

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



YEAR 9 "LAPTOP FOR LEARNING" 2012

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter. Thanks to everyone regarding their input over the change to a monthly newsletter. The overwhelming support for it to be retained fortnightly and to be emailed to save on costing has meant that we will continue to report every 2 weeks, place copies at the Front Office and at respective spots within our community and email those families who have provided us with an email address. I strongly encourage anyone who has not provided us yet with an email address to do so as soon as possible, so that an electronic copy can be provided for you.

Over the course of the last week we have had students competing at regional level in both junior boys' cricket and in swimming. Unfortunately our boys lost the final against Glen Innes, but showed great competitive spirit and sportsmanship to again reach the Regional Final. Well done to Mr. Hayden and his team on another great season. Our swimmers travelled to Armidale with Mrs. Reynolds and also competed magnificently against the top swimmers in our region. We congratulate all competitors for making it so far.

The deadline for subject deposits has arrived. Please pay the 20% deposit in those elective subjects or unfortunately we will need to move the student from the subject. Our new school timetable begins on Wednesday, March 14th, so we would like to have our curriculum and its numbers finalised. We thank you very much for your cooperation with this matter.

On Thursday, February 23rd, we had a very successful Laptops evening for Year 9. Great attendance on the night received extremely important information from both Mr. McRae and Mr. Keliher. We thank those gentlemen very much for their efforts on the night.

The school tone is improving every week, thanks to the efforts of the staff, the students and our families. We thank you all for your ongoing support of the school. If there are any concerns regarding your student, please do not hesitate to ring the school and make an appointment with your student's Year Adviser on 67420155.

Murray Borham, Acting Principal

## HEADSTRONG PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Karen Cull and Katie Bryant took 16 students to Narrabri High School to attend a HeadStrong Presentation delivered by the Black Dog Institute. The presenter, Matthew Johnstone, delivered an engaging presentation regarding his experiences with depression and highlighted important information regarding teenage mood disorders. He outlined symptoms of mood disorders, stressors faced by teenagers in this contemporary society and strategies to assist those who suffer or think they might have a mood disorder. Some of the take home messages were the importance of honesty and openness for people when talking about their feelings and experiences and how crucial it is to seek help when one's struggling. If students feel that something is 'just not right' they should be encouraged to seek help from parents, GP and school personnel including the School Counsellor. Please go to [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au) if you would like more information. The Gunnedah HS students in attendance definitely stood out of the crowd for their mature and respectful behaviour – Mrs. Cull and Ms Bryant were incredibly proud of them!

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

School Chaplain Mr. Heath Douglas is happy to be back working at Gunnedah High. He is open Monday Wednesday and Friday for the spiritual well-being of both staff and students.

## AECG MEETING



Final meeting on Aboriginality and identity recommendations by (AECG) Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to be held Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at Gunnedah Public School Hall. Meeting commences at 10am.

## P & C

	<b>Gunnedah High School P&amp;C</b>
	<b>21st March 2012</b>
	<b>7:00pm Library</b>

## THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

2012 is 'The National Year of Reading and is about children learning to read, to appreciate the magic of books and to encourage avid readers to find new sources of inspiration. It's about that great tradition of storytelling to an enthralled audience and promoting a reading culture in every home. At Gunnedah High School students will be involved in a range of activities to promote and celebrate the Year of Reading. New fiction books have been purchased to support the theme "Discover and Rediscover the Joy of Reading" and we encourage all students to participate both at school and at home.

What can you do to participate?

- Share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day
- Restore some of that work-life balance by taking a break with a book at lunchtime
- Getting together with friends to read and talk about your favourite books
- Always having reading material available in your home

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Due to the great demand on student assistance funds we regret to advise that no further funds are available this year. We suggest parents/carers lay-by winter uniforms now as there are some excellent specials while stocks last.

# SALE

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**Polar-Fleece Jumper \$42.00 Now \$30.00**

**Knitted Jumper All Sizes \$59.00**

**Girls Fitted Pants \$53.00 Now \$29.00**

**Mens Formal Trousers \$54.95 Now \$39.00**

**Lay by available on 50% Deposit**

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)

## YEAR 9 "LAP TOP FOR LEARNING"



The Year 9 information night for the implementation of the "Laptop for Learning" program was held Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Barry McRae and Mr. Greg Keliher spoke to parents and students on the policy document and the Laptop Users Charter. Mr. Keliher has been busy commissioning each laptop with the help of three students Jarod Reynolds Keifer Goninon and Sophie Suter. The rollout of laptops was held Tuesday morning March 6<sup>th</sup>



## GREAT SCHOOLS "SHOW OFF"

All NSW public schools are invited to enter this exciting project. Create a digital video or film which tells the world the story of how great our school is. Win fabulous Panasonic prizes for our school.

See Mrs. Hertslet for further information

**Key Dates:** Registration of Interest March 16<sup>th</sup>



Competition Closes June 1<sup>st</sup>

## SAFETY CARD

A Building and Construction Site Safety Card Day will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this course is \$60.00 for further information and application forms see Mrs. Gail Hill, HISE Staff Room

## HEALTH FORUM

A Health Forum will be conducted at Tamworth Base Hospital Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>. Information will be available on various medical careers. Permission notes can be collected from Mrs. Gail Hill with Years 10, 11 and 12 eligible to apply.

## EMB INSURANCE BROKERS

### AFFORDABLE ACCIDENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

No parent or carer likes to dwell on the prospect of accidents or injuries to their child, but the reality is that accidents do happen and families often struggle to cope with the financial pressures that follow. Accidents don't discriminate on the basis of age, location or school and, sadly, injuries to school-aged children can place enormous financial stress on their families, and can also have wider effects too. When this happens, parents and carers need a helping hand. All too often, parents are surprised to learn just how little cover, if any, their children have when they are at school or at play. Student Cover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world. The cover applies whether they are at school or not, and includes almost every sport. Please contact the Administration Office for details or apply on line [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au)

Due to postage cost the GHS Newsletter will be forwarded to families via Email. Please advise the ladies in the front office of your email details.....

## EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED



## QUICKSMART

The QuickSmart program commenced Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>. The program is run over thirty weeks with students attending classes three times each week. Students work in pairs with their tutor, Mrs. Margaret Kersley (Literacy) and Mrs. Sharon Howett (Numeracy). **QuickSmart Numeracy** is designed to focus on basic mathematics contents with instruction that is planned to meet each individual student learning needs.

**QuickSmart Literacy** is aimed to support students to “speed up” their basic skills in literacy. Improvements in both these important skills will benefit students in all areas of their learning.



## GHS STUMBLES AT FINAL HURDLE



The Under 14 boy's cricket team followed the trend set by the Open Girl's side, by falling short in the run chase of the North West Regional final,

staged at Harry Ward Oval on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The wicket favoured the bowlers after some heavy weekend rain. Gunnedah looked to capitalise, sending the opposition in to bat in difficult conditions. GHS opening bowler Keegan Lane took full advantage taking the first two wickets cheaply thanks to excellent catching from Lachlan Fleming in the gully. Glen Innes ended their innings with 67 runs.

The run chase began badly for Gunnedah High. All batsmen struggled with the pace and swing from the Glen Innes bowlers. Gunnedah capitulated for a meagre 29 runs, albeit on a difficult batting wicket.

The boys were well supported during the day by fellow students and parents. The team were fine representatives of the school and were gracious in defeat. With half of the squad eligible to play in the Under 14 Coleman Shield season at the end of the year, and a keen crop of Year 7 players, the tradition of strong Gunnedah High School promises to continue.

Special thanks to the ground staff Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Walls and Vinnie Winsor, who make every school cricket game possible during the season. Their hard work to provide great cricket facilities is appreciated. Without their support such a fun day would not be possible for our students.

### Score Summary (Regional Final):

Glen Innes HS 67 (22.3 overs)

- Hudson Smith 5/3 (3.3)
- Izaak Merlehan 2/4 (4)
- Lachlan Paine 2/8 (4)

Gunnedah HS 29 (18.1 overs)

- Sundries 12

**Glen Innes High School won by 38 runs.**

