

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Excellence And
Innovation In A
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Caring School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter.

It has been great walking around the school both individually and with our Relieving School Education Director, Chris Shaw. Since the beginning of the year the tone and vibe appears very relaxed and classes appear to be functioning smoothly. Thanks to students and staff for making the opening month of 2012 a very successful one.

The position of Principal is still in the process of Merit Selection. I am confident that a decision will be made shortly for the new Principal to commence on the first day of Term 2.

On Tuesday, February 7th, we had a visit from the Parramatta Eels Football Club who spoke to the students on assembly and held a rugby league clinic in town. The students had an open question and answer forum and it is wonderful for our students to gain this opportunity to speak with high profile sportspeople. Thanks to Mr. Adam Mooney who organised the visit and to the Eels for their time.

The deadline for subject fee deposits is quickly arriving. Thank you to all students in Years 9-12 who have complied with our request and retained their

position within that subject. Our curriculum will be adjusted according to our student numbers, and if you have paid a deposit for a subject that the school closes down due to the numbers, you will be refunded. Please note that if the student changes the subject of their own accord, then the deposit paid is non-refundable.

On Wednesday, February 8th, the school had an extremely successful swimming carnival. Many strong performances in the pool and plenty of good house spirit was displayed. Many thanks to Mrs. Simone Carlyon and all her helpers in making our 2012 swimming carnival a great one.

This Thursday, February 23rd, is our Laptops evening for Year 9. An important session for both students and their families will be held in the School Hall, beginning at 7pm. It is crucial that all students be supported on this evening, as the Charter must be signed by a parent/guardian before any laptop can be issued to a student.

It is with regret that I inform you that we will now be sending a newsletter out only once a month instead of once a fortnight. The ongoing costs of posting the newsletter and the administration costs connected to the labour needed to prepare the Newsletter for postage have become too great for the school to

afford. We are endeavoring to move towards an email only system, which is still not viable for us all at this stage. I thank you for your understanding over this issue and do urge that all families send the school an updated email address for future sending of the school Newsletter.

Kind regards
Murray Borham

GHS CANTEEN

The School welcomes Mrs. Gai Bowen as the new Canteen Supervisor with Mrs. Tanya Mitchell returning as casual. Gai has taken over the reins from Sharon Newell who was canteen supervisor for 18 years. Sharon has moved to Canberra to be closer to family, we wish her well.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents/carers or grandparents to join our team of volunteers. All we ask is that you volunteer once a month. Come with a friend, just 2 hours a day. You are assured of a lovely free lunch, good company and good coffee. You are not required to clean or wash up. If you are interested, ring Gai on 67421110 or call into the canteen to put your name on the roster.

IMMUNISATION

The next round of immunisations Chickenpox, Cervical Cancer (girls only) and Hep B for Year 7 students are on Thursday March 1st. If you have returned all your forms thank you. If you did not sign your form in time for the first round of immunisations students can get one from Mrs. Borham in the CAPA staffroom

* Parents please note if your child has not had their injections through the school, you will need to organize them with your Doctor, and not Community Health

P & C

The next Gunnedah High School P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st March 2012, in the school library commencing at 7.00pm. All parents' guardians, carers and community members are most welcome

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.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken Friday March 9th. Students will receive their photo envelopes two weeks prior. Envelopes MUST be returned ON PHOTO DAY whether photos are being purchased or not. All students will be photographed on the day.

RDA

RDA training day will be held February 24th. All Year 9 students interested have been issued notes and need to return them before the due date. The first RDA day will be Friday March 2nd.

GUNNEDAH EISTEDDFOD

Commencements dates for Gunnedah Eisteddfod

Dance	Friday 11th - Sunday	May 13th
Instrumental	Friday 18th - Sunday	May 20th
Music	Thursday 24th - Saturday	May 26th
Speech & Drama	Monday 28th - Thursday	May 31st

Entry Closing Dates:- Instrumental, Music and Speech & Drama Friday March 30th 2012

Entry Closing Dates - Dance Friday April 13th 2012

Syllabus available from Fashion Fabric or Second Edition Book Store.

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS

The Youth Off The Streets Scholarship Nominations are open. Closing date April 6th 2012. Scholarship recipients will receive mentoring and funding of up to \$5000 for 2 years to help them with their education and training. Each recipient and their guest will be flown to Sydney to attend a special award ceremony in September 2012.

2010 – Winner Bonnie Taber GHS

2011 – Winner Ben Traynor GHS

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR



The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications for young Australians aged 16 to 23 to join a voyage aboard the national sail training ship *Young Endeavour*. The ballot for voyages departing between July and December 2012 will close on March 2nd 2012.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Community Clean Up Day Sunday March 4th. Registrations will be taken at the Bandstand Wolsley Park from 7am. Sausage Sizzle and drinks available for volunteers. For more information call Annette Percy Ph: 67421855 or Mob:0418694542.

Gunnedah Urban Landcare Group & Gunnedah Rotary

YEAR 9 LAPTOPS

Year 9 Laptops will be allocated to students Tuesday March 6th.

No User Charter - No Lap Top

SHORT SHORTS

It has come to the school's attention that a significant number of girls in the junior school are wearing shorts that are not at an appropriate length for school. If students come to school with these short shorts, parents will be asked to come up to school with alternate clothing.

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 or by email gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au

PLAN-IT YOUTH

Plan-it Youth commenced Tuesday February 21st. with six student and mentors.

Students: Josh Day, James Guest, Lisa Hicks, Shannon Skavinski, Talia Endicott and Jess Hewitt.

Mentors: George Truman, John Clark, Angela Williams, Glen Jones, Simone Barr and Carol Barton

If you would like to be part of the Plan-it Youth Mentoring team, ring Gunnedah High School PiY Co-coordinator Ann Thomas on 67 420155



CRICKET

Tuesday 14th February, the Under 14 boys cricket team had an easy victory over Warialda High School by 68 runs in the Round 4 regional semi-final of the Coleman Shield Knockout. As a result GHS now sets up a replay of last year's final against reigning champions, Glen Innes High School.

Score Summary:

Gunnedah won the toss and elected to bat.

Gunnedah HS 125 (40 overs)

- Callum Sharman 29
- Izaak Merlehan 20 not out
- Lachlan Paine 17
- Sam Lumby 15

Warialda HS 57 (23.1 overs)

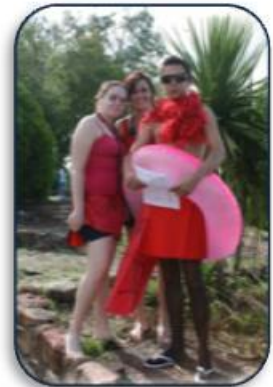
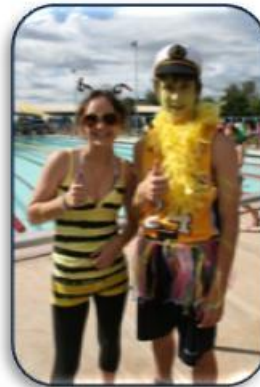
- Izaak Merlehan 3/7 (6.1)
- Kris Lodge 3/13 (5)
- Lachlan Merlehan 3/18 (6)
- Keegan Lane 1/5 (4)

Gunnedah High School won by 68 runs.

PARRAMATTA EELS



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



PLAY AFL



Gunnedah & District Bulldogs AFL Club

Club Contracts:

Seniors: Errol Lather 0427680965

Juniors (U15) Chris Hayden 0403883615

Club Ground: Wolseley Oval, Gunnedah