



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
25th July 2013
TERM 3 WEEK 2

Special points of interest:

- 29th-2nd - Education Week
- 1st July - Kindy Transition
- 31st July - Yr 6 Preview Evening
- 2nd August - Yr 6 Science

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 July/Aug	29 Education Week.	30 Education Week.	31 Education Week. Kindy Transition 1.40-2.40pm. Yr6 Preview Evening.	1 Education Week.	2 Education Week. Science Fair Yr6 High School.
4 August	5	6	7 K-2 Athletics Carnival. Life Ed Van.	8 Life Ed Van.	9 Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival. Life Ed Van.
5 August	12 Life Ed Van.	13 Life Ed Van. P&C meeting 7pm.	14 Life Ed Van. Zone Athletics Carnival.	15 Life Ed Van.	16 Life Ed Van.
6 August	19 Life Ed Van.	20	21	22	23



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GETTING ALONG

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Education Week ~ Gunnedah Community Of Schools Assembly

This year in addition to our Education Week activities (outlined further in the newsletter) our school will be hosting the Gunnedah Community of schools Education Week assembly. This is first time that all schools have come together to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of students, staff and community. The following schools are involved in this festivity ~ Gunnedah South, Gunnedah Public, Gunnedah High, G.S. Kidd, Mullaley, Boggabri, Carroll, Curlewis and Tambar. A number of schools will be performing an item throughout the official proceeding including our school band.

Each school will be nominating for four awards in the following categories:

- Outstanding student achievement award.
- Outstanding contribution to a school by a volunteer.
- Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of the school community.
- Outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member.

This assembly is not a normal Gunnedah South school assembly, but rather for parents and community members from each of the 9 Gunnedah community of schools. We will have our Year 6 and SRC representatives to watch the official proceedings.

All Gunnedah South school parents and community are warmly welcome to attend.

Date: **Wednesday 31st July**

Time: **10am**

Venue: **Gunnedah South hall.**

Education week will be held during Week 3. Education Week is an annual celebration and showcase of NSW Public Schools that started in 1954.

Education Week provides schools with the opportunity to include parents and the local community in celebrations of public education.

The week reflects our theme; NSW Public Schools - Creating the Future.

The week celebrates and promotes the achievements of students, staff and the Department.

This year we have decided to have various activities on each day of the week to allow more flexibility for parents. A full weekly overview is attached.

Here at Gunnedah South we are very proud of the innovative programs we have on offer and the achievements of our students. Education week provides a time for parents to see our students in action.

The students at Gunnedah South have a strong sense of ownership and respect for their school and this is evident in classrooms, with work displayed, the care of their vegetable gardens and school grounds. All students enjoy having parents come into the school so please take the time during week 3 to pop in and join in the celebration of Education Week.

PLASST

Personalised Learning and Support Signposting Tool (PLASST) is a tool that the Department of Education is developing to assist teachers in profiling the educational needs of students who may need personalised learning and support. This includes students with intellectual, physical, sensory or social/emotional disabilities and students with difficulties in learning or behaviour. At no time during the trial will students be required to complete additional work or be formally assessed in any way.

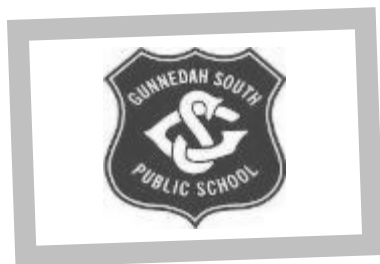
The Department of Education is trialling this tool in 550 schools across the State. Gunnedah South has been chosen to take part in the trial during Term 3 & 4. There is more information attached.

Kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery

Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

MON	29/7 - Noreen Percy
TUES	30/7 - help needed
WED	31/7 - Sharyn Hancox
THURS	1/8 - help needed
FRI	2/8 - help needed
MON	5/8 - help needed
TUES	6/8 - Kim Street
WED	7/8 - Closed—Infants Athletics
THURS	8/8 - help needed
FRI	9/8 - Closed— Primary Athletics

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



SCHOOL BANKING

NO school banking next Tuesday 30th July.
We are in need of a volunteer who can help out with school banking for approximately an hour on a Tuesday morning.
Please contact the office on 6742 1899.

Stage 3 Rotations

Week 3	Monday– 29/7	Tuesday– 30/7	Wednesday– 31/7	Thursday –1/8	Friday– 2/8
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY	6F	5Z	6H		5F
Mrs Heath HSJE	5S	5F	6F		5/6H
Miss Small PE/PD	5F	6F	5Z		5S
Mr Humphries Science	5/6H	5S	5F		6H
Miss Zerner Art	6H	5/6H	5S		5Z
Miss Flannery Drama	5Z	6H	5/6H		6F

Merit Certificates

KM	Ryley Chaffey, Coen Fletcher, Ally Pennicuik, Jake Atkins
KB	Jessica Ferguson, Hunter Gow, Charlotte Semmler
KL	William Hicks, Lincoln Squires, John Hoppe, Sienna Mackay
KS	Alice Swain, Abbie Passfield, Jacob Tindall, Elias Briggs
KR	Ashton Wortley, Deakyn Laws, Cooper Blair, Emily McKenzie, Logan Garratley, Jackson O'Sullivan
IH	Adam Fermor, Stella Robertson, Immi Bull
IP/W	Bella Sawyer, Indiella Bryers, Tyler Duff, Jydan Davison, Jacob Cohen
IM	Jay Hancox, Madison McDonald, Billy Hoppe, Ava Coleman
2W	Ryan Carr, Emylie Murrell, Hayden Forrester
2H	Zoe Eather, Bennie Griffin, Olivia Guest, Angel Phillips
2E	Briannah Cohen, Peter Marquett, Telia Bilsborough, Amia Beasley, Josie Gallagher, Imogen Cameron
2M	Laurel Thomas, Ronald Fermor, Brianna Cope, Max Guarrera, Sarah McKenzie
3D	Austin Bryers, Taylor Davidson, Indy Lees
3M	Archer Harrison, Rory Thomas, Mahdi Al Kredy
3/4S	Tiara Conlan, Stephanie Mitchell-Roberts
4S	Hayden Endicott, Moira Morgan
4W	Aimee Randall, Aidan Luzuriaga
5F	Breanna Dunstan, Nathan Bush
5S	Kurt Rennick, Maddison Coombs
5Z	Celste Campbell, Tom Roworth
5/6H	Andy Wang, Tyler Conlan, Elsie Hunt, Jessica Penrose
6F	Cameron Anderson, Yasmin, Webster, Angelica White
6H	Lucy Moore, Jake Whittaker, Keenan Wise

Merit Certificates

Silver

Katherine Squires-Morgan,
Claire Varcoe, Claire Barnes,
Thomas Eveleigh, Emily Hoppe,
Tye Wortley, Sophie Williams,
Jasmyn Hoppe, Lachlan
Calcott, Courtney-Lee Penfold,
Bayley Williams, James
Elphick, James Wilson, Carter
Cameron, Joshua Green,
Matthew Cavanagh

Gold

Claire Barnes, Katherine
Squires-Morgan,
Emily Hoppe, Lachlan
Calcott, James Elphick

Sport

Daniel Stark, Bayley Williams,
James Elphick, James Wilson,
Carter Cameron, Joshua Green,
Joshua Egan, Matthew Cavanagh,
Adam McGuirk

State Cross-Country

Congratulations to Mackenzie, Kurt and Eli for competing in the state cross-country finals in Sydney last week. Mackenzie unfortunately became injured not long into the race and was unable to finish, Kurt came 66th in the 8/9 yrs boys, whilst Eli came 77th in the 10 yrs boys.

Great job making it to state and congratulations on your efforts!



Year 6 Preview Evening

The year 6 Preview Evening will be held at Gunnedah High next Wednesday 31st July from 6.30 to 8.30pm in the hall. Invitations will be given to year 6 students before the night.

Recipe of the Week!

Curried Vegetable Turnovers

Season: Summer – Autumn – Winter

Serves: 6 full size or 18 tastings

Fresh from the garden: A variety of vegetables, spinach, eggplant, carrot, pumpkin, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower etc.

Ingredients

- 2 tbs oil
- 1/2 onion, roughly chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 2 ½ sheets puff pastry
- 2 ½ cups mixed vegetables



Method

Wash, peel and chop the mixed vegetables into 1cm to 2 cm pieces. In a vegetable steamer, cook the vegetables until soft.

Heat the oil in the frypan on heat 7. Add the onion, curry powder and garlic. Sauté for around 5 minutes or until soft and clear. Remove from heat.

Gently mix the onion mix and the vegetables together in the bowl and leave to cool slightly.

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Line the trays with baking paper.

On the bench cut the pastry sheet into 4 equal quarters.

Divide the cooked vegetable mix among the pastry squares. Fold in half diagonally to enclose the filling. Using a fork, press the edges to seal.

Place the turnovers on the prepared tray. Bake for 20 minutes or until puffed and golden.

Happy Cooking

HORSE SPORTS

Four of our equestrian riders competed at the Narrabri West Horse Sports Day. They all had an enjoyable day testing their skills against many capable riders from other schools.

Beccy Wilson won the Highest Point Score 8yrs Girl and Steven Craig received the Runner Up Highest Point Score 11yrs Boy.

James Staughton and his sister Emily Staughton rode with smiles all day to complete all the events.

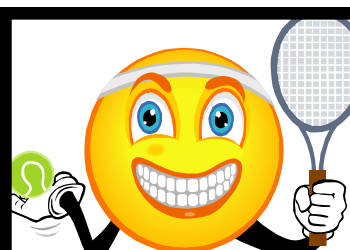
Top riding, Team!

A huge thank you to the parents for assisting during the day!



On The Court

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At last week's whole school assembly, the school Tennis team members were presented with medals commemorating their performance in becoming North-West Champions.

During the presentation, team manager, Mr Sumpter, spoke about how the team had taken on and defeated teams in the area from Moree, Narrabri, Tamworth and Armidale.

School Principal Mrs Jeffery, was delighted to hand out the medals as reward for the team's commitment and perseverance.

The players now move on to the state-wide quarter finals, which sees them take on Grafton Public School, winners of the North-Coast area. This match is set down for this week. The winner of this match will proceed to the finals to be held in Sydney later this term.

A big thank you must go to Gunnedah Newsagencies for donating the medals and arranging the engraving. The medals are sure to become a treasured memento of the players' tremendous achievements.



Book Week



Book Week will be here very soon so start thinking of a costume for the much anticipated Book Week Parade!

Instead of celebrating Book Week during week 6 like most other schools, **Gunnedah South will be holding book week during week 9 (9th - 13th September) this year.** We have done this the last couple of years to separate Education Week (week 4) and Book Week, but more importantly it gives you extra time to get creative and organise some fantastic costumes for the parade.

The Book Week Parade will be held on **Friday 13th September** where everyone is welcome to come along to watch their children and staff parade around, dressed as their favourite book character. The parade will start at 11:15 and will finish with a disco on the lawn where parents, grandparents and friends can join in for a dance. After the parade and disco, the library will be open where you are welcome to have a look at the books on offer at the Book Fair.

To celebrate Book Week there will be a **book fair** held in the library throughout week 9 where students and parents can come along browse or buy books on offer. There will be a large range of books suited to all ages and interests.

There will be more detail in the weeks leading up to Book Week but for now, keep the 13th September free for a fun day at Gunnedah South.

Kristie Hudson



Sign up for the MS Readathon today!

Throughout August our school is participating in the MS Readathon and **every student can get involved.** This is a fun and simple way to encourage students to read while also fundraising for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). All students need to do is read as many books as they can and ask family and friends for sponsorship or donations.

Reading is one of life's greatest pleasures and by taking part in the 2013 MS Readathon you will also be helping to provide much needed support, services and assistance to the 23,000 Australians living with MS.

Everyone who completes the program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and will be in the running to receive great reading rewards including book vouchers, private cinema screenings and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet.

For more information or to register simply go to **msreadathon.org.au**

Drum Beat 2013

The enchanting sound of drums beating can again be heard around our school. On Tuesday lunchtimes, Mrs Kate Deeves and Mrs Therese Bunce have been running a Drum Beat class with a group of year 6 girls. Yesterday was the girls' second class and everyone seems to be having a wonderful time learning the basics of drumming and enjoying the 'girly' conversations along the way. This group will continue to work together every Tuesday until the end of the term. We look forward to seeing some of their performances later as they become more accomplished drummers.

Mrs Kath Day-McGuirk will be offering students in Stage 2 and 3 an opportunity to learn drumming in an Active After Schools group on Tuesdays. Any students wishing to be involved need to hand Mrs Day-McGuirk a permission note ASAP. Limited numbers apply.

Good work everyone!

Mrs Lynda Heath
Assistant Principal



Gunnedah High SRC Visit

On Tuesday, 23rd July our SRC students had some special visitors join their weekly meeting. 10 Gunnedah High SRC students dropped in for an hour and listened to some of the ideas our students have to improve our school. Groups participated in some 'getting to know you' activities, discussed fundraising ideas, what it's like to be a leader in a school and other whole school projects. Our students took their older counterparts on a tour of the school and talked about the different school initiatives taking place. We finished the day making plans for our SRC to visit one of the High School's SRC meetings to get some ideas on how we can better run our meetings.

A big thank you to Miss Emma Holdom for organising the High School's visit. We had a great time getting to know you all and can't wait to meet with you again.

Mrs Lynda Heath
SRC Coordinator



Interest Group News

This week, year 5 students have been busy holding their first round of Interest Groups. These are held at lunch times, five days a week, and offer students in year 5 an opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills, practise ways of organising themselves and have fun in the process.

Groups have been able to offer kindergarten and year 1 students a range of activities, from Yoga, Hip Hop dancing, cricket, skipping, craft and cooking.

So far we have had a wonderful response from all the groups involved. Many of the infants students have said that they want to be in an interest group every day of the week.

Below is a report from one of our year 5 groups, retelling what their first Interest Group experience was like:

Hudson, Braden and I had an interest group with Charlie Tassle, Jarvis Cameron, Taleigha Elphick and Indiella Byers on Tuesday. First we played What's the Time Mr Wolf? Then I got them to learn each other's names. Next we played a game of soccer. Everyone was well behaved. They all got to have a pick out of the treasure box at the end. It was a lot of fun!



Community Mentoring Program

Gunnedah South Public School
Currently has **VACANCIES** for volunteer mentors.

If you are someone who is patient, empathetic, has life experience, likes young people and can give an hour / week, you may qualify to join the Gunnedah South Public School Community Mentoring Program. Or perhaps you know of a friend, family member or neighbour who may be interested?

Volunteers spend time with one or two students – utilising school premises, outside the classroom. The minimum commitment for volunteers is one hour per week for a school term.

Volunteers from the community who value the well-being of children and are looking for a way to give something back to the community will be matched to specific children. It is hoped that Aboriginal students will be matched to adults strong in their own Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Applicants are required to undertake an informal interview, working with children check, referee check and attend an orientation workshop. Mentors are supported with monthly morning tea / training opportunities. We can help you through each step.

By intentionally sharing time and interests with students, value is placed upon children, and their confidence and academic engagement has the potential to flourish.

The next mentor orientation workshop will be held on Monday 29th July, 2013.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a young person and be part of the solution to creating a happier, more resilient future generation, please contact Judi Peters, Student Welfare Officer on 67 421899.