



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
18th September
TERM 3 WEEK 10

Special points of interest:

- Term 4 first day back Tues 7th Oct
- 8th Oct Infants Movie Night 6pm
- 9th Oct Primary Movie Night 6pm
- Week 2 Yr Three Excursion

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 4 1 Oct	6 Labour Day Public Holiday	7 Students return.	8 Infants Movie Night 6pm 	9 Primary Movie Night 6pm 	10
2 Oct	13	14 Yr3 Three Excursion Group 1 	15 Yr3 Three Excursion Group 1 	16  Yr3 Three Excursion Group 2	17  Yr3 Three Excursion Group 2
3 Oct	20 Year 6 Excursion to Sydney	21	22	23	24 Year 6 Excursion return
4 Oct	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween Fete



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School*

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"You Can Do It" Program

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for your children.

A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week

Another fantastic Book Week parade was held last Friday. The costumes looked amazing, both students and teachers. This event each year keeps growing in the number of costumes and the fun had by all.

Working Bee

Thank you to our wonderful parents who gave up their time to volunteer at our working bee on Sunday. Mr Finlay is very grateful to the many parents who helped with farm maintenance.

NAPLAN

Students in year 3 & 5 received their NAPLAN results recently. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report shows the national average and the school's average and allows parents to see their child's performance compared with that of others who completed NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests provide the school with valuable information on the literacy and numeracy skills of children that are essential for ongoing learning.

Kindergarten 2015

Our transition program for Kindergarten 2015 ramps up in term 4, with the Kindy Start program running over 4 consecutive Wednesdays. The first session begins on Wednesday 22nd October from 9:30-11:30am. These sessions are designed to give students a taste of big school and allow them to become familiar with school routines and staff.

There will be a parent workshop held on Wednesday 22nd October based around Literacy and Numeracy and another parent workshop on Wednesday 29th October with special guest speakers.

Before School Supervision

The Department of Education and Communities requires schools to regularly remind parents and carers of supervision arrangements for students prior to the school day.

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.30 am. There is no adult staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. Staff who voluntarily arrive at work prior to 8:30am, are often involved in staff meetings, lesson preparations, phoning parents, parent meetings and programing and therefore are not available to provide supervision to students.

Parents and carers need to understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8.30 am when supervision begins.

I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.30 am.

If your child walks to school, please ensure that they arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child's lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

There is a huge quantity of packaged food which is thrown away each day as students either have too much packed for them or they just don't like the taste. These packaged foods are often very high in colours, preservatives, sugar and additives which can impact greatly on student behaviour and the ability to concentrate in class.

Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child's interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and ability to recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey's Quest (\$1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here: <http://bit.ly/oSREYV>

Selective Schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for high-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You'll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: <http://bit.ly/selectiveHS>

Happy Holidays

To all our students, families and teachers have a well deserved holiday.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal

Warm regards

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SCHOOL NEWS...



Fete Raffle Tickets

To be returned to your classroom teacher students from 4S will collect them daily from classes.

Canteen Helpers

Monday

Tuesday 7th October Need Help

Wednesday 8th October Need Help

Thursday 9th October Need Help

Friday 10th October Need Help



YEAR 6 RAFFLE

Thank you to Mrs Tanya Gallagher for the extravagant and much appreciated donation of the Nutrimerics gift pack which we raffled to help defray the costs of the upcoming year 6 excursion to Sydney and Melbourne. The gift pack is valued at close to \$400.00. Thank you Tanya very much. It was a lovely offer and it is so nice not to have to chase sponsorship.

Thank you again to the children who sold tickets, especially Tannika Sampson and Kaytlyn Murrell who got into the spirit of the occasion and sold many, many books of tickets. Children wrote their names on the reverse side of every ticket they sold. There was a special draw for ticket sellers and in this draw Bailey Stewart and Kaytlyn Murrell won the chocolates. Congratulations to those two people.

Thank you also for the generous support given by every person who purchased tickets. The big winner though was Denise Scott. Thank you Denise and congratulations on your win. It is a lovely prize.

Gary Humphries.

Class Merit Awards

KK	Rehan Haque, Harry Thomason, Aisha Anwari, Heidi Tull
KM	Kai Burgess, Ruby Williams, Domanic Winsor
KR	Katelyn Carr, Jayla Suey, Tyson Whyte, Angus Amidy
KS	Rex McAllan, Macey Carlyon, Jack Bridge

Silver

Hayden Forrester, Lachlan Pennicuik, Callum Anderson, Noah Beasley, Jasmine Bilsborough, Bridget Donnelly, Matthew Donnelly, Mia Garrat, Emily Hunt, Logan Ross, Matilda Snow, Ryan Carr, Sarah Mackenzie, Toby Randall, Ryann Weekes, Monica Kirby-Markey, Cassidy Hunt, Maddie Stewart, Kurt Rennick, Toby Bartlett, Dakota Milne, Claire McGuirk, Sara Baker, Oliver Thomas

Gold

Lachlan Pennicuik, Matthew Donnelly, Emily Hunt, Claire McGuirk

YCDI

Laura Demmery, Darcy Mills, Jordan Mathers, Shaniqua Briggs, Isaiah Daley-Cutmore, Aleah Riley

Active After School Sport

Next term 2 programs will be offered to students in stage 3, African Drumming and Movement with Mrs Day-McGuirk and Netball with Mrs Thomson. These activities will be on Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm at school and a free afternoon tea is provided. Please see these teachers to get a permission note. A limited number of students will be accepted and the first students to have their note signed and returned to the relevant teacher will be included in the program. The first session begins week 1, term 4, 9th October, 2014.

Primary Lost Property Overflow

Could students and parents please ensure that items of uniform, including hats, are clearly labelled with student names.

We have an excess of jumpers, jackets and hats in Mrs Heath's lost property that needs collecting. Any unclaimed items will otherwise be washed and placed in our clothing pool for students' use.

Kind regards
Mrs Heath



Year One Excursion





YEAR 2 EXCURSION WESTERN PLAINS ZOO

On Friday 5th September over 70 very excited year 2 students travelled with Hawkins Coachlines to visit the zoo at Dubbo. After an early start and an uneventful trip we arrived at the zoo at 10.00am. The children visited the education centre where they were allowed to pat lizards, snakes and possums. Our guides, Nancy and Elki then joined us and we travelled on the coaches and on foot to view the amazing animals. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time and saw elegant elephants, terrifying tigers, musical monkeys and many more. Mrs Walsh, Mrs Woodhead, Mr McGuirk and Miss Brandy would like to thank Mr Hawkins and Mr Reading for delivering us safely to the zoo and home again. We would also like to thank our parent helpers Mrs Heath, Mrs Mainey, Mrs Williams, Mr Jaeger, Mr Bush and Mr Bartlett for their attendance on the day.



Lots of smiling faces at the elephant exhibition.



Serena doesn't look too sure about meeting the friendly python at the Education centre!



Touch Knockout Competition



Girls Results

**Gunnedah South V Werris Creek
3-2**

Gunnedah South V Coolah 10-0

**Gunnedah South V Narrabri West
4-1**

Boys Results

**Gunnedah South V Werris Creek
3-2**

Gunnedah South V Coolah 4-3



GIRLS NEXT GAME:

Thursday 9th October @ Gipps Street Fields in Tamworth. Against Tamworth South.

BOYS NEXT GAME:

Wednesday 8th October @ GSPS Oval. Against Narrabri Public School.



1M's Sweet Potato Mini Pizzas

Method

Preheat the oven to 200c

Roll dough out into small balls and flatten

Chop spring onion

Spread sauce onto dough

Sprinkle sweet potato, spring onion, cheese

Spray baking tray and place mini pizzas on tray

Place in oven and cook for 20-30 minutes

When cooked sprinkle with salt and pepper

Ingredients

Roast Sweet potato

Dough

Pizza sauce

Cheese

Salt and pepper

Spring onions

Baking spray

Milo T20 Cricket Competition

Last Thursday a group of year 4, 5 and 6 students gathered at Donnelly Oval for a glorious day of cricket fun! Players endured five games against fellow South teams and two teams from Gunnedah Public School. All players became all rounders, contributing to both batting and bowling, as well as some impromptu dancing to the likes of the 'Macarena'. There were several classic catches of the day worthy of the Boxing Day Test at the MCG! Of course it wouldn't have been Milo T20 Cricket without a quick stop for a cup of Milo at the lunch break to keep those energy levels up! Congratulations to the winning captain, Tom Roworth who lead his team to an undefeated day on the pitch. A big thankyou to all parents and teachers who cheered on our talented teams on the day! Miss Holdom



The Wizard of Oz!

G Rated



Movie Night Fundraiser for Year 6 to see the musical Wicked!



Infants: Wednesday 8th October 5.30pm
Primary: Thursday 9th October 5.30pm



Optional: Dress-Up Theme

**Prizes for the best
dressed Wizard of
Oz character!**

Tickets on sale during recess and lunch under Primary Cola in the last week of Term 3.

Cost is \$5 and includes ticket, sausage sandwich and a drink.

Entry via Bridge St gates. Gates will be locked when the movie starts and will be opened at 7.20pm and parents are asked to come in and collect their child.

Please do NOT bring food from home or electronic devices such as iPods etc.

Kitchen Cook-off #5

On Monday night, stage 3 participated in the fifth kitchen cook-off for the year. 6 students were chosen from years 5 and 6 and each student were able to choose a sous chef to help them in their endeavour to win this challenge. The teams were keen to get started (not including the two who arrived 15 minutes late!) They were given 5 minutes to read over the recipe of Beef Chow Mein, then the timer was set for 40 minutes. In this time, each team worked hard to complete their recipe and present their dish to the judge. This was our fastest cook off yet.

As always, there was only 1 winning team and that team was... **Madelin Marmara and her mum Amy.** Well done ladies.



Our other champion teams were- Emily Garner and Eli Rankmore, Steven Craig and Tilly King, Reece Jeffery, Taylor Sams and Ashlea Webber, Ashton Harris and Oliver Thomas and Jackson Carr and Tom Rowarth. Well done to all of our hardworking teams!

Porchetta Day

**Come and visit the South School stall at Porchetta Day
this Saturday 20th September!**

*Items we are selling at
Gunnedah South's stall*

- Minestrone*
- variety of biscotti*
- Grissini*
- Jams, pickles and relishes*
- Herbs*

*Student volunteers are
needed to help serve
and clean up during the
day. If your child can
help and they haven't
already returned their
note, please let Mrs
Sams know by Friday.*

Volunteers are needed!
In return for our stall on
Porchetta Day, we are helping to
clean up on Sunday. For this to be
a quicker process, we need as
many volunteers as possible. If
you can spare half an hour, come
down to the dog show area at
9.30am this Sunday.