

# Gunnedah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome to our newsletter.



As I write this newsletter today the BER (Building the Education Revolution) contractor poured the slab of our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) adjacent to the Science Labs. The COLA was an addition to the refurbishment of our four science labs and is a welcome acquisition for us. This area will have a 9m X 7m covered area with six aluminium picnic tables and benches fitted under it for students to learn in and have extra seating at break times. There will also be some landscaping of the grounds around this COLA. This should be completed in the next few weeks.

Only the Gym to go – thank goodness!

I would again like to remind our Yr 12 parents Trial HSC Exams start on the 21<sup>st</sup> June and continue until the end of term. This is a very important time for our senior students and I sincerely hope that they have a study timetable well underway by now. While we are on Yr 12, I would like to cordially invite all parents and carers of Yr 12 students to a Senior Student Parent Support Evening to be held at Gunnedah High School on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 7.00pm. These have been extremely successful in the past in helping parents guide and manage their child/ren on the homeward run towards the HSC. More information will be forthcoming.

Earlier this year our school was successful in acquiring \$50 000 to install solar panels to the roof of 'D' block to assist us to become 'greener'. I am pleased to advise that it is hoped this work will take place over the next holiday period. Not only will we get some free electricity, but we will also feed back into the grid when we are not using it (e.g. weekends and holidays) but students will also be able to access some great data from the system to see how much power is being produced at any given time, what our usage is and other technical information.

Could I remind all parents and carers that our Term 3 School Development Day is planned for day one of Term 3, NOT during AGQUIP as in previous years.





I am please to advise that we have been allocated \$20 500 for a new Teaching and Learning Tractor for our ag farm. This money has come from the DET's replacement program and we are one of 37 lucky schools across the state to receive it. Mr McVitie and I have been looking at the options available and we like this one. It also comes with a slasher and rotary hoe. For all our students who do agriculture, this will be a great piece of machinery for them to learn on.

I am pleased to announce that one of our Science teachers, Ms Feodoroff, has been seconded to the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) unit in Sydney for Term 3. Ms Feodoroff will be assisting in development of the Yr 8 ESSA state-wide test and also with the trial on-line implementation of this test. This will be a great experience for her and she will bring back to the school some great knowledge and extra skills from this experience. Congratulations, Ms Feodoroff, for being selected.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, I hosted the initial meeting to propose and develop an Expression of Interest for a Trade Training Centre for Gunnedah High School. This is the first step in a very long process which may lead to some fantastic opportunities for our students to undertake some very significant training which will go a long way in helping them to be, not only job ready, but very employable. At the meeting there were be representatives from the DET - VET in Schools directorate, manager NER Asset Management and our consulting company to develop the associated plans. I am quietly confident that we might be able to do something very significant in the areas of 'Metals and Engineering' and 'Construction'. I will be organising a public support meeting soon where employers, business sector members, the Gunnedah Shire Council and the public will be invited to listen to the proposal. To be successful, we will need the support of our community to demonstrate to the Federal Government that Gunnedah is a worthwhile place in which to invest another large sum of money. With an Engineering background prior to teaching, I am very much looking forward to this project starting.

Until our next newsletter.  
Mr Rod Jones  
Principal

## GHS Athletics Carnival: HOUSE RESULTS 1<sup>ST</sup> - KAPUTAR



## 2<sup>nd</sup> - ILLAWARRA



## 3<sup>rd</sup> - MOONBI



## 4<sup>th</sup> - NANDEWAR





## Athletics Carnival Age Champions

	First	Runner Up
12 Years Girls	Meg Jaeger	Wendy Carter
12 Years Boys	Zac McCann	Keegan Lane
13 Years Girls	Sam Turner	Marlee Urquhart
13 Years Boys	Lachlan Paine	Jakob Critchley
14 Years Girls	Maddie Vigor	Julie Atkinson
14 Years Boys	Adam Curgenvin	Kalin Eade
15 Years Girls	Jess Novley	Jordan Lumby
15 Years Boys	Jarrold Revell	DJ Smith
16 Years Girls	Steph Donnelly	Lauren Swain
16 Years Boys	Matt Daley	Kameron Manks
17 Years Girls	Emillee Whitfield	Shannon Small
17 Years Boys	Jake Vigor	Matt Baker

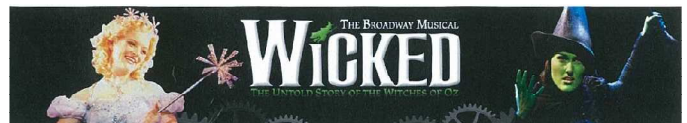


## Sports Report:

Congratulations to the GHS girls open soccer team on their 2-1 win over Oxley in the CHS Open Girls soccer competition. The scores were level at 1-1 at full time, so an extra 15 minutes was required to achieve a result. Under the guidance of Ms. Simone Easthorpe, the GHS girls took control of the final period, with Amy Whitfield scoring her second goal for the day, to secure GHS a 2-1 victory. GHS will now play the winner of the Duval/Wee Waa game at a date and venue to be announced.

## Gunnedah Junior Council: Youth Advisory Council

Gunnedah Shire Council's Youth Community Officer, Mr. Jamie Brown, is calling for expressions of interest from all students aged 12-17, with the view of forming a Youth Advisory Council. This is your opportunity to be a part of a young pro-active group of students from within our local community that can provide an insight into the wants and needs of our younger generation, not just for the present, but also for the future. For more information, please contact Mr Jamie Brown on 6740 2276 or [jamielbrown@infogunnedah.com.au](mailto:jamielbrown@infogunnedah.com.au)



Any student interested in seeing the Broadway musical "Wicked" on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June is urged to contact Ms. Holdom in the English staffroom as soon as possible to collect a permission note. The cost of the excursion will be \$100.00 and deposits are required immediately. Some parent tickets may also be available, space permitting.

## 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.

## GHS School Chaplain:

Our School Chaplain, Mr Jared Ledgewood, will be available in G7 at recess and lunchtime, each Wednesday and Friday during the school term, should students have any questions or want to catch up and have a chat.

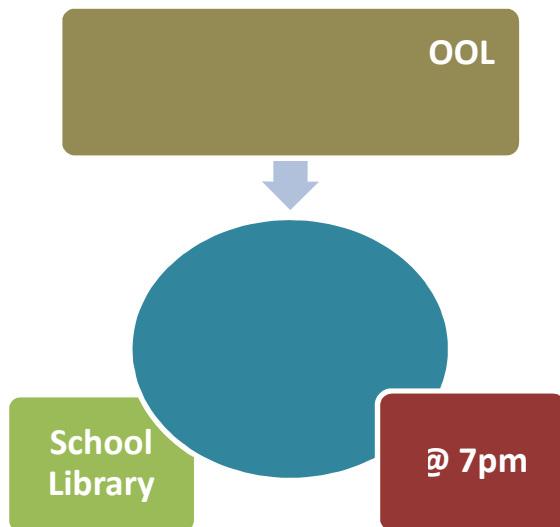
**GHS Newsletter:**

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

**Maths Online:**

Maths Online is an innovative tutoring website, designed to assist students with their mathematics. GHS will be using this technology to support the mathematical ability of our students. Maths Online worksheets will be regularly given as homework, so please take the time to look at the program.

[www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au)

**Year 8 Excursion:**

Those students going on the Year 8 Excursion have up until the end of Week 8 Term 3 (Friday September 10) to have paid in full (\$235.00). It is suggested that you have \$160 paid off your excursion by the end of this term. Any questions or problems, see Mr Dowe ASAP.

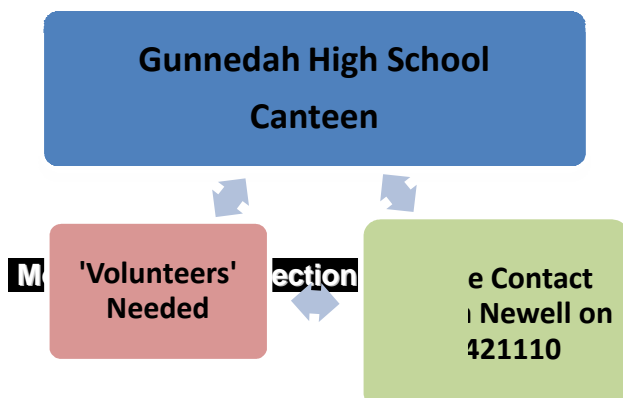
**GUNNEDAH PCYC DISCO:**

You must be at school to attend  
Fully Supervised-Canteen in operation

**COST: \$4.00**

**Juniors: 5-7pm**

**Seniors: 7.30-9.30pm (Year 7-Year 12)**



If you have an old mobile phone that you no longer use, don't just throw it away, bring it in to Mrs. Hertslet in C8 for recycling.

You can contact Alinta Apparel online at:  
[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://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.

Normal shop opening  
hours during the school  
term will be:

Tuesdays 8:00am –  
10:00am

Thursdays 1:00pm –  
3:00pm

Full range of accessories  
available-belts, tights,  
caps, scarves, gloves and  
socks

**Term 2 Rewards Day:**

Term 2 Reward Day will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June and the student 'eligibility' list is now on the notice board near the front office. Permission notes are available from the front office as well, but must be returned by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The first 40 permission notes returned will enjoy a fine Chinese meal (buy your own drink), whilst the others will attend the cinema to view "The Last Song".

**Whole School Activities/Special Occasions-  
Photo Media Permission Notes:**

All parents/carers are reminded to ensure that permission notes are to be returned to the Main office.

**Student Laptops:**

Years 9 & 10 students are reminded that, under the Laptop User Agreement, you have agreed to bring your Laptop to school fully charged, every day. Don't forget!

**Eftpos:**

Eftpos is now available at the front office. A minimum transaction of \$20 is required and no cash will be given out.