



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
11th September
TERM 3 WEEK 9

Special points of interest:

- 12th Sept Book Week Parade
- 17th 18th & 19th Sept Stage 3 Trek
- 18th Sept Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic 11am-1pm
- Term 4 first day back Tues 7th Oct

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 Sept	15 Yr 6 Sydney Excursion Meeting 6pm Hall	16 Jump Rope for Heart	17 Yr 5 Trek	18 Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic 11am-1pm Yr 5 Trek Returns Yr 6 Trek	19 Yr 6 Trek Returns
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



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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week

One more sleep!!! The Book Week parade is tomorrow, Friday 12th September and I have had a sneak preview of a few of the teachers costumes!!! Boys and girls you don't want to miss out on this day! Parents and community are welcome to attend.

Working Bee

The school is holding a working bee on this Sunday 14th September. There are a number of jobs around the school, which will help us to keep the school looking fantastic. I know Mr Finlay has some farm maintenance and another sheep enclosure to build. The farm is an integral component of Gunnedah South and Mr Finlay gives enormous amounts of his time before and after school and weekends to keep the farm operational. This working bee will certainly help Mr Finlay and keep this valuable program operational.

The school is also looking at painting concrete games on the Concrete for the students to use during recess and lunch times such as hop scotch and snakes and ladders. These will be also help to brighten up the concrete areas.

We would appreciate any help. If you can spare a few hours from 9-1pm with lunch provided.

Summer Uniform

Students are able to wear summer uniform from next week, beginning Monday 15th September.

School Uniform

Gunnedah South has a strong proud tradition of wearing full school uniform. It is expected each day that students arrive in full school uniform including wearing appropriate school shoes.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist our school community in:

- ☺ defining an identity for the school within its community
- ☺ developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- ☺ providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- ☺ enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- ☺ promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- ☺ reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- ☺ increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors
- ☺ promoting positive community perceptions of Public Education

The school is able to provide support to families who may be experiencing hardship in purchasing uniforms. If this is the case please contact the school and make an appointment with me.

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, lessons 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 the 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.



Walking to and from school

We have a number of students who walk to and from school each day. Walking to school is a lovely way to start the day and a good source of exercise.

If your child walks to school, please remind them of safe behaviour when crossing roads and walking along footpaths. There have been a few reports from parents and community members of students behaving in a potentially dangerous manner. Even with a child playing 'chicken' with a car, who actually stopped the vehicle. Teachers will be reminding students of sensible behaviour to and from school, however parental guidance and support is essential. Lets work together to keep our students safe.

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/xHLLDH>

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

- ◆ Set a screen time limit **of no more than two hours a day.**
- ◆ Busy kids are less likely to have screen time issues.
- ◆ Eliminate food and drink in front of the screen.
- ◆ Ask your child how they are going to spend their time so they get into the habit of planning their screen time.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/QFlqyz>

Porchetta Day

Once again, this year Gunnedah South students will be involved in Porchetta day on Saturday 20th September near the Longmuir playing fields (the dog show area). The students have been making delicious dishes to sell on the day to allow the Gunnedah community to sample the products of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and also to raise funds for the program. The children have an important role for our school of cooking and selling the products on this day as well as packing and cleaning up after the event on Sunday 21st September. We will also be in need of adult volunteers. This year we will be selling Minestrone Soup and Focaccia bread, a variety of biscotti, grissini and herb flavoured oils, along with our gorgeous jams, pickles and herbs.

If you and/or your child are interested, please let me Mrs Jodie Sam's know by Wednesday 17th September. I will make a timetable up for the children and adults so they know what times they need to be on our stall.

Warm regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS...



Active After School Sport Dance

Active After School Sport Dance with Miss Flannery has now finished for the term. There will be no more dance activities on Tuesday afternoons.

Thank you for your participation and I hope to see you at future Active After School Sport programs.



Canteen Helpers

Monday 15th September: Need Help
 Tuesday 16th September: Laura Reeves
 Wednesday 17th September: Ebony Cope
 Thursday 18th September: Need Help
 Friday 19th September: Hope Rennick



Stage 3 Rotations Week 9-B

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Small PE/PD					
Mr Sumpter Tech					
Mr Humphries Science					
Miss Hickey M/D/D					
MRS HEATH HSIE					
Miss Zerner Art					

No Rotations

Class Merit Awards

1F	Jayla Woolaston, Emily Williams, Eliza Winsor, Jaydn Toms
1M	Daisy Sheedy, TyeeshaLee Wortley, Jacob Tindall, Kodee Bendall
1PW	Cooper McLoughlin, Alyshia Spain, Phoebe Street
1W	William Hicks, Daniela Kelly, Lincoln Squires, Bradley Bartimote
3D	Josie Gallagher, Breanna Cope, Zoe Eather, Ryan Weekes
3H	Benni Griffin, Charlotte Jeffery, Toby Bartlett,
3M	Jasmine Bilsborough, Jack Memorey, Nayte Vernon
3/4F	May Norris-Fouracre, Callie Jeffrey, Chantele Pike,
4S	Annie Lyne, Madison Bickle, Kade Garrett
4M	Kurt Fisher, Thomas Friend, Jack Power
5S	Laine Phillips, Joshua Langdon, Connor Anderson
5Z	Braithen Winsor, Stephanie McArthur, Madi Simson
5/6S	Susan McLauchlan, Harley Banks, Aidan Luzuriaga
6H	Tom Lyne, Kurt Rennick, Julian Morgan, Jayden Bilsborough
6L	Jordan Winsor, Tye Wortley, Makayla Hebblewhite
6S	Elsie Hunt, James Elphick, Josh Green, Kullin Long

Silver

Maddie Stewart, Kassidy Hunt, Ally Harris, Abbie Passfield, Riley Price, Colter Swain, Jaydn Toms, Jacob Tindall, Tyeeshalee Wortley, Alex Letts, Logan Costin, Annie Lyne, Aaron Osmond, Lowanna Davison, Zac Bower, Savanna Cull, Ashley Murray, Aidan Luzuriaga, Harley Banks

Gold

Aaron Osmond, Zac Bower, Annie Lyne, Jacob Tindall, Tyeeshalee Wortley

YCDI

Jayla Woolaston, Daisy Sheedy, Kadence Milne, Alice Swain, Aleena Tariq

Dubbo National Show and Sale

Last week the sheep leading team went to the Dorper National Show and Sale at Dubbo. A group of students travelled over to prepare and show the sheep we had been caring for all year. On the first day we went over what was expected of us in the arena. Kurt was the first leader, parading Fluffy. Unluckily she did not get a ribbon. The next day Callum and Harry lead our other two sheep, Pinky and Muscle. Pinky came third from a class of fifteen ewes.



Our next job was to get ready for the junior handling competition. When we got out in to the ring we had to line our sheep up ready for the judge to look at them and look at how we were able to handle them. The judge said that we all did an excellent job but not everyone could get a ribbon. Josh Egan and Kurt Rennick tied for second and Alex Letts came third out of a group of nearly thirty students. This was a great result, considering the winner was a year 8 high school student.



Callum Letts decided to go in the high school section and he also won a prize. We were the only primary school at the show, competing against older students from all over the state.

By Tom Lyne, Kurt Rennick and Josh Egan.



Jump Rope For Heart



Tuesday 16th September

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1: 9.15- 10.45

Stage 2: 11.30- 12.45

Stage 3: 1.30-2.45

ALL students are to wear sports uniform and bring a gold coin donation for the Heart Foundation.



Art Exhibition

Dust off your paint brushes, sharpen your pencils and create a masterpiece to enter into the art exhibition at this year's fete.

Outstanding artist prize packs to be won!

Sections

Infants Portraits
Primary Portraits
Infants Landscapes
Primary Landscapes
Infants Open
Primary Open

Any medium can be used in each section, such as lead pencil, paint, oil or chalk pastels, charcoal, ink or watercolour.

If you have questions please contact Mrs Passfield.



Conditions of Entry

1. Your artwork must be created on art paper no larger than A3. It should then be mounted on cardboard in a colour of your choice.
2. Your name, class and section should be printed on the back of your artwork.
3. You will need to pay a 50c entry fee for each artwork entered.
4. Infants entries must be delivered to Mrs Passfield by Monday 27th October.
5. Primary entries must be delivered to Mrs Merlehan by Monday 27th October.
6. The judge's decision is final and no discussion will be entered into.
7. If teachers are entering artwork completed in class no more than two artworks of a similar style can be entered into the exhibition.

SYDNEY – MELBOURNE EXCURSION MEETING

Parents, Carers and Children,

You are invited to a pre-excursion meeting to discuss arrangements for the upcoming Sydney - Melbourne excursion.

The meeting will be held in the School hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday September 15, 2014.

The meeting will begin with an outline of the excursion activities, timetable and expected behaviours, followed by a question and answer session. Attendees are welcome to leave the meeting at any time.

Gary Humphries (excursion organiser)

P.S. Some people need to finalise payments.



TAMWORTH Town Hall

Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

Thursday 18th September 2014

9.30am - 2pm

Official Opening 9.45am

LINKS FOR LIFE Disability Expo

FREE ENTRY

Exhibitors will display a range of products and services aimed at increasing independence and quality of life.

Join us for a FREE sausage sizzle all day.

This event is for people with disabilities and ongoing medical conditions, their families, carers, support network and service providers.



Find out what is available in our region for people with a disability and their carers, including the latest adaptive technology.



Speak to local service personnel.



Disability and community organisations will be available to provide information and advice on early intervention services, carer support, advocacy, accommodation, training and education, employment, post-school options, equipment and the NDIS.

Please note the media will be in attendance and may wish to talk to participants.

Transport options available:
contact Oxley Community Transport on 6766 3277.

For more information, please call
Anna on 6766 6533 or Danielle on 6762 8003.

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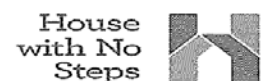


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The Wizard of Oz!

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**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 admission, 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 parents are asked to come in and collect their child from the hall

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

Year 5 and 6 Trek

To help us keep costs to a minimum we seek your help with some equipment needs for the trek to be held from Wednesday to Friday next week. Year 5 will be trekking on Wednesday / Thursday and year 6 on Thursday / Friday.

We seek:

- Billies or large tins which we can put a handle in,
- Tarpaulins to be used for groundsheets and shelters,
- Camp ovens,
- 20 litre jerry cans for water,
- large boilers for heating washing up water

..... from class is able to supply;

- billies
- large tins to be used for billies
- tarpaulins to be used for groundsheets and shelters
- camp ovens
- 20 litre jerry cans for water
- large boilers for heating washing up water

Regards,

Gary Humphries and Todd Jeffery

10.09.2014.





30 July, 2014

Dear Principal,

Transport for NSW is pleased to provide your school with two sets of our new Safety Town posters and two copies of the 2014 edition of *Road safety issues around schools*.

The Safety Town posters include the key messages from the online Stage 3 Safety Town resource, safetytown.com.au. Safety Town includes a secure website for schools with teaching and learning material for Stage 3 students including a short video on 'distraction' featuring Adam Goodes, Australian of the Year; a section that can be accessed by families at home and a Teachers Handbook.

The 2014 edition of *Road safety issues around schools* includes key road safety tips for families to discuss and practise with their children, including:

- *Buckling up safely*
- *In and out of the car*
- *On and off the bus safely*
- *Wearing a helmet correctly and riding safely on wheels.*

Parents and carers are also reminded of the importance of:

- *Driving safely in 40 kilometres per hour school zones*
- *Parking safely near schools*
- *Driving safely near school buses*
- *Safety around school crossings*
- *The importance of holding their child's hand in the traffic environment.*

You and your staff can use these as posters or take-home notes or you can publish them on your school's website. More copies can be downloaded from the Centre for Road Safety website roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au or you can order them from rmsorders@bluestargroup.com.au.

Transport for NSW funds the road safety education program in NSW schools and through this funding provides road safety consultants to assist you and your staff. For consultancy support contact the manager of your sector's road safety education unit.