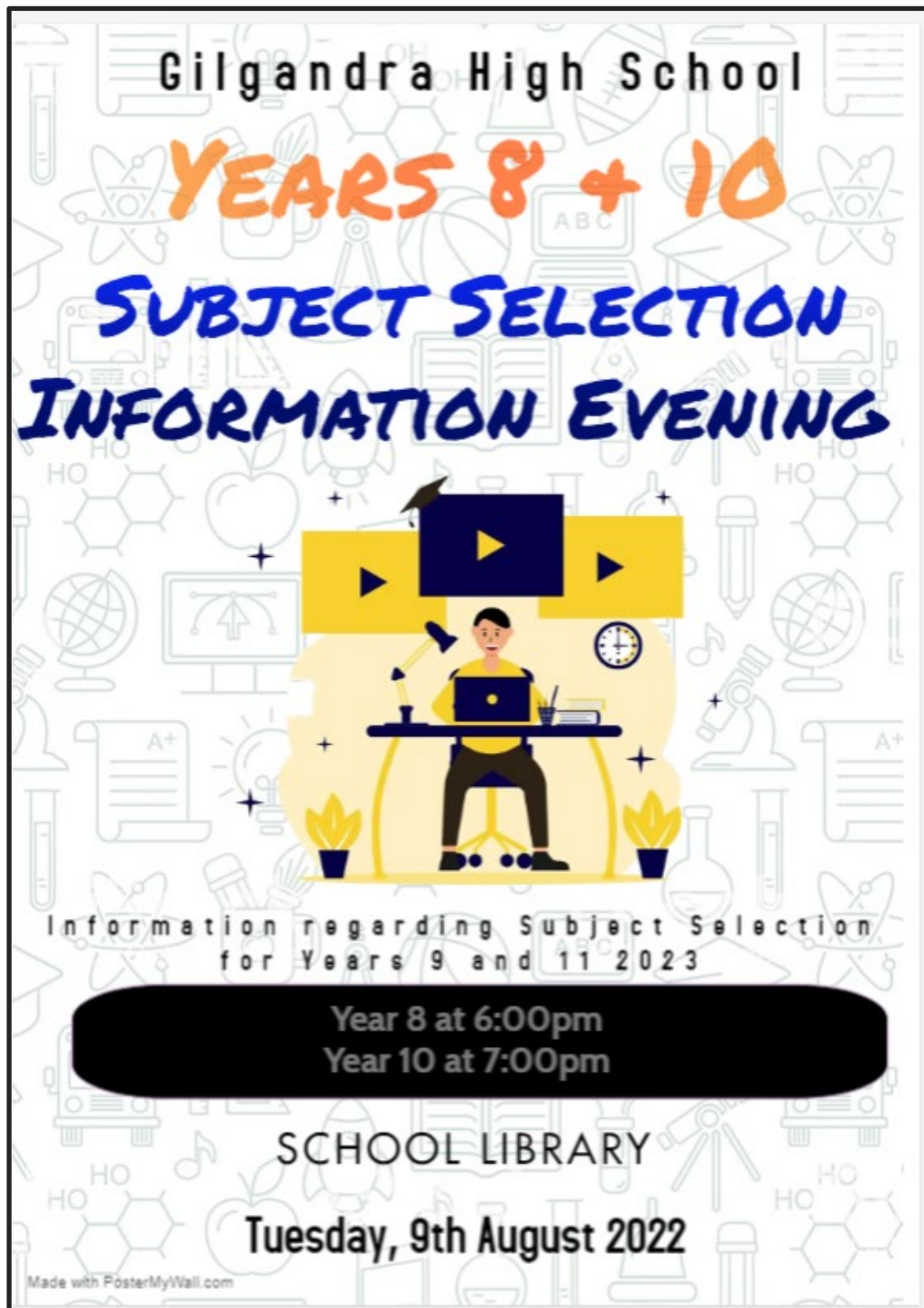
On Tuesday 9th August we have our subject selection evening in the school library. Year 8 students and parents will be at 6:00pm where we will talk about electives for students in 2023. This will be followed by Year 10 students and parents at 7:00pm where we will talk about subjects, pathways and options for next year for these students. I am looking forward to seeing families at these events, as we help students navigate through these important transitions and decisions.





A couple of exciting events are nearly upon us – we are looking forward to Single Cup in Week 4 and our Year 9 and Year 10 Snow Trip in Week 6. A reminder to students and families to make their final payments for the trip to the office as soon as possible. Should be a great couple of events!

Mr Tim Lloyd
Principal



Around our School

PBL Rewards Day – Ten Pin Bowling

On the 21st of July, 84 students from Gilgandra High School partook in the Term 2 Rewards Day. The students travelled by bus to Dubbo Tenpin Bowling and enjoyed lunch at McDonalds, before returning back to school for some free time with their peers at the end of the day. The students competed in two rounds of bowling followed by a range of arcade games. Students reported they enjoyed their day; some have already begun brainstorming what they believe would make a fantastic Term 3 Rewards Day.

Students were eligible to attend Rewards Day if they consistently demonstrated the school's expectations throughout Term 2, had a limited number of negative incidents, and had earned more than 75 tokens. This term, students are working towards earning 50 tokens, limiting their negative incidents and having an attendance rate above 85% (or explained).



High scores of the day were:

Year 7: Aali-yah Priddis 101

Year 8: Lochy Nolan: 117

Year 9: Dylan Tobin 130

Year 10: Aiden Walker 153

Year 11: Kelsey Hutchison 122

Year 12: Tamara Harland 112

Congratulations to all students who attended the Term 2 Rewards Day. We look forward to rewarding a greater number of students in Term 3!



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Mr Timothy Lloyd

Deputy Principal

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Mrs Fiona Lambell

Mathematics

Mrs Michelle Keogh (RLG)

Secondary Studies

Mr Will Godber

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Mr Russell Woollams

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Wellbeing

Mrs Meredith Schier

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Year 8

Ms Nadine Wilkin

Year 9

Miss Nicola Murphy

Year 10

Mr Andrew McCutcheon

Year 11

Ms Madde Jewell

Year 12

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Mrs Meredith Schier

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Support Unit

Students in the Support Unit have been making molecule models using gummy bears and toothpicks in Science.



Students have also learnt valuable cooking skills during the first part of Term 3.



Business Studies

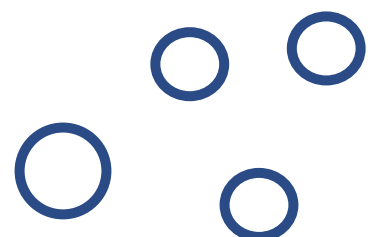
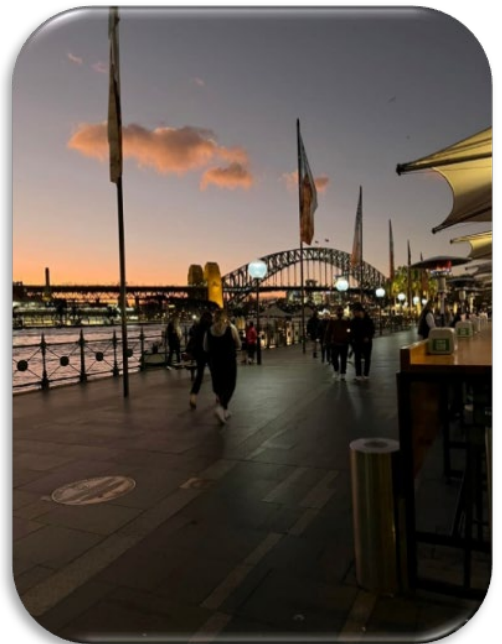
At 4:45am on the 27th of June the Year 12 Business Studies class met Miss Patton and Mr McCutcheon at school for their excursion to Sydney.

The group of 7 flew with Rex Airlines before catching the ferry over to Luna Park to participate in the Business Studies seminar Beyond the Thrills. The seminar related the four key business functions that they have been learning about in class (Operations, Marketing, Finance and Human Resources) to Luna Park.



Fun fact: In 2011, Luna Park began a huge lighting upgrade which saw majority of the lights in the park switched to energy efficient LEDs and 100% of all external lights also being replaced. Not only is this an example of environment sustainability but it also saves the business thousands of dollars a year in energy costs.

After catching the ferry back into the city and dropping their bags at their accommodation, students caught the light rail to the Sydney Cricket Ground for a general tour. After its conclusion, they were lucky enough to meet with Head of Communications Phil Heads. He took them to sections of the grounds not typically accessed by the general public including the new underground basement, and even onto the field. The class would like to thank Mr McCutcheon's wife, Jen, for putting them in contact with Phil.





A recent addition to Circular Quay, the students had dinner that evening at Wahlburgers. Wahlburgers is a casual dining burger restaurant and bar chain owned by chef Paul Wahlberg and his brothers, actors Donnie and Mark. The first store was built in Boston and franchises are now found around the world.

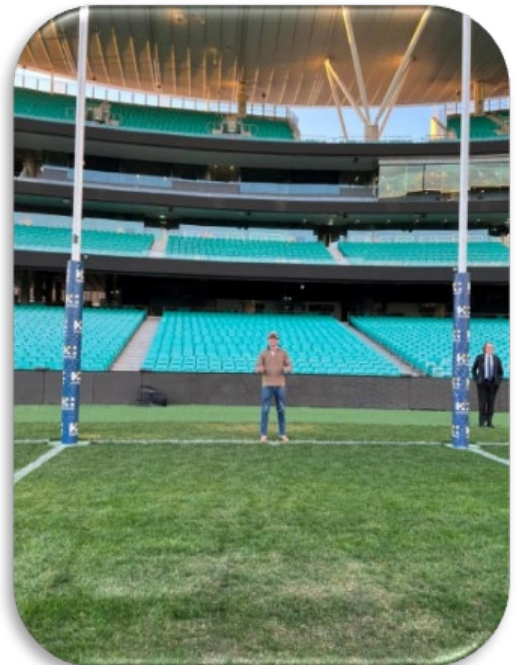
The following morning, students had breakfast at The Ground of the City. They were able to understand how the cafe differentiates their business from others, including their Parisian

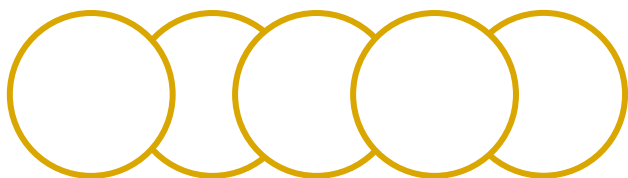
styles interior and deconstructed hot chocolates made with real chocolate. After breakfast, they were given time in Pitt Street to investigate a range of businesses, including H&M and Uniqlo, allowing them to link their studies to relevant examples.

Fun fact: Uniqlo is well renowned for its Heattech clothing. Heattech is innovative fabric that generates heat from your body. Its micron-sized fibres capture the energy of water molecules emitted from the body and convert them into warmth while retaining heat.

On the way home, the group flew with QANTAS. They were able to consider differences in the quality of service of Rex and QANTAS. They saw how QANTAS have introduced leading-edge check-in kiosks at their terminal and the influence this has had on Human Resources.







TAS Faculty

The current focus for many of our TAS Year 10 to Year 12 students at present is that of major projects.

Year 10 Timber and Metal students have been designing their projects and are just starting to build. We thank families who have supported their children to get materials to school so these projects can be started.

Year 11 Design and Technology students are creating a range of projects, from rural gates to a mantle clock. We look forward to seeing how these projects come together over the Term. In a few weeks, the Year 12 Design and Technology class will need to hand in their yearlong projects and portfolios. Later this term we will share photos and details of these finished projects from Sarah, Ella, Emily and Luke.

Year 11 students are currently completing work placement for their Vocational Education & Training (VET) subjects this Term. They have started completing their 35 hours of workplace experience for their Primary Industries, Hospitality and Construction subjects. We thank all the local businesses who have supported our students to complete this mandatory part of their courses.

Year 11 Hospitality students have been baking up a storm, producing many trays of biscuits to support Jeans for Genes Day. They were sold within the community in Miller Street.

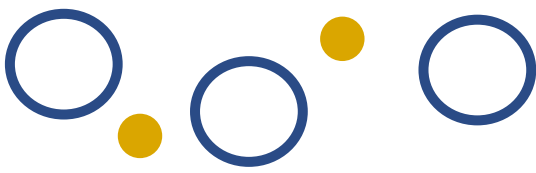




Year 8 Technology students have started building their pinball machines under the guidance of Mrs Schier this term.

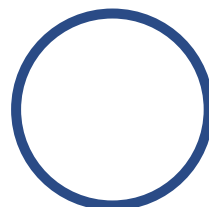


Students in the Year 12 Hospitality class are completing their final cluster units as they prepare for their upcoming Trial HSC exams.



Year 10 Industrial Technology - Metal

Mr Woollams' Year 10 Industrial Technology Metal class are currently putting the finishing touches onto their group projects this term. Four projects have been created for the Sports Storeroom in the hall including a ball trolley, table tennis table trolley, wall storage rack (and speaker extension handle) and a volleyball post wall mount. Students have worked well in their groups to create projects that fulfil a real need in the school. This week they even created a job sheet and invoice for their projects. The next step is to lodge these documents to see if they get paid!





International Chemistry Quiz

On Thursday 28 July, a group of GHS students participated in the International Chemistry Quiz. The ICQ is a unique chemical education activity, providing a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way. It aims to promote interest in chemistry and the role of chemists in our society.

Right: GHS students Darcy Morris and Dominic Manus looking pleased with their efforts following the completion of the International Chemistry Quiz.





English

Term 3 is traditionally serious literature time for the majority of the English classes at Gilgandra High School.

The range of texts being read this year is exceptionally broad. Here are a few examples:

Year 7 - Blueback and Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Year 8 - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Year 9 - Trash and Tomorrow When the War Began

Year 10 - To Kill a Mockingbird or The Hate U Give

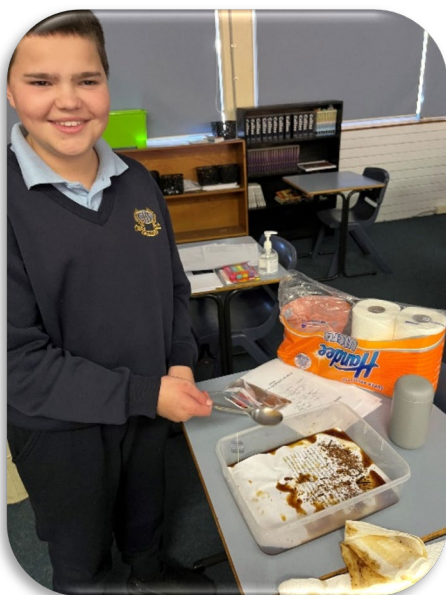
Year 12 English Advanced - Emma

Year 12 English Extension 1 - Frankenstein

Have you read any of these? Year 12 English Extension 1 have.

Miss Jewell's Year 7 English class finished their novel Blueback last term and created 'old looking' messages in bottles. They were tasked with creating a message and including a map and/or pictures. They then soaked their messages in coffee and tea and baked them in the oven to make them appear old.

The remaining English classes are currently immersed in poetry and thematic topics. Senior poet choices include WB Yeats, Wilfred Owen and Oodgeroo Noonuccal.





HSIE

We have had scores of students participate recently in the Australian Geography and Australian History Competitions.

This week we received news of the geography results.

Congratulations to Credit recipients: Sarah Keogh, Wyatt Weiland, Aiden Walker and Kate Woollams.

An extra special hurrah for Harrison King and his Distinction award.

Wyatt, Aiden, Sarah and Harrison were applauded during assembly this week for their efforts in the Australian Geography Competition. Kate was absent but we congratulate her as well.

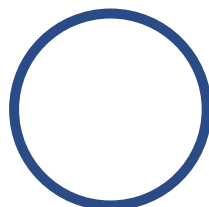
Fingers crossed we have some strong results from the History competition to report on soon.



LOTE

What is your favourite cuisine? In Year 7, many would now answer 'Japanese'. The Year 7 LOTE Japanese class are currently designing delicious menus. Watch out for some foodie pictures later in the term.

Maddeline Jewell
English / HSIE Teacher





Goodooga Games

This week, eighteen students travelled to Goodooga to participate in their annual Traditional Indigenous Games. It has been 2 years since we last visited and participated and once again it did not disappoint. The weather was a warm 27 degrees and a very nice change. On our trip, we stopped in at Lighting Ridge and did some sightseeing of their attractions the Castle and bottle houses before heading to Goodooga.

All students settled in to their accommodation with swags on floors in classrooms, had dinner and then we headed to the newly built bore baths for a dip on the Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning and it was game day! All students were nervous to mix with other schools but eventually settled their nerves meeting new people and having loads of fun. The day concluded with a presentation and we had two award winners. Grace Jones-Copelin was in the winning team Dinawans (emus) and Ryder Ryan was voted best and fairest for his team for the day.

Coming Up

9th August

Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection
Information Evening

16th – 17th August

Ag Quip

18th – 26th August

HSC Trials

21st – 24th August

Year 9/10 Snow Excursion

30th August

P&C Meeting

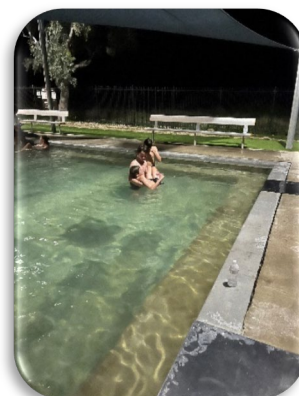
12th – 16th September

Year 11 Exams

23rd September

Last Day Term 3





Wellbeing

This term, Home School Liaison Officers and Aboriginal Student Liaison Officers will interview students about absences (partial, lateness, whole days & truancy). This will be done via face to face and phone interviews.

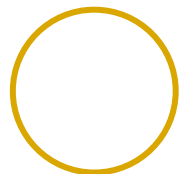
The law in New South Wales regarding attendance at school is very specific. Children between the ages of six and seventeen years must attend school on all days the school is open unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be satisfactorily explained to the school at which the child is enrolled within 7 days.

Attendance matters – resources for schools

Strategic attendance planning

Schools, parents and carers work together to address the needs of students to get them back into school. These resources help schools plan and implement attendance strategies.

[Start Process](#)



Rugby League

At the end of Term 2 Kapene Karaitiana and Jace Baker participated in the Australian Secondary School Boys Rugby League tournament held in Redcliffe Brisbane.

Kapene was selected in the NSW side and Jace was selected in the Indigenous Goannas Team, coached by former GHS teacher Mr Tony Wilson.

Jace's team played well and made the finals. During his last game he was taken off with a serious HIA. The team were defeated by WA which finished off their chances of bringing home the trophy.

Kapene and his team had a very successful week and made the Grand Finals for their pool. It was a very exciting and close game coming down to the last 30 seconds. NSW had the lead all game and with a last minute try by CCHS, they had to convert the kick to win. Unfortunately, NSW went down by two points.

Kapene came away with the Runner-Up trophy and a memorable experience.

It was a huge achievement and experience for both boys. Jace and Kapene played with pride and great sportsmanship and were outstanding representatives for their families, Gilgandra High School and the wider Gilgandra community.

Well done and Congratulations Kapene and Jace!



Mathematics Faculty

In Mathematics, Year 8 students have been introduced to the importance of ratios by making sherbet. If the mix was wrong, then it was not a welcome tasting experience. The mix improved and they all had samples to eat by the end of the lesson.



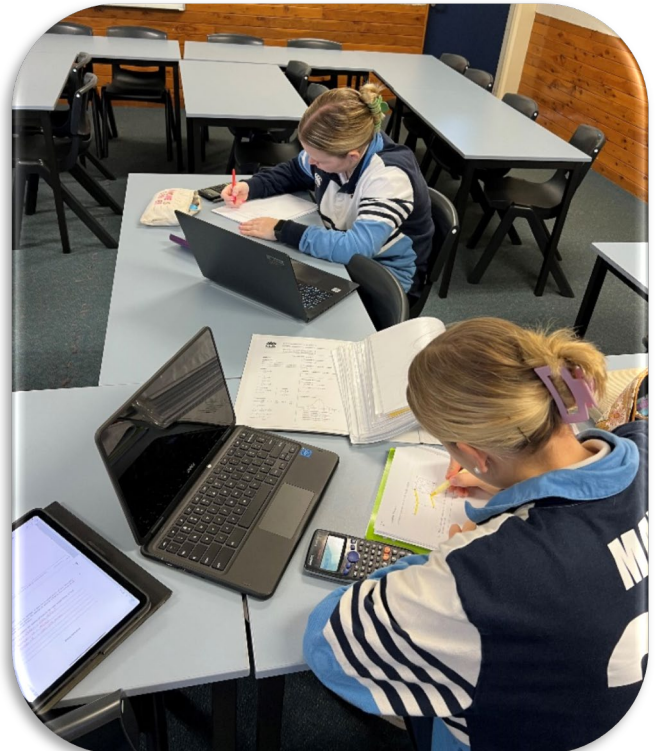
Since Term 1, Year 12 students from Miss Patton's Mathematics Standard 2 class have been coming to school at 8am every Tuesday. They have spent this time working through past-HSC papers and revising topics covered earlier in the course.

All Mathematics HSC courses are almost completed. Revision is on the agenda after the Trial HSC exams.

A reminder that all Stage 5 and 6 students have access to the ATOMI platform for revision.

Years 7-10 have access to IXL Mathematics for all their practice needs.

Mrs Michelle Keogh
Mathematics

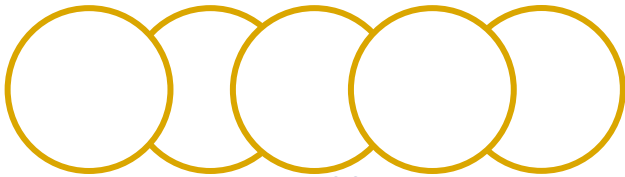


Working in pairs you will need to work out a recipe to make sherbet.

The ingredients to use are: icing sugar, citric acid, bi-carb soda and jelly crystals. The recipe will be made using teaspoon amounts.



Discuss with your partner how many teaspoons of each ingredient you require.



Western Region Athletics

On Friday 5th August, five Gilgandra High students competed in the Western Region Athletics carnival.

Sarah Chandler G14, Dylen Murray B15, Molly Wilson G15, Bradley Gibson B17+, and Lachlan Riley B17+.

Sarah Chandler started the day with the first event, 1500m. Sarah led the pack for the first three laps of the event. A runner pulled away in the final lap and Sarah came away with 2nd place. Her next event of the day was 800m where she came in 1st place. Sarah's final event was 400m and she came in 2nd place.



Dylen Murray competed in three throwing events on the day, javelin, discus and shotput. Dylen came away with 3rd place in shotput.

Molly Wilson competed in long jump. Her first jump was a new PB, her second jump was even longer at 4.02m. Molly qualified in the final six, earning a final jump, coming in 4th position.

Lachlan Riley competed in the triple jump, earning 1st position with a jump of 11.83m. He later competed in long jump and qualified in the final six.



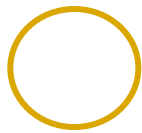
Bradley Gibson and Lachlan Riley both competed in the 100m. The race was fast and all competitors ran in a close group. Lachlan came away with 2nd place in a field of the regions ten fastest runners, one being another GHS student. All of the five students should be proud of their sporting excellence and their achievements on the day.



Sarah Chandler, Lachlan Riley and Dylen Murray will move to the next level of competition the Combined High Schools State Athletics Championships. Congratulations on qualifying for the state competition.

Mrs Keogh





Jeans for Genes Day

Last Friday students supported Jeans for Genes Day by wearing their jeans to school and making a gold coin donation towards the charity.

In addition to this, a sausage BBQ lunch was organised by the SRC to raise additional funds for the wonderful cause.



