



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
28th Nov 2013
TERM 4 WEEK 8

Special points of interest:

- 5th-6th - Yr 4 Excursion
- 10th - Presentation Day
- 11th - Yr 6 Farewell
- 13th - Hamburger Day

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Dec	2	3	4 Yr 6 High School Orientation Day Yr 4 Keepit Excursion	5 Yr 4 Keepit Excursion	6 Yr 4 Keepit Excursion Kindy Graduation Christmas Concert CANTEEN CLOSED
10 Dec	9	10 Presentation Day @ 9.30 P & C Meeting @ 7pm CANTEEN CLOSED	11 Yr 6 Farewell	12	13 Yr 6 Keepit Dam Visit Hamburger Day
11 Dec	16 CANTEEN CLOSED	17 CANTEEN CLOSED	18 CANTEEN CLOSED Yr 6 Pool Day Last Day of School	19	20 



*Gunnedah South Public
School*

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A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Student Reports

Classroom teachers are busily writing student end of year reports. These comprehensive reports outline students progress across all Key Learning Areas, giving valuable information regarding student achievement and areas for development. In addition, teachers also comment on a student's participation in school activities, merit level achieved and social skills.

Student reports are due to go home on Monday 9th December.

Farm Update

The farm has undergone a significant facelift with the chicken enclosure now complete. Our treasured new chickens have returned to their new home built of crim mesh! The new enclosure now has the roof enclosed for added safety. This peace of mind cost around \$4000 and is worth every cent.

The total fund raising including cake stall, Kindness Day BBQ, pie drive, community donations and P&C is \$11,043. This money is being used on additional lighting, security cameras, animal enclosures, repairs to water and feeding systems and fencing. Once again I would like to sincerely thank the entire community for supporting our school, enabling us to continue to offer this unique program at our school.

The students are very excited and happy to welcome back our chickens, 3 new ducks, calves and I believe soon ~ goats!

Staffing 2014

The school will gain due to our student numbers increasing a deputy principal who will commence next year. Deputies are appointed to schools when student numbers reach 515, we presently have 580 students. The position will be a significant addition to our leadership team.

This position was advertised and yesterday the panel, consisting of P&C president, AECG president, teacher representative, Director's representative and myself as convenor, interviewed high level candidates and selected an outstanding applicant who will compliment our school and community. Due to the merit selection process still being finalised, I am unable to name the successful applicant ~ hopefully all will be revealed in next week's newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Gunnedah South who have taken on extra roles and continued to ensure our school has provided an excellent education facility in the absence of a deputy for the last 2 years. This has been an extremely busy time for all staff, as the school has continued to grow as we have increased opportunities for students. This again highlights the high level of professionalism and commitment of our staff. Thank you.

Swimming Carnival 2014

The swimming carnival for 2014 will be held on Thursday 13th February. Next year all students who turn 8 during 2014 are eligible to attend and compete in the swimming events. This does include students in year 2. Students and parents will need to nominate for events prior to the carnival. Nomination forms are attached in the newsletter and will be available at the front office.

There will also be an additional swimming fun day to be held on Monday 17th February for all students in years 3-6. Both swimming events will have house points awarded and the two lots of points combined.

Parents and community members are encouraged to attend either or both swimming events.



A few words from our Principal...CONT



School Construction

The new toilet upgrade has commenced with our builder keen to get the process underway.

They are beginning each day around 7 to minimise noise. This construction is set to take approx. 10 weeks, and we hope to have both primary and senior toilets completed for the commencement of 2014.

In addition to our toilet construction, the new garden shed has been built. There will be an outdoor section where students can propagate seeds, wash vegetables and pot up plants. The shed will give the students ample space to store our garden equipment, fertilisers, pots and wheelbarrows.

Christmas Concert

Don't forget to mark in your diary the school Christmas concert. This is a lovely festive concert with all students performing an item.

Date: **Friday 6th December @ 11:30am.**

Presentation Day

Another important event not to be missed is our Presentation Day.

Date: **Tuesday 10th December @ 9:30am.**

kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery.

Principal.



Merit Certificates

1H	Dylan Anderson, Tahlia Newman, Sophie Mainey, Lily Friend, Jedd Rennick
1P/W	Shakita-Lee Small, Indy Bryers, Alyssa Frey, Claire Varcoe, Aiden Chorley
1M	Ava Coleman, Charlie Tassell, Alex Bajzath, Sophie Bush
2W	Emylie Murrell, Ben Neale, Josh Coker
2H	Toby Bartlett, Annie Elphick, Blake Torrens, Callum Anderson
2E	Ethan Tighe, Heath Stark
2M	Lewis Donaldson, Emily Hunt, Sarah McKenzie, Alex Letts
3D	Phoebe Bridge, Callie Jeffrey, Chance Moore-Duff, Kaiden Blair
3/4S	Byron Donnelly, Kiah Squires, Katelyn Wise
4S	Tarren Beasley, Angela Dillon, Hayden Endicott
4W	Matilda Harford, Jack Trappel, Sharnie Perry
5Z	Emily Hoppe, Holly White Whitehurst, Ned Tassell

Merit Certificates

Silver

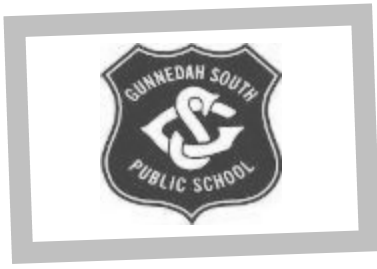
Anaya Boal, Matt Cavanagh,
Steven Craig,
Shakarra Dorrington, Annie Dries,
Breanna Dunstan, Josh Egan,
Alyssa Ferguson,
Connor Gallagher, Josh Guest,
Makayla Hebblewhite,
Tahlia Isbester, Raphy Lees,
Locky Lennox, Susan McLauchlan,
Ashley Murray, Conor Roberts,
Savanna Stewart,
Jarrett Talbott, Brian Webb,
Ashlea Webber, Orin Wettenhall,
Tom Wilson, Matilda Harford,
Emily Williams, Ted Pease,
Chad Fisher, Cooper Bedggood,
Zoe Fleming, Shakita-Lee Small,
Ava Coleman, Emily Hoppe,
Alyssa Frey, Jayde Emmerson,
Ally Pennicuik, Chantel Vaughn,
Dylan Anderson, Abbie Passfield,
Lucas Passman, J.D. Lowe,
Kullin Long, Lewis Donaldson,
Sarah McKenzie, Brittney Smith

Gold

Ava Coleman,
hakita_lee Small,
Zoe Fleming,
Matilda Harford,
Nathan Bush,
Shakarra Dorrington,
Connor Gallagher,
Josh Green,
Makayla Hebblewhite,
Raphy Lees,
Locky Lennox,
Susan McLauchlan,
Ashley Murray,
Brian Webb,
Ashlea Webber,
Sarah McKenzie,
Abbie Pasfield,
Lucas Passman,
Kullin Long,
Dylan Anderson

YOU CAN DO IT

Lily Friend, Jedd Rennick, Sophie Mainey, Flynn Harrison, Claire Barnes,
Harry Capper, Tyler Duff, Madison McDonald, Will Harris, Freya Gow,
Charlie Garner, Ryleh Callcott, Hollie Eveleigh, Aleah Riley, Jaycob Price,
Ronin Petersen, Sophie Stewart, Jayden Winsor, Amity Cleal, Brodie Riley,
Zac Clarke, Isaac Coker, Tom Snow, Hayden Forrester, Annie Elphick, Toby Bartlett,
Nikyiah Wortley, Jack Makay, Bridget Donnelly, Brittany Smith, Matthew Donnelly



SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

MON 2nd - HELP NEEDED
 TUES 3rd - Laura Reeves
 WED 4th - Michelle Stewart
 THURS 5th - HELP NEEDED
 FRI 6th - CLOSED

 MON 9th -
 TUES 10th - CLOSED
 WED 11th -
 THURS 12th -
 FRI 13th -

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need some volunteers with sewing skills who can help out making some library bags. All material will be supplied. Please contact the office staff for any enquires. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Stage 3 Rotations

Week 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY					
<i>Mrs Heath</i> HSJE					
Miss Small PE/PD					
Mr Humphries Science					
Miss Zerner Art					
Miss Flannery Drama					

NO ROTATIONS

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion Week 7

On Monday we were excited about going on our excursion to Canberra. It was a long nine hours on the bus. We were entertained by the annoying year 6 girls singing. We stopped at Gulgong for recess and our next stop was at Canowindra for lunch. Then we visited the *Japanese Gardens* in Cowra. About four hours later we arrived in Canberra and it just didn't feel right going into a different state. When we arrived at The Greenhills Centre we were split up into our rooms, unpacked our bags and drove to Telstra Tower. When we went inside Telstra Tower we went right up to the top and it was 870 metres above sea level and it was very windy.

On Tuesday morning we went up to Mount Ainslie and we had a perfect view of Parliament House. Then we went to the War Memorial and it was very interesting but it was still a very emotional time for some people. After the War Memorial we went to the National Capital Exhibition Centre and it literally came to life. Then we went to the High Court, The National Library (we saw a robot carrying books and his name was Charlie), Canberra Raiders Headquarters and the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport).

On Wednesday we went to the National Museum of Australia and there was a movie in a spinning room that showed us the first inventions of the 1900s. After that we went underground to a games room and we had to make a car or house for the future. We watched a 3D movie of all the cars and houses we made. There was also a lot of interesting Aboriginal art and culture. Next we went to CSIRO which is a science lab. We isolated DNA using a sweet pea and ethanol. Next then we went to Questacon. It was really exciting and there were a lot of games and air hockey tables and a giant slide that felt like you were skydiving. We went back to Greenhills Centre, had dinner and went to AMF bowling.

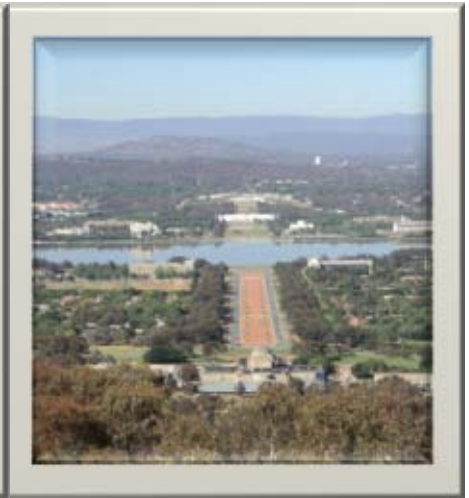
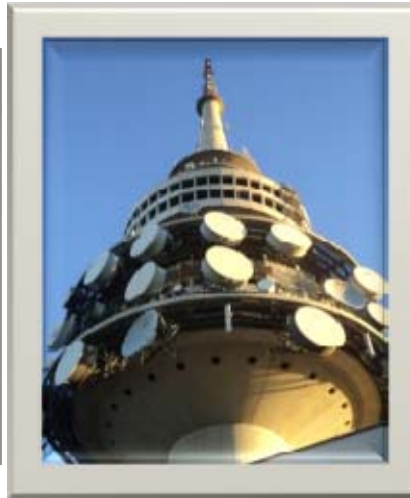
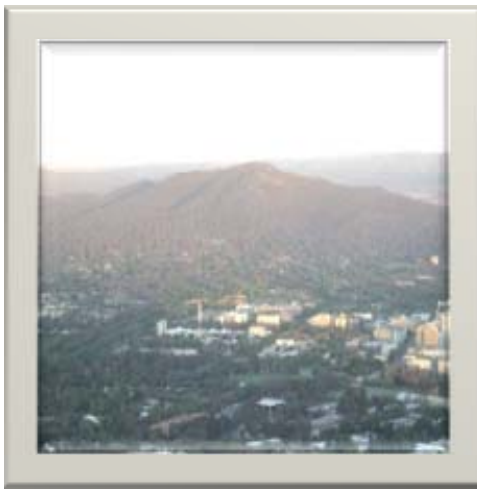
On Thursday we went to Parliament House and learned about how prime ministers are elected and we had our own little election. We also learned about the Senate and the House of Representatives. In the House of Representatives we watched a debate between two parties before we went down Embassy Drive and saw every country's embassy house. After that we went to the Royal Australian Mint and saw the strongest robot in the southern hemisphere. Then we went to the National Zoo and Aquarium where we saw lions, tigers, monkeys, pandas, tree kangaroos, giraffes, zebras, penguins, kangaroos, wallabies and emus.

On Friday we packed our bags, loaded them onto the bus and had breakfast. We got on the bus and left at 8am and arrived back to Gunnedah nine hours later.

IT WAS AWESOME!

JOSH GUEST, BAILEY STEWART AND REECE JEFFERY

Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion Week 7 Photos



WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!

Stage 2 Milo Cricket Competition

Friday 16th November, Gunnedah South stage 2 children participated in the Gunnedah Milo T20 Blast. There were 4 teams from Gunnedah South, 1 from Mullaley and 3 from St Xavier's, over 80 students in total from the three schools.

The Milo T20 Blasts are about encouraging primary students to have fun trying cricket. The fields and equipment are modified to allow the students to hit 6er's just like members of the Sydney 6er's BBL team. Each player had many opportunities to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep throughout each game, playing 4 games in the day. Along with playing T20 Blast cricket, the students could dance along to music, participate in a high ball catching competition and gain valuable coaching from Cricket promotional staff and students from Gunnedah High who attended to assist with the hosting of the event.

Results

Final

Gunnedah South Boys 1	110	d	St Xavier's Boys 3	76
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Conciliation Finals

St Xavier's Boys 1	74	d	Gunnedah Sth Boys 4	40
Gunnedah South Boys 2	107	d	Mullaley Primary	67

Gunnedah South entered one all girls team into the day and they took on St Xavier's in the consolation finals In a thriller we won.

Gunnedah South Girls	64	d	St Xavier's 2	63
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Thanks go to the Gunnedah High students who assisted with coaching, umpiring and scoring throughout the day.





GUNNEDAH HIGH SCHOOL

Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday, 4 December 2013

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Invitation

Parents and carers of Year 6 students are invited to attend the Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day. We encourage you to bring along your Year 6 students.

When: Wednesday, 4 December 2013 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Gunnedah High School Hall

What's on:

Information session and afternoon tea for parents and carers

Sporting activities for year 6 students

For further information, please contact Emily McInerney or Anne McMahon on 6742 0155.

3/4\$ Green Thumbs!



Emily, Annalise and Corbyn show off our amazing carrots!

Drew and Sophie harvested these beautiful beetroot.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Families and guests are cordially invited to attend the Gunnedah South Christmas Concert.



This concert will be held on Friday 6th December from 11.30 to 1.00pm.

On display will be a range of Christmas songs preformed by class and year groups.

Parents are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SAKKG News!

Kitchen Cook-off Grand Final.

Our Kitchen Cook-off grand final will be held on **Wednesday 4th December** at 6pm in our kitchen.

All are welcome to see who takes out this prestigious award!

The finalists are

Tneesha and Roxanne Milne

Nautica Eather and Anaya Boal

Lucy and Isaac Merlehan

Ashleigh Mills and Laura Ewington

Jordan Winsor and Blair Beasley

Elsie and Carolyn Hunt

Good luck and congratulations on making it to the grand final!

Fresh Vegies Available to Purchase.

At the end on the day on **Wednesday and Thursday** in weeks 9 and 10, we will have students selling vegetables at Mothers' Gate, Stock Road and Western gate.

So bring your spare change and purchase some great, organically grown produce.

Volunteer Morning Tea.

On Monday 16th December we are holding a morning tea in the kitchen to thank all the wonderful volunteers and mentors we have at our school. Whether it be helping with reading, maths groups, kitchen lessons, garden sessions, in the canteen, at the fete, the list goes on! We would love to see you there.



Recipe of the Week!

Basic Pasta Salad

Season: Winter /Spring .

Serves 4 or 18 tastes.

Ingredients:

- 100g of cooked pasta
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 stalk celery, chopped finely
- 1 spring onion, chopped finely
- 2 tablespoons sultanas
- 1 small capsicum (if available), diced
- 1 portion of honey herb vinaigrette dressing



Method:

1. Rinse the cooked pasta under cold water and drain thoroughly in the colander.
2. Make the vinaigrette using the recipe provided.
3. Prepare the vegetables.
4. Combine all of the ingredients together in a large bowl.
5. Serve and enjoy.

Herb Vinaigrette

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons honey
- pinch salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs

Method:

- Prepare herbs.
- Combine the first 3 ingredients in a medium bowl.
- Whisk in oil slowly.
- Stir in herbs.
- Can be stored in fridge for up to 5 days in a bottle.

2014 Annual Swimming Carnival

Gunnedah South's Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 13th February 2014.

This year we will be asking students, in consultation with their parents, to nominate for events.

To enter the carnival a student needs to turn 8 years of age in 2014, this includes children in year 2.

These are competitive events where athletes will qualify to attend the Gunnedah Zone Swimming Carnival that will be held on Wednesday 19th February 2014.

Please discuss with your child the events he/she would like to enter. There are no qualifying times for this carnival.

We will be asking for nominations before the end of Term 4 but will also take nominations in Term 1 2014.

We will also be asking for parental support for this carnival. Please assist by registering on the nomination form.

On Monday 17th February years 3 to 6 will take part in an Inter House Swimming Fun Day where all students will participate in races, water games and activities that will cater for all abilities.

Organisation, including travel and pool costs, permission notes, and all carnival details will be sent home Term 1 2014.

Any enquiries please contact to Mrs Ross through the school office.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL NOMINATION FORM

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age turning in 2014: _____ Year Level: _____ House: _____

Please tick the events your child would like to participate in:

200 Individual Medley

50m Freestyle

50m Breaststroke

50m Backstroke

50m Butterfly

100m Freestyle

I have discussed these selections with my child and agree with them

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(NB: This note is to be returned to Mrs Ross via the Classroom Teacher)

I already know that I will be available to assist as an official on 13th February 2014.

Child's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (mob)