

# Gunnedah High School Newsletter



**Excellence  
and  
Innovation in  
a Unique and  
Caring  
School**



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Welcome Parents/Caregivers to the Newsletter

The big news in our school this last week has been the announcement of funding allocated for our new Gymnasium. This funding is around 2.8 – 3 million dollars for this building and it will have a floor area of

485 m<sup>2</sup> and associated storage, change rooms and first aid facilities attached on the side of the main hall. This was fantastic news for our school and our community. We have worked closely with the New England Asset Management team for the last 18 months in preparing a very good proposal and to finally have it recognised that we do have a significant need here, and to get a new building and not a refurbishment is very uplifting.

I have had many discussions and visits to our school from senior members of the DET on our Gym since the 20<sup>th</sup> February this year. We have had visits from the DET's Senior Projects Manager, Design, Civil, Electrical and Structural Engineers, utility and service mapping, a full satellite topography map of our site and test bore drillers. It has been a very informative and exciting process to be involved in (although I am glad I don't have to manage the program). They are almost to the stage of sending our project to tender. I have seen the final preliminary architectural drawings for the building and am just waiting for the final design meeting. If your child has come home from school in the last five months and said that there were a lot of people at school today with suits on, then you now have the answer to why they were here.

The entire school staff and student body are very excited about our new Gym, as I hope are the hundreds of students in our partner Primary Schools who will have this piece of infrastructure to enjoy for the high school life.

I wish to publicly thank Mr Jeff Siebels, NER Asset Management Manager, Mrs Gai Swain (former Mayor of Gunnedah), Mr Adam Marshall (current Mayor of Gunnedah) and Mr Peter Draper for their support in helping us gain this great piece of infrastructure. We greatly appreciate your efforts and support.

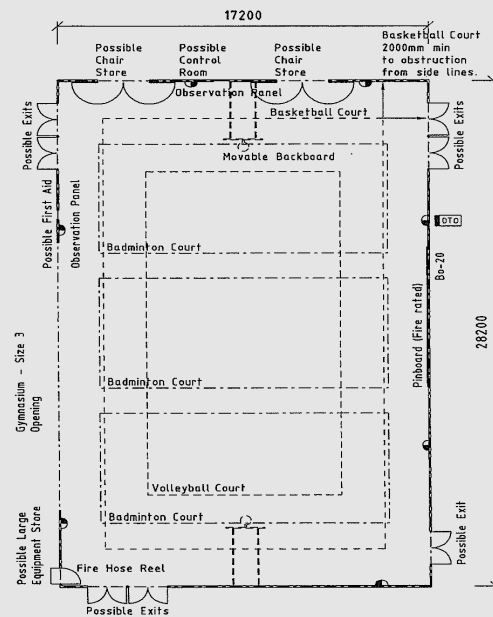
I have included the preliminary design concept floor plan for the Gym for your information. When the final architectural plans are available we will make them available for viewing at school for interested parents/carers.

We have run into difficulties with software problems with Yr 7 and 9 reports. All other year group reports were posted home but, unfortunately, time has prevented us posting home Yr 7 and 9. They will be issued to students on Monday 29th June to take home. I would like to encourage all parents/carers of Yr 7, 8 and 9 students to come and talk with your child's teachers next Tuesday night at their Parent/Teacher Evening.

Until the next Newsletter  
Rod Jones  
Principal

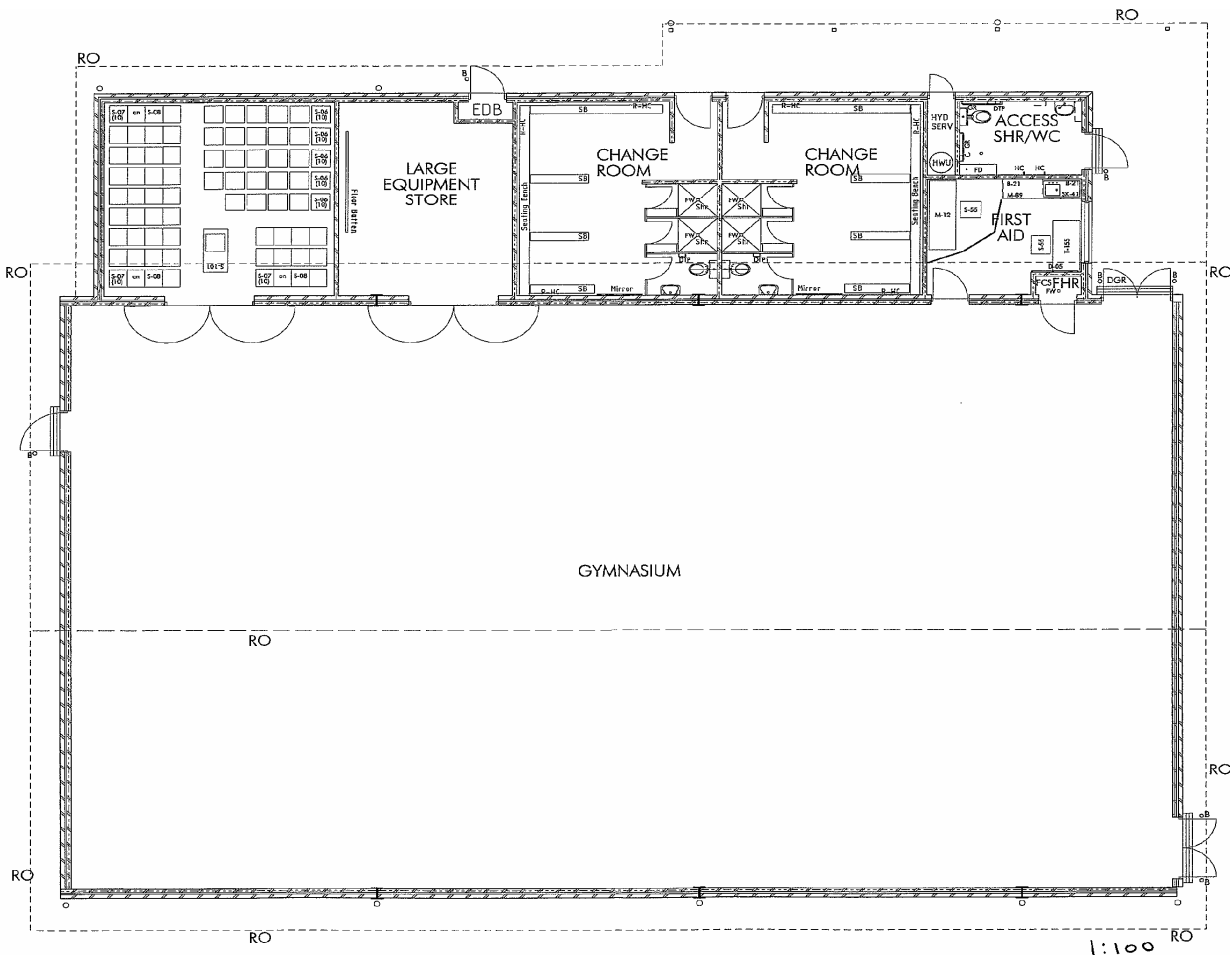
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MOVEMENT COMPLEX  
Gymnasium - Size 2HS502.02C  
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Schedule Area 482 sq.m

Floor Area shown 480.51 sq.m  
1:200

## Notes:

1. Internal dimensions critical to achieve the required Court sizes and overruns.
2. Structure must NOT intrude into this area.
3. Basketball Court shown as 24 x 13m.



## 2010 Year 7: Expressions of Interest-Attention parents/carers

If you have a child in Year 6 in Primary School this year, we are now accepting "expressions of interest" for Year 7 students for 2010 at the Gunnedah High School. For more information, please contact our main office on 6742 0155.

## NSW Lawn Bowls Triples KO:

Congratulations to the Gunnedah High School triples bowl team of Sam Pryor, Andrew Cameron and Jake Manley on their 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the finals (16) of the NSWCHS Lawn Bowls Triples Knock Out competition. This was held in Sydney at the Ryde Eastwood Bowling Club, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

As a result of their outstanding achievements, at such a young age, the challenges have come from far and wide from a number of mature aged teams who all think that they can tame the 'whipper snappers'. Well, time will tell as we are in the process of finalising a special challenge day at the Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club in early July.

Challenge teams will include the Gunnedah Shire Council led by Mayor Adam Marshall and Gunnedah Business Houses captained by John Hickey.

## 2009 Gunnedah "Relay for Life"

The Gunnedah Relay For Life, in aid of the Cancer Council, will be held at Kitchener Oval Gunnedah from 6pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October to 6pm Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, so now is the time to start organising your teams of fifteen (15) members. As a large number of families within the community have been affected by cancer, the Gunnedah Relay for Life committee has set a target of \$100,000 to be raised during the 2009 event, to provide much needed funds for ongoing cancer research.

We are looking for a strong involvement from our teachers, support staff, students, parents/carers, grandparents & guardians to help fly the Gunnedah High School 'flag' at this years event, as well as have some fun with your friends & family and help support the NSW Cancer Council. We have set a goal of entering twenty (20) teams, so if you'd like to be involved, or require more information, please contact GHS Community Liaison Officer Ray McCoy at your earliest convenience.

## GHS Uniform Shop:

Tuesday	8:00 – 10:00am
Thursday	1:00 – 3:00pm

## Diary Dates to Remember:

**Principal & Staff of Gunnedah High School**  
invite

**Parents & Students**  
To the Parent/Teacher Afternoon  
**Years 7, 8 & 9**

**When:** Tuesday 30th June 2009

**Where:** Gunnedah High School Hall

**Time:** 4-6 pm

### July 3rd 2009:

Official opening of the **Namoi Valley Partners in Learning 'Art Show'**, to be held in the Mooki Room at the Gunnedah Creative Arts Centre, Marquis Street Gunnedah commencing at 6:00pm. The Art Show will run from 4<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

### August 7th 2009:

Gunnedah High School P & C Association will be holding their "**Back to Schooldays Celebration Ball**" at the Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club Auditorium, from 8:00pm. Formal dress, coat & tie are required, with a 2 course dinner/sweets provided. Special entertainment for the night will be provided by Gunnedah's specially formed super group; The Toolies (Old Schoolies) featuring Dave Hart, Wayne Seach and Graham Ryman from the Zods, Dave Alexander and the incredible singing voice of Paul White, plus a few more surprises! This is a show not to be missed.

Tickets are only \$35:00 each, and table bookings are now being taken at the Gunnedah High School main office, so don't miss out...Book now on 6742 0155.

Table of 8 @ \$280:00 – Limit of 16 tables available

Table of 10 @ \$350:00 – Limit of 8 tables available.



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## porting Results/News:

**The GHS U/15 rugby league team**, led by CHS Country representative Ethan Stevens and strongly supported by Reece Griffith, James Donnelly, Ben Davis and Damien Crowley will play in the 2nd round of the Country Cup on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at West Tamworth's Scully Park against round-robin series winners from Tamworth & the New England. The Final will be played in Coffs Harbour. Coach Tony Gold and Team Manager Bob Heath are very confident that the boys will be up to the task, and continue to proudly fly the Gunnedah High School flag.

## 2009 Athletics Carnival



Congratulations to all concerned for a very successful and colourful athletics carnival. The day provided a number of close results, comical displays of sporting performances in apparel and technique, and a chance for Mr Oxford (Announcer & DJ) to strut his stuff and keep the crowd entertained.

The 'battle of the houses' was a very close contest this year, with Kaputar winning the title on 480 points from Nandewar – 470, Moombi – 436 and Illawarra – 401. In the main 'novelty'

relay events, Nandewar senior boys defeated the GHS male staff in a photo finish, whilst the Kaputar girls totally outclassed the GHS ladies staff team into 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the big one, the Tug-o'-War, the GHS staff overcame a 'broken rope' in the first pull, to set a world class time in defeating the student's team.

As counting is continuing to determine the winners and placegetters in all the Age Championships, we will have all the results in our next Newsletter.



## 2009 NAIDOC Week: Festival of Champions

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Billy Boiling** – on school basketball courts @ lunch.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Spear the Roo** – on the school oval @ lunch.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Didgeridoo Blowing** (males) – on the school oval @ lunch.

**Drum Making** (females) – on the oval @ lunch.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Paper War** – on the school oval @ lunch.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Obstacle Race** – on the school oval @ lunch.

## MS Readathon:

**Read for 30 days...Celebrate for 30 years.**

Due to popular demand, the MS Readathon reading period is now any 30 days in June, July or August 2009. This is great news for students who haven't yet registered for the 2009 MS Readathon. You have until 31<sup>st</sup> August to return completed forms and sponsorship, and collect some great reading rewards. Registration is easiest and quickest online, at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or ask your teacher for more details.