Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As I write this, Agquip is in progress. Year 11 Agriculture students competed in the Schools Property Planning Competition in February, organised by the Local Land Services. Students visited a farm and had to develop a property plan of how they would improve the current farming situation and include a written report explaining their decisions. Abby Gordon was named a finalist in this competition and received a Highly Commended for her property plan.

Can I thank Deputy Principals, Mr Woods and Mr Jones, who delivered presentations and all staff who supported the recent subject selection evenings. Families that attended were provided with valuable information regarding electives and subject choices for 2016.

This week the school went through a VET audit and the audit team praised the VET organisational structures in place at Gunnedah High. The VET subject offerings are certainly a draw card for families in Gunnedah and provide real opportunities for future employment, both in the community and further afield. The audits are a rigorous test of how schools are operating. The positive finding of the audit reflects the improved systems and processes that have been established at Gunnedah High. Can I acknowledge the excellent job done by VET co-ordinator, Michael Jones, in preparation for the audit.

On the 9th Sept the Gunnedah Learning Community Education Week celebrations will be held in the Gunnedah High Gym. These celebrations involve Gunnedah High and all the partner primary schools in the Gunnedah Learning Community. They acknowledge outstanding achievements and excellence from students, staff and community members. Please book that in your dairy and support this important educational event.

Shane Kelly, Principal
SCRIPTURE

On Thursday August 13th Andrew “Fishtail” Fisher visited Gunnedah High School. Andrew was guest speaker at the combined scripture seminars and spoke to students about courage and making courageous decisions, not impulsive ones. He also spoke to students about how to think through the many life choices they’ll have to make and shared some of his own experiences.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Our students medical conditions and circumstances are constantly changing. GHS wants to be prepared to meet these changes. To do this we need to update the medical information that we have on our students.

If there has been any change in medical conditions that may affect a student’s learning, that may be life-threatening or may result in a student requiring medical treatment whilst at school, please let us know via a note or phone call to the school.

This information can also be handed to Mrs. Hertslet or Mrs. McInerney
ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. The most common forms of anaphylaxis are bee stings or ant bites as well as eating peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish.

GHS requires all students who have a diagnosed severe allergic reaction to have an individual health care plan. This plan is formed in consultation with parents and the family doctor.

Students with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis should carry an Epipen with them at all times. This includes trips to sport, the agriculture plot and on excursions. The school is provided with additional Epipens in case of emergencies. It will be kept at the front office.

There are also new Emergency Response Plans for the treatment of Anaphylaxis. These new plans are:

- Action Plan for insect allergies - yellow;
- Action Plan for other allergies (e.g. nuts) – red;
- General Action Plan for severe allergies - orange.

For further information about anaphylaxis, please speak with Mrs Hertslet or Mrs McInerney at the school.

DEODORANT SPRAYS

There have been a number of incidents at Gunnedah High School and at other schools across the state in which students have used deodorant spray cans inappropriately, including in classrooms. These incidents have resulted in students suffering asthma attacks. At Gunnedah High School students are encouraged to use roll-on deodorant when necessary. Cans of deodorant spray should not be brought to school.

Roll-on deodorants are a safer alternative to sprays.

DENTAL VAN

The Australian Mobile Dental Care van that was scheduled to visit Gunnedah High School during Week 6 has been postponed until Term 4.
**You Go Girl** is a 3-hour self-esteem workshop for girls aged 12 to 15

**Where:** Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre
12 Hunter Street Gunnedah

**When:** Thursday September 24th

**Time:** 10am to 1pm

**Cost:** FREE

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Gunnedah High School teacher, Mrs. Ingrid Wheeler, braved the freezing conditions on Friday night to sleep under the stars in a cardboard box. Mrs. Wheeler was one of the many who supported The Homeless Community Sleepout, an initiative of the Gunnedah Family Support and the Rotary Club of Gunnedah 2380.

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Congratulations go to Year 11 Ag student Abby Gordon, Highly Commended in the School Property Planning Competition. Abby is pictured with GHS Agriculture Teacher, Miss Kim Smede, and NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Mr. Niall Blair.
What's Uni Like?

This online course helps you answer 3 questions:

Uni – is it for me?
Uni – what should I expect?
Uni – what academic skills will I need?

The course is fun, free and you can do it at your own pace.

www.whats-uni-like.edu.au

This resource was produced by Charles Sturt University and funded by the Federal Government through its Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program.
THE HARDING MILLER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship Program provides practical support to lift the educational and career aspirations of high potential girls who are facing disadvantage. Successful applications will receive two years of support, including:

- Annual bursary of $3,000 to cover educational expenses such as:
  - Face-To-Face Tutoring
  - Uniforms and equipment
  - Stationery and books
  - Excursions and camps
- Online Tutoring Support
- Laptop with mobile internet connection

At the end of the scholarship period, scholars may be invited to reapply for ongoing support through their senior years.

If a student leaves public school, the scholarship will lapse. Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the scholarship terms and conditions available on our website at www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-awards-terms.

APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS

To apply for the Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship Program, students should complete the Application Form found on the Public Education Foundation website - http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships

The application must include:

- Completion of the questionnaire
- Personal statement from the applicant explaining how you meet the selection criteria and how you would benefit from the scholarship
- Reference from your school principal explaining how you meet the selection criteria and how you would benefit from this scholarship
- Personal reference from a teacher, school counsellor, learning support teacher or community member
- Full transcript of your most recent school report
- Grade 7 NAPLAN Results

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications can be submitted by emailing the full application, including supporting documents to info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au

OR by post to:

The Public Education Foundation
PO Box 1393
Darlinghurst NSW 1300

Applications must be submitted by 5pm Friday 27 November 2015
Defence Force recruitment officers, Corporal Melissa Wall – Army, Petty Officer Amy Kelly – Navy and Flight Lieutenant Annabel Szekely – RAAF, spoke to Gunnedah High School students recently. The informative visit highlighted the career opportunities available to women in the Defence Forces. It also covered a wide range of trades, professions and technical disciplines.
Cath Cox & Bec Bulley
Coaching Clinic

Tuesday 22nd September 2015
@ Gunnedah Netball Courts
COST: $45.00
Age: 13 years to Opens
Approx Time: 10.30am - 12.00am (Juniors)
11.00 - 1.30pm (Seniors)
Registration - Email: gunnedahnetball@live.com for form
Included: a specialist component in attack & defence
Each participant receives goodies to take home
Q & A time with Cath & Bec
Photo & Autograph time