

GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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GHS CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK AUGUST 13TH -17TH

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Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome to our Newsletter. Thank you to the many parents that are supporting our efforts to provide a safe school environment by ensuring that all students are in uniform. There are no excuses not to be in uniform as student assistance is available for those who have financial difficulties. Wearing of uniform is about showing respect for the school and our values.

Congratulations to the netball girls who have been crowned the Regional Champions. They will now compete for the State title as they battle regional winners from other parts of the state. Well done, girls, and Miss Starke – a wonderful achievement.

Year 12 students completed their interviews last week and, in the following weeks, will receive their last report from school. It is vital that the students follow up the advice offered to them last week. It is time to prepare study timetables, organise time management, run off past papers, get your university choices sorted and ensure that you have plenty of time to study for the HSC.

Ashlee Haire and Sara Hutchison enjoyed the lifestyle of a Regional Director last week, dropping in for morning teas and lunches at schools and touring around. They were acknowledged by our Regional Director, Mr. White, but they failed to approve the



additional funds application from Gunnedah High School!!

Year 10 and Year 8 students please ensure that you have returned your 2013 subject choices. We will be setting up line choices based on student selection shortly. We will then interview students to ensure that they are making the right choices in regards to ability and interests.

To those parents who have dropped in to introduce themselves, thank you; to the others, if you have the time then I would be happy to meet you!

Mr. Hilton Humphries
Principal.



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THANK YOU! MRS HAIRE



Thank you, Mrs. Haire! You have done an outstanding job sewing and painting the Knock em Sock em's, for our NAIDOC Festivities.

Sue Haire sure has talent!



NAIDOC WEEK AUGUST 13TH -17TH

Monday 13th August:

10.40am – 11am **Flag Raising Assembly**
'Hunt for the Golden, Silver & Bronze Boomerangs'
Spear the Kangaroo

Tuesday 14th August:

Billy Boiling

Wednesday 15th August:

Special Guests:
Mrs. Connie McDonagh
 Woodside's West Pilbara Indigenous Supplier Development Advisor
Mr. Ryan Griffen Aboriginal Film Producer
Knock 'em Sock 'em
Drama class performance in the new quad
Elder's/Executive luncheon
Touch Football Game:
 Teachers vs. Community Members

Thursday 16th August:

Emu Egg Race
Johnny Cakes with Wild Rosella Jam

Friday 17th August:

Gum Nut Throwing

THANK YOU!

To our Breakfast Club Volunteers. A **HUGE Thank You!** Breakfast Club operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8am 8:50am.



Ms. Judy Cavanagh, Ms. Joy Wilson and Mr. Don Ewing

BABYSITTING

Babysitting is the most common job undertaken by 12-15 year olds in NSW with 21% working as babysitters.

The NSW Commission for Children and Young People has developed a set of resources for teens who are working as babysitters and for parents engaging the services of a babysitter.

To find out more and download factsheets go to:
<http://kids.nsw.gov.au/kids/kidzone/resources/babysitting.cfm#ixzz20TwSRDNo>



ACADEMIC STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations go to Mr. Humphries' Academic Students of the Week:

Week 3: Alistair MacDougall Year 10

Week 4: Paris Morley Year 9



AUSTRALIAN BOOKS YOU CAN'T PUT DOWN



Books You Can't Put Down Guide lists 50 of the year's best books. There is something to inspire everyone to get reading! The guide is central to the main Get Reading! campaign, which is held each year and aims to

inspire all Australians to kick back, relax, and get reading. Here is a selection from the list of 50 titles:

Gillian Mears **"Foal's Bread"** (Winner of the ALS Gold Medal)

Anna Funder **"All that I Am"** (2012 Miles Franklin Award)

Nick Vujicic **"Life Without Limits"**

Geraldine Brooks **"Caleb's Crossing"**

Kate Grenfell **"Sarah Thornhill"**

John Birmingham **"Without Warning"**

Justin Chronin **"The Passage"**

Suzanne Collins **"The Hunger Games"**

Craig Jurisevic **"Blood on my Hands"**

GHS CLOWNS VISIT BOGGABRI

On Thursday 28th June, a handful of Drama students from Year Nine and Ten put their clowning skills to the ultimate test when they performed at Boggabri Primary School. During the visit the students presented their short clowning skits and showed the primary students how to play a variety of improvisational games including *Emotional Recall* and *Space Jump*. Highlights included Nicola Bruce and Alannah Penfold as host, as well, Christopher Faint and Breanna Green in *Clown Masterchef*. The Drama students encouraged the primary students to take part in the improvisational games and soon everyone wanted a turn. All students enjoyed the performances and are looking forward to repeating it soon. Thank you to Mr. Humphries for driving the bus and to all of the enthusiastic students at the Boggabri School.



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Netball: Congratulations go to the Girl's Netball Team, Regional Winners defeating Inverell High School 32 – 22. The girls will now go on to compete in the state finals. A huge thank you to the team's coach, Miss Jasmin Starke.



Tennis: Well done to the Boy's Tennis Team; Josh Day, Sam O'Gorman, Zac McCann and Lachlan Paine. Despite their best efforts, the boys were defeated by Farrar Agricultural High School.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR A DAY



Wednesday 1st August, Year 11 students Ashlee Haire and Sara Hutchinson joined Mr. Jim White, Regional Director for the New England Region during his Education Week visit to Gunnedah Schools. The girls were special guests at the opening of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at the Gunnedah South School. Ashlee and Sara also visited classrooms at the Curlewis Public School and finished their day taking Mr. White on a guided tour of Gunnedah High School.



SCI-FI DISSECTIONS

Mr. Twining's Year 8 Science class are working on Body Systems and recently dissected a lamb's heart. Miss Christoff's Year 11 Senior Science students are also studying body systems and last week dissected a rat.



Year 8 Students

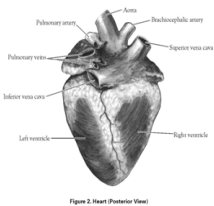


Figure 2. Heart (Posterior View)



Express Yourself IN FACE ART

All you need to do is express yourself and show off your design talents! Create a face - any style, any type, any look, and you and your school could score a share of more than \$8,000 in prizes

Entries and voting are open from 25th July

Join in – upload, vote and make yourself count!
Get your entries in early to maximise your chances of winning.

www.yourskinandyou.com



GUNNEDAH JUNIOR OZTAG

7 to 14 Years

\$50 (includes playing shorts) to new players

Starting Tuesday's 30th October 5 to 6 pm

Rego 8th & 15th October @ Longmuir Fields
5 to 6pm

Enquiries – Tania 0407 481310

IT'S SUMMER IT HAS TO BE CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS



This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batters and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre.
Sign up now with your local club or find out more at...

playcricket.com.au

SNEEK PREVIEW—GHS's GOT TALENT!!!

