



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
18th July 2014
TERM 3 WEEK 1

Special points of interest:

- 23rd July - High School visit
- 28th July - Gymnastic Gala Day
- 4th—15th August Life Ed Van
- 6th July Kindy Transition

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 July	21	22	23 High School Visit.	24	25
3 July/Aug	28 Gymnastic Gala Day. High School Visit.	29 ICAS - English.	30	31 Life Ed Van visit. (GS Kidd)	1
4 Aug	4 Life Ed Van.	5 Life Ed Van.	6 Life Ed Van. Zone Athletics @ Worsley Oval. Kindy Transistion @ 1.30pm	7 Life Ed Van	8
5 Aug	11 Life Ed Van.	12 Life Ed Van.	13 Life Ed Van.	14 Life Ed Van.	15 Life Ed Van.



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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

I am sure the students enjoyed their holiday and are ready to participate in the exciting activities which are planned for Term 3.

Over the holidays we have certainly seen the temperatures drop and today is bitterly cold! The school has a large quantity of lost property, most of which is not labelled, which makes it very difficult to return to the rightful owner. Parents are welcome to come to school and check through items. This is a good time to check that school jumpers, jackets, and sports pants have your child's name clearly marked.

If you wish to purchase school uniform, the clothing pool is open each day from 8:30am.

New Students

Term 3 has seen a number of new students begin at Gunnedah South. It is always a pleasure to give families a tour of our school, throughout our beautiful grounds and the warm welcome they receive from teachers and students.

I know the students at Gunnedah South are very welcoming to any new student and take on a supportive role to help our new students settle in. This lovely attitude shows again why I'm so proud to be Principal of this great, successful school.

I wish our new students a warm welcome and am sure they will enjoy their time here at South.

Mika Conti-Nibali

Archie Waerea

Angus Waerea

Hope Sankey

Lillee Sankey

CJ Lim

Claudia Irwin/Marshall

Myah Irwin/Marshall

Grace Honeysett

Aiden Russell

Cheyenne O'Shea

Education Week

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

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: **"Lighting the way to a better world"**.

The Department of Education and Communities have adopted that slogan for this anniversary celebration and the artwork from the 1954 poster has been adapted for use by schools in their 2014 promotions.

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

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

This year the day for Gunnedah South to showcase how we are 'lighting the way to a better future' is **Wednesday 30th July**. During this day there will be various activities for parents to visit from 11:15am, till lunch time, followed by a



A few words from our Principal ...Cont

whole school assembly after lunch. During the assembly 2 students from each class will be awarded education week certificates, along with drawing our huge 50" plasma TV raffle for payment of voluntary school contributions.

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 Wednesday 30th July to pop in and join in the celebration of Education week.

Annual Fete

It is that time of year again when Fete preparations get underway. The date set for our **Fete is Friday 31st October**. This is the P&C biggest fund raising event for the year and as I stated earlier this year, 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.

Voluntary School Contributions

Each year the school requests a small contribution to assist us in the resources needed to support our extensive programs.

Lead and colour pencils

- Paper
- Glue
- Tissues
- Student exercise books
- Photocopying
- All stationary

And much much more.....

The voluntary contributions are \$40 per student and \$10 per additional child. The school will again be raffling a prize—a **huge 50" LG HD Plasma TV**, which will be drawn in Wednesday 30th July. This is a fabulous prize worth \$1000.

All families who pay the voluntary contributions by the end of Monday 28th July, will automatically go into the draw.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sad News

Unfortunately I end this newsletter with some sad news. One of our dear families has had their house burn down early yesterday. Chennelle 6L and Braithen 5Z Winsor, along with their family have lost everything. This is a tragic event and has turned their lives upside down.

This is where the willingness of communities to support families in time of need is definitely a strength in Gunnedah.

I am meeting with the SRC today, as the students wish to hold some fundraising events to help the Winsor family. More details will be provided next week. I am proud of our students who care for one another and think of how they can help~ they have a 'WE' rather than 'ME' outlook. This is a characteristic which should be celebrated.

The school is already receiving phone calls to offer support and donations. If you have items you wish to donate, please contact the school and all information will be passed on to the Winsor family.

Kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery.

Principal



SCHOOL NEWS...



Gunnedah South School

Winter Ball

Tickets need to be paid for by

Monday 21st July

*After this date the tickets will be
offered to people on a wait list.*

BE QUICK!



Canteen Helpers

Monday 21st July: **Need Help**
 Tuesday 22nd July: Laura Reeves
 Wednesday 23rd July: Christina Jones
 Thursday 24th July: Casey Bendall
 Friday 25th July: Joanne Slee
 Christine Pease

Stage 3 Rotations Week 2-A

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Small PE/PD	5S	5Z	Yr 6 Transition		6L
Mr Sumpter Tech	5/6S	5S			5Z
Mr Humphries Science	6H	5/6S			5S
MRS HEATH HSIE	6S	6H			5/6S
Miss Hickey M/D/D	6L	6S			6H
Miss Zerner Art	5Z	6L			6S

Merit Certificates

Silver

Rhianna McAlpine, Cruze Moore-Duff, Rebecca Sams, Isaac Wise, Lachlan Green, Heidi Tull, Chloe Dorrington, Emmy-Grace Barr, Callie Jeffrey, Jye Perrett-Scott, Noah-Dane Stamp, Finnegan Leader, Emylie Murrell, Ben Neal, Laine Phillips, Amia Beasley, Zoe Eather, Josie Gallagher, Olivia Guest.

Gold

Ben Neal, Amia Beasley, Zoe Eather

Active After School Sport

Active After School Sport is a fun, free after-school program that involves children in physical activity that is skill based and non-competitive. All activities are held at school from 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm and includes free afternoon tea. Activities are limited to 20 participants and the first 20 permission notes to be received by the teacher providing that activity will be accepted, notes received after the quota has been reached will be placed on a waiting list.

Athletics	Monday	Year 3&4 Boys & Girls	Mrs Catherine Clarke	21/07/14-1/09/14
Dance	Tuesday	Year 1 Boys & Girls	Miss Aylish Flannery	22/07/14 2/09/14
Cricket	Wednesday	Years 5& 6	Mr Edward McGuirk	23/07/14
Indoor Cricket	Thursday	Years 3 & 4 Boys & Girls	Miss Bianca Small	24/07/14 4/09/14



MS Readathon is back!!!

Sign up for the MS readathon today!

During August our school is participating in the MS Readathon and **every student can get involved**. Last year our school had a large group of students who participated in the MS Readathon. The efforts of these students was remarkable, together they raised over \$1500. This money went straight to the MS foundation where it is used to help people living with Multiple Sclerosis by providing much needed support, services and assistance. We are hoping to do as well again this year.

All students have to do is register online, read as many books as they can during August and ask friends and family for support through sponsorship donations.

If 10% of our students register and raise a minimum of \$10 each, our school will receive a visit from a Penguin author.

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

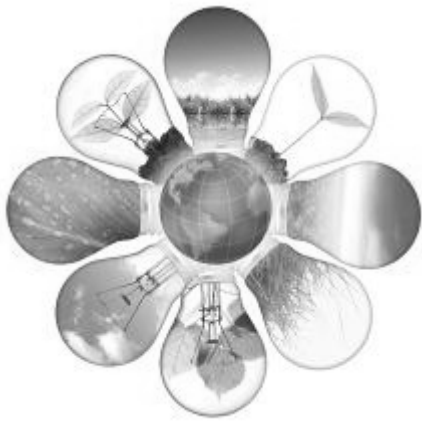
Regards,

Kristie Hudson

School Librarian

**Student Glasses were found in a magenta colour, in the kitchen.
Are they yours?**





Science festival

When: Friday 22nd August 2014

Where: Gunnedah South Primary

Time: 9.15am – 3pm

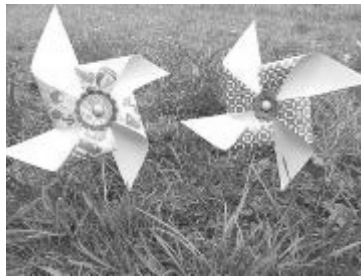
Theme: Sustainability

During Science Week 2014, Gunnedah South Primary will host a fun-packed Science Festival day. The theme for the day is sustainability and students will learn about sustainable agriculture, alternative and renewable energy, green building, greenhouse gases and urban farming. The school has invited surrounding schools, Tambar Springs Public, Mullaley Public, Premer Public and Carroll Public to attend the festival, as well as parents and community members.

The festival activities include specialist presentations, hands-on activities, a Science Project competition and Science Excellence Awards. Special guest speakers include Geologist Elsie Gretton from Boggabri Coal, Astronomer Peter Starr from Warrumbungle Observatory, Cotton Industry Education Officer Trudy Staines from CSIRO and Science Teacher Patrick Twinning from Gunnedah High School.

This festival has been enhanced by the \$1500 of funding from the NSW Regional Science Grant Program, delivered by Inspiring Australia NSW. This grant will help cover the costs of transport for surrounding schools to attend the festival, as well as transport to Boggabri Coal Mine Site for a post festival excursion.

Miss Pankhurst



Science Project Competition

Date due: 21st August, 2014 (bring your project to Miss Pankhurst classroom)

Theme: Sustainability development

Back ground information: sustainable development involves improving how humans live without permanently damaging the Earth, a task that brings with it unique challenges.

Theme ideas:

- Sustainable agriculture – using organic and innovative farming methods that keep the farm land and surrounding environment healthy and productive indefinitely
- Alternative or renewable energy – using a non-petroleum or coal derived energy source that will never run out
- Green building – using renewable resources and recycled materials in construction projects
- Greenhouse gases – gases that trap heat on the Earth's surface
- Urban farming – the trend of growing your own food or eating only locally grown food

Task: Using the scientific model to design and make a science project that incorporates sustainability development.

Ask a question

Do background research

Construct a hypothesis

Test your hypothesis by doing an experiment

Analyse your data and draw a conclusion

Communicate your results

Use this website for project ideas

http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml





Yoga Kats



Kids Yoga or "*Yoga Kats*" in conjunction with the Breakfast Club will continue in Term 3, with Judi Sheedy and Amanda Treiger from the Wellness Centre.

The kids who have come along so far have really enjoyed the great start to their day, and are learning how important it is to breathe well, move well, eat well and have fun!

Day: Tuesday mornings
Time: 8:35 – 8:50am
Place: School Hall

For further information:

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