

Gunnedah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our newsletter.

My newsletter article for this week will only be short as we have some wonderful photos of the Yr 12 Formal to share with you.

I would like to congratulate Sarah Clark of Yr 8 who recently won the Yr 4-8 section of the Bayer 'Science for a Better Life' competition. This is a magnificent achievement.

Congratulations



One of our Maths Teachers, Mr Luke Oxford was appointed to a very prestigious private school in Brisbane this week. Our very best wishes to Mr Oxford and we all will miss him greatly.

My last piece of news for this week concerns myself. Through the merit selection process I was appointed, on Monday, to the position of 'Regional Deployment Manager - SAP Finance and Learning Management and Business Reform'. I will be seconded to Regional Office in Tamworth for the next 12 to 24 months and I have the right of return to Gunnedah High School when I have completed this contract. This was a

difficult decision for me as I love this school. The students, staff and community are great but it is a marvellous opportunity for me to develop new skills and come back a better Principal.

Until our next newsletter.

Mr Rod Jones
Principal

Cricket's next superstar:

GHS student Jordan Lumby (Year 9), is still on cloud nine following her selection as captain of the NSW's Under 15 female cricket team. She will compete in the National Championships in Sydney in December. Jordan led the NSW Country team against their city counterparts recently and, although city won both games, Jordan cemented her spot in the team with some fine performances with the bat and ball and also impressed selectors with her leadership skills. At only 15 years of age, Jordan is well on her way to achieving further national representation. Jordan Lumby, captain of the Australian Under 15's Female Cricket Team, has a wonderful ring to it! Well done, Jordan.

Congratulations



**Education
& Training**

The Aston Resources University Scholarship Program:

Applications are now being sought from students in the Gunnedah Shire who will be commencing university degrees in 2011. Preference will be given to students studying undergraduate degree fields relevant to the mining industry including, but not limited to; Engineering, Science, Law, Commerce, IT, Human Resources and OH & S. Aston Resources is an Australian based company that own and is currently developing the Maules Creek Coal Development Project. Interested students are advised to contact Chris Layton (CML Consulting) on 1300 314 303 or email info@cmlconsulting.com.au

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register (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 or call (02) 9872 0303.

TAS Coffee Shop: Now open for business

Trading Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.00 – 8.45am.
Opening Specials: Your choice of Hot Chocolate, Cappuccino, Latte, Macchiato, Doppio & Moccha with your choice of Soy, Skim or Full Cream milk @ only \$3.50 per cup. Provide your own mug and it's only \$3.00 per cup.

Carolyn Bee-Benefit Bowls Day

Congratulations and a big 'thank you' to all the friends, family and community members who came along to the bowls day at the Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club on Sunday 7th November to help raise much needed funds to support Carolyn during her rehabilitation. With sons, Anderson and Jacob, on hand to lend support, the gala bowls day and auction proved to be a marvellous success.

Aboriginal Language Classes:

GHS Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO), Mrs Helen Lickorish, has organised special Aboriginal language classes to be held in the GHS D Block Seminar Room, from Wednesday 17th November till Thursday 1st December 2010. Classes are as follows:

- GHS Students: Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm.
- Parents/Carers/Community members: Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm.

The classes will be conducted by Ms Suellyn Tighe, an experienced Gamilararray teacher. For more information, please contact Mrs Helen Lickorish or Mrs Anne Thomas in the Resource Room, or phone the main office on 6742 0155.

2010 GHS Norwester-School magazine

It's finally here. The magazine you've been waiting for!

The 2010 GHS 'Norwester' school magazine will be distributed to all students this week. It's 'jam packed' full of all that's happened at the GHS in 2010. Make sure you get your copy and support our Sponsors.

SRC Fundraiser Melbourne Cup

Congratulations to all GHS students for their support of the 'gold coin donation' fundraiser last Tuesday as part of our Melbourne Cup celebrations. Special thanks to all the entrants in the "Fashion in the Fields" competition.

Tamworth TAFE Traineeships:

Tamworth TAFE currently has two (2) traineeships available. The first is for a full time Horticulture traineeship for one (1) year, whilst the other is a part time traineeship in Animal Care. For more information, see the noticeboard outside HSIE or contact Mrs Hill for more details.

Gunnedah Shire Sports Awards:

Congratulations to Ben Hammond on his nomination for the Shire Sports Awards

Congratulations



Under 14 Boys Cricket:

On Tuesday 2nd November, the GHS Under 14 boy's cricket team defeated Narrabri High School by 5 wickets in Round 2 of the Coleman Shield Knockout. Narrabri won the toss and batted, getting a flying start to be 4/83 after 20 over's. Matt Hassan was the hero for Gunnedah with safe hands in the field, plucking two catches. Daniel Head (1/7 off 2 over's) produced the ball of the day, cutting back and clipping the top

of middle stump, to dismiss Narrabri's dangerous opener just before drinks.

Gunnedah fought back, thanks to tight bowling from Izaac Merlehan (0/16 off 6 overs) and solid contributions with the ball from co-captains, Justin Carter (3/19 off 8 overs) and Blake Small (2/16 off 6 overs). However, the highlight of the day was provided by Jack "Jonty" Grosser, with a stunning diving catch at point. Gunnedah managed to restrict Narrabri to 8/136 from their 40 overs.

Gunnedah's run chase began well, with powerful hitting from Luke Curgenvin (5 boundaries) and Blake Small (3 boundaries and 2 sixes). Luke and Blake had an opening partnership of 94 runs – the highest for Gunnedah High since 2001, when Chris Budden and Travis Walls put on 116 for the 1st wicket against St. Mary's.

After a mini-collapse, with Gunnedah losing 5/9, Sam Lumby (22 not out) and Daniel Head (11 not out) steadied the ship and saw Gunnedah pass the total with 8 overs to spare. Sam hit the winning runs with a classy pull shot to the boundary.

The boys were outstanding representatives of the school and had fun while they were doing it. Coach, Mr Hayden, was delighted with the persistence and effort of the team all day. The team was humble in victory and displayed fine sportsmanship. A huge thankyou to all the parents (David Carter, Sonya Lumby and Michael Head) who were able to assist with transport, umpiring and scoring for their generous support.

Score Summary:

Narrabri won the toss and elected to bat.

Narrabri HS 8/136 (40 overs)

- Justin Carter 3/19
- Blake Small 2/16
- Josh Day 1/19
- Luke Curgenvin 1/20

Gunnedah HS 5/139 (32 overs)

- Blake Small 49
- Luke Curgenvin 39
- Sam Lumby 22*
- Daniel Head 11*

Gunnedah HS won by 5 wickets

Touch Football Regional Qualifiers:

Congratulations to all the students who represented GHS at the recent Regional Championships. Not only did they look good in their new GHS sports uniforms, but the GHS girls played well to finish in 4th place, whilst the boys went all the way to defeat Coonabarabran in the final. The boys will now compete in the State Finals to be held in Penrith on the 19th November 2010. We wish them well.

School Presentation:

Students are reminded to return all the "Perpetual Trophies" prior to the 2010 presentations.

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.

Uniform Shop:

Normal shop opening hours during the school term will be:

Tuesdays 8:00am – 10:00am

Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm

It's time to make sure that all students have their 'summer' uniform. You can contact Alinta Apparel online at: www.alintaapparel.com.au or by phoning the Uniform Shop on (02) 6742 6939 during GHS Uniform Shop opening hours, and simply follow the prompts.

GHS P & C Association

Next Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 17th November 2010

In the School Library
commencing @ 7pm

All Parents/carers and
community members are most
welcome



Mayor Adam Marshall, HSIE teacher Mr Stanley and Year 9 students planting Native Flora donated by Gunnedah Council as part of extra curricular HSIE studies.

YEAR 12-2010 PRESENTATION EVENING

