



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**24th July 2014**  
**TERM 3 WEEK 2**

## Special points of interest:

- 28th July - Gymnastic Gala Day
- 4th - 15th August Life Ed Van
- 6th August - Kindy Transition

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> July/Aug	28 Gymnastic Gala Day. High School Visit.	29 ICAS - English.	30 Education Week Expo Day	31 Life Ed Van visit. (GS Kidd)	1 Winter Ball Primary Boys Softball Trials
<b>4</b> Aug	4 Life Ed Van.	5 Life Ed Van.	6 Life Ed Van. Zone Athletics @ Worsley Oval. Kindy Transition @ 1.30pm	7 Life Ed Van	8
<b>5</b> Aug	11 Life Ed Van.	12 Life Ed Van.	13 Life Ed Van.	14 Life Ed Van.	15 Life Ed Van.
<b>6</b> Aug	18 Life Ed Van.	19 Guitar Performance in hall 9.30am - 10.30am	20 High School Visit Kindy Transition 1.30pm	21	22 School Science Day



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## CONFIDENCE

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# A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

## Education Week

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

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 adopted 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 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.

## 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 coloured pencils
- Paper
- Glue
- Tissues
- Student exercise books
- Photocopying
- All stationery

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.



# A few words from our Principal ...Cont

## **SRC News**

The SRC held a meeting last week which Mr Scott Clarke our P&C president also attended to discuss options to support the Winsor family after the loss of their home due to the house fire.

This very proactive group of students came up with many ideas. The 2 fundraisers which the SRC will coordinate are a school social and cake stall. The school social will be held on the 7th August here in our hall, from 4:30-5:30pm for the Infants students and 5:30-6:30pm for primary students. The cost will be \$5 per child. This includes a sausage sandwich and Popper. Tickets will be on sale during recess and lunch-times or through the front office. I encourage all families to support this event. The students can come dressed in something beginning with 'C' for Chennelle and 'B' for Braithen.

The cake stall will be held on Thursday 14th August on the Connadilly Street. We would love many yummy cakes, slices and muffins to be dropped off at school either the afternoon before or the morning of the 14th August.

**Kindest regards,**

**Emma Jeffery.**

**Principal**



# SCHOOL NEWS...



## MS Readathon!

This is a quick reminder. If anyone is interested in participating in the MS Readathon and have not already registered they can register now. Once you have registered you can start reading and collecting sponsorship. Students who participated last year have said how easy it was and how much fun they had throughout the month.

For more information or to register simply go to [msreadathon.org.au](http://msreadathon.org.au) and click 'register here'.

Kristie Hudson



## Canteen Helpers

Monday 28th July: Kim Street

Tuesday 29th July: Laura Reeves

Wednesday 30th July: Ebony Cope

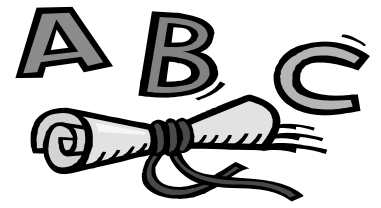
Thursday 31st July: Christina Jones

Friday 1st August : Amber Donoghue

# Stage 3 Rotations Week 3-B

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

# Class Awards



1F	Jack Fouracre, Jaí Read-McInnes, Mason Guest-Lennox, Ashton Wortley
1M	Emily McKenzie, Daisy Sheedy, Liam Reid, Savannah Eather
1W	Bradley Bartimote, Ellie Cope, Charlie Bridge, Lincoln Squires
3D	Wesley Dundas, Ty Cruickshank, Charlotte Bedggood
3M	Lillee Sankey, Dakota Lye, Logan Ross
3H	Isabelle Moore, Lewis Donaldson, Connor Wheatley
3/4F	Hayley West, Corey Mallia, Nicola Bemmet
4S	Hope Sankey, Austin Bryers, Charley Atkins
4M	Myah Irwin, Annie Walsh, Matthew Isbester
5S	Ben Southwell, Keynan Jeffrey, Lowanna Davison
5Z	Madi Simson, Ryan Kelly-Payne, Annalise Johnson
6L	Bailey Stewart, Savanna Stewart, Hope Nicholls, Grace McCulloch, Sara Baker
6S	Dominik Short, Steven Craig, Jim Muller, Elsie Hunt, Alice Dorrington
6H	Zac Bower, Bailie Haynes, Kalila Megson, Lucy Merlehan

# Merit Certificates

YCDI

Mason Guest-Lennox, Liam Reid, Bradley Bartimote



**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](http://msreadathon.org.au)**

Regards,

Kristie Hudson

School Librarian

**2015 - Yr 7**

**Please return your Enrolment forms to the High School  
ASAP**

# NAIDOC Week Awards

During the school holidays, three members of Gunnedah South School were invited to a dinner to celebrate the achievements of local Aboriginal people.

Miss Small was nominated for her excellent contribution to Aboriginal education here at Gunnedah South Public School.

Riley Price and Kyran Kleinschafer were both nominated for their efforts and achievements in class. Kyran was the runner up in his category.

Congratulations to all three.



## Workers in the Community

Year One have been learning about workers in Gunnedah. This week, we have been learning about people that help us. We were lucky enough to have two lifeguards from the Gunnedah Memorial Pool who came to show us how they help people.

The children enjoyed looking at the lifesaving equipment and asking questions.

Thankyou to Trevor and Patrick for coming in to speak with us.





# NERAM ART COMPETITION



*Congratulations to Oscar Donoghue and Elias Briggs for being selected as finalists in the Let's Hang It! exhibition, at The New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM) in Armidale. This year there was a total of 540 entries received and only 61 finalists selected from local and regional primary and high schools.*

*On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Elias and Oscar braved the cold and travelled to Armidale with their families for the opening night and award ceremony. Mrs Bernays and Mrs Passfield made sure they were there to share in the excitement too! We were*

*all blown away by the standard of work on display. The judge also spoke about how impressed he was with the quality of all entries.*

*We are very pleased to announce the following results:*

*Oscar Donoghue received a Certificate of Distinction for "Sydney Harbour Bridge"*



*Elias Briggs won the Infants School Division Prize (which included \$75 in prize money and an artist pack) for his work "Rabbit"*

*Elias' artwork will now become part of the*

*University of New England's permanent art collection and will be on display throughout the Univeristy campus.*

*It was a very special moment for the two students and their families and teachers. Keep an eye out in the main office building for photos from the night. The Let's Hang It! exhibition is on display in Armidale at the NERAM Gallery until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.*



*Finally, I would like to add just how impressed I was with both boys on the night. Their attitude, behaviour and achievements made me immensely proud! I would like to thank both families and Mr and Mrs Bernays for making the special trip up to Armidale and to Miss Flannery for sending away the entries last term.*

*Mrs Passfield*





# Snail Mail

Class 2S has been learning how to write a letter.



During Week 1 we wrote a letter to somebody who lives in our house and on Friday 18th July we walked down to the nearest post box and posted the letter. We are very interested to see how long it takes for "snail mail" to reach our homes.

## SRC News

## South Social

In support of two of our students, Chennelle in Year 6 and Braithen Winsor in Year 5 who lost their home in a fire last week.

In our school hall on

Thursday, 7th August.

Infants at 4.30p.m. to 5.30p.m.

and

Primary at 5.30p.m. to 6.30p.m.

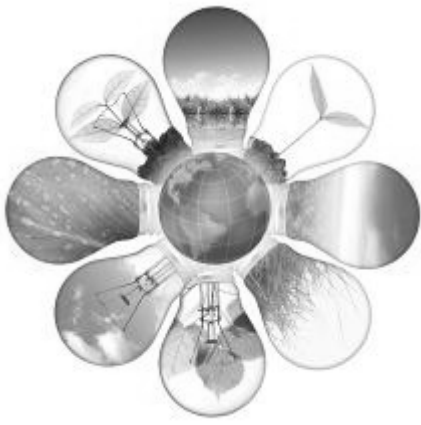
Students will need to purchase a \$5 ticket which will buy them entry to the social, a sausage sandwich and a drink. These tickets will be for sale at recess times under the primary cola and at Western Gate on the night of the social

Students will need to present their ticket at the door of the hall to gain entry.

Tea/coffee and afternoon tea will be for sale at the canteen for parents.

Dress theme: Come dressed as something starting with C for Chennelle or B for Braithen.





## Science festival

When: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014

Where: Gunnedah South Primary

Time: 9.15am – 3pm

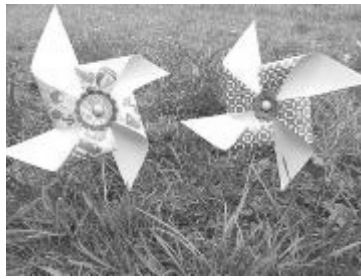
Theme: Sustainability

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:** 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 (bring your project to Miss Pankhurst's classroom)

**Theme:** Sustainable development

**Background 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 farmland 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 sustainable 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](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml)



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