

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter.

The last two weeks have passed by quickly and we are beginning to think about the end of term. Year 12 has completed their Half Yearly exams and their reports are currently being completed by staff. Year 7 and Year 11 teachers will be completing interim reports next week. There will be a parent/teacher evening for Years 7, 11 and 12 on Tuesday, April 3rd, please be ready to book appointments and gain valuable feedback on your child's progress.

We had a successful School Photo day on March 9th. Many thanks to Mrs. Louise Hill and her team who coordinated this event to ensure its smooth running. Zone winter trials were held at GHS on March 14th. The school had many successful participants who have progressed onto the next level in their respective sports. The school celebrated Anti Bullying Day on March 16th; we urge all families to discuss this issue with their student to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff at GHS.

We thank you for your support with the subject deposits, as many have been paid. If you have not done so, please arrange an interview with the Head Teacher so that suitable arrangements can be made to maintain your child's position in that course. We would like to finalise classes and curriculum for the beginning of Term 2.

Currently we are organising the 2011 Annual School Report for GHS, an enormous task that will take a number of weeks. Many thanks to all community members and especially the executive of GHS, for their efforts and support in assisting me to complete this task. Rewards day is being planned for March 29th, so be an outstanding role model at school and be rewarded.

Please assist the school by providing an email address for the posting of the newsletter. It reduces our mailing costs substantially and provides you with a faster service. There are copies at school and in the community which can be picked up for those without email access.

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, particularly with the completion of the PSP surveys last week. This should provide the school with both extra finance and staffing for the next four years; your support is greatly appreciated. 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.

Kind regards

Murray Borham Acting Principal

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Congratulations to School Captain Tom Hassan and Vice Captain Brodie Waterford for stepping up to support the Leukemia Foundation and the World's Greatest Shave. Tom and Brodie, ably assisted by Lauren Hill and Millie Pease, raised approximately \$900 for the Leukemia Foundation. All monies raised for this foundation provide free practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer as well as investing millions in research.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and students that took part in making Woolworths Earn & Learn a huge success. We have been able to redeem our order and have processed approximately \$500 worth of books for our library. It is good to know that we are supporting the Woolworths initiative to rescue fresh food from stores to provide food relief for charities. Already, over half of Woolworth's supermarkets are rescuing surplus fresh food which would otherwise go to landfill. Woolworths aims to substantially increase

its partnerships with local food relief charities and soup kitchens and is actively seeking new community partners to work with stores right across the country. Well done to everyone!

MATHS COMPETITION

Students who would like to enter the Australian Mathematics competition need to pay \$2.00 to the front office before the end of term. The Math's Faculty is subsidising each student's entry by \$3.50

CASIO FX82 PLUS CALCULATORS

Casio fx82 AU plus Calculators are available for purchase from the front office. At the moment they cost \$20.00. A price increase will come into effect at the beginning of Term 2 with calculators costing \$22.00. This is the first increase since 1988. All calculators have a 2 year warranty. Students are required to have an approved scientific calculator to complete their mathematic courses. This is a requirement of the Board of Studies.

GABBY O'GORMAN NSW CHS TENNIS CHAMPION



Congratulations to Year 8 Student Gabby O'Gorman on winning the Under 15's Tennis Singles at the New South Wales CHS Tennis Championships held in Sydney March 13th to March 15th. Gabby won convincingly 7-6 6-4 against Renee McBryde from Wollongong. Due to an unfortunate mix up, Gabby missed out on playing in the doubles competition.

HOLIDAY DATES

Please note the last day of first term is Thursday April 5th with school resuming on Tuesday April 24th. Staff return Monday April 23rd.

Easter holidays run from April 6th to April 9th.

MASTERCHEFS



Tutorial Centre students Jai, Clifton and Jarrod with Ms Blaker enjoying a fruit basket prepared by the boys in their cooking class. Ms Blaker is the students nominated taste tester, and she gave them a perfect score of 50 out of 50.

ABORIGINAL DANCERS



Zac Craig, Jade Winsor, Michael Berry, Tony Griffiths and Lachlan Fleming travelled to Tamworth Thursday March 15th to attend a workshop conducted by The Gomeri Dance Company. The boys will become members of The New England Regional Indigenous Boys Dance Ensemble, performing at the Northwest Dance Festival. The next workshop will be held Thursday March 29th.

BULLYING NO WAY

On Friday 16 March 2012 schools throughout Australia celebrated the annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The focus of the 2012 day is on parents and families taking a stand together with school communities, recognising the important role everyone plays. For further information on bullying go to Bullying No Way website www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

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

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 or by email gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au

ATTENDANCE -APPLYING FOR EXEMPTIONS

"What should I do if our family is going on holiday during school term?"

Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the Principal in advance and **request an exemption** from school.

Depending on the circumstances and how long the leave will be, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.



George Truman & Josh Day

Taliea Endicott & Simone Barr

P & C



Donna Waterford

Jane Norsworthy

Linda Korn

The Annual General Meeting of Gunnedah High School P & C Committee was held Wednesday evening March 21st. The P & C committee for 2012:

President: Mrs. Kath Day-McGuirk

Vice President: Mrs. Linda Korn

Secretary: Mrs. Donna Waterford

Canteen Representative Jane Norsworthy

The position of Treasurer is still vacant. The P&C meet every third Wednesday of each month if you would like a say in your child's education come and be part of this worthwhile organisation.

HOMEWORK AND STUDY TIPS

Homework helps distil and expand on concepts learned in the classroom. Relaxing, getting organised and using good time management are all ways to help make homework less of a stress for the whole family.

For a host of great tips that will have your teen blitzing their homework, see the School A to Z homework tips under the homework and study link:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>



*Izaak Merlehan
enjoying the
Under 14's
Cricket Final*

PRIORITY SCHOOLS SURVEYS

Thank you for the fantastic response in returning the Priority Schools Funding Surveys. Three hundred and twenty seven out of three hundred and thirty were returned, an excellent result! The winners of the \$50 Woolworths Vouchers are:

Daniel Wise, Brendan Gillham, Paris Morley, Tianna Constantine, Liam Davidson, Kimberley Wilkinson, Libby Wicks, Jordan Bemet

NORTH WEST AREA TRIALS



Bianca Day

Ciara Eveleigh



Harry Guest

Abbie Anderson

Kasper Jaeger

On Monday March 5th five swimmers attended the North West Area Trials which were held in Armidale. They were Kasper Jaeger, Harry Guest, Ciara Eveleigh, Bianca Day and Abbie Anderson. All swimmers were a credit to the school and Abbie was exceptionally unlucky not to make the team.

The three swimmers who have made the North West team to compete at CHS Swimming Championships in Sydney are Kasper (4 individual events) Harry (1 individual event) and Ciara (6 individual events)

Combined High Schools (CHS) Swimming Championships are at the Olympic Pool at Homebush in Sydney. The championships will be held on Sunday April 1st to Tuesday April 3rd. Mrs. Reynolds will be attending as one of the North West Managers.