



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**28th August 2014**  
**TERM 3 WEEK 7**

## Special points of interest:

- 3rd September Yr1 Excursion
- 3rd & 8th September Yr6 High School Visit
- 5th September Dubbo Zoo
- 9th September P&C @ 7pm
- 10th Sep Kindy Transition

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8</b> Sept	1	2	3 Year 1 Excursion Tamworth Year 6 High School Visit	4	5 Year 2 Excursion Dubbo Zoo
<b>9</b> Sept	8 Year 6 High School Visit Book Week Starts	9 P&C Meeting @ 7pm	10 Kindy Transition 1.30pm	11	12 Book Week Parade  Miners Cup R.L & Girls Oz-Tag
<b>10</b> Sept	15 Yr 6 Sydney Excursion Meeting	16 Boys PSSA- Softball	17 Stage 3 Trek Boys PSSA- Softball	18 Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic 11am-1pm Stage 3 Trek Boys PSSA- Softball	19 Stage 3 Trek
<b>1</b> Oct	6 <b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>	7	8	9	10



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# A few words from our Deputy



## Dear Parents and Carers,

### Science Week 2014

Last Friday saw Gunnedah South celebrate National Science Week for 2014. A number of activities were run during the day to demonstrate the importance of science but also the learning and enjoyment that goes with science. We also had a number of guest speakers attend the school to talk about their career path in the field of science. Many students were recognised for their interest and knowledge in this important subject. Congratulations to those students. It was also great to have some other schools from our area come and join in with the various sessions that were run. We had many of our parents and community members come see what the day was all about. This is a great feature of Gunnedah South and we are very fortunate to enjoy tremendous community support in all that we do. The day was tremendously well organised by Miss Pankhurst who has spent many hours ensuring the success of this special event on our calendar. I am most appreciative of the time and effort that she put into making sure the students were given the opportunity to see some awesome presenters and participate in some fun learning activities. Thank you Miss Pankhurst.

### Parents in the School during Normal Lesson Times

I would like to remind parents and carers that if they are coming into the school between **9am and 3pm** that they are required to attend the front office and sign the visitor's book. You will be issued with a visitor's badge which must be worn in a visible location. This protocol is important as it allows us to know who is on site at all times. To comply with work, health and safety procedures, we need to be able to account for all individuals on site. This includes students, staff and visitors. We also need to ensure that our students are safe at all times. This is a key responsibility for all schools, as you would appreciate, so it is extremely important that we know who is in the school during school hours. This is not to discourage parents and carers attending various events. The community support at Gunnedah South is the envy of many schools. I appreciate your assistance and cooperation with this important matter.

### Excursions

'Excursion Season' is upon us with many of our classes having their excursion between now and the end of the year. Year 1 is heading to Tamworth on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and Year 2 are heading to the Western Plains Zoo on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Year 1 students are visiting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter headquarters and will gain an insight into the vital role this service plays in our region. They will also be visiting the Tamworth airport and QANTAS Engineering. The final activity for the day will be a tour of Calala Cottage. The students will get a snapshot of what life and school was like in days gone by. The cost is \$25. Permission notes must be in and money paid prior to attending this fantastic trip. As mentioned, Year 2 will do a day trip to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. This will mean an early start and a late arrival at home so Year 2 students (and possibly teachers) will need to make sure they get their rest this weekend in readiness for this great adventure. I'm a massive fan of the Lemurs so I'll have to get the kids to say "Hi" to King Julius for me. Once again permission notes and money must be in prior to attending. If your child has issues with travel sickness please ensure you speak with the class teacher about the best way to manage this.

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Training

Currently we are hosting a number of teachers from the area who are participating in professional learning sessions on how to continue to give students cutting edge experiences as part of this signature program. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program is an excellent opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge and skills outside the standard curriculum. Our program and the staff who coordinate it are recognised state wide. A big welcome to both the presenters and the teachers for what I'm sure will be a very valuable professional learning experience.



## **North West Athletics**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August sees the 2014 North West Athletics championships being run in Tamworth. We have a number of students representing Gunnedah South and the Gunnedah Zone PSSA and we wish them all the best as they strive to achieve their best. Gaining a spot at this carnival is an achievement in itself and I look forward to hearing how our students perform on the day. Those who are successful will attend the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships in Homebush early next term. Good luck to all who are travelling to Tamworth for what should be a fantastic day.

## **Rugby**

Last week Adam McGuirk and Jackson Carr attended the NSW PSSA Rugby Carnival in Kiama. The carnival looked as if it would be shortened when heavy rain saw most grounds closed in the area but after some deliberation the carnival commenced. The games were played, for the most part in heavy rain, gale force winds and on a very muddy surface. The North West team worked particularly hard against bigger opposition managing to grab a win and several losses by a single conversion. Both Adam and Jackson were exemplary representatives of our school and the North West Region. Below is a summary of the coach's thoughts on these two young men.

### **No 10 Adam McGuirk – Fly Half**

Adam was a valued member of the North West PSSA Rugby team for 2014. Adam played a pivotal role in the team leadership as his role was to direct the play and work closely with his half back to ensure the backline had space and quality ball. Adam is a very coachable young man who has shown a solid understanding of the game of rugby and also his role in the team. I'm sure his leadership in other settings assisted him in managing his responsibility in the team at the state carnival. He played smart rugby and adjusted to very tough conditions well. I would like to wish Adam well for the remainder of the rugby season and all the best for 2015 in high school. I'm sure there are great opportunities in front of him.

### **No 11 Jackson Carr - Wing**

Jackson was an important member of the 2014 North West PSSA rugby team. Jackson has played much of his football in a different code but I think he has found a home in rugby. Jackson showed great pace, making some very incisive runs with ball in hand. He was equally as impressive in defence, making important tackles at critical times in some of the matches. Jackson showed a willingness to learn new skills and apply them on the field. He worked well with his inside backs but also formed a good combination as part of the back three. Jackson will develop into an excellent footballer which ever direction he decides to take in the future. It was really pleasing to see his development over the last few months so I can only imagine what he will achieve with more experience.

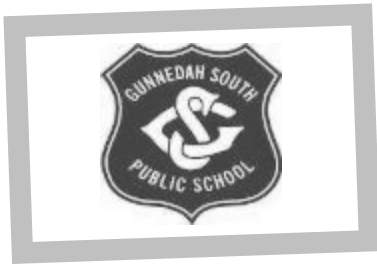
## **Titanium Awards**

Last, but certainly not least, I had the pleasure of presenting Titanium awards to Zeb Dillon, Jack Heath, Chloe Hicks and Laiken Boal today. It's great to see students striving for the highest levels in all aspects of school life. I hope all students see the Titanium award as something they can achieve by following our school value perseverance. With continued effort and focus, every student can reach this level during their time at Gunnedah South. I look forward to presenting many more of these awards in the future.

**Have an awesome week and keep living the dream!**

**Mr Graham Conn**

**Deputy Principal**



# SCHOOL NEWS...



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Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

- Anthony J. D'Angelo



## Canteen Helpers

- Monday 1st September: Need Help
- Tuesday 2nd September: Laura Reeves
- Wednesday 3rd September: Ebony Cope
- Thursday 4th September: Casey Bendal
- Friday 5th September: Jo Slee  
Christine Pease



# Stage 3 Rotations Week 8-A

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

# Learning to Play a Musical Instrument at Gunnedah South

Students interested in learning to play a musical instrument are given this wonderful opportunity at our school. We have a number of musical instruments and these are loaned to students. Free lessons are given at school. Some children progress to more advanced lessons with Mr Rowe, once again at no cost.

Students from year 2 to year 5, interested in learning to play an instrument and perhaps joining our school band need to bring a note indicating parent support. Parents/carers wishing to find out more information please also contact Mrs Sommerlad or leave a message with the front office.



# SUPA CLUB

 Scripture Union Primary Age

SUPA Clubs are Christian clubs for kids. They operate in primary schools throughout Australia. At SUPA Club we have fun games, drama, stories from the Bible and the occasional treat. Children have the opportunity to investigate some of life's challenging questions.

SUPA Club is held each Tuesday at lunchtime for year 5 and year 6 students.



# Silver

Matilda Harford, Lucy Reid, Dallas Murray, Laiken Boal, William Hicks, Daniella Kelly, Jack Atkins, Kirra Talbott, Keith Morris, Jett Poeschl, Sybella Simson, Demi Smith, Peter Thurbon, Tyrone Winsor, Maddy More, Dasisy WhiteKaiden Blair, Sarah Demmery



# Gold

Laiken Boal, William Hicks, Daniela Kelly, Jack Atkins,

Good News! Good News! Good news!

The working bee is off!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, not all of them related to the weather, we have had to call off our proposed working bee scheduled for this Sunday.



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**Better News! Better News!  
Better News!**

**The working bee is on!**

**When: September 14th, 2014.**

**Starting: 9:00 am**

**Until: 1:00 pm**

Come one. Come all.

We have a sheep enclosure to build, a soft fall area to remediate, a pole to stand for a security light, painting and much more.

Morning tea: Of course. We'll provide.

Lunch: Yes. Yes. Yes. Sausage sizzle on us.

Bring your own drinks.

Bring a smile.

Bring the kids.

Bring a hat and gloves if you need them.



# Education Week 2014



## *'In The Kitchen'*

**On behalf of 3H and Gunnedah South Public School, I would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers we had to help us celebrate Education Week in our beloved kitchen. 3H were very lucky to have parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and aunts throw on an apron to assist them in creating some scrumptious meals to enjoy (and a spot of cleaning afterwards)**

**Many Thanks, Miss Holdom**



# Connect to Reading- Book Week!



Although Book Week was held for many schools last week, **Gunnedah South will be holding Book Week during week 9** (8-12 September) of this term. This is such a busy term with Education Week (week 3), Science Week (week 6) and Book Week that we thought splitting these big events would be beneficial to not only students but the parents as well. More importantly it gives parents more time to organise costumes for the highly valued and much anticipated book parade.

**The book parade will be held on Friday the 12th September** where students and teachers dress up as one of their favourite book characters and parade around the school. The parade will start at 11:15 and everyone is welcome to come along and see the students dressed up in all the great costumes. It is such a great day for family and friends so come along and enjoy the entertainment. After the parade why not have a look at the Book Fair held in the library.

To celebrate Book Week we will also be holding a **Book Fair**. This fair will be held in the library from Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September. It will have all the latest children's books at really cheap prices. It might be a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping.

There will also be some **Book Week competitions** students can participate in. There is a 'Connect to Reading' Colouring competition for Kindergarten and Year 1 students and a 'Connect to Reading' Book Cover Design for Year 2-6 students. There will be prize winners for each year and the winners will be announced during the book parade.

If you have any other questions regarding Book Week please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Kristie Hudson

Teaching Librarian

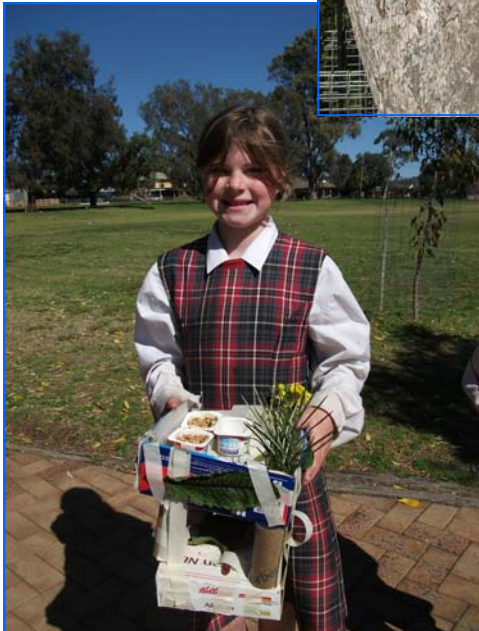


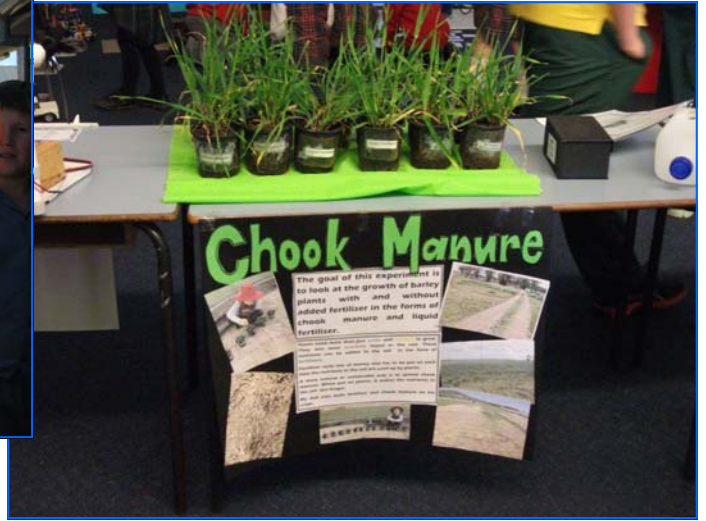


# Sustainability Science Festival 2014



During our first Science Festival, students from Gunnedah South along with students from Tambar Springs, Premer, Mullaley, Carroll and Gunnedah High participated in sustainability themed workshops. Kindergarten met Elise Gretton from Boggabri Coal who talked about geology and her experiences working on exploration rigs. Students from grades 1 and 2 enjoyed a presentation by Peter Starr from Warrumbungle Observatory who talked to students about how he uses a range of telescopes to show off the wonders of the Australian night sky. Years 3 and 4 were fascinated by the workshop presented by Trudy Staines from CSIRO Narrabri who explained how cotton is turned into fabric to make clothes. Students from years 5 and 6 were wowed by Gunnedah High school teacher Patrick Twinning who talked about the science programs available at the local high school. He also brought dry ice along for students to experiment with and a highlight of the day was when he let off rockets on the school oval. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and community members sharing in the fun and exciting day for our budding future scientists.







# Young Guitar Heroes



On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August we had the pleasure of welcoming Terry Murray to present his show 'Young Guitar Heroes' to children in Years 3 to 6. He explained the history of guitars, the features of different guitars and performed well known songs for the children to guess, from Waltzing Matilda to Miss Holdom's favourite, Eagle Rock! There was an air guitar competition between Mackenzie Leader, Dakota Durrant, Charlie Garner and Jayden 'Kiwi' Newton, which showed some rocking techniques and knee slides. Somehow Miss Zerner and Miss Holdom entered into a similar air guitar rivalry with a new talent being brought to light from both teachers! The teachers agreed the children behaved and participated beautifully, making for an amazing show. Here are some recounts that some of the children who attended this fantastic performance have written.

*'I liked that the man played songs from Batman, Pink Panther and Wipeout. It was funny when Miss Zerner played against Miss Holdom. The man loved ACDC. The name of the different guitars he played were the axe, acoustic and electric guitar. He also had an object that changed how the guitar sounded called a slide. He put it on his finger and it slides along the guitar.'*

- Lachie Lennox

*I liked the concert because Terry played these songs; Pink Panther, James Bond theme, Dr Who theme and Wipeout on the air guitar.*

- Rosie Snape

*On Tuesday a man named Terry came to the school to show us his guitars and songs. Some of the songs he played were Pink Panther, Batman, James Bond, Blues Brothers, Dr Who and Wipeout. We also had an air guitar battle between Mackenzie, Dakota, Jayden and Charlie. Then Miss Zerner and Miss Holdom had a battle too. I really liked watching the air guitar battles.*

- Zac Griffin

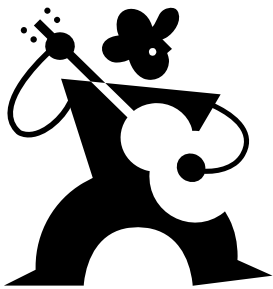
*'On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 50 kids went to the guitar heroes in the hall with a man named Terry. He told us about the guitars and that he has 54 of them at his house but he could only bring 4. At the end he picked four kids to go to the front of the stage and have an air guitar contest. The four kids were Mackenzie, Jayden, Charlie and myself. It was great fun and I wish to see the show again in the future.'*

- Dakota Durrant

*On Tuesday, around 50 children attended a concert held by a man called Terry. Terry has been playing guitar since he was 5. He was part of a band who hit the top charts in Britain, America and Australia a long time ago. Terry has a total of 54 guitars at home but he only brought 4 with him. They were the Telecast, the electric, the Axe and the acoustic.*

*We played games too. We played a game where Terry would play a song or jingle and we had to guess it. We then had a rock and roll section where we had to guess it. Then we had an air guitar competition.*

- Grace McCulloch



# Fathers' Day Stall

Fathers' Day is just around the corner

The P & C will be holding a Fathers' Day Stall on

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**All items are \$2**

Please wrap all items in  
**clear plastic cellophane**

(this is so the kids can choose their gift easily)

Gifts are to be brought into the classroom by

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

You **must** bring a gift to buy a gift!

## **Some popular items and ideas for gifts**

Coffee mugs filled with chocolates

Stubbie holders filled with chocolates

Just chocolates!

Tape measures and small hardware items

Deodorant

Car cleaning or car products

Key-rings and key chains

(Please no knives, blades or very sharp objects)

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Parent On-Line Payments can be made through the \$ Make a Payment icon on the school website [www.gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Then follow the prompts to complete your transaction.

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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.

### Payer Details

\* Full Name

\* Contact Phone Number

e.g. 0249512345 or (02)49512345

\* Contact Email Address

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Sales to Students

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