

Gunnedah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2010.

The final few weeks of the year have been very hectic, finalising reports and preparing for the end of year Presentation Days. The staff have done an amazing job to meet all of these deadlines and I would like to personally thank and congratulate Mr Barry McRae on his coordination and delivery of a high quality report. Many thanks also to the Year Advisers and proof readers who worked incredibly hard to complete their roles.

We have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of both our School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results, and looking forward to some excellent performances from both Year 10 and Year 12. Our very best wishes to all our departing students and trust that you will keep the school posted on your further education and career paths.

On Monday, 29th November, an eager group of both school staff and community members worked together as a team in the library on the "What Works" program. It is seeking to help further engage our Aboriginal students and improve student outcomes. We look forward to further discussing their ideas.

The work with Assets Management continues to help make GHS an even better school with even better facilities. Our future plans involve a tall fence around the school, an upgrade to our Hall to create a Performing Arts Centre and an extension of the English storeroom area. We will keep you informed as progress develops.

On December 1, we had our final day of Scripture for 2010 during periods 1 and 2. This successful

program has been coordinated by Miss Rowena Singleton together with our Chaplain, Mr Jared Lidgerwood. We thank both those staff for their efforts and the students for their participation in this program.

Our Orientation Sports afternoon for Year 6 was held on Tuesday, December 7. This is the finale of all the Transition visits for Year 6 to GHS. It was an extremely well supported event, with over 60 parents in attendance. The students enjoyed the sports and the parents had an open question session to address concerns they may have about the commencement of high school. The Transition program is a huge amount of work and I would like to thank Mrs Allyson Watson together with Year 7 Adviser for 2010, Miss Kristal Jones, for their efforts in creating such a wonderful program for Year 6. We are confident that this group of students will have a trouble free transition next year.

Presentation days this year were divided into a junior school (Years 7,8 and 9) and a senior school (Years 10 and 11). The Junior School presentation was held on Tuesday, December 8 and the Senior School presentation was held on Wednesday, December 9. Both functions were very well attended as Year 10 received their School Certificates and Year 11 their Records of Achievement. Both sessions were extremely well organised and I would personally like to thank Miss Rowena Singleton and Miss Simone Easthorpe for their efforts in moving our presentation Evenings back to the school in our brand new Gymnasium.

We are farewelling many staff this year, who are moving on to new positions. To these staff, I thank you for your contribution to GHS during your time



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here and wish you every success in your future careers. To those of you remaining, thank you for your efforts and have a refreshing Christmas break, you have really deserved it.

To our P&C, thank you for your support. I would like to make special mention of our Canteen Supervisor, Mrs Sharon Newell, and her 9 assistants, who give of their own time for the students and the staff. Your work is truly appreciated.

To the AECG, thank you for your continuing support of our Aboriginal students. We hope to continue our strong partnership again next year with you to help improve Aboriginal outcomes.

To all of our parents, carers, community members and students, we hope that you have had an enjoyable 2010 at GHS. We thank you for your support in helping us deliver the best education we can for your students. We look forward to your return in 2011 and hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Murray Borham
Relieving Principal

2010 Presentation Evenings

Congratulations to all students who received major awards, medallions and certificates at the Presentation Evening

Year 7 Major Awards

Hayden Bettridge	Excellent Attendance	
Aleasha Wilson	Positive Behaviour	
Clare Abra	Joblink Plub Award	Positive Behaviour

Sport Awards

Lauren Crumbley	Most Valuable Player	15's Girls Football
Zac McCann	Most Valuable Player	Open Boys Tennis

Congratulations to the many other students in Year 7 who received certificates for outstanding achievement, effort and application



Year 8 Major Awards

Excellent Attendance
Excellent Attendance
Positive Behaviour
Positive Behaviour

Sport Awards

Blake Small	Most Valuable Player	14's Boys Cricket
Daniel Head	Most Valuable Player	14's Boys Rugby League
Kih McDonald	Most Valuable Player	15's Boys Basketball
Amia McDonald	Most Valuable Player	15's Girls Netball
Angela Verning	Most Valuable Player	15's Girls Basketball
Angela Verning	Most Valuable Player	Open Girls Athletics
Adam Curgenvin	Most Valuable Player	15's Boys Football

Congratulations to the many other students in Year 8 who received certificates for outstanding achievement, effort and application



Ashlee Haire
Sara Hutchison

Jannice Banks
Jannice Banks
Rhianna Bettridge
Rachael Billingham
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Rachael Billingham
Zachery Block
Brownrigg Nathan

Tyrone Capper
Callan Davidson

Lacey Davis
Marie-Ellen Griffiths

Bryan Looker
Nikolas Traynor
Megan West
Jamie Williams

Jordan Lumby
Jessica Novely
Kalin Eade

Year 9 Major Awards

Positive Behaviour

Positive Behaviour

Medallions

First in Agriculture
First in Science
First in Work Education
First in PDHPE
First in Geography
First in Art
First in Physical Activity
& Sport Studies
First in History
First in Food
Technology
First in Mathematics
First in English
First in Industrial
Technology-Timber
First in Life Skills
First in Industrial
Technology-Electronics
First in Drama
First in Aboriginal
Studies
First in Work Education
First in Music
First in Photography
First in Industrial
Technology-Metal

Sport Awards

Most Valuable Player
Most Valuable Player
Most Valuable Player

Open Girls Cricket
Open Girls Tennis
15's Boys Rugby
League

Congratulations to the many other students in Year 9 who received certificates for outstanding achievement, effort and application



Year 10 Major Awards

Molly Batinic	Gunnedah High School	Citizenship Award-Girl
Molly Batinic	P & C Association	
Molly Batinic	Min Min Aboriginal Corporation Award-	
	Drama	
Ashleigh Comber	Lea Edwards Award-	
	Music (Dist. Ed)	
Rebecca Fuller	Joblink Plus Award-	
	Work Education	
Kayla Gillham	Upper Namoi Cotton	
	Award-Agriculture	
Liana Goninon	Gunnedah High School	
	P & C Association	
Liana Goninon	Award-French	
	Zonta Gunnedah	
Liana Goninon	Award-Science	
	Elgin Street Surgery	
Liana Goninon	Award-English	
	Ag-Fix Hydraulics	
Liana Goninon	Award-Visual Arts	

Liana Goninon	Gunnedah Services Club Award-Food Technology	
Liana Goninon	Long Tan Award	Leadership & Teamwork
Jordan Hampton	Gunnedah High School P & C Award-Timber	
Jordan Hampton	Lambert & Torrens Award-Metal	
Thomas Hassan	Barber Street Medical Centre Award-Mathematics	
Simon Innes	Retravision Gunnedah Award-IST	
Simon Innes	Lions Club of Gunnedah Award-History	
Simon Innes	Rotary Club of Gunnedah West Award-Geography	
Simon Innes	Sanson Spray Coating Award-Photography	
Millie Pease	Christian Bookshop	Christian Leadership
Bradley Sandercock	Gunnedah High School P & C Association	Citizenship Award-Boy
Bradley Sandercock	Gunnedah Shire Council Award-PASS	
Lauren Swain	Hawkins Coach Lines Award-PDHPE	
Lauren Swain	Gunnedah High School P & C Association	All Rounder Award
Brodie Waterford	Gunnedah Auto Pro Award-Electronics	
Kaitlyn Wise	Joblink Plus Award-Life Skills	
	Medallions	
Batinic	First in Drama	
Comber	Music (Distance Edu.)	
Fuller	First in Work Education	
Gillham	First in Agriculture	
Goninon	First in French	
Goninon	First in Science	
Goninon	First in English	
Goninon	First in Art	
Goninon	First in Food Technology	
Hampton	First in Timber	
Hampton	First in Metal	
Hassan	First in Mathematics	
Innes	First in IST	
Innes	First in Geography	
Innes	First in Photography	
Innes	First in History	
Sandercock	First in PASS	
Swain	First in PDHPE	
Waterford	First in Electronics	
Wise	First in Life Skills	



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Year 11 Major Awards

Tabitha Alker	Patrick Hertslet Award-Life Skills	
Amber Burns	FT Tudor Award-Construction	
Dylan Cruickshank	McDonalds Gunnedah Award-Exploring Early Childhood	
Grace Curgenvin	Karen Carter Chemist Award-Legal Studies	
Grace Curgenvin	Min Min Aboriginal Corporation Award-Ancient History	
Grace Curgenvin	Karen Carter Chemist Award-Advanced English	
Grace Curgenvin	McDonalds Gunnedah Award-PDHPE	
Lisa Furner	Namoi Flour Mill Award-Hospitality	
Emily Gardner	Upper Namoi Cotton Award-Agriculture	
Emily Gardner	Lions Club of Gunnedah Award-General Mathematics	
Emily Gardner	Upper Namoi Cotton Award-Biology	
Emily Gardner	Gunnedah High School P & C Association Award	All Rounder Award
Cameron Gardner	Elgin Street Surgery Award-Multimedia	

Courtney Jamieson	Gunnedah Services Club Award-Hospitality-Kitchen Op	
Courtney Jamieson	Rotary Club of Gunnedah Award-Music	
Courtney Jordan	Long Tan Award	Leadership & Teamwork
Charlotte Pettet	Elgin Street Surgery Award-Physics	
Charlotte Pettet	Elgin Street Surgery Award-Extension Mathematics	
Charlotte Pettet	Barber Street Medical Centre Award-Chemistry	
Gabriel Reynolds	Joblink Plus Award-Community & Family Services	
Gabriel Reynolds	Gunnedah High School P & C Award-Business Studies	
Brittany Riley	Rotary Club of Gunnedah-Society & Culture	
Brittany Riley	Gunnedah High School P & C Association-Drama	
Brittany Riley	Evening View Club Award- Standard English	
Anika Riley	Gunnedah High School P & C Award	Citizenship-Girl
Shaneace Roy	WA Baxter & Co Award-Legal Studies	
Cindy Small	FT Tudor Award-Industrial Tech	
Rosemary Squire	Barber Street Medical Centre Award-Mathematics	
Rosemary Squire	Min Min Aboriginal Corporation Award-Visual Arts	
James Stewart	Gunnedah High School P & C Association	Citizenship-Boy
Jake Vigor	Min Min Aboriginal Corporation Award-SLR	
Gabriel Reynolds	Gunnedah High School P & C Award-Design & Technology	
Zachary Wheatland	Gunnedah High School P & C Award-Applied Mathematics	
Amber Burns	Positive Behaviour Award	
Tabitha Alker	Positive Behaviour Award	
Hayden West	Excellent Attendance Award	

Medallions

Tabitha Alker	First in Life Skills
Amber Burns	First in Construction
Dylan Cruickshank	First in Exploring Early Childhood
Grace Curgenvin	First in Legal Studies
Grace Curgenvin	First in Ancient History
Grace Curgenvin	First in Advanced English
Grace Curgenvin	First in PDHPE
Lisa Furner	First in Hospitality Food & Beverage
Emily Gardner	First in Agriculture
Emily Gardner	First in General Mathematics
Emily Gardner	First in Biology
Cameron Gardner	First in Multimedia
Courtney Jamieson	First in Hospitality- Kitchen Op
Courtney Jamieson	First in Music
Charlotte Pettet	First in Physics
Charlotte Pettet	First in Extension Mathematics
Charlotte Pettet	First in Chemistry
Gabriel Reynolds	First in Community & Family Services
Gabriel Reynolds	First in Business Studies
Brittany Riley	First in Society & Culture
Brittany Riley	First in Drama
Brittany Riley	First in Standard English
Shaneace Roy	First in Legal Studies
Cindy Small	First in Industrial Tech
Rosemary Squire	First in Mathematics
Rosemary Squire	First in Visual Arts
Jake Vigor	First in SLR
Gabriel Reynolds	First in Design & Technology
Zachary Wheatland	First in-Applied Mathematics
Sport Awards	
Hunter Richards	Open Boys Futsal
Jake Vigar	Open Boys Athletics
Emily Whitfield	Open Girls Football
Emily Whitfield	Open Girls Softball

Congratulations to the many other students in Year 11 who received certificates for outstanding achievement, effort and application



New School Leaving Age: Seventeen (17)

All students, parents, carers and guardians are reminded that the new legal school leaving age is 17. Students MUST remain at school, unless they have met the following criteria:

- Aged 17 years or older
- Have secured 'full-time' employment of 25 – 30 hours per week
- Entered a 'full-time' TAFE course

If students do wish to leave school, prior to completing Year 10 or turning 17 years of age, they must meet one of the leaving conditions mentioned above. They must also provide the GHS with a confirmation letter from their parents, carer or guardian, as well as a letter from their employer or TAFE administrator, so that they can be legally signed out of school. Students are also legally bound to return their GHS laptop computers to the school. Failure to meet their legal responsibilities in leaving school, will prevent students from receiving any/all further government funding or assistance. Should you require any further information, please contact the GHS main office on 6742 0155.

2010 School Term 4
Year 7/8/9/11:
Final day is Wednesday 15th December

2011 School Year
Year 7/11/12:
Commence on Monday 31st January 2011

Year 8/9/10:
Commence on Tuesday 1st February 2011

Term 1 ends
on Friday 8th April 2011

**Gunnedah High School would
like to thank
Radio 2MO/2GGG
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The GHS would like to take this opportunity to thank our 'media partners', 2MO/2GGG and the Namoi Valley Independent Newspaper for their valued support throughout 2011 and we look forward to continuing our association in 2011.

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.

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the news from the GHS in "**School's In**", every Thursday in the multi-award winning **Namoi Valley Independent Newspaper**. plus keep up to date with all the local news and community information as it happens, from their team of dedicated journalists, every Tuesday and Thursday. Remember, if it's not in the Namoi Valley Independent, it probably didn't happen.

Uniform Shop: January 2011 Opening Times

Thursday 27th January: 9.00am – 1.00pm
Friday 28th January: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Normal shop opening hours resume on Tuesday 1st February.
Tuesdays 8:00am – 10:00am
Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm
You can contact Alinta Apparel on (02) 6742 6939, on line @ www.alintaapparel.com.au

or by email gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au

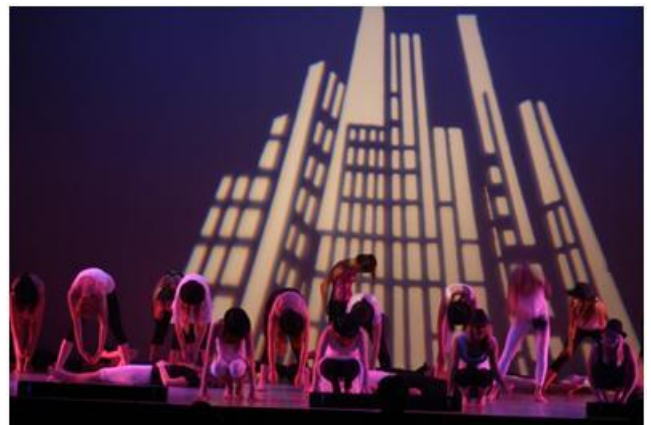
GHS Dance Group

The Festival showcases Dance from around the New England Region. It is held every second year at the TREC and is designed for Public Schools to promote and Showcase their talents through the creative form of dance.

This year Gunnedah High School performed seven different routines at the festival, and also had the privilege of opening the Saturday evening show with their contemporary routine, 'In The Beginning'. Sam McAlpine presented the Welcome to Country on this same evening.

The Group which consisted of 33 students worked extremely hard all year, learning and rehearsing routines. It all paid off in the end, as the group performed to an exceptional standard and made their School and Teachers very proud.

Well done, GHS Dance Group!



RDA

Riding for the Disabled recently held its final breakup party and presentation at Gunnedah Showground. GHS Volunteers from Year 9 were presented with certificates indicating their level of proficiency. School and Community Certificates were also awarded at a recent assembly as recognition of the service the students have given this organisation throughout the year.

Students involved:

Paige Oliver, Kylie Crowley, Emily Bruce, Hannah Riley, Sherstyn Barnes, Sylvie Golding, Paige Cassidy, Jannice Banks, Alecia Styles, Jess Sinclair, Mikaela Wise, Jessica Novely, Taylah Riley, Crystal Boag, Chloe Davis, Stevie Wallace, Laura Sharman, Mikayla Mitchel, Maddie Vigor, Diana Richards, Tyler Lumsden, Sheree Smith, Jackson Howes, Cody Smith, Tom Crumbley, Cameron Merlahan, Nic Guest, Ben Boxsell.



The University Roadshow 2011

Representatives from The University of New England, Southern Cross University and Charles Sturt University will be visiting the school from 9.30-10.30am on Wednesday 9th February.

They will give information about admissions, careers options, accommodation, financial issues and university life.

Parents and carers are also welcome to attend the presentation to Year 10,11 & 12 students.

Congratulations Jordan

Jordan Lumby was named in Australia's U/15 Female National Championship's "Team of Champions".

Jordan, who captained the NSW side, was equal second on the list of leading wicket takers for the tournament. She claimed 10 wickets at the excellent

average of 8.30, with best figures of 5-17. She was also rated as one of the nation's leading batters, with a strike rate above 100.

Congratulations, Jordan, on your outstanding achievement.



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New Year**



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Please find the above correction from our 2010 Nor'Wester School Magazine, it is with sincere apologies that the Advertisement was incorrectly edited. Regards Karen Cull
Editor Nor'Wester.