

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter.

Last Friday I had the pleasure to fly to Sydney with our two School Captains, Gabriel Reynolds and Evan Piefke, for the Governor's visit. These two young people are a wonderful example of the youth of Gunnedah and they did our community and the school proud.

Once again the PE staff did a fantastic job in organising and running our annual Athletics carnival on Friday, May 27th. I would like to congratulate them, as well as our staff members who assisted in co-ordinating the day, and all the students who participated in the carnival as I have only heard great reports.

We also held a very successful 'Back to School' transition night for Yr 5 & 6 parents last Thursday evening. Many thanks to all the staff who volunteered their time to teach mini lessons to the parents. A great night was had by all.

On Tuesday, I announced to the staff and student body that I will be leaving the school for the next seven months to take up the position as one of three Region School Development Officers. This is a very exciting position and I am very much looking forward to this challenging role.

I am now busily trying to clear my desk so as to leave the school in the capable hands of Mr Murray Borham who

will assume the role as Relieving Principal in my absence. In other staff changes, Mrs Wendy Blaker will relieve Mr Borham as DP, Mrs Narelle Hertslet will relieve as HT CAPA and Ms Suzanne Feodoroff will relieve as HT Attendance. I wish the school, staff and students all the best in my absence and look forward to my return to the Gunnedah High School, as Principal, at the beginning of 2012.

Kind regards,  
Mr Rod Jones  
Principal

## **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG):**

The AECG's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2011, at the Gunnedah South School, commencing at 1:00pm. During the meeting, Gunnedah High School will be showing their award winning presentation from the National Dare to Lead Conference on Aboriginal Education, held recently in Canberra.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENING

All parents, carers and guardians of students completing 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class in primary school this year, were invited to attend a special "Back to School Evening" on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, as part of the GHS's transition program for 2011. The aim of the night was to provide all parents, carers and guardians with a sense of the content of the subjects studied at high school, within the classroom learning environment.

This was an ideal opportunity to 'step into the student's shoes for the evening and enjoy a tour of the school, participate in lessons, experience 'coping with a timetable', working out and locating room numbers and remembering their new teacher's names, all in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Supper was provided at the end of 'lessons' when parents, carers and guardians also had the opportunity to talk to GHS staff, and discuss any questions they may have.



## GHS 15 YEAR GIRLS SOCCER:

Gunnedah High School's 15's girls soccer team travelled to Moree on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, for their round 2 clash against St Philomena College, in the Bill Turner Trophy competition, under the guidance of Coach Ms Simone Easthorpe. When the whistle sounded, Gunnedah got off to a great start to dominate the early stages of the game in both attack and defence with Tahlia Horvat (Year 9) capitalising on a great attacking raid to slide the ball past the Moree keeper to score Gunnedah's first goal. Not to be out-done, St Philomena regrouped and responded with a goal of their own by Geena Depczynski, late in the half, to level the scores at 1-1 at half-time.

When play resumed for the second half, Gunnedah continued to control the game, with Amia McDonald (Year 9) working tirelessly, contesting possession around the midfield. Sara Woodhouse also worked hard with some powerful clearing kicks to get her team back into an attacking position. As the second half progressed, Gunnedah continued to dominate the game with Ebony Many, despite her injured hand, creating multiple scoring opportunities up front. Brittany Small (Year 7) made the most of her opportunities to score two blistering goals with April Keech (Year 9) also hitting the back of the net to secure a comprehensive 4-1 victory for Gunnedah.

Coach Easthorpe was delighted with her team's commitment and application to all phases of the game, and feels confident that the experience will stand them in good stead for their next game. The Gunnedah High School girls will now wait for the result of McCarthy College vs Oxley High School game to determine their next opponent.

## GHS BIGGEST MORNING TEA:

Last Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Gunnedah High School canteen took part in the Cancer Council's "Biggest Morning Tea" fundraising program. Congratulations to all GHS students and staff, with special praise for canteen supervisor, Ms Sharon Newell, and her assistant Susan Keast, for their wonderful support. As a result of this great effort, a total of \$369.55 was raised and will be donated to the cancer council to be used for ongoing cancer research. Well done.





## SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Secondary school student leaders from public schools have been invited by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, Governor of New South Wales, and the Presiding Officers of the NSW Parliament to participate in the Secondary School Student Leadership Program for School Captains.

This program recognises the leadership role of the students and offers them the opportunity to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the NSW Governor. The program is a valuable addition to values education and civics and citizenship education in schools.

Prior to meeting with the Governor at Government House, the students will visit the NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, as guests of the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Members of Parliament will be advised of the attendance of students from schools in their electorates. Subject to their commitments, members or their nominated representatives may take this opportunity to meet students from their electorates.



## GHS CANTEEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Gunnedah High School canteen committee was held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011, with the following executive elected:

**Secretary:** Sue Hutchison

**Treasurer:** Marg Kersley

**P&C Representative:** Jayne Norsworthy

## P & C ASSOCIATION

The next GHS P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011, in the school library, commencing at 7.00pm. All parents/guardians, carers and community members are most welcome.

## GHS 15 YEAR BOYS SOCCER:

On Monday morning, 16<sup>th</sup> May, the Gunnedah 15's Boys soccer team sized up against Narrabri High School for Round 2 of the Bill Turner Cup Knockout Competition on the Gunnedah High School's main oval. After a dour first half that saw play move from end to end with a number of enterprising attacking plays from both teams, GHS and Narrabri were locked together at nil all. Both teams had had a number of unsuccessful shots on goal and had displayed sound footwork and good tackling skills.

Following the half time break, Gunnedah lifted their game to a new level and when Tyler Silver went on as a substitute for Dylan Manks after 10 minutes of play, he found himself in the right place to slot the ball past the keeper for Gunnedah's first goal.

With some solid tackling work by Izaak Merlehan, Jack Grosser and the Gunnedah backs, plus an outstanding performance in the middle by Connor Buckley, Gunnedah notched their second goal following a fine attacking raid by the forwards and a final pass to Connor Buckley who slotted the ball past the keeper to secure Gunnedah a well deserved 2-0 victory.

Gunnedah High School then advanced to Round 3 of the Bill Turner Cup with a game against Tamworth High last week. The 15's team started the game well, with some very strong attack from the forwards and solid defence from the backs. GHS goal-keeper, Blake Small, maintained safe hands throughout the game to deny Tamworth High any scoring opportunities and versatile forward, Kih McDonald, had an outstanding game in attack scoring the 3 goals for GHS to secure GHS a well deserved win. All members of the team did GHS proud by displaying their normal high standard of sportsmanship. GHS now move on to the regional final against either Inverell High School or O'Connor Catholic School Armidale.

## CHS OPEN BOYS SOCCER KNOCKOUT COMPETITION:

Gunnedah Open Boys' Soccer Team has unfortunately been knocked out of this year's competition in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. This was a huge disappointment as the 1<sup>st</sup> round victory had shown that the team had the potential to progress further into the competition.



**Round 1**, played at GHS oval, saw GHS victorious against Coonabarabran High 9 – 0 Strikers Matt Daley and Adam Curvgenven were both multiple goal scorers on a day, which produced several attacking raids by the home team.

**Round 2**, played at Gipps St Tamworth against Tamworth High School, saw the team defeated 6-2. Gunnedah's team was missing their captain Hunter Richards and regular keeper Cameron Manks, who were away on representative duties. The team performed well in the wet conditions, however were beaten by a better team on the day

## 2011 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

Gunnedah's Worsley Park and Donnelly Fields came alive last Wednesday, May 26th, when the Gunnedah High School held their annual athletics carnival.

With a majority of students dressed in their 'house' colours for the day, it was not only a matter of who performed well, but also who looked good on the day.

The carnivals events ranged from track sprints & distance races, long jump, high jump, to shot-put, discus and javelin, whilst the days highlight was the prestigious 'tug-a-war' series that is always held as the finale of the day.

### GHS House Championships:

1st: Kaputar (Green) 616 points

2nd: Illawarra (Blue) 558 points

3rd: Moombi (Yellow) 475 points

4th: Nandewar (Red) 447 points



## GHS Age Champions

Boys	Age Division	Girls
Jake Vigor	17	Emily Whitfield
D.J.Smith	16	Jessica Novley
Adam Curgenven	15	Maddi Vigor & Lacie Davis
Nicholas Smythe	14	Samantha Turner & Marlee Urquhart
Micheal Berry	13	Caitlin Donnelly
Matthew Rankmore	12	Brittany Small

