Dear Parent/ Caregiver

On Friday 20th February the school held the annual swimming carnival. The behaviour of the students was good and participation rates were high for all who attended. Can I especially thank the PE staff who do a great job in organising the carnival each year. Congratulations to all those who went and enjoyed themselves but I would like to see more students in attendance next year.

At the end of last year the P&C put out a request for helpers in the canteen. Can I remind the community of this again. The more people who volunteer, the more profitable the canteen. These profits all go back into the school. Since my arrival as Principal, the P&C has been in a position to be very generous, they supported the TAS Department in assisting with the purchase of an industrial dish washer for our commercial kitchen, a set of iPads with special programs to support the Music Department and given money to support the Year 12 Formal and Presentation Nights. For the P&C to remain in a position to assist the school so strongly we need a profitable canteen, so please, if you have some spare time through the week, give us a call and come in and help out.

The term is half over already which means Year 12 half yearly examinations. It is important Year 12 students are engaged in a regular pattern of study and revision, especially leading up to major exam periods.

Finally, I have shown both the P&C and AECG the design for the new school jumper. Unfortunately the new batch of jumpers will not arrive for the start of term two when most families buy winter uniforms, but they will arrive during term two. The older stock will be run out at reduced prices to clear them from the uniform shop. Can I thank the P&C and AECG for their support through the process of updating the uniform and establishing a uniform policy. As I have said previously we can help support families with the purchase of new uniforms. We are trying to establish a clothing pool for families to purchase cheaper uniforms, and are aiming to give students jumpers to
wear for the day, or out of the school if representing the school. We are doing everything possible to get students in uniform and continue the improvement of the school but we need community support to do this. I ask please support us in this major initiative for 2015.

Shane Kelly, Principal.

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Best wishes to Nicola Bruce who will participate in the regional finals of the Lions Youth of the Year competition this Saturday. Nicola, who is Vice Captain of the High School, won the local level against strong competition. She will compete with students from over the North West.

Using the medium of circus, Solid State Circus presents their comic high energy acrobatic show "Risky Business". Through acrobatics, object manipulation and other circus skills, the performers reflect aspects of young people's lives, from the need for a balanced diet and building a healthy body, to persistence and not giving up on your goals. The performers demonstrate the principles of calculated risk taking: assessing risk, personal capability the realistic outcomes, setting goals and finding pathways to success.

Coming to Gunnedah High School
Tuesday March 10th
Cost $5.50

We send our children off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:

LEGO FUN

Students, Ben Robinson, Jamie Andrews and Harley Banks from the 7/8POP Class, enjoying Lego Technics, during Science.

CHICKEN FOR THE SHOW

Agricultural students in Years 9 are busy preparing chickens for the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Poultry Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW in sponsorship of Hy-Line Australia and the Australian Egg Corporation donated Hy-Line pullets for the students to prepare for the 2015 Egg Laying Competition.

Students have been involved in weekly weighing and regular handling and washing. Egg production began early last week which will now allow students to start analysing egg quality before completing a written report and selection of the best four pullets to go to the show in April.

Students have also been busy weighing Steggles meat chickens on a daily basis. These were donated by the Poultry Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW in sponsorship of Steggles. Sixteen day old chicks arrived in total and have rapidly grown over the past three weeks. Agricultural students have been monitoring and weighing these chicks so as to complete a written report and selection of the best males and females for the show in April.

There will be a limited number of these meat chickens available at the end of Term 1 for sale. They will be sold as live meat birds at $10 each. Please contact Kim Smede on 6742 0155 to express your interest in the purchase of these chickens.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Please
Return to the School Office
Permission to Publish Form
And
Updated Family Details Form
On the 27th of March 2015 staff and students at Gunnedah High School will be participating in the World Greatest Shave. Mr. Jones, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Pett, Miss Gaynor and Mr. Fletcher are willing to shave their heads (which is not a big deal for all staff). Abby Corpus, in Year 10, has put her brave hand up to shave her very long hair if she can break the $500 mark. Many other students are willing to shave and dye their hair.

Gunnedah High School is committed to raise money to help. Did you know that today, 31 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma. This is our chance to help by providing emotional and practical support to families free of charge and invest millions of dollars in research to help beat blood cancer.

During the event day students will be allowed to have a uniform free day by donating a gold coin and a Barbeque will be available at lunch. If you are interested in donating to our team or an individual member, you can do so by sponsoring online and sponsor the whole team ‘Gunnedah High School’ or individual “participant’s name” otherwise you can come to the school office and donate.

Hospitality teacher, Miss Gaynor, demonstrating cutting techniques.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Gunnedah High School students donned gloves, sunscreen and hats and set out on Friday afternoon “to do their bit” for Clean Up Australia.

Students from Years 7 and 11 picked up rubbish at the Skate Park and the Wandobah Reserve areas. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Clean Up Australia initiative and Gunnedah High is proud to play a small role in keeping our community neat and tidy.
YEAR 11 SENIOR COUNCIL

Congratulations to Candice Mudalier, Kasper Jaeger, Michaela Langdon, Jennifer Furner, Maughan Jenkins and Darcy Hill who have been elected to the Senior Council as year 11 representatives. These students will assist the year 12 Senior Council representatives in running the school assembly, working in the canteen and undertaking fund raising activities.

Candice Mudalier
Kasper Jaeger
Michaela Langdon
Jennifer Furner
Maughan Jenkins
Darcy Hill

JUNIOR STATE CUP

A number of our students represented Gunnedah at the NSW Touch Football Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie on the 20th – 22nd February 2015. Gunnedah Touch Football Association sent both a boys and girls team who have been training and playing together since last year’s competition. As you can tell the weather wasn’t on their side but they did have a fantastic experience playing at such an elite level. Congratulations to Zoe Fleming, Piper Rankmore, Lockie Fleming, Chris Lodge, Brendan Gillham, Tony Griffiths, Daniel Percey and Cameron Maxwell who all did us and the community proud!
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The overcast skies proved to be perfect conditions for the Gunnedah High School Swimming Carnival held Friday, 20th February. Students participated in both traditional and novelty events, contributing to the point score of their sporting houses: Illawarra (blue), Moonbi (yellow), Nandewar (red) and Kaputar (green). The day was a huge success with Nandewar the overall winner.
Kennisha Francis, a Year 2 student at Gunnedah South Public School and daughter of GHS teacher, Mrs. Francis, will be having her hair cut on 13th March, to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Kennesha will be holding a hair spray stall at the Gunnedah Sunday Sessions this weekend. If students participating in the WGS would like to bring their fundraising equipment (tin and receipt booklet) they are welcome to help spray hair, or make a donation and have their hair sprayed.

On 13 March I will be shaving it ALL off to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.