

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome to our Newsletter. My first term at Gunnedah High School is completed. It has been a very busy term. I would like to thank all of the people, parents, staff members and students who have made me feel welcomed into the Gunnedah High School Community. It is always a pleasure to meet wonderful, respectful kids who have so much to offer. It is important that these students are recognised and given the opportunity to excel and reach their potential.

There are certainly a lot of sporting opportunities at our school. In the past term I have watched Rugby League, Soccer, Netball, Tennis, AFL and Athletics. Every week there has been a sporting activity on. In the past week the sporting success has been highlighted with Regional wins for our Girls Tennis Team against Armidale High and our netball side who beat the highly fancied Oxley High at Tamworth by 1 goal last Friday. The warm up game against the staff must have been just the right preparation for Ms. Starke's inspired team!

A reminder once again to all parents that Monday the 16th July is NOT A PUPIL FREE DAY. All students

will return on Monday the July 16th. It is our intention to have a staff development day on Wednesday 22nd August during Agquip.

I look forward to the continued success of our school. I hope that we can celebrate academic and cultural success as well as our sporting success. Next term there will be a focus on uniform in our school. The major bodies in our school support the wearing of full school uniform and we as a staff, will be implementing that desire. I hope that all have a safe and relaxing few weeks with your children. For some you will realise that we are not paid enough! Year 12 need to ensure that their HSC preparations continue. I look forward to seeing you all next term when school commences on Monday the 16th July for all students. **Hilton Humphries, Principal.**



SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIPS



Combining the demands of senior HSC studies and a passion for nursing has earned GHS student **Teagan Cahill** a finalist nomination in the New England Regional Training

Awards. Teagan is an asset to the facility. She is eager to learn and great with patients," said Sister Tracy Anderson, Gunnedah and District Hospital. "Teagan is the second student to undergo training at the hospital. It's a great program and gives students a good introduction to nursing," said Sister Anderson. Teagan is one of many students at Gunnedah High School enjoying the benefits of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT). Under the guidance of teachers Kel Walls and Gail Hill, an SBAT enables students to obtain a nationally recognised qualification along with their Higher School Certificate

Mackayla Mitchell is one student who leapt at the opportunity to fast-track her career. After meeting a female electrician during an excursion to Mt Arthur Coal Mine, Mackayla decided she would also pursue this trade. The Year 11 student successfully earned a School Based Apprenticeship with Maules Creek Mine. Contracted to Charlie and Joy Thomson, Mackayla is studying Electro Technology Certificate 111 through Tamworth TAFE.

SBAT in the field of agriculture is allowing GHS students **Jackson Howes** and Lauren Swain to pursue their passion for the land and farming. Jackson is a trainee with Davidson Cameron & Co. He spends his days travelling the district servicing clients in areas such as drafting, weighing and mouthling livestock, as well as attending livestock sales.



"It's good to see Gunnedah High getting involved in this program," said Dave Henry from Davidson Cameron & Co.



Lauren Swain is completing her traineeship on the family farm "Heatherbrae", Carroll. The Year 12 student is nearing the end of her two-year study through TAFE in a Certificate 11 in Agriculture. Lauren's duties include sheep and cattle work, cropping and irrigation and tractor work. After graduating from school, Lauren hopes to combine her love of farming while studying a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at Charles Sturt University.



New SBAT recruit **Nina-May Cleal** already has a foot planted in the financial sector. The GHS student recently started working at the National Australia Bank where she is quickly gaining valuable skills in customer service and banking.



Sylvie Golding is working at First National Real Estate in administration and property management. Sylvie is studying Business Services and is also studying Real Estate and Property Management online, through O Ten. Sylvie wants to pursue a career in Real Estate when she finishes school



Jordan Lumby is undertaking her traineeship at McDonalds, Jordan is studying Retail Management.

Bryan Looker has a School Based Apprenticeship with KFC. Bryan works after school hours to fulfill his obligations with KFC. Bryan also undertakes a training course provided by KFC



GHS HIGHLIGHTS

North West Girls Tennis Trials. Gunnedah High School tennis players were successful with four students making it through to the North West Girls' Tennis Team. Congratulations go to Gabrielle O'Gorman, Jessica Novley, Nicola Bruce and Chloe Beasley.



Gabby



Jess



Nikki



Chloe

North West Soccer. Luke Curgenvin, Year 10, and Matthew Daley, Year 12, were selected in the North West Soccer Team. Luke and Matthew competed at the NSW Combined High Schools State Football Carnival....Well done, guys!



Matthew



Luke

Boys Tennis. The GHS Boys Tennis Team last week won against Narrabri High 5 – 3 and Coonabarabran High 7-1. Congratulations go to Zac McCann, Joshua Day, Samuel O'Gorman and Lachlan Paine.



Lachlan



Josh



Sam



Zac

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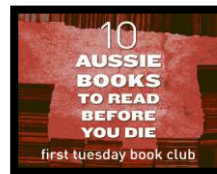


School Captains, Kayla Gillham and Tom Hassan, travelled to Sydney on June 15th to meet with other country School Captains at Parliament House where they undertook a tour of the Upper and Lower Houses as well as the Media Room. Former School Captain and now a Member of the Legislative Council, Sarah Mitchell, spoke to the visiting Captains about leadership qualities and her decision to stand for Parliament.



In the afternoon, the Captains met with State Governor, Marie Bashir, at Government House. Kayla and Tom were able to talk to the Governor about their role at school and their plans after completing the HSC. During this annual Leadership Day, Kayla and Tom were able to network with Captains from other schools and found the day a valuable and rewarding one.

LIBRARY NEWS



This month the library has a feature display of "10 Aussie Books You Must Read Before You Die" from the ABC's first tuesday book club. They include:

Eucalyptus by Murray Bail,
Wanting by Richard Flanagan,
The Secret River by Kate Grenville,
Cloudstreet by Tim Winton,
Book Thief by Markus Zusak,
My Brilliant Career by Miles Franklin,
Carpentaria by Alexis Wright,
Ransom by David Malouf,
Tree of Man by Patrick White,
The Harp in the South by Ruth Park.
So, what books would you include on the list?

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED!



The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

The SRC held a magical Mad Hatter's tea party on Tuesday June 19th transforming GHS into a fairytale wonderland. Students and staff wore an assortment of weird and wacky hats in many sizes, shapes and colours. The SRC raised \$545.00 which will be donated to the Cancer Council.



NARRABRI WEST SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS



Samantha and Rebecca Craig, along with Shelby White, competed at the Narrabri West School Horse Sports on Friday June 15th. The girls had a successful weekend with Sam

being runner up in the highest point score.

MRS BORHAM'S MASTERCHEFS



Keegan, Cody, Alistair



Jennifer



Torri

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