

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our Newsletter.

It is amazing how 2 weeks has flown by. Last week we celebrated Education Week with our Subject Selection Preview Evenings on Tuesday for Year 10, Wednesday for Year 6 and Thursday, Year 8. All sessions were well attended, particularly Year 10. Both students and their families received important information regarding our future subjects and were extremely well fed by TAS and entertained by Drama and Music. All three evenings were extremely well organised by Mrs Allyson Watson, who as always, strives to make the transition programs at Gunnedah High as friendly and informative as possible. Thank you to all students and families who attended, and to all the staff who worked extremely hard on their presentations. We hope that all students will make informed choices, which suit both their ability levels and interest.

Year 12 had a busy week with their Principal interviews. It was most pleasing to notice the great majority of Year 12 displaying positive attitudes towards their HSC and seeking advice on how to

maximise their performance. Many thanks to all the executive who assisted me with these interviews. Their professionalism and sensitivity was much appreciated. Many Year 12 students have Major Works due very shortly. Please ensure that students meet their deadlines and seek assistance to complete these very important HSC tasks.

Last week was also recognition of SAS staff week. Too often we forget about the staff behind the scenes, ensuring that all the financial and administrative tasks are completed and customer service is of the highest standard. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful SAS staff for their efforts each and every day. You are a vital cog in the GHS chain and we could never do the job that we do without you.

Some upcoming events include our HSC Music Performance on Wednesday, August 10 at 7pm and our Staff Development Day for Term 3 on Wednesday, August 17. This day is a pupil free day. Community members are welcome to attend all sessions but they must register with Mr Andrew Snowden, DP Teaching and Learning by August 12 on 67420155. The SiP committee will again meet on

Friday, August 19 to consider future directions for our funding. Our PSP and National Partnership teams will also be meeting in the weeks following. We thank all members involved for their input.

Please continue to support your students so that they will make learning their first priority here at GHS. Your assistance is welcomed and appreciated. Together we can make a difference.

Kind Regards
Murray Borham
Relieving Principal

Term 3 Staff
Development Day will be
held during Ag Quip
week on Wednesday,
August 17 2011.

YEAR 7 & 10 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENINGS

Once again the Subject Selection Evenings that were held on the 2nd & 4th August proved to be a great success, with students having the opportunity to gather information on the subjects on offer for Year 11 in 2012, as well as the subjects available for selection in the three (3) elective lines for Year 9 next year. The presentations also included an insight into the School Certificate, Preliminary Course and Higher School Certificate course requirements. Students, parents, carers & guardians in attendance were provided with details on Vocational Education and T/Vet courses and finished off the evening with a delicious supper.

YEAR 6 PREVIEW EVENING

As junior school children prepare to make the transition to Year 7 at the Gunnedah High School, parents, carers & guardians were treated to a special 'preview evening' at the GHS on Wednesday, August 3rd. The presentation included cultural performances and sporting displays as well as information on academic programs, curriculum patterns, special

programs and student support. The GHS would like to thank all those who attended and look forward to their children joining our Year 7 in 2012.



SRC MUFT DAY

The SRC are also considering having a 'mufti day' towards the end of Term 3 and are seeking student input as to a theme for the day. If you have any suggestions, within reason, please pass them on to members of the SRC year representatives.

YEAR 12-2011 MUSIC CLASS

Gunnedah High School's Year 12 "Music Class of 2011" presented an Evening of HSC Performances on Wednesday, 10th August from 7pm in the GHS Hall.

Features of the evening included;

- Music for Small and Large Ensembles
- Popular Music
- Music from the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries

This was a wonderful opportunity to hear students perform pieces that they will present in their upcoming HSC practical examinations. Special guests for the evening included Ms Ruythe Dufty: School Education Director – New England South, Guest Judges, Mr John Fenton and Mr Stephen Bailey of Narrabri High School and accompanist, Mr Jamie Brown.

All parents, families and friends of the students who attended the evening were delighted with the performances. Congratulations to all the Year 12 performers.

SRC ANTI-RACISM COMPETITION

The Gunnedah High School's SRC is inviting each roll-call to submit a poster, slogan or multimedia (Movie/Slide Show etc) entry

To create awareness in regard to racism, discrimination & homophobia.

Prizes will be awarded to the best roll-call entry as well as the best individual submission. Entries close on Friday, September 2nd 2011.

MAYORAL VISIT



Gunnedah High School welcomed Gunnedah Mayor, Mr Adam Marshall, and his Deputy, Mrs Colleen Fuller as special guests at the GHS assembly on Tuesday, August 9th 2011. They congratulated Sarah Clark on her success in being selected as Mayor for the Day and made a special presentation to Ms Gabriel Reynolds, who has been selected as the Deputy Mayor for the Day.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

Last year, the Coles' "Sports for Schools" promotion gave away over \$7 million worth of sporting equipment to schools across Australia, including Gunnedah High School. Well, here's our chance to do it all again this year. But let's make it bigger and better.

It's easy: Here's all you have to do:

- When you shop at Coles, collect a "Sports for Schools" voucher for every \$10.00 you spend (for example \$68.00 = 6 vouchers).
- Bring the vouchers to school and place them in the entry box outside the PD/H/PE staff room.
- The more vouchers you collect, the more sporting equipment for your school.

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Adam Mooney in PD/H/PE

P & C "CAUGHT YA" SCHOOL UNIFORM PROMOTION

Following their last meeting, the Gunnedah High School P & C Association is sponsoring a special "Caught Ya" promotion designed to reward students for wearing the appropriate GHS school uniform. During Term 3, students identified wearing full school uniform will go into a draw to win either a \$20 Phone Credit or a \$20 itune Voucher. There will be two draws during term 3: Week 6 & 10, with a winner from each Year group (7-10) to be chosen. Make sure that you 'get caught'.



Could all parents and carers ensure that their children come to school in our school uniform and not in the multi coloured sloppy joes which detract from our identity as a proud school.

SCHOOL SHOES: SAFETY WARNING

GHS is concerned in regard to the choice of footwear some students are wearing to school. White or multi coloured 'slip-on' canvas shoes, or thongs, are NOT considered to be appropriate footwear for school under OH & S safety guidelines and are BANNED. Parents/carers are requested to make alternate arrangements for fully enclosed footwear to be worn by students to school, at all times, for their own safety.

Students are reminded that the school uniform requirement is BLACK LEATHER SHOES or JOGGERS.

The Uniform Shop

Tuesday: 8am-10am

Thursday: 1pm-3pm

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P & C ASSOCIATION

The next GHS P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st September, 2011, in the school library commencing at 7.00pm. All parents/guardians, carers and community members are most welcome.