

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our newsletter.

I would like to start this newsletter by welcoming our new Librarian, Mrs Lyndel Lenane to our school for the 2011 school year. We all hope you enjoy working in our school and living in our community this year.

Could I remind all students and parents/carers that the white or multi coloured slip on canvas shoes, or thongs, are not appropriate footwear for school under OH&S safety concerns and are banned. Please make alternate arrangements for appropriate footwear to be worn at all times to school by your child for their own safety.

I would like to extend to the student body and staff my thanks and congratulations for a fantastic swimming carnival at our local pool. It was wonderful to see both students and staff enjoying each others' company on a beautiful day. Congratulations also to those swimmers who took out titles and age championships. Well done to all, especially Ms Jones.

If you are a parent or carer of a Yr 10 student, you will need to be aware that part of their requirements this year will be to complete a Yr 10 Learning Portfolio. This was a

very successful initiative in 2010 and will continue to be part of the Yr 10 curriculum requirements. **This task is compulsory for every student in Yr 10** and will be reported on in their final report at the end of the year.

Last week, we finally had our Green Energy, Solar Power System turned on. We are able to generate up to 5KW of green energy each day which is used by our school or fed back into the grid when not required. Over the coming months we will be able to provide some data about our energy production. There will also be an extensive amount of computer data that students can access and use in their learning.



This morning I took an opportunity to have a walk around the school and visit and observe our classes in action. Students engaged and busily working on laptops in several classrooms, Yr 11 completing the mandatory course 'All My Own Work' online, students using Smartboards to show what they can do and groups having serious discussions with their teachers about many different topics. I then started to make my way back to the Admin Office when the most amazing smells came wafting around the corner of 'D' block. Upon investigation, Yr 12 Hospitality students were preparing some amazingly beautiful food in our new kitchen and I was presented with a wonderful stir fry for my lunch (thank you Cindy).

Could I remind all parents that the DET does not have insurance cover for accidents that sometimes may occur at school. If you are interested in taking out accident insurance for your child we have information at school which covers this at very reasonable rate. Please see the Admin Office staff to collect a brochure.

I usually finish by providing an article of interest that I have recently read. I would like to share with you an extract from Steven Farr **"Leadership, Not Magic"** Educational Leadership, Dec2010/Jan2011 about teaching.

*"Our most effective teachers show that great teaching is leadership. In every highly effective classroom, we find a teacher who, like any great leader, rallies team members (in this case, students and families) around an ambitious vision for success. We find a teacher who plans purposefully and executes effectively to make sure students reach that vision, even as that teacher also continues to learn and improve."*

Until our next newsletter.

Mr Rod Jones  
Principal

#### Important Notice:

##### EBM-Insurance Brokers

Dear Parent/Carers

##### **Affordable accident protection for your children**

No parent or carer likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents do happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow.

Accidents don't discriminate on the basis of age, location or school and, sadly, injuries to school-aged children can place enormous financial stress on their families, and can also have wider effects too. When this happens, parents and carers need a helping hand. All too often, parents are surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play.

StudentCover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport.

Please contact the Administration Office for details or apply on line [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au)

### MOBILE MUSTER-SCHOOLS RECYCLING CHALLENGE:

Congratulations to all GHS students, parents & carers for their great effort in the 2010 Schools Recycling Challenge. GHS collected 4kgs of mobile phones, batteries and accessories for the challenge and was rated 134<sup>th</sup> nationally and 36<sup>th</sup> in NSW. Well done.

### HEALTH CAREERS FORUM- TAMWORTH BASE HOSPITAL:

If you would like to find out more about careers in the Health Industry, such as Occupational Therapy, Radiography, medicine, Nutrition & Dietetics, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Pharmacy, as well as Rural Health Scholarships, there will be a special careers forum at the Tamworth Base Hospital on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.

For more information, please contact Mrs Gail Hill in HSIE immediately.

### ASTON RESOURCES - YEAR 10 & 11 SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS:

Aston Resources are offering School Based Apprenticeships, hosted by local business, for successful applicants. As a School Based Apprentice you will gain on the job experience as well as commence training with a Registered Training Organisation that still gives you your HSC and helps you get your trade qualifications earlier.

This opportunity involves a minimum 5 year commitment to successfully complete an apprenticeship in the Electrical or Heavy Vehicle – Mobile Plant disciplines, as well as the commitment to complete your HSC and is open to Year 10 & 11 students.

As there are limited numbers on offer, applications have been extended and applicants are requested to submit a 'resume' or 'letter of interest' at their earliest convenience.

For further information, students are advised to contact Mr Kel Walls, GHS Careers Advisor.

### UNIFORM SHOP:

Tuesday: 8.00am – 10.00am

Thursday: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

You can contact Alinta Apparel on (02) 6742 6939, or after hours on line @ [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

or by email [gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au](mailto:gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au)

## SENIOR TUTORING PROGRAM

**Start Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, in the Library  
3.30pm- 4.30pm**

Free assistance for all Senior Students (Year 11 & 12).  
Choose as many afternoons as you like and get help to  
produce quality assessment tasks and tutoring in all  
subjects.

### MONDAY:

CAFS, PDHPE, Science, Maths, Hospitality,  
Business Studies & TAS

### WEDNESDAY:

Science, Maths, PDHPE & HSIE, English

### THURSDAY:

Science, Maths, English & HSIE

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:



All students are requested to be dressed in  
full school uniform

Year Photo	\$27.00
Year Pack including Portrait	\$32.00

Family Portraits are also available

## GHS GIRLS CRICKET:

Congratulations to GHS students Jordan Lumby, Lauren Swain and Sarah Woodhouse, who were all members of the regional Open Girl's Cricket team that travelled to Barooga on the NSW/Victorian border last week for the CHS open carnival.

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Our fees are amongst the lowest charged in NSW and, as a result, we seek a high collection rate. An invoice will be posted home showing the school contributions requested for each individual student.

Payment may be made in three instalments. These payments may be made at the school office between 8.30am and 2pm (due to security banking) or by post. Payments may be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Gunnedah High School) or EFTPOS (minimum \$20.00).

Parents who are unable to pay for elective subject fees because of financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the Student Assistance Scheme. Requests for financial assistance should be made in writing on a pro-forma available from the front office, addressed to the Principal and marked '**CONFIDENTIAL**'. Should you require further information, please contact the GHS main office on 6742 0155.

## PERMISSION NOTES 'SPECIAL OCCASION' AND PHOTOGRAPHS:

If you have not completed the forms and returned back to school could you please do so as soon as possible.

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

Helen Lickorish our AEO will be available for phone calls up to 9am. However, from Period 1 (9am) to Period 5 (2.30pm) Helen will be on class assisting students and therefore not available for calls. Helen will be available to receive phone calls between 2.30 and 3.30pm each day.

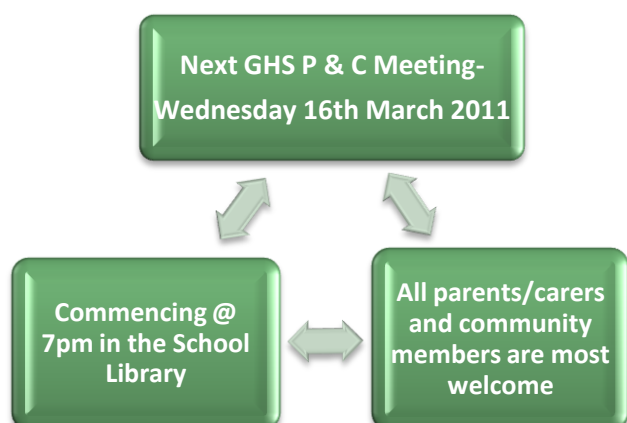
## GHS CANTEEN:

GHS  
Canteen  
urgently  
needs your  
assistance

Only  
recess &  
lunch  
serving  
would be  
great

Please  
call Sharon  
on  
67421110

## P & C ASSOCIATION:GET INVOLVED



## PLAN-IT-YOUTH

Plan-it-Youth recommenced on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, with seven mentors and students, participating in the program this term. Plan-it Youth is an educational program linking community members with students to help them set goals for their future careers. If you would like to be part of the mentoring program there will be a training session at Gunnedah High School Library Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 9.30am for further information call

Plan-it Youth Coordinator-

Gunnedah High School-Mrs Ann Thomas

Co ordinator-Mark Giandomenico

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## GHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

The 2011 GHS swimming carnival was held at the Gunnedah Memorial Pool on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Age Champions	Boys	Girls
<b>12-Winner</b>	Bailey Keeler Brodie Cleal	Bianca Day
<b>12-Runner Up</b>		Brittany Small
<b>13-Winner</b>	Kasper Jaeger	Ciara Eveleigh
<b>13-Runner Up</b>	Harry Guest	Karly Turner
<b>14-Winner</b>	Jarod Reynolds	Sam Turner
<b>14-Runner Up</b>	Mitchell Brandon	Brioney Childs Lianna Block

<b>15-Winner</b>	Kalin Eade	Reanna Hill
<b>15-Runner Up</b>	Tom Witts	Montana Dries
<b>16-Winner</b>	Dominic Rankmore	Jess Novley Molly Dawson
<b>16-Runner Up</b>	Nick Suter	Sara Hutchison
<b>17-Winner</b>	Lauchlan Trafford	Alex Stengert
<b>17-Runner Up</b>	Patrick Thurston	Tabitha Alker
<b>The 2011 winning 'house' was Kaputar</b>		

