

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*The Principal
and Staff wish
you a Happy
Easter*



GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR COUNCIL 2012

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final Newsletter for Term 1.

Our new Principal has been appointed. His name is Hilton Humphries, currently Principal at Nambucca Heads High School. On behalf of all members of Gunnedah High School Community I would like to welcome Hilton to our school. He is a very experienced Principal who I am certain will do a great job. **Mr. Humphries would like the school to know that from the beginning of Term 2 there will be no mobile phone usage at Gunnedah High School. Phones may be carried in bags for contact after school but are not to be used at any time during school hours.**

As we finish Term One, I would like to remind you of a few dates. School returns, for the students on Tuesday, April 24th. Staff members have a Development Day on Monday, April 23rd; students do not need to be in attendance. Year 11 has exams

commencing at the end of Week 1 in Term 2 in some subjects and Year 10 students have exams at the end of Week 2. Please ensure your student prepares well for these important tasks. Gunnedah High will be represented on Anzac Day. Please come along and support the school in celebrating this important occasion.

We are currently completing the Annual School Report. It will be placed on the school's website shortly. Please take the opportunity to read it on line so that you can see the school's assessment on its own performance.

Thank you to all families for assisting us with the supply of email addresses for the newsletter. If you have not already done so, please forward your address to the school. As this is my final report as Acting Principal, I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support, particularly Mrs. Wendy Blaker and Mrs. Allyson Watson for their efforts in running the school this term. Your kind words and well wishes have been greatly

appreciated. I wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you from the Deputy Principal's office. 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

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.

YEAR 8 MATHS 8M1

Year 8 Math Class M1 has been studying the dam information printed each week in the local paper. As part of their unit on percentages they asked **"If I cannot get more than 100% in a math's exam how can a dam be a 101% full"**. Their answers were excellent. They ranged from errors in measurement and the realization that no measurement can ever be absolutely accurate. The fact that water is running out of a dam...then it must be more than 100% full. Well Done 8M1.



SENIOR COUNCIL



Mr. Kevin Anderson Tom Hassan Kayla Gillham Mr. George Truman

Special guests at the Senior Council dinner held at the Creative Arts Centre were Member for Tamworth, Mr. Kevin Anderson and Mr. George Truman who was the guest speaker. In his address, Mr. Truman, who is a mentor in the Plan-It Youth program, encouraged students to consider volunteering while at school and in their post school life.

After the presentation of badges to the school Captains and Vice Captains by their parents, Mr. Anderson congratulated the students on their election to the Senior Council and urged them to make the most of this opportunity.

Councillor Hans Allgayer and Mrs. Donna Waterford, representing the P and C, officiated with the investiture of members of the Senior Council. The acceptance of Senior Council responsibilities was undertaken by Vice Captains Liana Goninon and Brodie Waterford followed by the signing of the pledge under the guidance of Mr. Borham. Captains Kayla Gillham and Tom Hassan responded on behalf of the students.



SRC

The 2012 members of the SRC were announced last Tuesday March 27th. Students from each year are elected by their peers. They are:

Year 7 Kyra Carlyon, Meg Hassan, Jaxon Holbrook, Kustiani Tuckerman.

Year 8 Angela Barton, Carys Griffiths, Tony Griffiths, Darcy Hill.

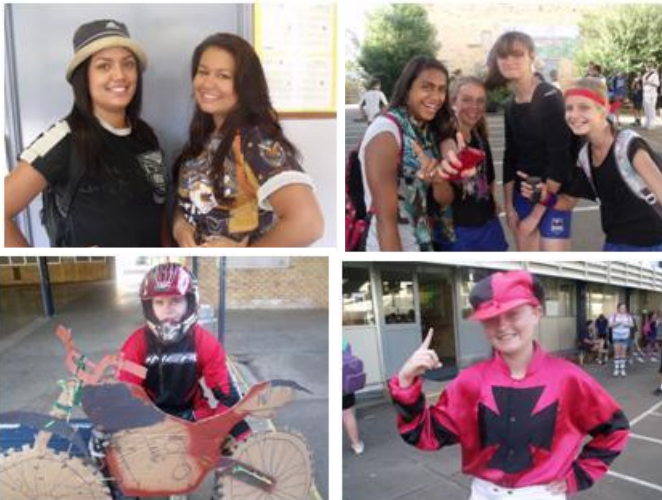
Year 9 Izaak Merlehan, Jarod Reynolds, Paris Morley, Liam Davidson, Alannah Penfold.

Year 10 Allison Korn, Breanna Jones, Reanna Hill, Kayla Smith.

Year 11 Hughie Berry, Selina King, Rhianna Bettridge.

SRC - HARMONY DAY

Gunnedah High celebrated Harmony Day on March 27th. Students dressed in their favourite sporting teams, each student was charged a gold coin to wear free dress. Money raised went to SRC funds.



CIARA EVELEIGH SILVER



Congratulations to Ciara Eveleigh who finished second in the 12-15 Years Multi Class 100m Backstroke at the Combined High School State Swimming Carnival held in Sydney this week. Harry Guest and Kasper Jaeger also competed at the CHS Carnival, beating their personal best times. Kasper by 6 seconds and Harry by 3. Well Done...

RADIO 2GGG/2MO



Ashlee Haire Sara Hutchinson with 2GGG announcer Jules

Gunnedah High School News can be heard on Radio 2MO at 1.15 Thursdays.

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To ensure you receive a copy of the Newsletter please inform the front office ladies of your email address. Phone 67420155

BIG NIGHT OUT

Saturday 14th April 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Smithurst Theatre Gunnedah

GEAR JAMMER

Supported by local artists
Lithium Visions Lily Schultz Jess Lachlan and Stewie

Tickets \$5.00

Available at Gunnedah High School
and the Youth Services Office

Get your ticket early or pay \$7.00 at the door

Bus available from: **Boggabri, Curlewis, Carroll, Mullaley and Tambar Springs**
Bookings Essential Phone 67402240

Please note the last day of term 1 is Thursday April 5th with school resuming on Tuesday April 24th. Staff return Monday April 23rd

The Principal and Staff wish you a Happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable holiday.



THE RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (ROSA)

WHY CHANGE THE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE?

- It is now much less common for students to leave school at the end of Year 10 to seek work or start apprenticeships.
- Over the last 45 years. Many more students want to stay at school to complete their HSC, and as a community we are encouraging that trend by increasing the school leaving age, setting national targets for school retention, and introducing more and varied HSC courses.
- Some students will still want to leave school before receiving their HSC. Currently, around 18 percent of students who complete Year 10 do not go on to receive their HSC.
- Students who decide to leave school during Years 11 or 12 deserve a record of their school achievements, presented in a way that is appropriate for the 21st century and meaningful for them and prospective employers.

THE NEW CREDENTIAL WILL:

- be a record of achievement for students who leave school prior to receiving their HSC
- report results of moderated, schoolbased assessment, not external tests
- be available when a student leaves school any time after they complete Year 10
- be cumulative and recognise a student's achievements until the point they leave school
- show a result for all courses completed in Year 10 and Year 11
- be able to be reliably compared between students across NSW
- give students the option to take online literacy and numeracy tests
- be comprehensive and offer the ability to record a student's extracurricular achievements.

ROSA AND ATTENDANCE

- The abolition of the external School Certificate tests does not alter the end date for Year 10. Students would still need to have a satisfactory record of attendance up until the final day of the school year, as defined by their school principal or school system authority.
- Without the external tests, schools will have additional time in Term 4 to complete Year 10 course requirements.

There will be no change to the starting point for Higher School Certificate studies as a consequence of the introduction of the new credential.

ACHIEVING THE RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

It is proposed that to qualify for the award of a Record of School Achievement, a student must have:

- attended a government school, an accredited nongovernment school or a recognised school outside NSW
- undertaken and completed courses of study that satisfy the Board's curriculum and assessment requirements for the Record of School Achievement
- complied with any other regulations or requirements (such as attendance) imposed by the Minister or the Board and
- completed Year 10.
- It is proposed that the new credential will report on student achievements in Stage 5 using A to E grades (or equivalent) in the same way as currently occurs at the end of Year 10 (but without external test results).
- The current procedures and course performance descriptors for awarding grades A to E in Stage 5 courses would be retained.
- A to E (or equivalent) grades would be extended to Stage 6 Preliminary (Year 11) courses.
- If a student partially completes a Preliminary or HSC course it is proposed that the Record of School Achievement record the courses that the student has undertaken up until the point of departure from school, **with the date of leaving shown.**
- If a student takes HSC courses but is not entitled to an HSC, those HSC results would be recorded on their Record of School Achievement.
- It is proposed that the NSW Record of School Achievement not be a 'one point in time' document, but rather, a record of a student's achievements up until the time they choose to leave school.
- It is proposed that schools will continue to provide individual assessments for their students from Year 10 onwards. The Board will store that information and issue the Record of School Achievement only when a student leaves school.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT REPORTING ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE NSW RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT WOULD BE BASED ON SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENTS.