



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
12th Sept 2013
TERM 3 WEEK 9

Special points of interest:

- 8 Oct - Students Return
- 10-11 Oct - Yr 3 Excursion
- 15 Oct - P&C Meeting
- 23 Oct - Kindy Start

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 Sept	16 Jump Rope 4 Heart.	17	18	19	20 
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 K-1 Police Talks	16	17 AECG AGM @ Red Chief	18
3 Oct	21	22 Yr 2 Police Talks	23 Kindy Start 9.30-11.20	24	25



Gunnedah South Public School

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GETTING ALONG

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

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 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.

Kitchen Cook Off!

The Kitchen Cook off is back! The next round of hungry competitors from year 5&6 are ready to cook off on **Tuesday 17th September @ 6pm**. I am sure they will be practising their skills at home to give them a cutting edge. If you haven't had a chance to come and watch this exciting event—it is open to the public for viewing and of course cheering the mini master chefs as they produce scrumptious meals.

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 a art exhibition in our school hall to showcase the fabulous art works created to the wider community. This is a very special event and the first of it's kind here at South and 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.

Book week parade

Last minute preparations for book week parade are now underway. This is such a fun day where staff and students enjoy dressing up and have a mini disco on the oval. 11:30am start on the oval, and all parents and community are invited to attend. The SRC are running a BBQ lunch and have chocolate crackles and yummy treats available for recess.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to all parents who have paid their voluntary school contributions so far this year. \$40 per child and \$10 for each additional child in the same family. These funds really do help in providing the resources which are used in classrooms each and every day.

For each family that has paid, they will receive a ticket in our raffle. The raffle will be drawn after the book week parade tomorrow. Prize: Huge 42" TV!!

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 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.

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.

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 still 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 are soon to release more information and maps.

Kindest regards,
Emma Jeffery.
Principal



Art Excursion to the Wallaby Trap

On Thursday 5th September, 17 students walked to the Wallaby Trap to view and sketch Numu Mountains.

We set up with rugs and chairs in the shade of the gum trees with a magnificent view of Numu Mountain.

With the aid of viewfinders and a range of paper and drawing equipment we set about sketching.

The results were fantastic and all involved had a wonderful afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Bernays, Miss Leonie and Mrs Peters, for your help.





SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

MON 16/9 - Help needed
 TUES 17/9 - Kim Street
 WED 18/9 - Michelle Stewart
 THURS 19/9 - Help needed
 FRI 20/9 - Dee Roworth & Hope Rennick

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

**CANTEEN CLOSED
FRIDAY 13th.**



FETE

The P&C are now gearing up for the school's annual fete. Mark it on your calendars for *Friday 1st November 2013.*

As this is our major fundraiser for the year the P&C are looking for donations for the major raffle and the chocolate wheel.

Any contributions would be much appreciated and can be left at the front office.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or happy to help in some way, please contact:

Stina Heath on 0429 447 851

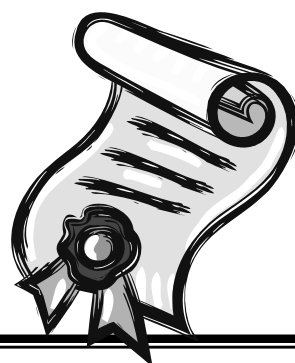
Renee Bedgood on 0410 083 152

Stage 3 Rotations

Week 10	Monday - 16/9	Tuesday - 17/9	Wednesday - 18/9	Thursday - 19/9	Friday - 20/9
MISS FOLLEY TECHNOLOGY	6H	5/6H	5S		No Rotations
Mrs Heath HSJE	6F	5Z	6H		
Miss Small PE/PD	5Z	6H	5/6H		
Mr Humphries Science	5F	6F	5Z		
Miss Zerner Art	5S	5F	6F		
Miss Flannery Drama	5/6H	5S	5F		

Merit Certificates

KM	Tom Mainey, Laura Demmery
KB	Jarvis Cameron, Emily Williams, Taleigha Elphick, Holly Sheedy
KL	John Hoppe, Max Jewiss, William Hicks, Charleigh McArthur
KS	Alice Swain, Abbie Passfield, Oscar Donoghue, Finnegan Leader
KR	Bronte Snow, Logan Garratley, Emily McKenzie
2W	Bailey Harris, Breeana Ward, Byron Jeffrey, Lara Jones
2E	Bailee Crowe, Lucy Robertson, Heath Stark, Peter Marquett, Ethan Tighe, Telia Bilsborough
2M	Talea Coultlen, Thomas Donaldson, Laurel Thomas, Max Guarrera
3D	Kurt Fisher, Callie Jeffrey, Phoebe Bridge
3M	James Pegg, Jack Heath, Hollie Eveleigh
3/4S	Annalise Johnson, Emily Garner, Holly Hunt
4S	Chloe Waugh, Jackson Crowe, Madilyn Jessup-Little
4W	Aimee Randall, Zachary Clarke, Sharnie Peerry
5S	Kira Mancer, Jennifer Barnes, Harley Banks
5Z	Sophie Williams, Zac Bower, Blake Bridge
5/6H	Laura Ewington, Thomas Lyne, Alice Dorrington
6F	Jtaya Davis, Ewan Woodward, Ashley White
6H	Connor Phillips, Paige Murray, Corie Williams, Hayden Baker, Angela Petersen



Merit Certificates

Silver

Simone Donnelly, Zara Wise,
Zoe McAlpine, Jake Jamison,
Harley Banks, Holly Hunt,
Sam luzuriaga, Katelyn Wise,
Zac Griffin, Blake Bridge,
Zachary Clarke, Sharnie Perry,
Aimee Randall

Gold

Sharnie Perry, Aimee Randall,
Sam Luzuriaga, Katelyn Wise,
Zac Griffin, Harley Banks,
Zoe McAlpine,

Sport

Carter Cameron, James Wilson,
Bayley Williams, James Elphick,
Logan Dries, Joshua Green,
Joshua Egan, Piper Rankmore,
Tneesha Milne, Connor Phillips,
Brandy Harris, Dakota Durrant,
Anaya Boal, Alyssa Ferguson,
Zoe Fleming, Bridie Kemp,
Holly Whitehurst, Jackson Carr,
Adam McGuirk, Hayden Baker,
Caleb Sutherland, Blair Beasley,
Ashley White,
Desmond Tuckerman,
Tom Roworth, James Elphick,
Zac Bower

YOU CAN DO IT Ribbons

Kiah Squires, Kade Garnett, Sam Luzuriaga, Savannah Pratt, Oliver Thomas,
Macy Friend, Connor Poeschl, Reece Jeffery, Taylor McKinnon,
Jordan Winsor, Tom Roworth, Brandy Harris, Georgie Orman, Shay Forster,
Coby Higgins, Aysiah Garrett, Nicholas Cameron, Logan Ross,
Harry Woodhead, Nayte Vernon, Michael Walsh, Lewis Donaldson,
Mackenzie Keeler, Benjamin Hall, Bella-Lee Colbran, Layton Winsor,
Logan Costin, Kadence Milne, Eliza Winsor, Jayla Woolaston

Premier's Debating Challenge

On Wednesday the 21st of August, Gunnedah South debating team had to debate against Westdale Public School from Tamworth. The topic was 'That junk food should be banned from school canteens'. We were the Affirmative. We were helped by Lauren Jessup Little's (3rd affirmative) amazing rebuttal. It wasn't a particularly easy topic for the opposing team because we had already practiced on the topic. The adjudicator was Mr Terry Curran.

Our first affirmative was Carter Cameron who presented our strongest points; our second affirmative was Riley Bunce; as you have already heard our third affirmative was Lauren Jessup



Little with her rebuttal. Our team advisor was Andy Wang who didn't know how to end a debate. The time keeper was our school captain Hayden Baker and chairperson was Jessica Penrose. This was the second time we debated against Westdale. Our strongest point was 'profit', arguing that the school canteen's money would go to excursions, equipment and clothing.

We wouldn't have gone so well if it wasn't for our teachers: Mrs Bully, Mr Finlay, Miss Flannery and Mr Humphries. We all really enjoyed this debate and the free food that was provided afterwards: Subway, party pies and sausage rolls.

Written by Andy Wang and Jessica Penrose

MS Readathon

First of all it is great to see so many students participating in the MS read-a-thon this year. There have certainly been lots of interest this and has fuelled many students to pick up a book and read. Overall our school is doing really well in raising funds for the MS foundation and each student involved should be very proud of their efforts.

Those students involved have until the 31st October to get all their donations together. If you were collecting money, without doing the online version, you will need to send it to:

MS Readathon

National Processing Centre

Locked Bag 915 Blackburn Victoria 3130.

I have been following the students' progress throughout the month of August and I can't wait to see the final numbers when it is all finished.

Police Talk

Last week we had a visit from Senior Constable Georgia Harvey who works at the Tamworth Station. Stages 2 and 3 enjoyed a talk with the Constable about making responsible choices and good decisions. They had discussions about the use of social media and technology, how if used incorrectly can have severe legal consequences. Senior Constable Harvey also spoke about bullying and how to seek help if you feel threatened.



Students from
class 3D

VISITING AUTHOR -Mrs Glenda Millard.

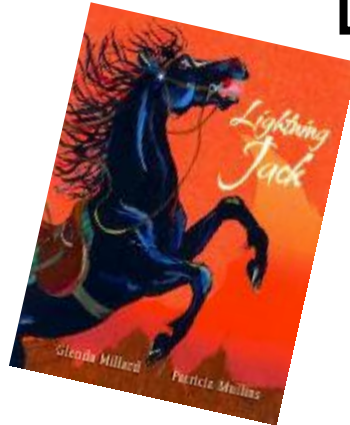


Gunnedah South Public School was very fortunate to receive a visit from popular, award winning author Mrs Glenda Millard.

She was one of the judges for the nationwide Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition and kindly held a workshop for interested Gunnedah South students. She read to the students and discussed the techniques she uses to write stories and poems and told the children where some of her ideas originate from.

One of the student's favourite books she read was *Lightning Jack*. Google Glenda Millard and read all about her rise to fame and discover some of her other books.

Vicki Merlehan



New Gunnedah South Sport Shirt

Recently the P&C was approached by a number of parents and carers unhappy with the white school sports shirts worn by the students on sport days as well as sometimes when representing the school.

Some of the comments regarding the shirt included 'it is great for the first week but after that it is grubby', 'it doesn't matter how much I soaked, it never gets clean' as well as 'I have to buy two a year as they get filthy so quick'.

The P&C, as the parent representative body, along with the School Principal, set about finding an alternative and after several designs, meetings and much to-ing and fro-ing the design below has been chosen as the new Gunnedah South Public School sports shirt.

There will obviously be a transition phase and this will be implemented over the next 18 months. The shirts will be available initially to the 2014 Kindergarten class and the rest of the school will follow. This will be managed by the clothing pool and the front office staff.

There will be no change to the procedures for the Year 6 shirts that they receive for their final year at school.





Last Thursday 5th September, 100 excited Kindergarten children travelled by bus to Wolseley Park for the Gunnedah Family Support Teddy Bear's Picnic. Teddies and students alike were treated to a fun afternoon of craft, games, face painting, dancing, drama, stories, fruit and a delicious sausage sizzle lunch. All students were excellent ambassador's for Gunnedah South P.S displaying exceptional behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents, carers, family members and friends who came along to enjoy the picnic with us.

A big thank you to the team at Gunnedah Family Support for inviting us.

Kylie Speedy KS Classroom Teacher

KS Recounts

Yesterday we went to the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The best part was dancing on the stage. I also liked going on the bus and eating ice blocks on the verandah. I loved the whole day! I had so much fun! -Oscar Donoghue KS

Yesterday we went to the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The best part was dancing on the stage. I had fun! -Abbie Passfield KS

Yesterday we went to the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The best parts were dancing on the stage and jumping through the hula hoops. I had fun! -Rhegan Jaeger KS







Athletics After School Sport on Tuesdays has finished for the Term. Thank you to all those students who attended.

Mrs Clarke

Off to the State Athletics!

On Friday 6th September the Regional Athletics carnival was held in Tamworth. This is an enormous carnival that covers students from the entire North West Public Schools.

Gunnedah South school travelled to Tamworth with a large contingent of athletes competing in a variety of athletic events. It was a long and very unseasonably hot day for the athletes, and all students participated and gave it 100% effort. Seven athletes have qualified to compete in Homebush, Sydney at the State athletics carnival to be held in October.

Zac Griffin and Mitchell Clarke have both qualified in the 100m. Celeste Campbell and Angela Dillon have qualified in the high jump and Zac Griffin, Eli Rankmore, Kurt Fisher and Tom Wilson have qualified in the Junior boys Relay team.

Congratulations to these students on a fantastic effort.

SAKG News!

Porchetta Day

The past few weeks, our students have been busy making minestrone soup and biscotti to sell at Gunnedah's annual

Porchetta day on Saturday 21st September. For this day to be a success, we will be in need of adult and student volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up. We will also be required to clean up the grounds on Sunday 22nd September and would love as many volunteers as possible.

Notes will be handed out to interested students.



Fete

The fete is getting closer and closer and we have plenty of exciting ventures in the pipeline.

If you have any cookbooks, cooking magazines or gardening books you no longer use or need, we would love for you to donate them to this great fundraiser.

Also, once again, we will be needing pots and plants.

All donations can be left at the office.



Cook-Off # 4

Tuesday 17th, 6pm in the kitchen!

Recipe of the week!

Season: Winter /Spring .

Serves 15 Fritters.

Ingredients:

3 cups cauliflower, blanched, chopped finely

3/4 cup plain flour

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

2 eggs, beaten

½ cup grated parmesan cheese (optional if dairy-free)

¼ cup parsley, finely chopped

Pinch salt/pepper

¼ cup water

2 tablespoons olive oil



Method:

1. Prepare the vegetables.
2. Place the cauliflower in a large bowl.
3. Add the flour, garlic, eggs, cheese and parsley.
4. Pinch the salt and pepper and add to the bowl.
5. Add the water a little at a time to make a batter and stir.
6. Heat the frying pan over medium heat.
7. Add the oil.
8. Using a tablespoon drop a spoonful of the batter onto the oil.
9. Cook in the oil until golden brown on the bottom.
10. Flip the fritter and cook until golden brown on the other side.
11. Repeat with the remaining batter.
12. Serve and enjoy!

Happy Cooking

NSW Early Days Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshops

9:30am -4:00pm Friday 25th October 2013 Gunida
Gunyah Aboriginal Corporation 34-36 Farrar Rd
Gunnedah NSW 2380

Early Days Workshops are designed for parents and carers with a child (aged 0-7 years) who has (or may have) an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



Introduction to Autism Workshops focus on

- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs): Identifying the characteristics of autism and helping you to understand how it may be affecting your child in everyday life
- You Make the Difference: Identifying ways you can promote your child's learning and development at home.
- Early Intervention: Discussing what Early Intervention is and how to get the most out of it, including looking at the evidence and decision making process

Introduction to Autism Workshops are:

- Scheduled regularly throughout Sydney and regional NSW
- Facilitated by qualified professionals with backgrounds in providing services, advice and supports to families of children with an ASD
- For small groups of 4-10 people
- **Free of charge**
- Run within school hours and at evenings
- Inclusive of a light lunch and refreshments
- Not able to provide childcare

To make an enquiry or to register for a work shop, please contact us on:

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