

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter

I would, first of all, like to thank everyone for their well wishes and terrific support during my first week as Relieving Principal. It is very much appreciated. Major meetings have already been held with the P&C, AECG, Budget and SiP committees to look at future directions and assess where we are currently. Thanks to all those people in attendance for their valuable input.

It is a frantic time of the year for the staff as we busily compile the reports for Semester 1. All reports will be with students for Years 7-11 by Monday, June 27 so that sufficient time can be made for families to assess their child's report and attend the Parent/Teacher evening on Thursday, June 30, between 4pm and 7pm. I strongly urge all parents and carers to attend this evening to gain important feedback on your child's progress. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Transition lessons were held on Wednesday, June 15 and were a great success. Thanks to the TAS staff and to the Transition Coordinator, Mrs Allyson Watson, who has yet again organised a great Year 6 Transition Program. We hope that Year 6 enjoy all future transition lessons.

Congratulations to the many sporting teams who have represented the school this term with great pride and sportsmanship. Both boys and girls soccer teams have made Regional finals and are to be congratulated on their efforts this year. Well done to their respective coaches, Miss Simone Easthorpe and Mr William Dowe.

Are you interested in Merit Selection training? The school would like to train as many community members in the Merit Selection procedures for upcoming advertisements. There will be training provided early Term 3 for those community members interested.

Kind regards
Mr Murray Borham
Relieving Principal

NAIDOC WEEK: FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS

NAIDOC WEEK will be celebrated at the Gunnedah High School in Term 3 Week 1

The 2011 NAIDOC – Festival of Champions celebrations will be held in the last week of Term 2 (week 11): 18th – 22nd July 2011. This year's events will include:

- Mon 18/7: Billing Boiling
- Tues 19/7: Dance
- Wed 20/7: Spearing
- Thur 21/7: Pole vault
- Fri 22/7: Spider's web

Teams representing years 7 – 12, Teachers and the Community will compete for the prestigious "Festival of Champions" Shield. Teams will consist of four (4) members each

THE GREAT DEBATE: GUNNEDAH- THAT WAS THEN THIS IS NOW

As a result of the increased presence of the mining industry in our local area, all sectors of the Gunnedah community are witnessing subtle changes. The transition from cattle to cotton to coal has been a work in progress for a number of years but is this good or bad for our community?

Think about it!

- Do these changes represent a community crisis, or does it provide us with opportunities?
- Do our older generation who grew up with wheat, beef and wool understand the change?
- What does it mean to our younger generation and their futures?
- What effect will it have on our other industries?
- Is Gunnedah ready for the community, cultural & economic changes?

The Gunnedah High School is inviting all members of the community to attend a special "Great Debate" on this all important topic. To be held in the new Gymnasium at the school, during Term 3 (July 19th-September 23rd 2011) you will have the opportunity to hear all sides of the story as Gunnedah High School students from each year group (Year 7 – 12) debate against a variety of local community organisations, groups & clubs.

Does it affect you? You may think it won't but it certainly does! Stay tuned.

UNDER 15 BOYS' SOCCER:

In preparation for their Regional Final, the GHS Boys' 15's soccer team accepted a challenge from the GHS teachers to play a special trial game on the school oval.

On Friday afternoon, June 10th, the match was played in great GHS spirit. Whilst the teachers would like to think that they dominated play during the first half, the score remained 0-0 at the half-time break. The more youthful and skilled under 15s were very unlucky not to lead by at least 6 or 7 goals during the first stanza, as the teacher's goal keeper, Mr John Frazer, showed exceptional defensive qualities to continually repel the under 15s' attacking raids.

As the second half progressed, and the teachers' fitness started to show signs of decay, Kih McDonald was finally rewarded for his sharp shooting with a fine goal that provided the students with a well deserved 1-0 victory and bragging rights.

As a show of good sporting spirit, the teachers would like to thank all those that participated and helped but the teachers will be expecting a rematch.



P & C ASSOCIATION:

The next GHS P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July 2011, in the school library, commencing at 7.00pm. All parents/guardians, carers and community members are most welcome.

GHS PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Parent & Teacher interviews, for students in Years 7 to 11 will be held on Thursday, June 30th 2011 in the school hall between 4-7.00pm

UNDER 13 & UNDER 15 RUGBY LEAGUE:

On Wednesday, 8th June the GHS Under 13 & Under 15 rugby league teams travelled to Narrabri for the first 'gala day' of the CRL Country Championships. Teams from Coonabarabran, Moree, Narrabri and Gunnedah competed with the winning team progressing to the regional gala day in Tamworth.

On the day, the GHS Under 13s' got off to a great start by winning two of their three games with Keegan Lane and Lachlan Fleming playing strongly throughout the day. But, unfortunately for Gunnedah, Coonabarabran went through undefeated and have now advanced to the next round.



Under the guidance of 'super coach' Mal Gaukroger, Head Teacher PD/H/PE, the GHS Under 15s' put in an incredible team performance on the day. Against some very strong opposition, they resolutely defended their line to win their three games and go through the day undefeated. In a great team performance, special mention must be made of the efforts of Daniel Head and Luke Curgenvin. The Under 15s' will now progress to the regional gala day in Tamworth.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

If any student is late to school, they are required to provide a signed explanatory note from their parents/carers when they sign in at the main office. If a note is not provided within 5 school days, the absence will be deemed to be unjustified and duly noted on the student's attendance report card.

Parental/guardian explanatory notes are also required if students are absent for full days and must be given to the 'roll-call' teacher upon returning to school. As some students may be required to be absent from school for extended periods, under certain circumstances exemptions may be granted but a parental/carers letter must be provided to the GHS Relieving Principal Mr Murray Borham explaining the circumstances.

GHS NEWSLETTER:

The GHS newsletter is available from The Gunnedah Newsagency, The Civic Newsagency, Verdict Coffee Lounge, Hollywood on Conadilly and the Gunnedah Library.

ETHAN STEVENS MEMORIAL SOCIAL:



GHS CANTEEN:

Canteen supervisor Mrs Sharon Newell urgently requires your assistance during Term 2. For more information please contact Sharon on 6742 1110.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

If parents, carers or guardians are away from home and leave their GHS student/children in the care of a third party, they are legally bound to provide the Gunnedah High School with the contact details of the third party, including residential address, in the case of an emergency. For further information, please contact the GHS main office on 6742 0155

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE: BOE WATTON

1st Prize: Telstra HTC WILDFIRE phone

2nd Prize: ZUMBA Kit

3rd Prize: \$50 Gift Voucher – GHS Coffee Shop

Tickets only \$2.00 each and are available at recess & lunch near the canteen to students, teachers and GHS staff only. Prize winners will be drawn at the GHS Social on Friday, 22nd July 2011.

McGrath Foundation Day
29th June, 2011

Come dressed in pink for the day!

**There will be a pink food stall
at School on the day**

GOLD COIN DONATION

**All money raised on the day will
go to the McGrath Foundation**



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**WHEN: FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2011
9.30PM – 2.30PM**

**WHERE: Centacare Narrabri
1/116 Barwan Street
Narrabri**

**COST: FREE (Bookings are essential)
(Light refreshments provided)**

ENQUIRIES/BOOKINGS CONTACT

**Rebecca or Jo
1800 372 826**



"SURVIVING YOUR ADOLESCENTS"

GUNNEDAH

HOW TO MANAGE AND LET GO OF YOUR 13-18 YEAR OLD

**Surviving Your Adolescents is a course aimed at providing
parents with solutions for dealing with teenage behaviour.**

The date and time is:

Thursday 23rd June

10.00am til 2.00pm

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED)

The course will be held at

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

346 CONADILLY ST,

GUNNEDAH

(Bookings are essential)

For bookings & enquiries please call

Jo or Rebecca on 1800 372 826

This is a FREE course –

This course will only proceed with sufficient attendees

