

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2012 GHS CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

**Excellence and  
innovation in a  
unique and  
caring School**

Check Out Our Website

## Find us at:

Marquis Street, Gunnedah NSW, 2380

Phone 02 6742 0155 Fax 02 6742 4429

Website: [www.gunnedah-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gunnedah-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Email: [gunnedah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gunnedah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Issue 1

Proudly supported by



**WHITEHAVEN COAL**

10.02.2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2012

We trust that all returning students and families from last year had an enjoyable summer holiday and that students have come back, this year, refreshed and motivated to give your absolute best. A special welcome to all of our new enrolments and their families, especially Year 7, and hope that you will indeed seek the opportunities that Gunnedah High School provides and maximise your learning across all areas of the school.

The school staff has changed dramatically over the holidays, with many people brand new to the school and others stepping up into relieving positions. The Principal position is still undecided and until that is resolved I will remain as Acting Principal. For your information, the following staff will be occupying the following positions:

Acting Principal-Mr Murray Borham

Deputy Principals-Mrs Wendy Blaker (relieving), Mrs Allyson Watson (Teaching & Learning), Mrs Anne McMahon (relieving), Head Teachers-English-Mrs Allyson Watson, Maths-Mrs Anne McMahon, Science-Mr Stuart McVittie (relieving), HSIE- Mr David Gale, PDHPE-Mrs Simone Brady (relieving),

CAPA-Mrs Narelle Hertslet (relieving), Admin-Mr Kel Walls, TAS-Mr Luke Verdon, Attendance-Ms Suzanne Feodoroff (relieving)

We had very pleasing HSC and SC results in 2011. Our Hospitality, Society and Culture, PDHPE and Music groups were our best performing areas, providing the school with band 6 performances. We have more than twenty students already on their way to universities to continue their education and we wish all these students the very best in their futures. Three students also received Australia Day awards Gabriel Reynolds, Ben Traynor and James Stewart. We congratulate these students who are truly worthy recipients from Gunnedah High School. There will be no School Certificate exams this year, so I need to stress the importance to our current Years 9 and 10 that all of your school based assessment tasks are even more important now than ever before. Keep up to date and give each task your maximum effort.

It has been great to see so many students displaying pride in our school by the wearing of the correct uniform. It promotes unity and equality and makes us look great. If you have any concerns regarding the uniform, please discuss these concerns with your student's Year Adviser. We are endeavoring to make the access of the uniform shop a little easier and we

thank you for your cooperation with both Alinta and ourselves over this matter.

The school is continuing to look into the issues of mobile phones at school. They are a distraction to learning and must not be used in classes at any time. There is no need for your student to bring a mobile phone to school, as any parental contact needs to be made through the school and not via your student directly. This can cause unnecessary problems for the school, particularly if families come up to the school without appointments. We welcome all families to Gunnedah High but please follow the correct procedures of making appointments in advance and awaiting your appointment in the foyer of the Front Office. Best wishes to all for the year 2012.

Kind regards

Murray Borham

Acting Principal

### PLAN-IT YOUTH



#### Volunteers Wanted

Do you have experience in the work force and an hour to spare each week to impart some of your wisdom to Year 10 and Year 11 students? Then we need you.

The Plan-it-Youth Mentoring program has been running at Gunnedah High School since 2008. In this time we have had some wonderful community members from a variety of professions young, older and retired join our ranks and listen to a student one on one and discuss pathways to get to where they want to go with their career.

Full training is given with plenty of resources and co-ordinators to support you.

Plan-it-Youth Mentoring is run at the school every Tuesday at 9:05am.

Check out our website at: [www.planit youth.org.au](http://www.planit youth.org.au)

**For more information contact**

**Ann Thomas GHS Ph: 67 420155**

**Mark Giandomenico Ph: 0401798 210**

### YEAR ADVISERS

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Mrs. Belinda Foran</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Ms. Kate Mathieson</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Ms. Emma Holdom</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Ms. Lana Scholberg</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Mr. Michael de Groot</b>
<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Heath</b>
<b>Girls Adviser:</b>	<b>Mrs. Kylie Borham</b>
<b>Boys Adviser:</b>	<b>Mr. Timothy Caterer</b>

### IMMUNISATION

The first round of immunisations for Year 7 students will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please return notes that were sent home with your information packs to the front office before the due date.

### GHS CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

Canteen supervisor Mrs. Gai Bowen is seeking your assistance during 2012. For more information, please contact Gai on 67421110.

### 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)

### NEW STAFF

ENGLISH	Ms. Sherelle Murray
MATHS	Mr. Barry Butz
	Mr. J Fletcher
	Mrs. Anne Torrens
	Mr Barry Wilson
SCIENCE	Mr. Patrick Twining
HSIE	Mr. David Gale
	Ms Dominique Wood
	Miss Rebecca Really
	Mrs Jenny Sanson
LIBRARY	Ms. Sharon Fisher
PD/H/PE	Ms. Shelly Small
	Ms. Jasmine Starke
	Ms. Phillipa Henry LOTE
TAS	Mrs. Alyce Curtis
	Mrs. Megan Verdon
	Mr. Gavin Westwood
	Ms. Sharyn Collins
TUTORIAL CENTRE	Mrs. Karen Cunningham
ISTB	Ms. P Attenborough
CHAPLAIN	Mr. Heath Douglas
STUDENT SUPPORT	Ms. Judy Cavanagh

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The general fees are used to enhance the many programs which operate in the school.

There is a \$5.00 deduction on the General Fee for second or subsequent children.

The subject fees are mainly used to provide consumable items required for specific courses. It is clearly more efficient and cheaper for the school to purchase food, timber, metal, paint, etc., than to ask individual students to bring in their own materials. The subject fees also assist to buy other resources such as texts, cameras etc.

All students in Visual Arts and Photography are expected to have a diary which is available from the Canteen. Year 12 Visual Arts students must buy all their own materials. Design and Technology and Industrial Technology students will be required to purchase project material. Hospitality students will be required to purchase the relevant uniform.

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 contribution requested for each individual student. Payment may be made in installments. These payments may be made at the school office between 8.30am and 1.45pm (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'

For those students who have selected subjects which have fees attributed to them, it is imperative that that the deposit of 20% for these subjects is paid to the Front Office by the end of Week 5, March 2. These subjects cannot continue to run if we cannot offset the costs of the materials purchased to run the subject properly. Your cooperation with this matter is very much appreciated

## PHOTO PERMISSION

**Any parent/carers who do not want their child photographed could you please telephone the school.**

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FEES 2012

YEAR 7	
GENERAL FEE	\$60.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$30.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$40.00
YEAR 8	
GENERAL FEE	\$60.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$30.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$40.00
YEAR 9	
GENERAL FEE	\$60.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$55.00
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$55.00
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	\$35.00
TIMBER	\$60.00
METAL	\$60.00
ELECTRONICS	\$70.00
AGRICULTURE	\$20.00
TEXTILES & DESIGN	\$40.00
YEAR 10	
GENERAL FEE	\$60.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$55.00
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$55.00
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	\$55.00
ELECTRONICS	\$70.00
TIMBER	\$60.00
I.S.T. (COMPUTERS)	\$15.00
AGRICULTURE	\$20.00
METAL	\$60.00
TEXTILES & DESIGN	\$40.00
YEAR 11	
GENERAL FEE	\$80.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$60.00
HOSPITALITY	\$100.00
INDUSTRIAL TECH	\$50.00
CONSTRUCTION	\$50.00
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	\$40.00
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$60.00
AGRICULTURE	\$25.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD	\$20.00
TECHNOLOGY-Multimedia	\$20.00
INFO-PROCESS & TECH	\$20.00
YEAR 12	
GENERAL FEE	\$80.00
PHOTOGRAPHY	\$60.00
HOSPITALITY	\$100.00
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY	\$40.00
VISUAL ARTS	\$60.00
AGRICULTURE	\$25.00
CONSTRUCTION	\$60.00
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	\$40.00
EARLY CHILDHOOD	\$20.00
TECHNOLOGY-Multimedia	\$20.00

## WELCOME YEAR 7



## YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Year 9 Science classes will be starting a unit on reproduction in early March. This topic includes studying parts and functions of the human reproductive system, how a baby develops, menstrual cycle, puberty, contraceptives and sexually transmitted infections. Some classes may watch a DVD involving a birthing scene.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact your child's Science teacher or Mr. McVittie Head Teacher Science.

## STUDENT EXCHANGE

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organization registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2012/13 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering \$3000 scholarship towards year-long programs to Italy and French-speaking Belgium commencing in January 2013.

Find out more!

- ✓ Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)
- ✓ Attend one of WEP's information evenings and open days
- ✓ Call 1300 884 733

Upcoming Information Sessions: **Brisbane** and **Sydney**: 22 Feb, 14 March, 16 May. **Lismore**: 5 May, **Cairns**: 19 May

## GHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2012 GHS swimming was held at the Gunnedah Memorial Pool on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Results and photos will be in our next newsletter.

## PLAY AFL



### Gunnedah & District Bulldogs AFL Club

Club Ground: Wolseley Oval, Gunnedah  
Club Contract: David Chapman. Club Phone:  
02: 67424278

## AUSTRALIA DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the three Australia Day Award winners.

Benjamin Traynor received the Ivan Towns Memorial Award. This award recognizes the achievement of a young person who clearly demonstrates personal growth and development despite adversity.

James Stewart received the Cultural Award, for his contribution to the cultural awareness and diversity of the community through his active involvement with the Gunnedah Shire Band for more than a decade.

Congratulations also to Gabriel Reynolds, Young Citizen of the Year. Gabriel is an outstanding leader, serving both her school and the wider community.

## SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

Scholarships worth \$250 will be offered to students in Years 11 and 12 to encourage and assist them to continue and complete their education at Gunnedah High School. School fees will be automatically deducted and the balance may be used for school uniform, school resources and curriculum based excursion. Application forms are available at front office to be completed by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Applications to be lodged in envelope marked "Confidential" and addressed to the Principal.

## SALE BY TENDER

Tenders are called for the sale of a 2000 Nissan Pulsar. Reg GHS111. Vin JN1BCAN15AO546790. Registered till 17/4/2012. Please Phone 67420155 to make an appointment to view the car. Tenders to be in a sealed envelope marked "Attention Principal – Tender". Highest tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders close 20/2/2012.