



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

**Thursday
5th Dec 2013
TERM 4 WEEK 9**

Special points of interest:

- 10th - Presentation Day
- 11th - Yr 6 Farewell
- 13th - Hamburger Day

Principal: Mrs Emma Jeffery

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
1 Jan	27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28	29	30	31



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A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Kindy Buddy Workshop

Yesterday our year 5 students organised a kindy buddy workshop to welcome our new kindergarten students for 2014 to big school. Each kindergarten student has been assigned a year 5 buddy who will help them settle into school routines, role model friendships and ensure a happy start to kindergarten.

The workshop was a great 'get to know you' exercise for our kindies and year 5 buddies. They spent time together making Christmas craft, having photos taken, enjoying a picnic lunch and watching a Christmas movie. I was very impressed by the caring nature our year 5 students displayed towards our new little cherubs. Thank you ~ year 5 students.

Staffing 2014

The school will gain a deputy principal who will commence next year due to our student numbers increasing. 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 helping, to lead and manage the school.

The new deputy principal is Mr Graham Conn. He is currently the deputy at Wellington Public School. Mr Conn will be visiting next week and is keen to involve himself in many community activities. He has a keen interest in PSSA and especially Rugby! Mr Conn will be moving into the town over the Christmas holidays and familiarising himself with town and community. His wife is also an experienced teacher and their 3 children are looking forward to starting here at Gunnedah South.

I am very confident that Mr Conn, with his skills and experience will further help Gunnedah South to shine!

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 event to be held on Monday 17th February for all students in years 3-6 to take part in an inter house competition. Both swimming events will have house points awarded for each event and the total from both swimming events will determine the winning house.

Parents and community members are encouraged to attend either or both swimming events to provide a cheer squad and help with timekeeping etc.

Please contact Mrs Ross if you have any questions.

Titanium Lunches

A special morning assembly was held yesterday to hand out over 20 Titanium Awards to very worthy recipients. I am extremely proud of the students for reaching this level. These students are **persistent, resilient, organised, confident and they get along**.

We might need to book a mini bus!!

Christmas Concert

Don't forget to mark in your diary the school Christmas concert. ~ **TOMORROW**. 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 Presentation Day.

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

Kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery.

Principal.



Merit Certificates

Silver

Chloe Sutherland, Nathan Stark,
Elsie Hunt, Ellie Thomas,
Jake Stark, Alyssa Batinic,
Stephanie Mitchell-Roberts,
Bastian Short, Broke Rennick,
Max Hancox, Isaac Jeffery,
Osharn Newton,
Mackenzie Leader, Annie Walsh,
J.D Lowe, Kullin Long

Gold

Kullin Long, Bastian Short,
Max Hancox, Annie Walsh,
Alyssa Batinic,
Stephanie Mitchell-Roberts,
Ellie Thomas, Nathan Stark

Titanium

Connor Gallagher, Ashley Murray,
Orin Wettenhall, Annie Walsh, Ryan
West, Jessie Betts, Riley Bunce.
Jed White, Zoe Fleming,
Anaya Boal, , Paige Murray,
Jayden Winsor, Tom Roworth,

You Can Do It

Lily Friend, Adam Fermor, Alecia Coker,
Serena Jaeger, Billy Hoppe, Cley Durrant

IH

Jack Hunt, Adam Fermor, Lily Friend, Chloe Elsley, Harry Bartlett

IP/W

Sophie Baker, Indy Bryers, Tyler Duff, Chloe Sutherland

IM

Zoe McAlpine, Ellie Thomas, Kayden Sutcliffe, Owen Robinson



SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

MON 9th - HELP NEEDED
 TUES 10th - CLOSED
 WED 11th - Sharyn Hancox
 THURS 12th - Kim Street
 Nicole Donald
 FRI 13th - Hamburger day

 MON 16th - CLOSED
 TUES 17th - CLOSED
 WED 18th - CLOSED

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 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 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY					
Mrs Heath HSJE					
Miss Small PE/PD					
Mr Humphries Science					
Miss Zerner Art					
Miss Flannery Drama					

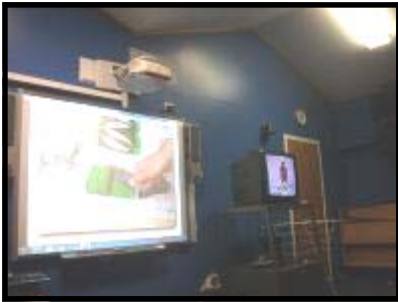
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Kindy 2014 Buddy Christmas Day



1M Connected Classroom Excursion!

On Tuesday, 1M had the opportunity to participate in a unique connected classroom experience. The lesson was based around the book 'Emily and the Big Bad Bunyip' by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. The students were introduced to some native Australian animals and fauna. They enjoyed a shared reading of the book, craft activities and song. Students used a stencil to print a gumleaf design onto a calico bag, they made a gumleaf glitter gift tag, an Aussie Christmas card and they decorated an interactive Christmas tree.



North West P.S.S.A. Cricket 2014 Selection

Adam McGuirk has been selected to play open batsman and medium pace bowler in the North West PSSA State Carnival to be held on the Central Coast from 3rd – 6th March next year. Trials were held in Tamworth last Friday with both the Southern and Northern teams in attendance. Jackson Carr also tried out on the day and although he played well and full of enthusiasm he just missed out on selection.

Kitchen Cook-off Grand Final!



Another great cook off!
Well done to everyone
involved!!! Definitely a
room filled with future
master chefs!!!



**3 recipes to cook, in only 1hr
and 15 minutes!**

And the winners were..

*Lucy Merlehan and her team—
Celeste Campbell and Maddie
Coombs. Fantastic effort girls!!!*



SAKG News!

Fresh Vegies for sale!

Fresh Vegies Available to Purchase!

At the end of each day 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 and the list goes on!

We would love to see you there.

Recipe of the Week!

Painted Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 120g butter
- 1 beaten egg
- 2 cups pl flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla essence

To make the paint
Mix 2 tbsp. corn flour with 1/2
tsp water and 2-3 drops of food
colouring.



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius fan forced.
2. Mix together the sugar, the egg, the vanilla and the butter with the wooden spoon.
3. Add the flour, and the baking powder. Mix until all of the ingredients are combined
4. Squeeze the mixture with your hands until it sticks together.
5. Place one sheet of baking paper onto the bench. Place the dough onto the paper and then put another piece of baking paper on top of the dough.
6. Roll until the dough is about 1/2cm flat..
7. Cut out shapes until all the dough is used.
8. Place the cut outs onto the lined baking tray.
9. Using the coloured egg yolk mix, paint the biscuits how ever you like.
10. Place tray into the oven.
11. Bake the shapes for 10 minutes or until they begin to go golden.

Happy Cooking!

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)