



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
19th Sept 2013
TERM 3 WEEK 10

Special points of interest:

- Tues 8th Oct - Students return
- Thurs 10th Oct - Yr 3 excursion
- Tues 15th Oct - P&C meeting

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Oct	7 Public Holiday.	8 Students Return.	9	10 Yr 3 Excursion - Red Hill, Gulgong.	11 Yr 3 Excursion - Red Hill, Gulgong.
2 Oct	14	15 P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm	16	17 AECG AGM @ Red Chief	18 Kindy Excursion Wildlife Park.
3 Oct	21	22 Yr 2 Police Talk.	23 Kindy Start 9.30-11.30am	24	25
4 Oct/Nov	28	29	30 Kindy Start 9.30-11.30am	31	1



Gunnedah South Public School

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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, another term draws to a close.

Regional Excellence in Education Awards

Congratulations to South school!! We were the winner of **2** awards. There were 11 awards presented on the day and all public schools in the entire New England Region could nominate for an award. Gunnedah South winning 2 is exceptional. I will briefly outline the citations, evidence and background to each award.

Excellence in Innovation.

This award was won based on two programs ~ Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and Stage 3 Rotations. The goal of SAKG is to introduce students to the pleasures of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing foods. The kitchen and the garden provide a real life context for learning in which the theory and practice of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing are interwoven.

Students revel in the hands on experiences, enjoy the physical activity, learn about flavours and foods, develop their maths skills and engage in real-life science. Their awareness of environmental challenges and diversity is enhanced as they learn about growing cycles, the carbon cycle, land use and water shortages. The students learn to work as part of a team, develop their awareness of and respect for cultural differences as they grow in confidence and achieve new skills and knowledge.

The Stage 3 rotations has provided students with an alternate model of learning. The goal of Stage 3 rotations is to increase high school readiness, increase student engagement and develop deeper learning and understanding.

Whilst syllabus outcomes remain unchanged, the Key Learning Areas of Creative Arts, Science and Technology, PD/H/PE, and HSIE are being taught by specialist teachers. Students move from their home room each afternoon to have a specialist teacher in those subjects.

The benefits of both the SAKG program and Stage 3 Rotations has been clearly established, including feedback from many parents indicating significant positive change in their child's attitude to school and level of engagement. School data indicates increased student engagement, improved student outcomes, decreased welfare issues and suspension rates, increased attendance, increase in the number of parent volunteers and greater community engagement and partnerships.

Excellence in Aboriginal Education

This award was won based on the implementation of Accelerated Literacy K-6. Accelerated Literacy is a research and evidence based K-12 mainstream pedagogy that aims to improve literacy achievement for Aboriginal students at an accelerated rate while improving outcomes for all students.

Professional learning opportunities for staff by a consultant, with a focus on classroom practice and curriculum knowledge have increased teacher capacity and confidence. Team teaching and observation have been essential, where peer support and reflection is focused on classroom practice, explicit teaching and student outcomes.

Building sustainability has been a major focus, with some staff being trained as mentors to help guide and support other members of staff.

The benefits of implementing Accelerated Literacy K-6 is evident with increased student engagement and increased student achievement in Literacy. There is an upward trend in the areas in literacy such as spelling, grammar, punctuation and reading. Year 3 & 5 Aboriginal students achieved scores significantly higher than the State mean for Aboriginal students.



A few words from our Principal...Cont.



Annual Fete

It is that time of year again when fete preparations get underway. The date set for our **fete** is **Friday 1st November**. This is the P&C's biggest fund raising event for the year and as I stated earlier this term, the upgrades of facilities is largely funded by our dedicated P&C~ new rubber softball, outdoor kitchen learning area, sheds and classroom resources.

The success of our fete is largely due to the support from our parents. As you can imagine the organisation and coordination of this event is enormous and our fete coordinator Mrs Stina Heath will gladly accept any offers of help.

Please help our P&C to make this fete even better than last year!

Book Week Parade

This was a fabulous day. Book Week Parade always has such a fun feel to the day. The students in their costumes looked amazing and I know the staff look forward to this day of dress ups and having fun with the students. I think definitely next year we will involve the parents to dress up and parade also ~ so start preparing.

Voluntary School Contributions

The winner of the raffle was William Harris in Year 1. Congratulations William.

NAPLAN

Naplan results to all parents across the State have been delayed and are expected to arrive around mid October. If there are any changes to this date I will keep you informed.

Annual Porchetta Day

Gunnedah South has once again been invited to attend the Porchetta Day for Saturday 21st September. The students will be making minestrone soup, focaccia bread and a variety of biscotti, jams, pickles and marmalade to sell on our stall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to showcase to the community the master chef skills they have learnt and to share in a cultural experience with the local community.

The Porchetta committee have waived the site fee for our school and have asked if we can help with cleaning up on Sunday morning from 8am. If any parents and students can lend a hand for an hour it would be greatly appreciated.

Please come and visit our stand tomorrow.

Changes to Bus Zones

The school, along with P&C, council, RTA and local police have been working for quite some time to look at options to improve safety and increase available parking for parents when picking up and dropping off their children.

The main change will be that buses will now pick students up from Stock Rd. Buses will no longer be using Winder Place and this will create extra parking in Winder Place. This now means that cars can park around the perimeter of Winder Place car park.

The council are currently working on developing new maps which will make it clear to parents the new changes to parking, mainly on Winder Place and Stock Rd.

These changes are due to take place from the beginning of term 4.

Students who normally are picked up from "mothers' gate," western gate, or parents who collect children from the Stock Rd exit - there will be no change. Students catching buses will now exit through the double gate on Stock Rd and will be escorted to the bus by the teacher on duty.

During the initial few weeks next term, as students and parents become familiar with the new procedures, there will be additional staff on duty.

Council has released the maps which I have attached in the newsletter. The maps will also be attached to every external gate around the school.



A few words from our Principal...Cont.



Art Exhibition

On Friday 13th September @ 9:30am, Year 5 & 6 students who have been involved in the 3 day art workshops run by Mrs Urquhart, along with Mrs Bernays' art group will be hosting an art exhibition in our school hall to showcase to the wider community the fabulous art works created . This is a very special event and the first of its kind here at South. The students are extremely proud to have their works viewed by the public.

During the official viewing, morning tea will be served to our special parents, grandparents and community. If you are unable to make the official opening, the exhibition will be open for a few weeks.

This is an event to mark on your calendar. The students' talent shines! The standard is what you would expect at a high school level and goes to show just what can be achieved with high expectations and support from great staff.

To all our families, have a safe and happy holiday.

Students return to school on Tuesday 8th October.

**Kindest regards,
Emma Jeffery.
Principal.**





SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

MON 7/10 - Public Holiday
 TUES 8/10 -
 WED 9/10 -
 THURS 10/10 - Help Needed
 FRI 11/10 - Help Needed

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please give Sharon a call on 6742 1899.



Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten will be going on an excursion to the Wildlife Park on the 18th of October (Friday week 2). The cost will be \$10, which will include the bus, entry fee, a drink and snack. Students will be able to wear appropriate free dress. A note will be sent home in the first week of term with more details.



Stage 3 Rotations

Week 1	Monday-7/10	Tuesday – 8/10	Wednesday – 9/10	Thursday – 10/10	Friday – 11/10
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY	Public Holiday	5F	6F		5Z
Mrs Heath HSJE		5/6H	5S		5F
Miss Small PE/PD		5S	5F		6F
Mr Humphries Science		6H	5/6H		5S
Miss Zerner Art		5Z	6H		5/6H
Miss Flannery Drama		6F	5Z		6H

Merit Certificates

KM	Chantel Vaughn, Mikaela Harris, Liam Reid, Mackenzie Keeler
KB	Kennisha Francis, Kyran Kleinschfer, Mitchell Slee
KL	Sienna Mackay, Tim Thorning, Thoams Carlyn, Lincoln Squires
KS	Isla Wise, Lucas Passman, Taylah McAllan, Thomas Garner
KR	Jackson O'Sullivan, Daniela Kelly, Jakoby Radburn-Webber
IH	Lily Friend, Jeffery Passman, Adam Fermor, Trevor Mills
IM	Cley Durrant, Amy Sams, Maddi Simpson, Alex Bajzath
2W	Maddison Moore, Ben Neale, Nicola Bemet
2H	Ty Cruikshank, Alannah Skuthorpe, Blake Torrens, Jade Willson
2E	Amia Beasley, Bailee Crowe, Imogen Cameron, Lachlan Pennicuik, Nikyiah Wortley
2M	RJ Fermor, Brianna Cope, Alex Letts, Lilly Street
3D	Charlie Garner, Austin Bryers, Taylor Davison
3M	Amarnia Elphick, Ashton Selfe, Maya Fouracre
3/4S	Taylor Stewart, Zac Griffin, Joshua Langdon
4S	Amity Cleal, Keynan Jeffrey, Angela Dillon
4W	Eli Rankmore, Madelin Mamara, Tom Snow
5S	Courtney Draper, Ryan West, Logan Dries
5Z	Dakota Durrant, Tneesha Milne, Jim Muller
5/6H	Laura Ewington, Deeon Speers, Nathan Gardner, Paige Holbrook
6F	Mitchell Clarke, Jack Mainey, Cameron Anderson
6H	Cain Eather, Bayley Williams, Coby Higgins

Merit Certificates

Silver

Max Jewiss, John Hoppe, Charleigh McArthur,
William Hicks, Tim Thorning, Thomas Carlyon,
Sienna Mackay, Lincoln Squires,
Simone Donnelly, Zara Wise, Taylah McAllan,
Thomas Garner, Courtney Draper, Ryan West,
Chennelle Winsor, Nathan Gardner,
Deeon Speers, Blair Beasley, Tyler Conlan,
Paige Holbrook, Jessica Penrose,
Caleb Sutherland, Maddie Trigg

Gold

Nathan Gardner,
Blair Beasley,
Caleb Sutherland,
Maddie Trigg, Ryan West

You Can Do It Ribbons

Jake Atkins, Jayde Emmerson, Holly Sheedy, Halle Talbott, Jordan Mathers,
Mason Guest-Lennox, Bradley Bartimote, Daisy Sheedy, Tiah Small, Lily Friend,
Denzel Wortley, Jay Hancox. Jade Wilson, Alannah Skuthorpe, Mia Garratley,
Heath Stark, Isabelle Moore, Alex Letts, Taylor Davison, Charlie Garner,
Austin Bryers, Taylor McDonald, James Pegg, Chelsea Storey, Jake Jamieson,
Matilda Harford, Aaron Osmond, Jennifer Barnes, J.D Lowe, Bailey Stewart, Callum
Letts, Ashleigh Mills, Georgie Orman, Riley Bunce, Angela Peterson, Corie Williams

Gunnedah South School Fete News.

The fete raffle tickets will be sent home to each family before the holidays.
Donations of pots (small and medium size) and potting mix would be much
appreciated for the plant stall.

The fete committee is also asking for second hand cook-books and magazines this
year. You can drop off any donations the front office.

Any inquires please phone Stina Heath on 0429 447 851

Boys Touch

On Thursday 12th September the boys Touch team played Tamworth Public School. We played really well with Jim Jewiss scoring four tries followed by Hayden Baker making a break and scoring. Then Tamworth made a comeback by making breaks and we were leaving gaps.

Tamworth Public was a really good opposition. At full time it was a draw but sadly we lost. We left happy with the effort we put into the game. We all had a really good day and we were only beaten in the second stage of the drip off with four players on each team.



North West Cricket

Congratulations to Hayden Baker and Adam McGuirk on successfully qualifying for the North West Cricket team. This is a fantastic effort, as the boys will be travelling to Bathurst in November for the state finals. The state finals consist of a 4 day carnival where all schools will compete against each other. Good Luck boys and we look forward to seeing your careers progress!

Waste > Art Design Competition

Opening of the Regional Waste > Art Design Competition will be @ 5.45pm this Friday. Gunnedah South Students contributed numerous entries into the waste > art competition and they will be on display @ Gunnedah Gallery this week.

Thanks to all the students and teachers who participated. We are very proud of your efforts.

The Golden Award Winners- Wk 9!

The Golden Whisk!



Congratulations 4W!

4W were fantastic in the kitchen. They are continuing to improve their behaviour and team work. This week they showed great maturity and behaved for a teacher other than Mrs Woodhead.

Well done 4W!

The Golden Trowel!



Congratulations 5S!

5S have received this award this week because they took the initiative and gardened without Mr Jeffery. They weeded, watered, planted and harvested and did a great job.

Well done 5S!



GSPS Horse Sports Day

A Great Success!

Gunnedah South Public School hosted their Horse Sports Day on Friday 6th September at the Gunnedah Showground. The day was a huge success. 100 riders from many schools across the region competed throughout the day in riding classes, show jumping and sporting events. The riders smiled as they enjoyed the warm weather and sunshine. Riders as young as 8yrs to 18yrs represented their schools with pride and precision. They displayed their best skills in anticipation of receiving a champion ribbon and over 800 ribbons were awarded during the day. The competition was very strong causing the overall points to be very close at the completion of the events. Extremely exciting!

A special thank you to the judges: Kate Pollock, Faye Torrens, Sherrin Whale and Amber Witts for their superb judging in wet conditions. The riders were very impressed with the judge's clear explanation of the winning ribbons. A special thanks to Catherine Reynolds for her lovely slices and cakes which the judges enjoyed, commenting 'Most delicious slice!'

Many thanks to Sharyn Worley and her team for building the show jump course and a special thank you to Wendi Murrell and Jo Brady for running the Top Score, Sharon Lather's team and the Red Coats for keeping the day running smoothly, Peter Patterson as our medical officer, team managers, parents and volunteers.

Connor Gallagher and Thomas Lyne were outstanding, helping with setting up and packing up the equipment. They worked solid all day with a smile on their face even when they were exhausted. Many people commented on the boys positive work ethic and manners. Very impressive!

The Gunnedah South P & C Canteen headed by Sharon Tydd were busy serving a wide range of foods and drinks for the visitors. She was assisted by parents and 4 very helpful students who were complimented on their beautiful manners: Connor Phillips, Lucy Moore, Ashleigh Mills and Samuel Tydd.

The event's coordinator Sharyn Worley, was highly impressed with the generosity displayed by numerous volunteers from across the community who helped to make the day a success. The day ran like clockwork and was most enjoyable, even on a wet showground. Congratulations to all the riders for a fabulous day of skilful riding.



The Champion High School was awarded to Narrabri High and the Champion Primary School was won by Gunnedah South Public. St Xaviers Gunnedah was awarded the Best Presented School.

Results:

8 Years Boys Champion: Linden Raaen (St Lawrences)

8 Years Girls Champion: Beccy Wilson (Gunnedah South)

9 Years Boys Champion: Flynn Newberry (St Xaviers)

9 Years Girls Champion: Ella Parish (St Josephs)

10 Years Boys Champion: Lachlan Moore (Gunnedah South)

10 Years Girls Champion: Harriet King (St Xaviers)

11 Years Boys Champion: Ben McElroy (St Xaviers)

11 Years Girls Champion: Octavia Whale (St Lawrences)

12 Years Boys Champion: Callum Letts (Gunnedah South)

12 Years Girls Champion: Mackenzie Raaen (St Lawrences)

13 Years Girls Champion: Hayley Colbert (Oxley High)

14 Years Girls Champion: Emily Fielder (Narrabri High)

15 Years Boys Champion: Matt Lather (Gunnedah High)

15 Years Girls Champion: Sarah Hamparsum (NEGS)

16+ Years Girls Champion: Rebecca Palmer (Quirindi High)

Reserve Champion: Harry Tassell (Gunnedah South)

Reserve Champion: Emily Staughton (Gunnedah South)

Reserve Champion: Bradley Miller (Narrabri West)

Reserve Champion: Mary Flannery (St Xaviers)

Reserve Champion: Harry Mason (Gunnedah South)

Reserve Champion: Lucy Jackson (Gunnedah South)

Reserve Champion: Phillipe Altmann (Gunnedah South)

Reserve Champion: Teigan Myers (St Xaviers)

Reserve Champion: Kim Bange (Narrabri Public)

Reserve Champion: James Staughton (Gunnedah South)

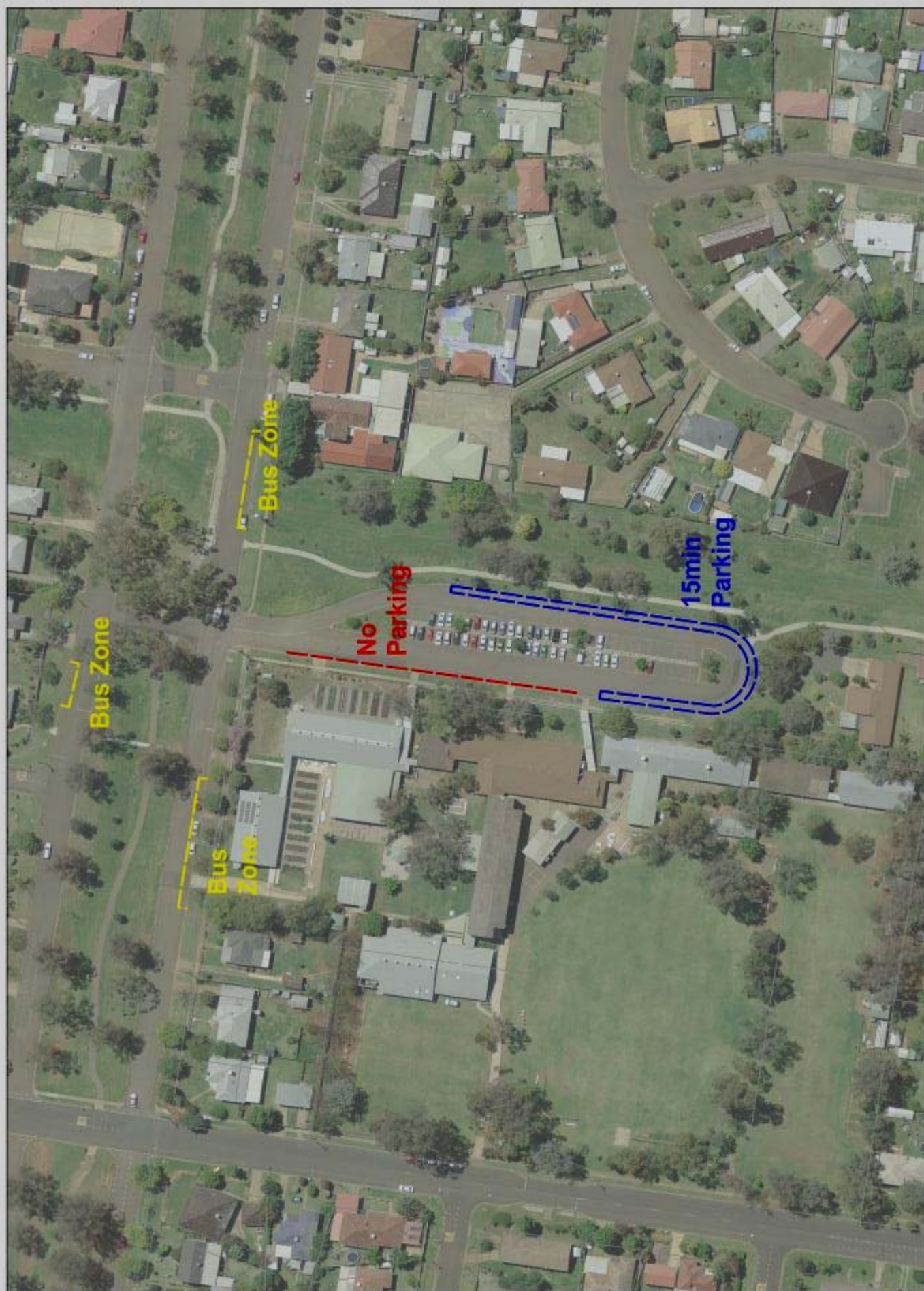
Reserve Champion: Jaimie McElroy (NEGS)

Reserve Champion: Lucy Geddes (Narrabri High)

Reserve Champion: Emma Bailey (Coolah Central)

Reserve Champion: Zoe Worley (Calrossy)

New Bus Zones start affective from Term 4, Tuesday 8th October.
Between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm.



Gunnedah Mineworkers' Rugby League

We had a choice between fielding one boys Rugby League team capable of winning the competition or two teams that would give everyone a go. Both teams were competitive and enjoyed themselves all day. The girls fielded two very competitive League Tag teams.

We started the carnival at 9:00 o'clock. South had two teams, a year five team – Red - and a mainly year six team – White. Year five had too many players and year six not enough. Year six was bolstered by Josh Guest, Tom Roworth and Zac Bower, three hard running, hard tackling players from year five. Tom was awarded the player of the day for his willingness to move up in defence on every tackle and to run the ball hard all day.

Year six also benefitted from the Rugby League debuts of Connor Phillips, Mitchell Clarke and Samuel Tydd, three of our very best players on the day. All ran hard and tackled effectively, especially Mitchell who saved a number of tries with his flying cover tackles. Our Rugby League regulars who were having their final match for their primary school were: Hayden Baker, Ashley White, Blair Beasley, Tyler Conlan and Matt McKay.

In the final match Zoe Fleming made simultaneously her debut and her valedictory and carved up, both with the ball and in defence. We may have won the carnival if we had her services all day.



The mighty Gunnedah South White Rugby League team, many having their valedictory matches for South.

Gunnedah South White Team

Firstly we played Helensburgh. It was a hard game and we lost by one try. Our next opponent was Gunnedah Public. That too was a very hard game. Yet again we lost by one try. Oh well. There were very good tries by both teams in this game but we lost by one try again. In game three we played St Xavier's. This was the game that we wanted to win the most because we were playing against many of our friends. This may sound repetitive but we again we lost by one try, just one try. Walhallow were our next opponents. They were a small team from a small school and many of our players were feeling pretty confident. We were smashed by 4 tries. In the final match we played Gunnedah South Red. The score at the end of the game was a draw until in the dying seconds Mitchell Clarke broke away and raced down the right touch line for a face saving try.

By Hayden Baker and Connor Phillips

Gunnedah South Red Team

The year five team played well in the first game but unfortunately we lost against Walhallow. The score was 8-2. The next game was against Helensburgh. We played well but lost with the score at 10-3. The third game was against Gunnedah Public. The score was 5-4. The fourth game was against Saint Xavier's and we went down 7-4. The last game was against the Gunnedah South year six team and we were primed for a great battle. The score ended up 6-5. We know we could have beaten them if we didn't lend them three of our best players.

Congratulations to all the boys who played in the Gunnedah South Red team and thank you to Mr Carr and Mr Hibbert for

helping us all day.

Thank you to all the people who helped out on the day and thanks to Mr Humphries.

By Jim Muller .

Footnote: I would like to thank all the players for their efforts and their attitudes, especially year five who gave up very good players for year six to be competitive in their final matches for the school.

Thank you too Mr Tydd, Mr Carr, Mr Hibbert and Mr Roworth.

Mr Humphries.



The South Red team; great sports who had great fun and who will be a formidable force in the 2014 Miners' Cup.



Competitive, good sports, enthusiastic and wonderful ambassadors for their school, the girls League tag sides

Primary Schools Basketball Challenge



On Wednesday 11th of September three Basketball teams participated in the 2013 Primary School Basketball Challenge. All children showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play. Well done on a very successful day! Mrs Michelsen



Kitchen Cook Off #4!

Tuesday night, our fourth stage 3 kitchen cook-off was held. It was yet another successful and exciting cook-off.

The secret recipe was revealed dramatically. Pumpkin and potato curry, a recipe the children were familiar with. This was great but it was not the only recipe they had to cook! They were also required to cook the rice that they could serve with the curry. The contestants took this in their stride and worked effectively and confidently to complete both recipes.

The fantastic and confident contestants were; Ashleigh Mills and Laura Ewington, Carter Cameron and James Wilson, Kaytlyn Murrell and Layla Withers, Aysiah Garrett and Chelsea McArthur, Adam McGuirk and Mr McGuirk, Grace McCulloch and Mel McCulloch. These future master chefs cooked like they have never cooked before!

The judges had an extremely hard decision to make. All teams scored highly, especially with their cleanliness! But there could only be one winner!

That team was....

Ashleigh Mills

And

Laura Ewington

Well done to these students. What a team!

Well done to all of our competitors! You were all fantastic!!!





Cheesy Silver Beet, Leek and Bacon Pasta



Season: Winter /Spring .

Serves 4 or 12 tastes.

Equipment: frying pan, chopping board, knife, cup measure, spoon measures, 3 bowls, wooden spoon.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced finely
- 1/2 leek, sliced finely
- 1 spring onion, roughly chopped
- 1 rasher bacon, diced small
- 3 silver beet leaves, stalks removed, sliced finely
- 1/3 cup tasty grated cheese
- 1 cup of white sauce (make with other recipe)
- 125g cooked penne pasta
- 1 tsp chicken stock powder
- 1 pinch pepper

Method:

1. Make up the white sauce using your own recipe.
2. Prepare all vegetables and bacon.
3. Heat the olive oil in the frying pan on heat 6.
4. Add the garlic, leek and spring onion and sauté for 2 minutes.
5. Tip in the bacon and cook for another 2 minutes.
6. Mix in the silver beet and put the lid on.
7. Turn down the heat to 4.
8. Cook until silver beet is soft, stirring occasionally.
9. Add the white sauce, chicken stock powder and pepper to the pan and stir.
10. Toss in the pasta quickly and mix until combined.
11. Stir until the pasta is heated through.
12. Remove the frying pan off the heat.
13. Add the grated cheese and mix again.
14. Serve and enjoy!