



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

**Thursday
16th October
TERM 4 WEEK 2**

Special points of interest:

- Wk 4 Friday 31st Oct Fete, Happy Halloween
- Wk 5 Friday 7th Oct Kinder Excursion
- Wk 9 Tuesday 2nd Dec Kindy Graduation
- Wk9 Thursday 4th Dec Yr 6 Farwell

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Oct	20 Year 6 Excursion to Sydney	21	22	23	24 Year 6 Excursion return
4 Oct	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween Fete 
5 Nov	3	4	5	6	7 Kinder Excursion Lake Keepit
6 Nov	10	11	12	13	14



*Gunnedah South Public
School*

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"You Can Do It" Program

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Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back for Term 4.

Getting organised for Term 4

Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with school A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. <http://bit.ly/UbmQz8>

Kindergarten 2015

Our transition program for kindergarten 2015 ramps up in term 4, with the Kindy Start program running over 4 consecutive Wednesdays. The first session begins on Wednesday 22nd October from 9:30-11:30am. These sessions are designed to give students a taste of big school and allow them to become familiar with school routines and staff.

There will be a parent workshop held on Wednesday 22nd October based around Literacy and Numeracy and another parent workshop on Wednesday 29th October with special guest speakers.

Fete

Don't forget to lock in our annual Fete date, Friday 31st October. We are still in need of some parent volunteers to ensure the success of our Fete. If you can spare as little as an hour to help out on a stall or cooking the BBQ we would love your help. Please contact Stina Heath.

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.

Lunch Box Ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z's Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. <http://bit.ly/qsfdOE>

Maintenance

Over the holidays the primary play equipment has been upgraded with rubber softfall. This is the same product which has been used in our infants play equipment.

Mrs Worley's classroom has also had brand new carpet. This has been very welcomed by the students in KW!

Visiting Author ~ Paul Collins

On Tuesday our school had a visit from an Australian children's book author, Paul Collins. Paul ran three workshops throughout the day where he explained how he gets ideas to write his stories. He also showed students some simple techniques for editing their own work to make the best piece of writing. Paul stayed around to autograph bookmarks for students and talk with students who are interested in becoming authors themselves.

This was a valuable learning experience for our students and was graciously funded through Whitehaven.

Kindest regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



Fete Raffle Tickets

To be returned to your classroom teacher students from 4S will collect them daily from classes.

Canteen Helpers

Monday 20th Oct: Need Help
 Tuesday 21st Oct: Laura Reeves
 Wednesday 22nd Oct: Ebeny Cope
 Thursday 23rd Oct: Need Help
 Friday 24th Oct: Kim Street
 Carrie Leader



Week 3—A	Monday - 20/10	Tuesday - 21/10	Wednesday - 22/10	Thursday	Friday - 24/10
Miss Small-PE/PD	No Rotations Year 6 Excursion				Year 5 Swim
Mr Sumpter - Tech					
Mr Humphries- Science					
Miss Hickey— M/D/D					
Mrs Heath - HSIE					
Miss Zerner— Art					

Class Merit Awards

KK	Laura Demmery, Kirra Talbott, Darcy Mills, Rehan Haque, Liam Duff
KM	Tyler Scott, Emmy Torrens, Corrin Wise
KR	Isaac Wise, Cooper O'Neill, Rebecca Sams, Angus Amidy, Cruize Moore-Duff
KS	Keith Morris, Jett Poeschl, Merrie-Lee Middleton, Jorja Baker, Jye Perrett-Scott
KW	Amber Welch, Shaylah Doolan, Angus Eather, Ashley Riley, Rex McAllan
IF	Riley Price, Emily Williams, Colter Swain, Ally Harris
IM	Nathan Stark, Kodee Bendall, Tom Mainey, Brayden Morgan
IPW	Mitchell Slee, Oscar Donoghue, Phoebe Street, Alyshia Spain
IW	Sienna Mackay, Aleena Tariq, Lucas Passman, Holly Sheedy, Charleigh McArthur, Seth Certoma
3D	Dylan Stubbs, Ian Brown, Seth Hoffman
3M	Alex Letts, Jack Mackay, Charlotte Thompson
3/4F	Daisy White, Emmy-Grace Barr, Declan Dean-Djuve
4S	Archer Harrison, Hope Sankey, Jack Burgess
5S	Shannon Hatcher, Laine Phillips, Jennifer Logan
5Z	Lucy Jackson, Cooper Bedggood, Isaac Coker, Zac Griffin
5/6S	Aiden Luzuriaga, Holly Whitehurst, Baley Mackay
6L	Ethan Donaldson, Sara Baker, Bailey Stewart
6H	Bailie Haynes, Emily Jaeger, Ashley Murray

Silver

Nathan Stark, Jayla Suey, Keaton Walters, Tyson Whyte,
Kye Perrett-Scott, Byron Jeffery, Laura Demmery,
Aiden Wise, Seth Hoffman

Gold

Byron Jeffery, Seth Hoffman

YCDI

Grace Honeysett, Mackenzie Keeler,
Lucas Passman, Tiah Small, Jaydn
Toms, Nathan Stark, Katie Eveleigh,
Benjamin Hall, Hollie Johnstone,
Claire Dowe, Lillian Jeffery, Timmy
Capper, Rachelle Costello, Angus
Amity, Katelyn Carr, Charlotte
McDonald, Maya Gray, Macey
Carlyon, Lachlan Percy

AP Awards

Josh Green, Dominic Short,
Skye Stewart

Haunted House

The HAUNTED HOUSE is back once again for our school fete!

As it is a big job setting up the Haunted House we are calling out for some help. We are desperately looking for donations of anything large or small that might be useful to the Haunted House. Below are some of the main items we need to make this Haunted House the best it can be:

- * black sheets (lots)
- * black plastic (lots)
- * old scary things
- * anything that glows



If you have any of the above things that are no longer used and you are willing to donate please send to Mrs Michelsen's room as soon as possible. Any help would be greatly appreciated.





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"CALALA COTTAGE" MUSEUM

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15th September, 2014

The Principal
Gunnedah South Public School
Winder Place
GUNNEDAH NSW 2380

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the members of Tamworth Historical Society I am writing to thank you, your pupils and teachers for your recent very generous donation to Calala Cottage Museum complex. The Society is aware that groups of your students attend the museum each year and we very much appreciate your support. This year as an extra thank you I am forwarding a copy of our publication "History of Tamworth" by Jim Hobden for your library and hope it is of use to your students.

The expense involved in maintaining and operating the Museum by a volunteer-run not-for-profit organisation such as ours relies heavily not only on our own fundraising efforts but also on any donations we may receive. For this reason your donation is most welcome and very much appreciated.

Again, many thanks for your generosity.

Yours sincerely

Narelle Powdrell
Secretary

TAMWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Active After School Sport

This term 2 programs will be offered to students in stage 3, African Drumming and Movement with Mrs Day-McGuirk and Netball with Mrs Thomson. These activities will be on Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm at school and a free afternoon tea is provided. Please see these teachers to get a permission note. A limited number of students will be accepted and the first students to have their note signed and returned to the relevant teacher will be included in the program. The first session begins week 1, term 4, 16th October, 2014.

Gunnedah South Fete

Plans for our annual Fete are well on the way. We are hoping that it will, once again be a fun filled event for the whole family and a great fund raiser for the school.

The Fete will be on Halloween this year, Friday 31st October between 4.30-8pm. There will be lots of fun things to do and delicious food for all taste buds. The popular chocolate wheel will be spinning again and the night will conclude with the annual talent quest. The raffle will be drawn on the night with tickets sold until the last minute. We are asking all students to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Great prizes to be won.

We are very lucky to have teachers that support our Fete but we also need parents to step up on the day. It's a great way to contribute, to meet new people and have fun. We need help with setting up for the big night as well as manning stalls. If you can spare an hour or even just half an hour please talk to your child's teacher, contact the school or myself to get a job.

In previous years we've asked the students to bring in something delicious for the cake stall as well as fruit for fruit salad stall. More about that at a later date. This year we're also asking for donations for the chocolate wheel prizes. We have already received donations from lots of our local businesses.

We are hoping you can add something to these fantastic prizes, perhaps a milkshake maker, soccer ball, water pistol, non perishable foods or a bottle of wine. You may have some unwanted presents that have never been opened that could be ideal to include in the chocolate wheel (All items to be un-used and un-opened please).

Stina Heath, on behalf of P&C



Kitchen Cook-off #5

On Monday night, stage 3 participated in the fifth kitchen cook-off for the year. 6 students were chosen from years 5 and 6 and each student was able to choose a sous chef to help them in their endeavour to win this challenge.

The teams were keen to get started (not including the two who arrived 15 minutes late!) They were given 5 minutes to read over the recipe of beef chow mein, then the timer was set for 40 minutes. In this time, each team worked hard to complete their recipe and present their dish to the judge. This was our fastest cook off yet.



As always, there was only 1 winning team and that team was... ***Madelin Marmara and her mum Amy.*** Well done ladies.

Our other champion teams were- Emily Garner and Eli Rankmore, Steven Craig and Tilly King, Reece Jeffery, Taylor Sams and Ashlea Webber, Ashton Harris and Oliver Thomas and Jackson Carr and Tom Rowarth. Well done to all of our hardworking teams!

MS Readathon

Thank you for being a part of this year's MS Readathon – you have done an awesome job!

It's now time to collect your donations and return your fundraising money.

You can complete your fundraising by logging in to the MS Readathon website

www.msreadathon.org.au or by downloading and returning a completion form from our website.

In order to receive your reading rewards make sure you complete your form by **31 October!**

The Wizard of Oz!

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers that helped make our movie nights a huge success.

Year 6 students raised over \$650 towards their tickets for the musical

Wicked!

A big congratulations to our best dressed winners:

Alice Swain and Steven Hopwood

Callie Jeffery and Rosie Snape



Porchetta Day!

On Saturday 20th September, Gunnedah South was once again, involved in Gunnedah's annual Porchetta Day. It proved to be a successful fundraiser for our SAKGP (Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program). This year we branched out and created a variety of baked goods that costumers could take home and enjoy, as well as our preserves and the minestrone soup. The children made grissini (bread sticks), focaccia loaves and a variety of biscotti. It was these baked goods which bumped up our profits to give us the largest earnings yet.

I would like to say a massive thankyou to our wonderful students who gave up their time on the very first day of holidays to help at Porchetta Day. These children were fantastic throughout the day. They sold soup, biscuits, preserves and produce. They also mingled with the crowd, taking empty plates and cups to the bins. I had many community members telling me how well mannered and respectful these children were. Well done and thank you.



Emily Garner

Emma McCulloch

Matilda Betts

Nayte Vernon

Logan Ross

Josh Coker

Sienna Miller

Laiken Boal

Corey Mallia

Charlotte Cooper

Leighana Clarke

Taylor McDonald



Mrs Sams



Transport
for NSW

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.

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.





GUNNEDAH SOUTH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN FETE

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 31** :: 4:30 to 8:00pm



Raffle Drawn
7:00pm

Chocolate
Wheel

Talent Quest
7:30pm

HAUNTED HOUSE

Jumping Castle

Show Bags

Face Painting

ART SHOW

Awesome Food Stalls

BBQ and Special Treats

Balloons

Scrumptious Cakes

Dunking Machine

And so much more



HALLOWEEN TALENT QUEST

Auditions

Week 2

Auditions on every day
during lunch.

Sections

Instrumental

Dance

Singing

All

items

MUST be LESS
than 3 minutes
long!

Sign-up Sheet will
be outside Miss
Hickey's room near
the Whiteboard.

Your name **MUST** be
on the sheet by the
end of Week 1.

*Any questions come
and see Miss Hickey
or Miss Pankhurst!*

