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Term 4 Week 8

Quote of the week
No one is perfect
That is why pencils have erasers

Principal's report...

The sprint towards the end of the year is well and truly on, and whilst the final weeks are moving along at a cracking pace, I think it is important to reflect on the journey our school has been fortunate to enjoy this year.

Our students, of whom we will always be proud, have extended themselves in different ways and have shown that they do 'think globally and act locally', from the different fundraising efforts that they have been engaged in, to the most recent Parramatta High School visit, their ability to think of and engage with others remains very impressive. We saw this too, through the very successful Rural Fire Service cadetships which took our students to the State Championships.

Culturally, our annual school production this year took us in to the world of sea shanties and the funds raised were again donated to an important local cause, the Gilgandra District Drought Alliance. The Creative and Performing Arts remains an important element of our school culture because it encourages our students to think creatively, critically and work collaboratively.

The sporting achievements have been many as well, and in true GHS spirit, the effort expended on the field was a result of hard work, determination, and quite often, courage. We saw this in a variety of sports from rugby league, netball, basketball, rugby union, touch football, swimming, athletics...we are blessed to have a variety of very talented sportspeople to represent us and our town. To be pipped at the post during the Single Cup competition this year has forged a steely determination for 2019.

Academically, the opportunities for our students were excellent. Beyond the classroom, students took part in the different ICAS competitions, our public speaking competition yielded some insightful perspectives as well as demonstrating how articulate many of our students are, and in the field of Agriculture, the extension opportunities Mrs Standing has provided allowed for our students to shine with their deep knowledge of rural industries.

2018 has been a very strong year for GHS. I trust as the year winds down and the holiday period approaches, families will stay safe and enjoy the festive season. We all look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Neal Reed Principal



Parramatta High School's Tanmayee, Ruken, David Charters (teacher), Anisha, Ruby Schembri and Henry Johnson

Deputy's report...

Mr Webb and the Marine Studies class have made a great start to their long awaited field trip. On Monday 3rd December they visited the Southern Cross University National Marine Science Centre at Coffs Harbour. Here they found out that Coffs Harbour is a perfect location for this, as it captures the tropical East Australian Current (allowing coral to grow) and it also has marine species brought up from the cooler waters down south. After lunch everyone enjoyed the opportunity to learn/attempt to make progress in the art of surfing.



Rebecca Gaff, Mr Webb, Nikia Cain, Teagan Watt, Tymeka Bush, Ashaya Anderson, Elaena Holland, Marine Science officer, Jye Day, Darren Doherty, Jack Briggs, Lachlan Fairey and Alan Billing.



Learning to surf



Tymeka Bush, Jye Day, Lachlan Fairey, Darren Doherty, Alan Billing and kneeling is Rebecca Gaff at Ebor Falls.

Victor Chang Award...

The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute School Science awards were presented to highly performing Science students from across the western region, at Dubbo College Senior Campus on Thursday 29th November. This year's recipient from Gilgandra High School was Emma Bunter. Emma, her parents and Mrs Frost (Head Teacher Science) attended the ceremony where Dr Alistair Stewart from the Victor Chang Institute gave an inspirational address encouraging the students to continue with their Science studies. He then presented each student with their certificate and an invitation to tour the Victor Chang Institute in Sydney on 10th December. Congratulations to Emma on this achievement.



Emma Bunter being presented with her award.

Year 8 Technology mandatory...



Year 8 students Holly Davis, Sam Duff and Ella McAnally-Elwin modelling the shorts and pyjamas they made this term.

PARRAMATTA school visit...





Dates for your diary...

Thursday 6th December	Balladoran excursion Year 9 Uni Roadshow Dubbo Uni of Sydney Snr English
Friday 7th December	Narromine visit Year 10 Work Experience finishes
Tuesday 11th December	DAME Awards 6pm in D12
Wednesday 12th December	Rewards afternoon Yr 6 into 7 parent evening 6pm
Friday 14th December	Presentation Day 11.00am in the school hall
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of school for students
Wednesday 30th January 2019	School resumes for students 2019

YOU ARE INVITED

to the *Gilgandra High School 2018*
Drama, Art & Music Education Awards Night

We are pleased to invite you to the night that celebrates all the success of the Drama, Art and Music department of *Gilgandra High School*.

There will be awards given on the night that your child may have been nominated for in either Drama, Art or Music. Award winners will be announced on the night.

Please join us on

Tuesday 11th December, 2018
Doors open at 6pm
Gilgandra High School Drama Room (D12)

We are looking forward to a fantastic night of music, art and drama. A small supper will be provided post the ceremony.

Dear Parent/Carer

In the next few weeks, the Home School Liaison Officer 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.

Please remember that students are expected to be at school for roll call at **8.55am** and if they arrive after this time they will be marked as late.

NOTICE

**YEAR 7 BOOK PACKS WILL
BE AVAILABLE
AT THE GILGANDRA
NEWSAGENCY
FROM FRIDAY
7TH DECEMBER
PRICED AT \$65**



From all the staff at
GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL
We wish you a safe and happy holiday
and look forward to working
with you in 2019