



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
7th August 2014
TERM 3 WEEK 4

Special points of interest:

- 4th - 15th August Life Ed Van
- 19th August Guitar Performance
- 22nd August School Science Day

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 Aug	11 Life Ed Van.	12 Life Ed Van.	13 Life Ed Van.	14 Life Ed Van.	15 Life Ed Van.
6 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
7 Aug	25 Year 6 High School Visit	26	27	28 Poetry Workshop	29
8 Sept	1	2	3 Year 1 Excursion Tamworth Year 6 High School Visit	4	5 Year 2 Excursion Dubbo Zoo



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A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Education Week

Last week was Education Week-officially-but one could argue that every week is education week. That's how I feel about Gunnedah South Public School. There is always so much happening it is difficult to keep up to speed. It was great to see so many visitors attend our school last week to see a fantastic showcase of what Gunnedah South is all about. Of course learning in classrooms is our highest priority but we also had the opportunity to show a number of our other programs. Mr Finlay and his enthusiastic team led their sheep brilliantly. I'm quite sure they are the cleanest sheep I have ever seen. Mrs Sams and the kitchen team had some demonstration lessons going on. We had our tremendous school band playing during the lunch break and some sensational drumming from our Drumbeat group. Congratulations to Mrs Sommerlad and Mrs McGuirk who look after those programs. I was extremely proud of all our students and enjoyed the opportunity to talk to members of the school community.

Namoi Valley Partners in Learning Awards

Congratulations to Thomas Lyne, Mrs Leanne Green, Mr Todd Jeffery and Miss Bianca Small who all received awards at the Namoi Valley Partners in Learning Education Week ceremony last week. The award was to acknowledge the great contribution made to Gunnedah South and public education in our area. Well done to these award winners and thank you for all you do for our school.

Kindy Transition

What a gorgeous bunch of little cherubs we had at school yesterday who took part in our kindy transition program. After visiting all classes I was amazed at just how settled and confident our newest, soon to be kindies were. These transition lessons are designed to ensure they become familiar with the school and routines and take away the anxiety of starting 'big school'.

If you know anyone who has a little one and may not have started in our transition program, please urge them to contact the school. The more transition lessons they attend, the smoother the transition for next year.

Gunnedah PSSA Zone Athletics

This week has seen the running of the 2014 Gunnedah Zone Athletics Carnival at Wolesley Oval. Our competitors represented Gunnedah South with distinction and there were some outstanding performances across all events and age groups. I look forward to reading the final results to see which of our finely tuned athletic machines have been successful in gaining a place in the Gunnedah Zone team to compete at the North West Carnival on August 29th in Tamworth.

Gunnedah South Ball

Last Friday night saw the annual Gunnedah South Winter Ball take place at the Town Hall. This was a fantastic occasion with around 320 people attending from the local community. I had the pleasure of attending the ball for the first time and enjoyed talking with many members of our school community as well as meeting many people for the first time. This is a great event for our school and I can't say enough about the organisational skills of Mrs Cath Reynolds and Mrs Cath Clarke. The ladies, with their support team, put together a tremendous event. I would like to thank them for their efforts, as a great deal of time goes into organising such a large scale function. Thank you also to the Gunnedah Community who supported the evening. I hope you enjoyed your night.

From the Field

Congratulations to our gymnastics team who achieved some fantastic results at the recent North West Gymnastics carnival. The carnival was held in Armidale and several students achieved first place in their respective age groups. By all accounts it was a very successful day and our students represented Gunnedah South with distinction. Well done to all those who attended.

Congratulations also to Adam McGuirk and Jackson Carr who have been training hard in preparation for the NSW PSSA Rugby carnival. The boys played in the North West team against Scone and Quirindi over the weekend. The team is improving each session and have a couple of games next week to round out their preparation. Adam was also successful in gaining selection in the North West Softball team which will compete at the NSW PSSA Softball Carnival in Lismore beginning on September 16th.

SRC Fundraiser for the Winsor Family

Tonight will see the running of a fundraiser by the SRC to assist the Winsor Family, who recently had their home destroyed by fire. The SRC are keen to assist the family as they begin to rebuild, following this tragic event. K-2 students can come along and cut a little rug from 4.30pm and 3-6 students are welcome to dance up a storm from 5.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there to support this great cause.

School Development

Teacher professional learning is a high priority at Gunnedah South Public School. We are having a School Development Day on Sunday 17th August here at school which is focusing on the use of management strategies to support student learning. This is a rescheduled term 4 school development day.

Staff will participate in workshops developing skills that provide staff members or staff teams with a framework for decision making and problem solving to prevent, de-escalate, and safely respond to disruptive or assaultive verbal and physical behaviours.

This unit is designed to provide teachers with a range of resources and strategies to resolve conflict situations quickly and effectively.

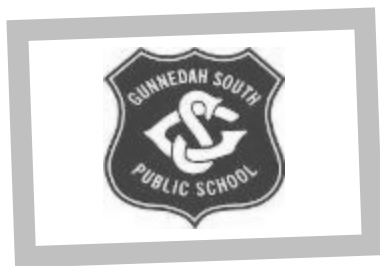
Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Have an awesome week!

Graham Conn

Deputy Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



MS READATHON UPDATE

The MS readathon is underway but it is not too late to get involved!

I have found that there are a lot of students interested in getting involved but they don't know how to register. Simply go to msreadathon.org.au, click 'register here' and follow the prompts.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all ages and reading abilities to help millions of people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and get some quality reading practise in during the month of August.

If you would like more information or help in any way please don't hesitate to contact me in the library, I will be happy to help.

Kristie Hudson
Teacher Librarian



Canteen Helpers

Monday 11th August:

Tuesday 12th August: Laura Reeves

Wednesday 13th August:

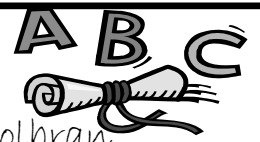
Thursday 14th August: Casey Bendall

Friday 15th August: Lyndal Jewiss

Stage 3 Rotations Week 5-B

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Small PE/PD	6s	6h	5/6s		No Rotations
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	Chad Fisher, Josh Casey, Thomas Carlyon, Bella-Lee Colbran
1M	Heidi White, Nathan Stark, Kennisha Francis, Logan Costin
1W	Jayde Emmerson, Aleena Tariq, Cooper Blair, Seth Certoma
1pw	Isla Wise, Tim Thorning, Katie Eveleigh, Cooper Perry-McLoughlin
2m	Kynan Buck, Isabella Sawyer, Hannah Williams
2s	Kyrah Trengrouse, Stella Robertson, Trevor Mills
2W	Adam Fermor, Jamieleigh Dean, Kaihan Anwar
3d	Josie Gallagher, Seth Hoffman, Charlotte Bedggood, Peter Marquett, Talea Coulton
3m	Imogen Cameron, Jack Mackay, Connor Morgan
3h	Callum Simson, Lahníe Griffiths, Tom Sheedy, Heath Stark
3/4f	Dallas Murray, Laiken Boal, Sienna Miller
4s	Archer Harrison, Charlie Donaldson, Kiarra Squires
4m	Aleah Riley, Rihara Gudsell, Jarrod Ferguson
5s	Alyssa Batinic, Zacary Clarke, Peter Dean
5z	Hayden Endicott, Matilda Betts, Amy Buck
5/6s	Nicole Castle, Jackson Crowe, Tom Roworth
6l	Chennelle Winsor, Sara Baker, Grace McCulloch
6s	Layla Withers, Conor Roberts, Adam McGuirk, Savanna Cull
6h	Kurt Rennick, Tom Wilson, Kalila Megson

Merit Certificates

YCDI

Chad Fisher, Kennisha Francis, Kadence Milne, Seth Certoma, Alecia Coker, Nash Perry, Ellie Thomas, Tahlia Newman, Ava Coleman, Chloe Elsey

Silver

Angus Amidy, Cameron Barrington,
Shaniqua Briggs, Oliver Shoesmith,
Ruby Williams, Rochelle Costello, Liam
Duff, Holly Sheedy, Kyras Trengrouse,
Stella Robertson, Archer Harrison, Amy
Buck, Deakyn Laws, Kadence Milne,
Aisha Anwari, Kodiee Luke, Katie
Eveleigh, Joshua Egan, Hudson Dries,
Jake Jamieson, Lucy Jackson, Tyler
Scott, Jessie Tanner-Smith, Thomas
Donaldson, Josh Coker, Paris Thompson,
Zeb Dillon, Charlotte Bedggood

Sport

Dominik Short

Gold

Joshua Egan, Hudson Dries, Zeb Dillon

Education Week at the School Farm

On the 30th of June, at school, 11 students practised showing sheep for Education Week. The students led three sheep. The sheep's names were Stubborn, Bucker and Pinkie. There were two lambs as well and their names were SJ and Reg.

We had a lot of fun leading them and we received a great compliment from Mrs Jeffery. Mrs Jeffery said because we can't lead Reg he could be our team mascot. She said that she would get him a little rug with our school emblem on it. Mrs Jeffery said that he was like a puppy dog.



When we washed the three big sheep they shook like dogs to get dry.

Then we led them around and lots of people came over and patted them.

We just recently took delivery of new ewes and they are pretty wild but they will get better. There is also a new lamb. By Kurt Rennick.

Kitchen Cook-off #3!

Last Tuesday night we held our third kitchen cook-off for the year. Six teams of two prepared and cooked beef chow mein within the forty minute timeframe. The teams showed dedication and pride, whilst preparing their recipe although getting the oyster sauce out of the bottle proved to be the most difficult task for these skilled cooks.

The team to make it to the grand final was....

**Madilyn Jessup-Little
and her mum Jo-ann.
Great work ladies!**



Well done to all the wonderful teams; Myles Conn & Orin Wettenhall, Keynan Jeffrey and his mum Prue, Zac Bower & Julian Morgan, Madilyn Jessup-Little and her mum Jo-ann, Anaya Boal and Sophie Williams, and Matilda Harford and Charlotte Eather.

Story by Dakota Durrant 6L

Like an angry cunning eagle effortlessly swooping down on his prey, the German aircraft bombers came in at dawn. I lay awake listening to the whispers that filled the room. It was like the sound of darkness. Then all of a sudden I heard a big loud boom. I heard screams of people and cries of children. I jumped up out of bed and looked out the window. The house next door had been bombed and was on fire. At that very moment I heard my parents footsteps running up the hall yelling "Get out! Get out! We must leave the house." I ran down the hall and out the front door taking everything I saw and might need. I was first out the door then came Mum and not long after came Dad, leaving through the front gate just in time to see our house bombed. I dropped to my knees screaming. Our family huddled together in a small group. Although my dad was trying to put on a brave face he looked like he was stuck in a horrified daze. I could see he was upset. After wiping the tears from my face I asked, "where are we going to stay tonight?" I said it pretty loudly but it seemed neither my mother or my father heard me. So I just huddled under their arms and began to cry again. After a while we stopped crying and sat on a park bench to work things out. Mum suggested to stay at a motel but Dad said it was too expensive and said we will stay at his parent's house who live on the Gold Coast, 8 hours away from Gunnedah. We all agreed, we got in the car, saying our goodbyes. By this time the sky was filled with stars so I lay my head down on the cold window but I couldn't stop myself thinking about our house. I didn't want to say anything because my dad would start to cry and not be able to see the road. It was a long trip but didn't seem to notice because I slept most of the way. When we finally arrived at Ma and Pa's house, I asked did they have a bed I could lay down on. They just smiled and pointed to a door. Opening it I saw a bed they had made for me. I lay my head down on the soft pillow and fell asleep. The next morning I woke up in the same bed I have woken up in for the last 10 years of my life thinking a dream can take you anywhere.

Premier's Debating Challenge

This year a group of students from Gunnedah South entered the Premier's Debating Challenge,. They were Cooper Bedggood, Grace McCulloch, Josh Green, Jack Trappel, Ashley Webber, Aidan R De Luzuriaga, Matilda Harford, Zachary Clarke and Angela Dillon. We travelled throughout the North-West competing with other public schools. Two of our challenges were at home and one of them at Timbumburi.

Our first debate was here at Gunnedah South. It was Gunnedah South Hurricanes vs Nundle Public. The topic was "*Team sports should be compulsory at school*", with Matilda Harford as first speaker. Matilda entered with confidence and persistence to open the debate. Speaker two (Zachary Clarke) brought up a really good point and spoke really well. It was a hard fought debate.

Our second Debate was against Timbumburi Public School. We were treated well, being given Tim Tams as brain food. The topic was, '*That we should use animals in circuses*' Josh Green brought the roof down with his witty argument '*Would you like to be in the drive through at Macca's and be attacked by a lion?*'

We performed really well and Timbumburi were spectacular.

Our last debate was at South vs Quirindi Quolls. Mr. Humphries was adjudicator and gave us good feedback. We put up a good fight but sadly lost. Overall we had great fun representing the school. Thank you Mr Finlay.

By Jack Trappel and Cooper Bedggood



SRC News



Just a reminder about our:

South Social

GPS Hall Thursday, 7th August.

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

and

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

\$5 ticket (which includes, entry, 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.

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

Gunnedah South Public School

Refund Policy

The school will refund money to students and families, monies paid for excursions, performances and other events where applicable

Monies will not be refunded where an excursion, performance or event has a component that cannot be refunded or where the school has paid on behalf of the student to another supplier.

Where the amount paid by an individual student is less than \$10 there will be no refunds.

Where a non-refundable amount has been indicated on an excursion this amount will not be refunded to the student.

If a student is withdrawn or sent home from an excursion due to misbehaviour there will be no refund

If a student is sent home from an excursion due to illness/misadventure there will be no refund.

If a student is unable to attend an excursion due to illness/misadventure monies will be refunded in accordance with the above policy. (ie non-refundable amount and components that can't be refunded or have already been forwarded to suppliers will not be refunded)

Electronic Devices at School

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Mobile phone, iPods, and all other sorts of electronic devices are **not** permitted at school.

If it is absolutely necessary for your child to have a mobile phone or other device with them, and they have a genuine reason for doing so, they will need to sign it in at the office first thing each morning, then collect again at the end of the day.

Some students are choosing to keep these devices in their pockets or in their school bags for the duration of the day. This is strictly against school rules. If a student is found with an electronic device during school, it will be confiscated and parents will need to arrange to collect it from school.

We ask for your assistance with this matter as it has increasingly caused us some concern at school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lynda Heath

Assistant Principal

Parent On-Line Payments

Parent On-Line Payments can be made through the \$ Make a Payment icon on the school website www.gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Then follow the prompts to complete your transaction.

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Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

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Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement

issued by the school it will be to the left

of the student's name.

* Given Name

* Surname

Class or Year

Ref. or Invoice Number

This number may be on the top of the

invoice or statement issued by the

school. It may have the heading Ref.

* Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

e.g. 31/01/1992.

Required if only one of 'Class or Year' or

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