

# Gunnedah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter.

The 2010 HSC has finally arrived. Our very best wishes go out to the Class of 2010. All the hard work they have done will now come to fruition.

Our Yr 8 students embarked on their annual pilgrimage to Coffs Harbour on Wednesday morning. I received a call from the manager of McDonald Armidale around 9.30am to congratulate the school on the behaviour of our Yr 8 students. He said, "...they were the most wonderful group of young kids. They ordered politely, said thank you and cleaned up after themselves..... they are welcome here anytime." My warmest congratulations go to this group. Far too often, I have to apologise for the minority, while the vast majority of the students who attend our school are fantastic young people. Thank you, Yr 8 Coffs excursion students for making my day. If you are a parent of one of these children, you can be rightly proud.

Since our last Newsletter, we have had two staff members permanently appointed to the school. Congratulations go to Mr Luke Verdon who has started as Head Teacher TAS and Miss Erin Thompson who has been appointed Eng/Drama teacher and will commence in 2011. These are great appointments to our staff and will allow much needed stability in our staffing.

For the four Senior Executive of the school, Mr Borham, Mr Snowden, Mrs Watson and myself, the

next six or seven weeks will be incredibly busy. We are currently evaluating our school Improvement Plan, PSP, SiP and National Partnership programs with the view to developing plans for 2011 – 2012. I ask all parents and carers that if they need an interview or appointment, please contact the Admin Office to make a time as we may not be able to see them straight away. I thank you for your cooperation with this special request.

Could I take this opportunity to thank those parents who are supporting the school in our endeavour to have our students in their school uniform. It has improved significantly. Please insist that your child wear their uniform and be proud of it. They all look fantastic when they do.

*Below is an article, which I have read since the last newsletter, that you might find interesting.*

## **Global: World Teachers' Day 2010**

*UNESCO, October 5, 2010*

With the theme "Recovery begins with teachers", World Teachers' Day 2010 is a tribute to teachers' vital role in social, economic and intellectual rebuilding.

World Teachers' Day is an occasion to celebrate teachers, but also to draw attention to their status, employment conditions and the needs of countries where teacher recruitment is not keeping pace with increases in student enrolment.

According to the latest projections by UNESCO's Institute for Statistics (UIS), 9.1 million more teachers will need to be recruited over seven years (2008-

2015) to meet the Education For All goal of universal primary education by 2015.

Read more: [http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/world\\_teachers\\_day\\_2010\\_unesco\\_calling\\_for\\_stories\\_about\\_heroic\\_teachers/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/world_teachers_day_2010_unesco_calling_for_stories_about_heroic_teachers/)

Day after day, in classes across the world, teachers bring knowledge to life. This exhibition presents snapshots of teachers exercising their profession in difficult circumstances – in remote rural communities, in zones recovering from conflict, in areas struck by natural disasters. They show teachers working with migrants, refugees, with children from nomadic families or with special needs.

View the annotated slideshow at: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/multimedia/photos/photo-galleries/a-tribute-to-teachers>

Until our next newsletter.  
Mr Rod Jones  
Principal

#### New Teaching Staff-Term 4

Mr Luke Verdon & Mr Craig Sinclair



#### 2011 GHS School Captains:

Following recent interviews and elections, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new School Captains for 2011.

**Captains:** Gabriel Reynolds and Evan Piefki

**Vice Captains:** Grace Curgenvin and Hayden West



#### Congratulations to the newly elected **Senior Council** for 2011

Anika Riley, Gabriel Reynolds, Amber Burns, Simone King, Courtney Jordan, Grace Curgenvin, Rose Squire, Brittany Riley, Evan Piefki, Hayden West, James Stewart, Jacob Bee Gill



#### 2010 Schools Spectacular:



#### Year 12 Farewell:







### **The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Registrar (ACVIR):**

ACVIR collects information on children living with vision impairment and is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. The information gathered is used in research and to provide better services for children. Families who join the Register are given access to a variety of resources to better understand their child's condition and to find low

vision services, including an online parent forum, where they can meet one another. There is NO CHARGE to families for their involvement. If you are interested, please visit the Register website at: [www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/research/ozviskids.asp](http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/research/ozviskids.asp) or call (02) 9872 0303.

### **NAPLAN Information Evening:**

The NAPLAN information evening will be held in the GHS main hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010, commencing at 7.00pm.

### **Term 4 Sport Selections:**

Students are reminded that their Term 4 sport choices are now in place and there will NOT be any changes this term.

### **Lion's Youth of the Year:**

Any Year 11 students who would like to participate in the 2010 Lion's Youth of the Year are requested to see Mrs Schubert for application forms and information. Gunnedah interviews will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010, at the Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club between 4 – 6.00pm, with the finals also at the GS & BC on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 6.30pm. The Curlewis Lions Youth of the Year will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010.

### **Exam Time:**

We wish all students the best as they sit for their exams during Term 4.

- Oct 14 Year 12 Higher School Certificate Exam starts
- Nov 1-12 Years 7/8/9 exam weeks.
- Nov 2: Maths Trial School Certificate.
- Nov 8 School Certificate – English/Science.
- Nov 9 School Certificate – Maths/HSIE.
- Nov 10 School Certificate – Computing Skills.

### **GHS Transition program:**

As part of the GHS Transition Program, Year 6 Primary School to Year 7 High School, Ms Narelle Hertslett will be visiting the following schools.

- Tues 19/10/10: Gunnedah South School
- Tues 26/10/10: Curlewis public School
- Wed 27/10/10: Boggabri Public School
- Thur 28/10/10: Gunnedah Public School

### **QUICKSMART 2010:**

Congratulations and well done to the following students who have successfully completed the QuickSmart numeracy program: Anna Dixon, Lianna Block, Brendan Gillham, John Harris, Grace Areces, Cara Gold, and Lauren Crumbley. Zain Martin and Georgie Barton will also complete the program during Term 4. A presentation and lunch will be held at the end of Term 4 and ALL QuickSmart participants are welcome.

### Baby Boomers:

The family stork has arrived for two of our GHS staff members, and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their new arrivals: Simone & Rob Carlyon have welcomed a new baby boy to their family and have named him Nash Xavier. Will & Bec Dowe are also celebrating the birth of their own little princess that they have named Georgia Grace. Congratulations from all their new uncles and aunts at the Gunnedah High School.

### School Presentations:

Students are reminded to return all "Perpetual Trophies" from last year to the Front Office as soon as possible.

### Environmental Scholarships:

Bayer is offering Environmental Scholarships to Year 11 & 12 students who are interested in a career in Environmental Science. The scholarships will provide students with the opportunity to take on a research project during the Christmas holidays. For more information, please contact Mrs Hill.

### Year 12 Reminders:

All Year 12 students are advised to contact GHS Careers Advisor, Mr Kel Walls, in regard to any University applications, scholarships, TAFE courses & accommodation requirements they may require for 2011.

#### GHS P & C Association

Next Meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 20th October 2010

In the School Library commencing  
@ 7pm

All Parents/carers and community  
members are most welcome

### GHS Canteen

GHS Canteen Supervisor, Mrs Sharon Newell, is again sending out a call for 'volunteers' to assist in the operation of the school canteen during Term 4. Many hands make light work, so your urgent assistance is required. Contact Sharon Newell on 6742 1110 during school hours.

### Gunnedah High School: On the air with Radio 2MO/2GGG

For all the news that is news from the Gunnedah High School, be sure to tune in to Gunnedah's **Radio 2MO** (1080 AM) every Monday morning at 7:35am, and **97.5FM/2GGG** every Wednesday morning at 8:15am, when GHS Community Liaison Officer Ray McCoy takes a look at what's happening at the Gunnedah High School.

### Gunnedah PCYC Futsal Registrations 2010/2011

A fun fast 5 a side half hour game of indoor soccer is running at the PCYC on Fridays. Keep your skills up during the offseason. A great popular, social sport in a safe environment. Registration costs covers Futsal registration and PCYC Membership. Any player registered to winter soccer receives a discount as part of their current winter registration. 5 to 7 years non competition fun futsal, 8 to 16 years junior competition ages. 15/16 years must play in junior comp to qualify for seniors. Juniors individual and senior's team registered (maximum 10 per team). You must have turned 5 yrs to register and must be turning 15 years this year for seniors. Players and spectators must comply with PCYC Futsal and NSW football rules of conduct and behaviour.

Registration days October 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at PCYC.

Season commences 29<sup>th</sup> October

5-18 yrs \$32 - Current winter soccer player

5-18 yrs \$42 - New player.

18 yrs+ \$60 - Current winter soccer player

18 yrs+ \$75 - New Player.

Each player must also pay a weekly \$4 PCYC activity fee to the coordinator prior to each match.

Full details contact Coordinator Tracey Keeler 0457 180010 or PCYC 67421586.

### School Rock Band

Any male or female students interested in joining a school rock/experimental rock band are asked to contact Mr Hayden. Intermediate or advanced players & vocalists are welcome.

### GHS Newsletter

The GHS newsletter is now available from The Gunnedah Newsagency, The Civic Newsagency and the Gunnedah Library.