

# GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9, Term 3, 2018



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
Year 11 Exams start

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
P&C Meeting

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
Rewards Day

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
Year 12 Farewell  
Assembly

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
Last day of Term 3

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
First day of Term 4

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*Year 11 students Ashleigh Mills and Lucy Moore have raised \$1150 for drought relief.*

## PUCKERING UP FOR A CAUSE

Two Gunnedah High School students have taken their passion for agriculture and invested it in a drought fundraiser.

With the help of staff and fellow students, Lucy Moore and Ashleigh Mills have raised \$1150 for Aussie Helpers through activities including a barbecue, Dress like a Farmer Day, petting zoo and "Kiss a Cow" initiative.

Ashleigh said she wanted to do something to help because she was seeing the impacts of the drought first-hand.

"I work part-time on a property and after seeing the devastating effects of the drought, I knew I needed to help and the best way was to go through the school," she said.

The Year 11 student teamed up with friend and fellow agriculture student Lucy who is "just as passionate as me".

"My dad's a farmer and I

grew up on a farm," Lucy said.

"We've spent a lot of time [on this fundraiser]."

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*Mr Kiely gets up close with Monty.*

# YEAR 12 MAJOR DESIGN PROJECTS



*A poker table that converts to a regular table was Jayden's creation.*



*Rowan designed and built an outdoor table.*

Jayden Beasley, Rowan Keeler, James Thomas and Bryce Weston can now relax as their Major Design Projects have been marked.

The projects began 12 months ago and the journey has been rewarding.

Students now are busy

studying for the theoretical component of the HSC.

With many late afternoons at school and a few weekends they have learnt the concept of persistence, problem solving, teamwork and attention to detail.

Great job!



*Jayden and Rowan with their teacher, Mr Michael Vaughn.*



*Bryce constructed a firepit.*



*James presented a series of plant stands.*



*Ashleigh Mills, Lucy Moore, Cameron Gale, Desmond Tuckerman, Maddi Hagan and Taryn Maher all ran for a GHS leadership position.*

# 2019 SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

Six Year 11 students each presented a two minute speech at assembly on Monday, September 3 in hope of becoming a leader of Gunnedah High in 2019.

They were then interviewed by a panel made up of former GHS Deputy Principal, Mr Terry Curran, current Captains Jessica Moore and Jacob Bush, and English teacher, Mrs Gai Schubert.

Congratulations to Captains-elect Ashleigh Mills and Desmond Tuckerman who will lead GHS in 2019. Lucy Moore and Cameron Gale will provide support as Vice-Captains.



*Captains Jessica Moore and Jacob Bush with Mr Terry Curran and Mrs Gai Schubert.*



## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Students in Years 7-11 recently participated in the annual Tell Them From Me survey.

The survey allows students to give feedback about their school and learning experience anonymously.

Parents/carers are also encouraged to complete the survey (<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/4xt5j>)

The parent survey is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school. These insights can all help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.



# DROUGHT FUNDRAISER

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The pair started brainstorming ideas with the help of Year 7 student Nicola Bemet and in August approached acting principal Ken White who "jumped straight on board".

The "Kiss a Cow" concept gained the most traction, with Lucy and Ashleigh setting up donation boxes for about 20 teachers who were willing to kiss Monty the school's Friesian calf. The students then put money in the boxes of the two teachers they would most like to pucker up, with Andy Kiely and Emojong Mamai coming out on top.

The two teachers applied bright lipstick and planted one on Monty who did not entirely welcome the close attention. Monty was, however, happy to receive affection from Lucy and Ashleigh who are well known to him from their time in the agriculture plot.

The activity was originally organised to happen on Friday, along with novelty games, but a storm blew that idea away. It was postponed to Monday and once again, rain set in, so it took place on Wednesday instead.



"Our spirit brought the rain," Lucy said. "That's a really big amount for a small school."

Agriculture teacher Nicole Dwyer said the girls did a "brilliant job".

"They showed great initiative to get it up and running," she said.

The students said they were thankful to Leon DeGroot for lending the piglets and calves and the school's farm assistant Philip Tydd for rounding them up

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# FORMER STUDENT PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION OPTIONS

Former student Mr Reece Griffiths recently ran a workshop with Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students about attending university.

Reece is currently studying teaching and he wanted to reach out to students and let them know of the opportunities that are available through the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at UTS.

Jumbunna supports the academic, social, cultural and emotional well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UTS. Their vision is to create a place where all Indigenous Australians can access education and be supported to succeed.

In the workshop Reece explained courses, pathways, Abstudy, on-campus housing and the support networks available.

Thank you to our Careers Advisor, Mrs Sanson and Reece for organising this informative workshop.



*Year 11 students, Zac Turnbull and Zoe Fleming enjoyed Reece Griffiths workshop.*

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# FAIR '18

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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ALL  
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5PM TO 9.30PM

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DRINK  
STALLS

DUNKING  
MACHINE

DANCE,  
MUSIC +  
DRAMA

JUMPING  
CASTLE

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NOVELTY  
EVENTS



## CELEBRATING SASS RECOGNITION WEEK

During Week 7 Gunnedah High celebrated two important events – SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week and Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week.

These staff members are the unsung heroes in our schools, whether they work in the office, library, school grounds or supporting teachers in classrooms.

Their hard work and dedication make a big difference to students, teachers and the school community.

Thank you for everything that you do!



## AWARDS FOR LONG-SERVING EMPLOYEES



Several Gunnedah High Staff members have recently received recognition for their long service ranging from 20 to 40 years. Pictured above are teachers Mrs Louise Hill, Mrs Gai Schubert and Mr Barry McRae. School Administration Officer, Mrs Kerry Worboys is pictured at right.





# SCHOOLS ON STAGE



Congratulations to all of our GHS students who performed at Schools on Stage during Week 7.

Our choral group performed "We are Australian" and were very well received.

Our dance groups and instrumentalists in

the band were also great contributors. Year 11 student Maddi Hagan was an excellent co-compere.

Thank you especially to Mrs Davies and Mrs Stewart for their enthusiasm and effort in making these performances happen.



## GYC DESSERT BAR

Celebrate the last Friday of the school holidays at the GYC Dessert Bar.

Gunnedah Youth Council (GYC) will offer a range of tasty treats, so come and support this delicious initiative.

Profits raised go towards the Gunnedah Community Scholarship Fund and the Gunnedah Youth Council.

The GYC Dessert Bar will be held on Friday, October 12 from 5-9pm at The Civic Centre.



## Creative Writing

### THE TALE OF GEORGE THE BRAVE KNIGHT

Once upon a time there was beautiful princess. She lived in a glamorous castle. She had a magic ring, but little did she know the ring was cursed. Every night when the moon rose, she turned into a hideous Ork. A knight named George the First said he will go rescue her. So off he went on his trusted steed Leo. They galloped over the highest mountains and the deepest rivers until they reached the Tower of Doom. He was stopped by a dragon named Dagon. George pulled out his magic sword of Marlon. He swung his sword and said "be gone Dagon!" He slayed the beast and ran and ran until he got to the top if the tower. The princess was asleep. He took off his helmet and kissed the princess. His kiss broke the curse and they lived happily ever after.

By Noah Taylor, Year 7

# It's all in the way we look at things

Students from the Stage 4 and 5 GATE classes attended a workshop with acclaimed author, journalist, traveller and student of the world, James Knight on August 30.

Organised by the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society, this workshop challenged students to look for the layers in life and find interesting stories to tell.

The workshop started with sharing some interesting personal details. Students learnt a lot about each other from this activity, including instructions about how to tie a windsor knot, recommendations for use of Nivea shampoo and many, many people with a deep love for pasta.

Other creative activities discussed simple things like a bucket and a clock. With many amazing and interesting ideas along with a long list of questions asking why, who, when, how and why again? The message was to never assume anything. A bucket might not be a bucket, and a minute may mean something else entirely. It's all in the way you look at things.

James' energy and passion for stories was infectious; encouraging students to look beyond the obvious and always ask questions. And when you think you're done asking questions, ask some more! His strong connections with the local community came through in his personal anecdotes about life, family and friendship in Gunnedah, including his experiences at Gunnedah High School and Gunnedah South Public School.

Students who attended the workshop: Ellyn Blinman, Dakota Milne, Claire McGuirk, Matilda Betts, Brianna Kerr, Amity Cleal, Keynan Jeffrey, Aidan R de Luzuriaga, Connor Anderson, Reignar Field, Ethan Newcombe, Tayla Moore, Tamika Burns, Jacob West, Jack Trappel, Lachlan Moore, Kaytlyn Murrell, Blake Bridge, Josh Egan, Nathan Bush, Adam McGuirk





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# GIFTED + ENRICHMENT CLASS (GEC)



**In 2019, the Gifted and Enrichment Class (GEC) will have some exciting changes at Gunnedah High School.**

Due to increased interest in this program, we will be offering a GEC class for all year groups across Stage 4 and 5.

Each year this program continues to grow as a reputable academic option for secondary education in Gunnedah.

We are looking forward to continuing this journey with students, staff, families and the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at Gunnedah High School.

Applications forms are available from your primary school or Gunnedah High School's Front Office.



**2019 applications close Friday, October 19 (Week 1, Term 4)**

- Collaborative learning
- Cross-curriculum
- Project-based learning
- STEM
- Accelerated curriculum
- Specialised elective units
- Asian UNE Connections program
- Community projects

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Contact Mrs Bec Mizzi or Mrs Belinda Foran for more information



# CAREER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



## CEPs STUDENTS GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS FROM RFS

Year 9 CEPs students had their final assessment with the Rural Fire Service (RFS) on September 12.

Every Wednesday during Term 3, RFS members have given their time help train our students.

Students will be learning about the SES during Term 4.





## TERM 4 SPORT

All Year 7-10 students will be participating in Sport in Term 4, and with the warmer weather upon us we are able to offer some exciting options on and off-school grounds.

Each year group are given a number of sports to choose, some with a small cost, and some without.

Students have been given a webcode to select their preferences and will be placed in a sport in a 'first in, best dressed' process. Webcodes are available if students have misplaced theirs from the GHS Sports Organiser, Mrs Brady.

Students are reminded that Sport is to be treated like any other subject. You must be in attendance with your timetabled sport, otherwise you will be listed as a truant. If students wish to change sports they must provide a letter from their parent/caregiver for discussion with Mr Mooney, Head Teacher PDHPE and Mrs Brady, Sport Organiser. It may not be approved in every instance, due to class numbers and DET Sport and physical activity supervision guidelines.

Below are the sports listed that available to each year group.

### Year 7

Swimming \$2  
Lawn Bowls \$2  
Dance  
Circuit Training

### Year 8

Swimming \$2  
Gymnastics  
Multisports  
Transition (GATE only) \$2

### Year 9

Swimming \$2  
Softball  
Badminton

### Year 10

Swimming \$2  
Lawn Bowls \$2  
Multisports

A reminder to be prepared for each sport lesson with appropriate footwear, sun protection, water and money and swimwear (if required) coming into the warmer months.

Any questions regarding Term 4 Sport please contact GHS Sport Organiser, Mrs Brady.



# DUBBO SHEEP SHOW

The Dubbo School Wether Challenge held during Week 6 saw Gunnedah High competing against 32 other high schools. Schools came from as far north as Lismore, south east as Narooma, Walla Walla and Adelaide.

Each school was given seven wethers from Egelabra at Warren NSW, in early February to look after, grow and manage.

It was absolutely fascinating for Mrs Dwyer and her students to see how environment and nutrition can affect carcass and wool growth in a mob of genetically similar animals.

The animals were judged as a production animal, shorn, wool weighed and tested and the younger students participated in junior judging.

Final results

GHS came 4th overall in the carcass results out of 33 schools, narrowly missing out on major ribbon.

The seven students from Years 9 and 10 were a credit to Gunnedah High.

A huge thank you to the Agriculture and Primary Industries classes that helped prepare the sheep, to our farm assistant Mr Philip Tydd, Egelabra Stud and Mr Anderson, and to Mr Ben Watts and his awesome team for running and hosting the Dubbo Schools Wether Challenge





## GHS GETS AN UPDATE

Gunnedah High has had a mini-facelift with new and updated signage around the school.

The Gymnasium now features new signage and our school crest.

Inside the gymnasium the lyrics for the National Anthem and our school song, O Semper Optime are a prominent feature.

C Block received an update to the lettering plus the school crest.

Thanks to McKnight Signs for their professionalism installing the signage.



# NORTH WEST CHAMPIONS FOR GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

The Under 14's Girls League Tag team played four games against teams from around the region in the North West Finals day, after winning the regional final in Narrabri.

The girls started the day well with a win against Glen Innes, scoring two tries to one. Sharon Shoobert was the player of the game after terrorising the opposition defence with her attack.

The second game was a tight one against McCarthy, who were probably the favourites to win the shield for the day. Our girls defended outstandingly though and managed a two-all draw. Captain Claire McGuirk was awarded the player of the game due to her awesome attacking runs.

The third match was another tight game that could have gone either way, but the girls managed to outclass Oxley High School 3-1 after defending their line for an extended



period of time, and then scoring a try to seal the lead. Belle Byne was outstanding in the

middle of the field in attack and defense and was awarded the player of the match.

In the final match of the day the girls had to play Holy Trinity of Inverell, who had also recorded two wins and a draw. The match was effectively the final for the day and the winner would be crowned the North West champions for the year.

Our girls started well and managed to post the first two tries. Inverell hit back and the game was once again on a

knife's edge until a brilliant catch by Charlotte Eather off an attacking bomb gave GHS another try lead. A late try to Gunnedah again cemented the lead and the girls finished victors four tries to two. Charlotte was awarded the player of the match.

All of the girls on the team throughout the day played great together and have shown a huge improvement in their skill and teamwork. Well done to all of the players on winning this years shield.

## TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

- Keep it fun** but don't take it *too seriously*  
*It's not the World Titles*
- Be enthusiastic** but don't *scream & shout* instructions from the sideline
- Emphasise trying hard** *not winning*
- Cheer & acknowledge** good plays by *all players, both teams*
- Accept decisions by officials** they are human & can make mistakes
- Let coaches do the coaching**
- Always remember, volunteers run kids sport**
- Understand, uphold and support** your club's **code of conduct**
- Allow your child to play for themselves**  
*Let kids make the decisions on and off the field*
- Think before you speak**  
*Your words may harm others*

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## YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS MAJOR WORK



Year 12 Visual Arts students have submitted their major artworks. They will be marked in the next few weeks.





## YEAR 7 IN THE KITCHEN

Year 7 Food Technology students were tasked with decorating a cake using the flooding technique (also known as a drip cake).

A lot of effort went into the presentation.

The cakes certainly look delicious, don't they!



# EXCURSION TO CARROLL COTTON GIN



On Thursday, September 6 at 9.30am we (both MC classes) caught the school bus to Carroll Cotton Gin. Mr Heath drove the bus and Mrs Wales, Mrs Haire and Mrs Henderson came with us.

When we got there we picked Sarah up at the office and drove around the Gin. We saw the hopper which loads the cotton seed into trucks to sell to farmers for cattle feed.

We saw the forklift driver load the bales of cotton onto the truck to go to Sydney or Brisbane to get shipped overseas.

We drove around through the 'Rounds' and picked Trudy up. Trudy and Sarah were explaining the Gin systems as we went.

We saw the 'Moon buggy' then continued to the front entrance of the Gin.

We put on high-vis vests and ear protection because the Gin is very noisy! We went inside and saw the rough cotton being rolled off the moon buggy onto the belt, it then travelled to the basement. It goes from there into the machines to be cleaned then it moves along to be packed into bales.

Kerry then bags the bales to go out into the shed. From

here they are loaded onto the trucks to travel.

We met Scotty and had a chat about growing cotton. Trudy kindly gave us some rough cotton, cotton seed and clean cotton to take with us! We are going to plant and grow some cotton of our own from the seeds.

Thanks very much to Carroll Cotton for having us to look around their Gin.

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# GHS CALENDAR



Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	17/9	18/9	19/9 YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY	20/9	21/9 YEAR 11 EXAMS
	24/9	25/9 P&C MEETING	26/9 YEAR 12 DAY OF FUN REWARDS DAY	27/9 YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY	28/9 YEAR 12/STAFF BREAKFAST LAST DAY - TERM 3
10	YEAR 11 EXAMS				

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	15/10 FIRST DAY - TERM 4	16/10	17/10	18/10 HSC EXAMS BEGIN	19/10
	22/10	23/10 P&C MEETING	24/10	25/10 AECG MEETING (GS KIDD)	26/10
2	29/10	30/10	31/10	1/11	2/11
	5/11	6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11 HSC EXAMS END
3	YEAR 10 EXAMS				
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**Gunnedah Community Scholarship Fund**  
SUPPORT OUR YOUTH SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY GOLF & FAMILY FUN DAY**

SUNDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2018  
GUNNEDAH GOLF CLUB

4 Person Ambrose + 4 Ball Par +  
Supreme Team Challenge

Heaps of prizes to be won, novelty games, live music and family activities. What a fun way to end the year with your work colleagues and mates!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT  
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*Farmer Needs a Dress*

**HOW IT WORKS:**  
Generous donations of formal wear from Australia wide have been collected to help graduating students in remote rural areas to attend their year 12 formal. So we are inviting all graduates to come and find the formal gown of your dreams FOR FREE.  
Pre Loved and new all sizes and colors.

- Formal gowns
- Men's suits
- you may even find something for mum or dad to wear!!!!
- shoes, clutches and accessories may be available.

**DATE:**  
Come along to Tamworth Hillvue Scout Hall  
Located on Hyman Park Hillvue Rd South Tamworth  
Date 10th, 11th and 12th October  
Open from 10am to 4pm each day

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## NAPLAN RESULTS

You have probably heard that there has been a delay in the distributing NAPLAN results to schools due to technical issues from the combination of some schools doing the tests online and some schools via pen and paper. The DET is working very hard to get these results which were released later than usual by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and then the NSW Educational Standards Authority taking longer to reconcile this data and then providing it to the Department. We hope to have your child's individual "paper copy" results out to parents/ carers either late this week or early next week.

## YEAR 12

Our Year 12 students are in the "home turn" now as they prepare for the HSC. The trick is now to work on the 50% exam component as the assessment component is now done. Students can work on exam technique and essay styles via practice questions or past papers. We have the Year 12 Farewell assembly on Thursday Sept 27th and a few distractions as well with the traditional "muck up" activities that will inevitably occur, but apart from that, there is plenty for Years 12 group to focus on

## SCHOOLS ON STAGE

I was totally thrilled by our school's performance at the recent Schools on Stage shows. Our choral group stole the show (in my opinion) with their "We are Australian" performance and our



dance group performed exceptionally well as well as our musicians in the accompanying band. Maddie Hagan as co-compare was also well received by the audience.

## YEAR 11 EXAMS

Our Year 11 exams start on Monday 24th September and run for the week, I wish these students well as they prepare to complete their Year 11 studies and prepare to embark on their HSC journey.

## REWARDS DAY

Our new positive rewards system is going well with many students gaining their bronze awards in recognition of their actions of being "respectful, responsible and doing their best". We have our Rewards Day coming up in Week 10 of this term, with Bronze awards winners and higher travelling to Tamworth to participate in activities at "Jump Up".

Thank you to our Visible Learning Team for their work in running our rewards program.

## YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION

Over the next few weeks there will be many activities for our 2019 Year 7 students who are in transition to us across from our local primary schools. We also have great news in that Mr Kiely has agreed to be an assistant Year 7 Adviser next year with Miss Constable. Miss Constable and Mr Kiely are working with Ms McInerney, our Deputy Principal, overseeing the transition from Year 6-7 runs as smooth and as informative as possible!

Mr Ken White  
Relieving Principal



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