Gunnedah High School students were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts during Semester One at a special High Achievers Assembly held Friday 17th July. Chairpersons for the assembly were School Captains, Meg Jaeger and Mitchell Brandon, assisted by Vice Captains, Nicola Bruce and Jarod Reynolds. Welcome to Country was delivered by Steven Craig and Marlie Thomas at the Years 7, 9 and 11 Assembly and Abby Gordon and Kira Mancer for the 8,10, 12 Assembly.

The story of the Rainbow Serpent was read as students wound their way around the gymnasium. The Year 7 Guitar Group performed, as well as a moving piano solo from Year 12, student Izaak Merlehan.

Special guests, Mrs. Christine Pease, representing the P&C, Ms Merydyth Raue, Relieving Principal, Gunnedah Public School and Mrs. Gwen Griffen, President of the AECG presented awards. At the completion of the assembly parents enjoyed morning tea in the school hall.
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**FIRST AID**

GHS students from Years 10, 11 and 12 recently participated in a First Aid Course conducted by Mr. Kevin Smith.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

At this time of the year so much is on at the school that it is difficult to quite know where to start. But here goes...

Year 8 students were given their Stage 5 Subject Selection Booklets last Monday. There are new procedures this year. The school Executive and Curriculum Committee have already determined the electives that will be offered on each line (Lines 5, 6 and 7). This has been done based on historical data showing which courses students have been choosing over the last 8 years. We have also included new courses that have never been offered and some that have not been offered for a while. These courses will appeal to the various groups of students that we teach at Gunnedah High School including Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students, students in Special Education classes, students with an interest in vocational education courses and students with an interest in specialised areas such as creative and performing arts. Our courses are:

**Line 5 (200-hour course over Year 9 and Year 10)**

**Line 6 (100-hour course in Year 9 only)**
- Industrial Technology – Timber, Food Technology, History Elective, Photography, Information and Software Technology, Animal Studies, Dance

**Line 7 (100-hour course in Year 10 only)**
- Will be offered this time next year to the current Year 8 students and will include Music, Industrial Technology – Metal, Work Education, Forensic Science, Physical Activity and Sports Science (PASS), Visual Arts and Agrifoods Operations

In putting together this pattern of study we have aimed to cater for all our students, particularly those with a love of a particular area of tech curriculum or those looking to build knowledge and skills for the workforce.

The Subject Selection Information Evening for Year 8 students is Wednesday, 29th July at 6.30 pm in the school hall. Please come along and speak to the school staff about the choices on offer so that you can make an informed selection.

Similarly, the subject selection booklet for Year 10 students was distributed on Thursday 23rd July. The Subject Selection Information Evening is on Tuesday 28th July at 6.30 pm in the school hall. The selection process will be the same as in 2014 and involve students being surveyed to ascertain the subjects they would like to study, creation of the line structure based on these choices and then a second round of choices once the lines have been set. For more information on this process please feel free to speak to Deputy Principal, Mr. Wayne Woods at the school.

I would like to publicly thank Ms. Sommar Conlan for the wonderful work she has been doing on the NAIDOC Week celebrations. Her organisation for the formal assembly in the last week of Term 2 was outstanding. This was followed up in Week 1 of Term 3 with a series of fun and engaging activities for students including boomerang painting, a competition to find boomerangs hidden in the playground, a free barbeque for all students with kangaroo and crocodile meat being a real hit with students and staff alike. Sommar is making a major contribution as Relieving AEO.

Another very sad event this last week was the farewell to our exchange student from Belgium, Manon Morales Martinez. It has been an absolute pleasure to host Manon in 2014-15. Her bubbly personality, tremendous intelligence and great work ethic has made her an absolute asset to Gunnedah High School and to the wider Gunnedah community. The school presented Manon with a farewell gift at the school assembly on Friday. We hope that as she wears her Pandora bracelet (a gift from the Rotary clubs of Gunnedah) and the Gunnedah High School charm on the bracelet that she will remember the year that she shared with us. Good luck in your tertiary studies in languages and translation, Manon.

Shane Kelly, Principal.
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! Collection boxes for Gunnedah High School are at Woolworths Gunnedah Store and the Gunnedah High School Library.

**STUDY SKILLS**

Year 12 and Year 11 students recently attended a study skills seminar. Presenter, Jais Pal, passed on strategies and tactics on how to prepare for their upcoming HSC Exams.

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Yrs 10 and 11 Agriculture
SNAPSHOT ON NAIDOC WEEK

[Images of students and activities related to Naidoc Week]
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SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT
YEAR 9
TUESDAY 28TH JULY
2015
HIGH SCHOOL HALL
6:30PM
CURRENTLY YR 9 (YEAR 10 2016)

SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT
YEAR 8
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
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HIGH SCHOOL HALL
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