

Gunnedah High School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter.

While writing this newsletter I am watching the stream of cars heading out to AgQuip. What a great event this is for our town with visitors from all over the state. We all should be proud of our great community for staging such a fantastic event.

I usually do not like to report about negative issues that are associated with our school but feel I must mention this one and ask for your support. Our winter uniform is a good one and we have tried to design it with our students in mind. Currently, a significant proportion of our students look like they are not part of our school. It is very disappointing to compare how wonderful they all look in the warmer months with what they look like at present. The multi coloured tops, jackets and jeans are increasingly being worn to school. Our uniform makes us what we are in the public eye and currently we are not looking good. Please support us by insisting that your child wear the appropriate uniform. Tell them it is cool to support your school.

Late last week I submitted our projected student enrolments for 2011 to DET staffing. I am pleased to report that we estimate an enrolment of 621 students, adjusted to 609.38 with TAFE course selection taken into account. This is great news for our school as we will be able to continue with the extensive curriculum we offer our students. We are moving steadily towards the formulation of the line structure for Yr 8-9

and Yr 10-11 and should have them ready for students to select their subjects from these lines within the next week. Many thanks to Mrs Allyson Watson for her work with this huge task (mostly done at home I might add – also thanks to Mr Watson for your patience!)

Mr Borham, Mr Snowden and Mrs Watson are also working on the Yr 10 student interview schedule. All students in Yr 10 will be invited to bring a parent/carer to a personal interview to discuss their subject selections for Yr 11. I would strongly encourage all Yr 10 parents/carers to attend these interviews with your child and be a strong supporter of their senior schooling. If you are unable to make the scheduled interview time, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you outside of school hours. We are going to offer a pattern of study this year to selected students which will support them with their senior studies and have them 'Work Ready' at the end of Yr 12. This is a new initiative for us and planning is progressing well. I would like to thank my senior executive for their work with these very important initiatives.

This week has been SASS Recognition Week. We are truly blessed with wonderful support staff at this school. We plan to have a thank you morning tea on Friday to show our SASS staff how much we appreciate them and the work that they do for students and staff at Gunnedah High School.

Our Yr 12 teachers are currently working hard to support our Yr 12 students on their final run home to



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the HSC. The next five weeks are incredibly important for our Yr 12 students and it is imperative that they are at school every day. I thank our Yr 12 teachers for the extra work they are doing and for making themselves available for additional classes and tutorials outside of school hours. I hope our students will take up these opportunities and thank their teachers at the appropriate time.

Until our next newsletter,

Mr Rod Jones
Principal

Le Pruneau-French Cuisine Excursion :



On Friday 13th August, ten students from the Year 10 French elective class went to Le Pruneau restaurant in Tamworth to have a taste of french food.

Although some students have already had the chance to taste french food in France, it was a great experience for all. The food we ate included *escargots* (snails), terrine, meat in jelly, pork, tripe, onion soup, and chocolate tart. The restaurant makes their own bread which was a handy accompaniment for some who found the food a little too different for their liking. We had the chance to talk to the owner, Philippe, who taught us more about the production of *foie gras*.

After returning to school we talked in depth about the types of food we ate and whether we liked it or not. Most people enjoyed it all, but not all the food was good. To finish the day, the class went out to enjoy a traditional French game of *boules*.



School Certificate Learning Portfolio Community Volunteers Required:



Year 10 students are developing a learning portfolio. This portfolio is a collection of some of their major assessments as well as a resume. The portfolio links student's learning at school to skills that students will need in the workplace once they leave school. The SCLP will be used at the end of the year in an interview. The interview will be conducted by a panel of staff, Year 9 students and members of the broader community.

The interviews will be held during six sessions over two days in November. A training session will be held to support panel members. Assistance can be given for a two hour session or the entire two days. If you are interested in being a member of the panel leave your name and details with Mr Snowden or the office staff and an information letter will be posted out to you.

Uniform Shop:

Normal shop opening hours during the school term will be:

Tuesdays 8:00am – 10:00am

Thursdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm

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.

Gunnedah High School: On 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.

CHS U/14 Girls Netball:

The Gunnedah High School's Under 14 Girls Netball team has recently played their first game in the 2010 North West CHS competition and recorded a solid win against Manilla Central School on their home court.

Under the guidance of Coach, Luke Oxford, the GHS girls had trained well, were very motivated for the crucial first round encounter and came out firing in the first quarter.

From the first whistle Marlee Urquhart, Charlie Waterford and Amelia Gallagher controlled the centre breaks, moving the ball nicely up the court into their attacking red zone and provided GHS shooters, Amia McDonald and Kirsty Lodge with great service on the edge of the circle. Amia and Kirsty worked strongly as the starting combination and shot well for the entire match.

Nicky Bruce, making her first appearance for GHS, and Breanna Jones were calling the shots in defence and continued to put pressure on the Manilla goal shooters throughout the game with some excellent touches in defence. This resulted in Breanna and Nicky securing a lot of loose ball to create opportunities for GHS deep inside our attacking red zone.

GHS bench warmers, Katie Northsworthy and Sam Turner, a late inclusion to the team, provided GHS with an injection of enthusiasm, impact and speed when they were called into the game to totally out play their Manilla opponents and control the tempo of the match.

With a great all round team performance, GHS ran away with the match 45 -31.

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 for use, everyday. No exceptions.

School Reunion:

The 25th School Reunion for the Year 12 Class of 1985/Year 10 Class of 1983 will be held on Saturday 2nd October 2010, with a dinner on Saturday night of the long weekend. For further details email to: ghs.classof85reunion@gmail.com

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.

Dates to Remember:

23-27 th August	Year 9 Work Ed Experience
9 & 10 th September	CHS Athletics Carnival @ Homebush
10 th September	Year 8 Coffs Harbour excursion: Full \$235 payment deadline.
14 th September	Year 10 Trial School Certificate
17 th September	Year 11 Exams commence
15 th September	P & C Meeting
24 th September	Term 3 ends

Black Dog Institute

There will be a free seminar called "Navigating Teenage Depression" at the Tamworth Capital Theatre on Thursday 26th August 2010, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. For more information call 02 9382 8203 or visit www.blackdoginstitute.org.au

P & C Association:
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2010

All parents/carers and community members are most welcome

@ 7pm in the School Library

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 3. Many hands make light work, so your urgent assistance is required. Contact Sharon Newell on 6742 1110 during school hours.

GHS School Chaplain:

Our School Chaplain, Mr Jared Lidgerwood, 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO Bonnie Taber
who was successful in receiving
Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The
Streets:2010 National Scholarship
Program**



'Youth Off the Streets' supports those young people who show the potential and desire to further their talents but who, without assistance, would struggle to move forward.

Youth Off the Streets Scholarship Program gives young people throughout Australia the opportunity to make their dreams a reality.

Nominations are invited from young people with genuine talent, ability and determination in any field, including (but not limited to) education and training, visual or performing arts, sport, and music.

Scholarship funds can be used for support costs such as equipment, uniform, textbooks, stationery and other incidental expenses to ensure that the scholarship recipients have every possible opportunity to reach their goals. The Scholarship Program is not restricted to a specific study or training path.



**Gunnedah to Manley-Bush to Beach
Youth Project**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest are invited by boys and girls residing in Gunnedah Shire aged 15 to 17 years to visit Manly from the 8 to 11 October 2010. The group will be travelling by bus and staying at the Queenscliff

Surf Club to experience some of Manly's beach culture.

Students will be instructed on Inflatable Rescue Boat crewing, basic resuscitation, board paddling, kayaking, participate in a competitive ocean club swim and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Manly taking in North Fort (Manly's old Artillery Base) and the Historical Museum.

Gunnedah Shire Council is looking for enthusiastic youth with a desire to experience beach life and be an ambassador for the community and youth of Gunnedah.

Expressions of Interest submission forms are available from the Council Administration Building, 63 Elgin Street, Community Services Centre, 80 Marquis Street, Gunnedah Shire Library, Gunnedah High School and St Mary's College.

Gunnedah Shire Council will be subsidising the cost of the project but students will need to provide their own spending money.

Submissions will be received up until 5.00pm on Friday 17 September 2010.

For further information please contact Mrs Debbie Watson @ Gunnedah Shire Council on 6740 2115.

Students Visit Ag Quip

