YOUTH PARLIAMENT - AMBER JORDAN

Year 12 student, Amber Jordan, has been nominated by Sarah Mitchell, Member for the Legislative Council, to participate in Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament is an apolitical program that aims to promote youth-led advocacy, active community leadership and legal and parliamentary education for students in Years 10-12. Amber has been given the opportunity of stepping into the life of a NSW Parliamentarian and will have the chance to debate ideas currently facing our State in Parliament House in front of real MPs.

Local Gunnedah resident and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health and Western NSW, Sarah Mitchell, has had the privilege of nominating talented young people to participate in the Youth Parliament in previous years, and has always been heartened by their commitment to their local communities and their eagerness to learn about government and the law. This year, Sarah has nominated Gunnedah High School student Amber Jordan. Not only has Amber demonstrated strong leadership qualities as a member of the Senior Council, the SRC and a member of its Executive but also in her involvement with White Ribbon Day and fundraising activities.

Sarah is looking forward to seeing Amber in Parliament and encourages any other interested student to contact her directly for applications to the 2017 program.
Gunnedah High School students, Lachlan Batinic, George Lyne, Michaela Langdon, Carys Griffiths, Breanna Green, Clara Megson, along with teacher Miss Emma Holdom, travelled to California, USA, to participate in the G’Day USA 2016 program.

The trip started on New Year’s Eve in San Francisco and then continued to San Diego and Los Angeles. The Australian students were hosted by families in San Diego for a real taste of American life. Some students stayed on a ranch with horses and goats, whilst others were treated to a weekend trip to see the snow in the mountains.

During the day they saw the sights around San Diego including the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, the USS Midway Museum, Old Town San Diego and some impressive shopping outlets. They also spent a day at El Capitan High School where they toured the campus and attended lessons with their host. The trip then finished in Los Angeles with Hollywood, Knotts Berry Farm, Santa Monica, Disneyland and Universal Studios. Throughout the whole trip everyone made some awesome new friends, ate some interesting and delicious American foods, experienced the American way of life and learned a lot about themselves. Everyone was also extremely excited to return to Gunnedah and share their stories with their family and friends.

This is the second time that students from Gunnedah High School have participated in the G’Day USA trip. Thirteen students travelled with Miss Holdom and stayed with host families in Valdosta, Georgia, in 2014.
Three Gunnedah High School students were recognised at the Australia Day Awards dinner held recently. Nicola Bruce was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year, Zoe Fleming - Junior Sportsperson of the Year along with Sportsperson of the Year - Gabrielle O’Gorman. Gunnedah High congratulates Nicola, Zoe and Gabrielle on their outstanding efforts.
February 2016

REMINDER FOR RENEWAL OF STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE!

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE – YOUR SENSIBLE INSURANCE CHOICE

Dear P&C Associations and Principals,

Is your community aware that the NSW Department of Education (DOE) does not provide, nor has it ever provided accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools? Rather, the department is insured so that it can meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities. The NSW Treasury Managed Fund provides cover for the department’s day-to-day activities. The public liability component covers breaches by the department in its duty of care to students that result in claims for compensation.

It is typical that when families are alerted to this fact that the parents of enrolled students look for an insurance product that covers their children for accident, injury or death.

A group personal accident and sickness policy is available to government schools through the Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Associations of NSW. Parents are unable to insure children individually. Each school (either through the principal or the school's parents and citizens association) is able to participate on a whole-school basis with the cost calculated on a set fee per student. The policy covers a wide range of injuries and the permanent total loss of the use or functioning of certain body parts.

This policy is not restricted to school operating hours. And the great news for Principals and School Administration is that there is no paperwork other than the purchasing forms and if required claim form. Where a claim is required to be made P&C Federation and the insurance underwriters handle the process from start to finish.

Unfortunately, a lot of our school communities have experienced accidents where students have been involved which result in injury or even worse yet death. P&C Federation regularly witness claims under the Student Injury Insurance policy which have provided medical and monetary relief to distressed and affected families.

What are the benefits of having Student Injury Insurance?

- Reasonable price
- Peace of mind in knowing those financial expenses will be lessened in the event of an accident.
- The insurance company handles the claim process from start to finish.
- Death cover for all students.

For school communities who take up this policy, cover will commence from the first day of Term 1. The premium must reach our office by 11 April 2016 for cover to be inclusive from the commencement of Term 1. Cover can be purchased after this time; however, the policy commences from the date of acceptance of the application and premium.

To purchase Student Injury policy from P&C Federation all you have to do is complete the 2015-2016 Student Injury Insurance application form; click here this is an online form and can be submitted and payment can be made in a number of ways. Your P&C Association must be a P&C Federation member whilst purchasing Student Injury Policy.
Affordable cost for peace of mind
$4.37 per student 1-499
$3.96* per student 500-999
$3.56* per student 1000-1499
$3.15* per student 1500+
*Please note price per student is INCLUSIVE of GST
Period of Insurance: 1 February 2016 through to 1 February 2017.

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Dental – Around a quarter of all claims are related to dental and whilst under the policy is an at school provision it is still great protection against accidents and expensive dental bills. A student suffers from major trauma to 2 (two) front teeth and lip, paid $1,291.95 for dental costs and plastic surgery (dental expenses, cash benefits, plastic surgeon) Broken front tooth, paid $2,793.25 (dental expenses, cash benefits) Chipped front tooth, paid $1,059.25 (dental expenses, cash benefits)

P&C Federation’s Student Injury Policy caters for all students enrolled at school. This cover is provided 24 hours a day 7 days a week.1 The cover isn’t just for these broken bones and ambulance trips, this great policy also covers dental, non-Medicare medical expenses, and small property losses. Better yet this policy provides bed cover and student tutorial benefits.

Cost associated with Student Injury Policy?
As a parent and carer you don’t want the unexpected expenses of unplanned out-of-pocket costs/medical costs. Student Injury Insurance may be just the peace of mind you need. A one of payment is all that is required to purchase this policy, there are no ongoing costs. This policy is a sure way of making sure a duty of the care is provided to the school community.

Kind Regards,
Ela Comertpay
Insurance Officer
Voluntary Contributions—GENERAL FEE

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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The general fees are used to enhance the many programs which operate in the school.

If only one student per family is attending Gunnedah High School he/she pays the full General Fee. Second and subsequent students from the same family receive a $5.00 deduction on their General Fee.

The subject fees are mainly used to provide consumable items that are required for specific courses. It is clearly more efficient and cheaper for the school to purchase food, timber, metal, paint, etc., than to ask individual students to bring in their own materials. The subject fees also assist in buying other resources such as texts, cameras etc.

All students in Visual Arts and Photography are expected to have a diary which is available from the Canteen. Year 12 Visual Arts students must buy all their own materials. Design and Technology and Industrial Technology students will be required to purchase project material. Hospitality students will be required to purchase the relevant uniform.

Our fees are amongst the lowest charged in NSW and, as a result, we seek a high collection rate. An invoice will be posted home showing the school contribution requested for each individual student.

Payment may be made in installments. These payments may be made at the school office between 8.30am and 1.45pm (due to security banking) or by post. Payments may be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Gunnedah High School) EFTPOS (minimum $20.00) or online.

Parents who are unable to pay for elective subject fees because of financial hardship may be eligible for assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made in writing on a pro-forma available from the front office, addressed to the Principal and marked ‘CONFIDENTIAL’.

REMINDER

Please Complete And Return Senior/Junior General Permission Booklets to the front office as soon as possible
**Canteen Price List**

### Breakfast
- Toasted Sandwiches from $2.00
- Vegemite Toast $1.00
- Cinnamon Toast $1.00
- Milo $1.50
- Flavoured Milk $3.80
- Juice $2.20

### Cold Food
- Corned Meat/Pickles/Cheese $2.50
- Roast Beef/Pickles/Cheese $2.50
- Chicken /Avocado $2.60
- Chicken/Lettuce $2.60
- Chicken Salad Roll $3.40
- Ham Salad Roll $3.50
- Ham Salad Sandwich $3.20
- Chicken Salad Sandwich $3.20
- Egg & Lettuce Sandwich $2.50
- Plain Bun $0.80
- Pasta Salad $3.00
- Fruit Salad $3.20
- Quiche & Salad $5.20
- Meat Salad $5.20
- Prawn Salad $5.20
- Caesar Salad $5.20

### Hot Food
- Sweet & Sour Chicken $3.20
- Spaghetti Bolognaise $3.20
- Noodle Cups $2.60
- Chicken Burger $3.20
- Chicken & Gravy Rolls $3.60
- Beef & Gravy Rolls $3.60
- Foccacia $3.20
- Pizza $2.60
- Lasagne $3.20
- Hot Dogs $2.60
- Soup $3.00

### Icy Poles
- Milo Cups $3.00
- Mony's Icy Pole $0.70
- Paddle Pops $1.60
- Calippo Icy Poles $2.30
- Lemonade Log Twist $1.30

### Drinks
- Small Flavoured Milk $3.80
- Plain Milk $2.20
- Fruit Juice $2.70
- Slush Puppies (small) $2.00
- Slush Puppies (large) $3.00
- Bottles Water $2.10

### Chips
- Red Rock $1.00
- Naturals $2.00

**Prices subject to change**
Display board in front of Canteen
NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

- Are you an Aboriginal parent or carer?
- Would you like to have a say in local Aboriginal Education?
- Do you understand what is happening in our local schools?
- Are you an Aboriginal community member who can help achieve educational outcomes?

Come along and join your local AECG and have a voice in education.

Your voice is important for our kids.

For further information and membership details please contact:

Meleah Walters (Secretary) at Gunnedah South Public School on (02) 6742 1899

Next Meeting:
Thursday 18th February at 4pm
Gunnedah South Public School
Light afternoon tea provided

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF AT GUNNEDAH HIGH

Miss Sarah Hickey
Support Class Teacher
Mrs Jackie Sheridan
LAST

Miss Bec Maybury
Deputy Principal

Mrs Judy Campbell
HT Teaching and Learning

Miss Rachael Adams
Teacher TAS
Miss Tara Doolan
Teacher - TAS

Miss Megan Constable
SLSO
Miss Bianca Small
MC Teacher
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back for 2016 and it has been a very positive start to the new year. The new Year 7 cohort have settled in well and I’d like to thank Year Adviser, Shelley Small, for all the work she did during the transition process, and at the start of this year, to ensure their smooth start.

We have welcomed some new staff to the school for 2016.

- Bec Maybury-Deputy Principal
  Ms Maybury has come to us from Tamworth District Office where she was in a senior position leading student services. Before that she was in the position of Deputy Principal at Moree. To have someone of Ms Maybury’s experience and expertise joining our leadership team is a major bonus to the school.

- Graham Jones is continuing in the other Deputy Principal role

- Judy Campbell-HT Teaching and Learning

Mrs Campbell has extensive experience in a variety of schools and District Office positions. She will work with the school community in leading the school in the area of teaching and learning programs.

- Bianca Small-Special Education
- Sara Hickey-Special Education
- Megan Constable-MC School Learning Support Officer

Ms Small and Ms Hickey have joined us from South School this year and will be taking the new MC class and IM class respectively. Mrs Constable will be the SLSO in the MC class. With Emily McInerney continuing on as Head Teacher Special Education the newly formed faculty is now fully staffed and well set to support students and work with families.

- Tara Doolan-TAS

Replacing Megan Verdon as a Hospitality teacher. Welcome to all new staff.

The uniform looks fantastic at the moment. Thank you to the school community for getting on board with supporting the uniform so strongly. Assistance is possible for uniform, please enquire at the front office. We have worked strongly over the past couple of years to improve the standard of uniform and it will be another major push this year. I ask the community to continue to join us in this focus.

Start of school year means new committees need to be formed to keep the school running well. If people have some time to volunteer and be more involved, support would be appreciated in the following areas:

The Canteen-Please contact the front office who can put you onto our canteen manager.

P&C-first meeting Tuesday 23rd Feb 6.30pm

AECG-first meeting 18th Feb 4pm. Be great to see people there.

Shane Kelly, Principal. Gunnedah High School

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson
GOLD COAST TITANS

19th February 2016
Gunnedah Memorial Pool

Sausage Sizzle
Dress in House Colours
All students are expected to attend

Parent help with timekeeping welcomed
contact Simone Carlyon on 67420155

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday
25th February

Personalised Envelopes
to be handed out.

All students will be photographed
ID Cards updated for Yrs 7,9,11

Contact: Mrs Louise Hill
Phone 67420155
or