

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter.

It is amazing how quickly another term has gone by. So many activities and functions, and we enjoyed success in them all. We have just completed Year 10 Yearly Examinations and Year 11 are currently doing their Preliminary exams before commencing Year 12 studies. We trust that the necessary preparation has been done and that the results obtained will reflect the effort that has been put in.

With the end of Term 3 fast approaching, it is that time of the year when we farewell another Year 12 from Gunnedah High School. This particular group arrived at the same time as myself and I have watched them mature from young boys and girls into fine men and women. It will be an emotional time for many but on behalf of GHS, I would like to thank the Year 12 students and their families for the contributions they have made to our school over the past six years, and wish them every success in their upcoming HSC examinations and in their future careers.

During Week 9 I had the pleasure of attending two night time functions. On Wednesday, Gunnedah South held a terrific Gala Evening which showcased much of the work of our incoming students and allowed GHS the opportunity of presenting our relieving Year 7 Adviser, Mrs Belinda Foran to some of her future students. We have a strong transition program at GHS and these evenings are a pleasure to attend, and serve to improve our understanding and relationships with our feeder primary schools. On Thursday evening I attended the Gunnedah Schools Spectacular at the Town Hall. It was a truly amazing show which highlighted the dance and music of both Gunnedah High and the other schools in our area to a sold out audience. These performances are testimony to the talents of our students and I thank both the organisers and all GHS staff and students involved in the performance.

The subject selection process still continues as we finalise curriculum and staffing for 2012. We will have an outstanding number of choices considering our

student population, so it is important that you choose out of our options and choose wisely.

We bid farewell to three staff at the end of this term. Mr Martin Gallagher (TAS) and Mr John Frazer (Maths) have done a wonderful job in their relieving capacities and we thank them for their efforts and wish them well in their future careers. Mr Gallagher will be replaced permanently by Mr Tim Caterer, who comes to us from Wellington High School. Ms Sue Durrant (English) will be commencing leave with possible retirement after more than 35 years service to Gunnedah High School. Her contribution to our school has been enormous and we thank her for a lifetime of education to the Gunnedah community. She will be sorely missed and the school sends their very best wishes for her future.

We hope that all staff and students gain a well earned break commencing on September 24 and trust that you will all have a safe and happy holiday. Be ready for our return on Monday, October 10 as we do NOT begin Term 4 with a Staff Development Day. We thank you for your assistance in promoting learning as our number one priority. Together we can make a difference.

Kind Regards

Murray Borham

Relieving Principal

### 2012 GHS CAPTAINS & VICE-CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the GHS Captains and Vice-Captains for 2012 who were announced to the school assembly last Tuesday.



**2012 Captains:** Kayla Gillham and Tom Hassan

**2012 Vice-Captains:** Liana Goninon and Brodie Waterford

### 2012 GHS SENIOR COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students on their election to the 2012 Senior Council:

Teegan Beard, Molly Batinic, Sarah Jones, Lauren Swain, Kayla Gillham, Liana Goninon, Tom Hassan, Brodie Waterford, Bradley Sandercock, Jarrod Stubbs, Lauren Hill and Kaitlyn Langdon.



### 2012 YEAR 12 "PERSONAL ASSISTANTS FOR A DAY" AUCTION

As Year 12 approaches the end of their secondary schooling, GHS students and staff were provided with the opportunity to bid for their services in a special 'personal assistants for a day' auction that was held last Tuesday. The Year 12 students divided themselves into twelve (12) groups for the auction, with winning bids coming from a number of year groups and teachers' faculties. The students raised \$400.00 for the school.





## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS/TERM 4

Parents, carers, guardians and students are reminded that the GHS holidays commence on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and school will return for Term 4 on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. Term 4 will conclude for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

## 2011 SCHOOL'S SPECTACULAR

The Gunnedah School's Spectacular was staged during week 9 of Term 3. It was another successful production which included a small, but very enthusiastic, group of music students from Gunnedah High School. Amongst the participants were Chloe Cavanagh, Jessica Mitchell and Tonisha Constable of Year 9, along with Janika Readett of Year 7, singing in the massed choir component of the production. These girls have been extremely dedicated in their approach to the production by attending many rehearsals, often surrendering their own recess and lunch breaks in preparation for the show. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are now looking forward to singing in the massed choir section of CAPERS, a regional Creative Arts Spectacular, which will be held at the TRECC in November. Other music students who performed as part of the rock band were Lachlan Merlehan, James Stewart and Evan Piefke of Year 12, with some of their peers from St Mary's. After weeks of rehearsals, the show culminated in a wonderful matinee performance on the afternoon of Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of September, with the major performance occurring on Thursday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> of September



## CONGRATULATIONS: TERM 3 GHS READING CHALLENGE WINNERS

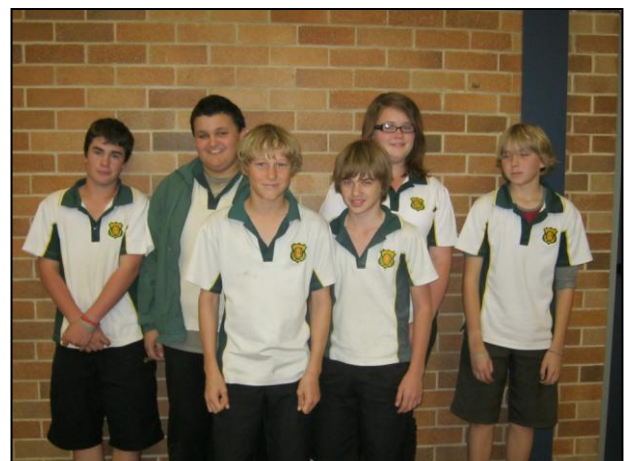
GHS Reading Challenge is a PSP funded activity that is directed at Year 7 and 8 students to encourage and build their reading habits. Students are rewarded for reaching one of three levels.

Jim Pease (Year 7), Dylan Manks (Year 8), Kiefer Goninon (Year 8) and Liam Davidson (Year 8) all read at least 3 books, achieving Star level. They each received a certificate and a \$5 voucher at the school canteen.

Luke Williams (Year 8) read at least 6 books, achieving Bravo level. He received a certificate and a voucher at the Gunnedah Civic Cinema to the value of \$15.

Damien Orszanski (Year 8) and Sophie Suter (Year 8) each read at least 10 books, achieving Honour level. They both received a certificate and a \$20 iTunes voucher. Sophie actually read an outstanding total of 21 books during the allotted time and received a special \$50 Wish Card for this accomplishment.

The next Reading Challenge has already started and students' reading logs will be tallied up after Week 5 of Term 4. All Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to 'log' the books they read during this time with their English teacher.



## SPORT LIFESTYLE & RECREATION CLASS-YEAR 11



### GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

Canteen supervisor Mrs Sharon Newell urgently requires your assistance during Term 4. For more information, please contact Sharon on 6742 1110.

### RTA ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The RTA is offering scholarships for Aboriginal students studying year 11 or 12 at high school or TAFE. If you're interested in a job in civil engineering or a related field, like surveying or environmental science and doing maths and science subjects as part of your study, why not apply for an RTA scholarship worth up to \$5,000.00? You can use the money to buy educational tools and services such as a new computer, text books or tutoring. An RTA scholarship could also help you get the results you need to go to university when you finish school. If you are interested, you can apply for an RTA scholarship now. **Applications close 30 September.**

**For more information:** email

[Aboriginal\\_Jobs@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Aboriginal_Jobs@rta.nsw.gov.au)

### P&C ASSOCIATION: GET INVOLVED

The next GHS P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 in the school library commencing at 7.00pm. All parents/guardians, carers and community members are most welcome. Don't just think about it, be a part of it!

### CRICKET SKILLS DEVELOPMENT-1 DAY CLINIC

Friday September 30

For ages 6-16 years

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