



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**17th Oct 2013**  
**TERM 4 WEEK 2**

## Special points of interest:

- 24th Oct - Book Club Due
- 30th Oct - Kindy Start
- 30th Oct - Sunnyside Farm Kindness Day
- 1st Nov - School FETE

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> Oct	21 NSW Girls Cricket	22 NSW Girls Cricket. Police Talk - Yr 2, Yr 6	23 Kindy Start 9.30 - 11.30 NSW Girls Cricket.	24 Book Club Due. NSW Girls Cricket	25 NSW Girls Cricket
<b>4</b> Oct/Nov	28	29	30 Kindy Start 9.30—11.30 Sunnyside Farm Kindness Day 12.30	31	1 FETE @ 5pm
<b>5</b> Nov	4 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	5 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	6 Kindy Start 9.30 - 11.30 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	7 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	8 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze
<b>6</b> Nov	11 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	12 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	13 Kindy Start 9.30 - 11.30 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	14 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze	15 Yr 2 Zoo Snooze



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# A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Vandalism

This has been a particularly sad week for our students and staff over the senseless and cowardly act which was inflicted on our farm animals. The Sunnyside Farm has become an integral part of Gunnedah South's daily life. Our students enjoy feeding and learning how to care for the animals. We have committed students who look after the animals during weekends and holiday times. Our students take great care looking after their vegetable gardens and great care in looking after the animals. Our farm and garden programs offer our students experiences that are not available in many other schools. Over the years I have watched our students interact with the farm animals and have always seen the students handle them with such care and respect and in the utmost gentle nature. This is why this cowardly act is so senseless.

I would like to sincerely thank the community for the overwhelming support the school has received. The phone has not stopped ringing from parents, community members, surrounding Principals, members of parliament and local councillors all offering to help, in any way the school requires. We have also had kind donations made to the school, even from parents and community members who do not have children at the school. This is true community spirit and very much appreciated. Gunnedah is a lovely place to live and work and I know since my time of moving to the town nearly 5 years ago, I have always found the community friendly, welcoming and supportive. The generosity that the school is receiving now is proof of the good natured people in Gunnedah.

The school will be taking a number of measures to ensure our animals are safe and enjoy their time here on Sunnyside Farm. Firstly the animal enclosures will be modified and strengthened. Installation of sensor floodlighting and security cameras will occur throughout the school, along with installation of security fencing behind the hall.

To help raise funds for the abovementioned, the school will be holding a pie drive with order forms due to go home on Monday 21st October and returned by 4th November. Pie delivery date will be 14th November.

We will also be holding a Sunnyside Farm BBQ, lunch ~**KINDNESS DAY**. This will be held on Wednesday 30th October from 12:30-1:30pm. This day will be open to ALL members of the community who would like to have lunch on our beautiful grounds with our students. We hope to have many parents and members of the community attend to help us send a clear message that this deplorable act is not acceptable.

Volunteers on the day with cooking of sausages and filling lunch orders would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to spare some time please phone the school and register your name. In addition, tell your friends, work mates, family and neighbours they are most welcome to attend.

Once again on behalf of our students and staff, thank you for your kind support.

## Term 4 dates:

Important dates to mark on your calendar.

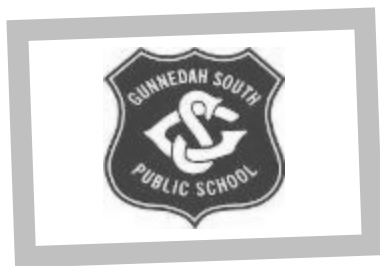
- ⇒ Presentation Day ~ Tuesday 10th December
- ⇒ Year 6 Farewell ~ Wednesday 11th December
- ⇒ Kindy Graduation ~ Friday 6th December
- ⇒ Christmas Concert ~ Friday 6th December
- ⇒ Kindy Excursion ~ Friday 18th October
- ⇒ Georgia Harvey ~ Tuesday 15th October Kindy, Year 1, Year 5.
- ⇒ Georgia Harvey ~ Tuesday 22nd October Year 2, Year 6.
- ⇒ Year 2 Zoo Snooze - 2E ~ Monday 4th November til Tuesday 5th.
- ⇒ Year 2 Zoo Snooze - 2H ~ Tuesday 5th November til Wednesday 6th.
- ⇒ Year 2 Zoo Snooze - 2M ~ Wednesday 6th November til Thursday 7th.
- ⇒ Year 2 Zoo Snooze - 2W ~ Thursday 7th November til Friday 8th.
- ⇒ Year 2 movies ~ Wednesday 16th October.
- ⇒ Stage 3 Canberra ~ group 1 ~ Monday 18th November till Friday 22nd November.
- ⇒ Stage 3 Canberra ~ group 2 ~ Monday 25th November till Friday 29th November.

Kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery.

Principal.





# SCHOOL NEWS...



## CANTEEN NEWS

MON	21/10 - HELP NEEDED
TUES	22/10 - HELP NEEDED
WED	23/10 - Michelle Stewart
THURS	24/10 - Janelle Scott
FRI	25/10 - Christine Pease HELP NEEDED

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



## BOOK CLUB

Book Club money  
is due back to school by  
21st October



## Stage 3 Rotations

Week 3	Monday - 21.10	Tuesday - 22.10	Wednesday - 23.10	Thursday - 24.10	Friday - 25.10
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY	6F	5Z	6H		5/6H
Mrs Heath HSJE	5S	5F	6F		5Z
Miss Small PE/PD	5F	6F	5Z		6H
Mr Humphries Science	5/6H	5S	5F		6F
Miss Zerner Art	6H	5/6H	5S		5F
Miss Flannery Drama	5Z	6H	5/6H		5S

## *Merit Certificates*

<b>KM</b>	Jayde Emmerson, Laura Demmerey, Jimmy Memorey, Alyshia Spain
<b>KB</b>	Chad Fisher, Charlotte Semmler, Ted Pease, Holly Sheedy
<b>KL</b>	Bella-Lee Colbran, Jack Fouracre, Jordan Mathers, Layton Winsor
<b>KS</b>	Lucas Passman, Alice Swain, Thomas Garner, Taylah McAllan
<b>KR</b>	Jackson O'Sullivan, Jack McCulloch, Logan Garratley, Daisy Sheedy
<b>IH</b>	Jedd Rennick, Kyrah Trengrouse, Immi Bull
<b>IP/W</b>	Flyn Harrison, Thomas Eveleigh, Charlie Beasley, Jacob Cohen
<b>IM</b>	Ellie Thomas, Will Harris, Cley Durrant, Nate Harris
<b>2W</b>	Alyssa Skavinski, Byron Jeffrey, Emylie Murrell
<b>2H</b>	Benni Griffin, Jack Memorey, Annie Elphick, Jade Wilson
<b>2E</b>	Telia Bilsborough
<b>2M</b>	Amelia Woolaston, Seth Hoffman, Emily Hunt, Emily Staughton
<b>3/4S</b>	Corbyn Brand, Bella Barr, Olivia Edmonds
<b>4S</b>	Oliver Thomas, Stephanie McArthur, Connor Anderson
<b>4W</b>	Laine Phillips, Lowanna Davison, Zachary Clarke
<b>5F</b>	Anaya Boal, Tom Wilson, Steven Craig, Alyssa Ferguson
<b>5S</b>	Philippe Altmann, Kira Mancer, Daniel Wang
<b>5/6H</b>	Chennelle Winsor, Jacob Hortin, Samuel Hibert
<b>6F</b>	Yasmin Webster, Piper Rankmore, Mitchell Clarke

## Merit Certificates

### Silver

Isabella Barr, Sophie Williams,  
Hudson Dries, Amia Beasley,  
Lucy Robertson, Ethan Tighe,  
Telia Bilsborough, Tom Sheedy,  
Imogen Cameron, Heath Stark,  
Laura Harris, Bailee Crowe,  
Peter Marquett, Bridget Donnelly,  
Josie Gallagher, Lachlan Pennicuik,  
Phillip Winsor, Chelsea Webster,  
Harry Woodhead, Alice Swain,  
Holly Sheedy, Owen Shoemsmith,  
Charlotte Semmler,

### Gold

Alice Swain,  
Telia Bilsborough,  
Tom Sheedy,  
Peter Marquett,  
Bridget Donnelly,  
Josie Gallagher,  
Phillip Winsor,  
Chelsea Webster,  
Harry Woodhead,

### You Can Do It

Jayde Emmerson, Charlie Bridge, Jarvis Cameron, Chad Fisher, Halle Talbott,  
Colter Swain, Tiah Small, Emily McKenzie, Jedd Rennick, Charlie Beasley, Archie Stark,  
Will Harris, Zoe McAlpine, Lucy Reid, Toby Randall, Benni Griffin, Jack Memorey,  
Imogen Cameron, Tristan Poeschl, Heath Stark, Flynn Cameron,  
Connor Wheatly, Annalise Johnson, Zac Griffin, Lilliarna Ferguson, Hannah Simpson,  
Lachlan Moore, Ben Southwell, Phebe Austin, Raphy Lees, Locky Lennox, Ryan West,  
Kurt Rennick, Hannah McClenahan, Jamie Andrews, Ashley White, Brandy Harris,  
Assleigh Mills

### Dance

Sophie Williams,  
Jordan Winsor

### Titanium

Tneesha Milne

# Up the Back with Leigh and Virginia

"It's a sin to kill a mockingbird."

Thank you Harper Lee for what is a truism to right minded people and is still unfathomable to the idiot fringe.

In our column last week we wrote, "Virginia and I would like to welcome Elke, a svelte, caramel coloured heifer ... an affable and affectionate individual." Such loveliness.

In reference to the fowls we wrote, "our feathered neighbours enter their dotage"

In our column this week we poignantly write, "Virginia and I sadly farewell Elke, an affable and affectionate individual and three hens, old and feeble."

Those four animals were killed and others injured in the early hours of Sunday morning by some cowardly individuals. At that hour all the animals would have been asleep and because of the kindness shown them by our students would not have tried to escape. Chooks of course are particularly docile on their roosts after dark.

We cannot conceive of the person who thinks that attacking a sleeping chicken is a challenge or who thinks that walking up to sleeping calves and bludgeoning them, is in any way an act worth carrying out.

"My tongue will tell the anger of my heart." So said the most quotable of all English speakers and he says it all so much more eloquently than we and with not a little less profanity, so below you shall find a few of his epithets that we feel apply to the perpetrators of the cruelty which was visited upon our animals on Sunday morning. Sadly, we assume that the culprits have X and Y chromosomes. History tells us that girls are not likely to do such things.

## Intelligence

He has not so much brain as earwax.

## Character

There's neither honesty, manhood nor good fellowship in thee.

## Worth

You are not worth another word.

Ah, but if we must have another word, who could forget a quote from the big E. "There are only two things that are infinite, the universe and human stupidity and I'm not sure about the universe." (sic). And like so many of his ideas, 100 years later it still applies.

## An Ill Wind

Such good has been blown in by this ill wind. This wonderful Gunnedah community has been repulsed and united. Associates of the school and total strangers have responded in kind and in deed. Amongst the many, last night Mr Humphries received a wonderful phone call from a year 8 high school student. Only this morning Lara Wise came in and donated all her pocket money for the animals. Thank you darling.

When good people unite, such wondrous things happen.

## Condolences

Leigh and I would like to express our sympathies to everyone in the wider community who was affected by this, all the children of the school, especially those who have tended the animals and particularly to Jarrett Talbot, Steven Craig, Connor Gallagher and the others who looked after Elke.

## Pause for Thought

Along with our impulse for vengeance, we may need to look at ourselves and be sure not to be too hypocritical. Hopefully the perpetrators will be caught and punished severely but they need a way to move forward too. They are probably kids and may not have a whole lot going for them.

With love from

Leigh and Virginia.

13.10.2013.

# Gunnedah South School Fete

Friday 1st November 2013

5pm—8pm

Winder Place Gunnedah



**Family Fun Night**  
**Supporting our School**

- 🎡 Show Bags
- 🎡 Cake Stall
- 🎡 Jumping Castle
- 🎡 Talent Quest
- 🎡 Pillow Fight
- 🎡 Balloons
- 🎡 Face Painting
- 🎡 Jewellery & Variety stall
- 🎡 Produce & Plant Stall
- 🎡 Tennis Shots
- 🎡 Hundred Raffle



**Raffle drawn on the night**



**Great Prizes from  
The Chocolate Wheel**

- 🌀 Barbeque
- 🌀 Hot Dogs
- 🌀 Drinks
- 🌀 Fruit Salad
- 🌀 Ice-Cream
- 🌀 Milkshakes
- 🌀 Coffee





Your are invited  
to the  
**Gunnedah  
South**  
Public School  
**Presentation and  
Award Ceremony**

The ceremony will begin at  
9.30am in the school hall on  
Tuesday, 10th December

Gunnedah South Public School will be  
holding a

# Sunnyside Farm Kindness Day

On Wednesday 30th October  
@ 12.30

We will be having a BBQ lunch in the  
school grounds for the parents and  
community to come together and  
share this special day with our  
students.

Orders for the BBQ will go home  
with students.



# The Golden Award Winners- Wk 1!

## The Golden Whisk!



### Congratulations 2M!

2M were fantastic in the kitchen. They were well  
behaved, listened intently and completed their  
jobs enthusiastically. It was a relaxed kitchen class.  
Well done 2M!

## The Golden Trowel!



### Congratulations KS!

KS were keen gardeners this week. They listened  
to instructions and worked hard to see all  
activities through.  
Well done KS!