



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
8th October 2015
TERM 4 WEEK 1

Special points of interest:

- Yr 3 Excursion Gulgong
- Yr 6 Excursion Sydney
- Kindy Transition 28th October 9.00am-2.00pm

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| School Week | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 2 October | 12 | 13 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion | 14 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion Kindy Transition 9.00am – 11.30am | 15 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion | 16 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion |
| 3 October | 19 Year 6 Sydney Excursion Police Youth Liaison Visit– Year 5 | 20 Year 6 Sydney Excursion | 21 Year 6 Sydney Excursion Kindy Transition 9.00am-11.30am | 22 Year 6 Sydney Excursion | 23 Year 6 Sydney Excursion |
| 4 October | 26 PSSA Boys Cricket | 27 PSSA Boys Cricket | 28 Kindy Transition 9.00am-2.00Pm PSSA Boys Cricket | 29 PSSA Boys Cricket | 30 PSSA Boys Cricket |



Gunnedah South Public School

Proud supporters of the

"You Can Do It" Program

CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back to Term 4. The weather is certainly warming up and it is lovely to see our students return refreshed, energised and ready to leap into learning.

Sun Protection~ School Hats

Please remember that it is essential for your child to bring a school hat to school each day. We live in a 'hot sunburnt country' and it is important that we protect children's skin from the sun. Hats can be purchased at the school.

Fete

Don't forget to lock in our annual Fete date = Friday 30th October. I have had a sneak peak at the planning behind the scenes and there are new stalls and something for everyone to enjoy. 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 Mrs Judi Sheedy

Parent Volunteers

At Gunnedah South we are fortunate to have a strong committed group of parents who donate their time to help support the school during the week. Parents volunteer their time in classrooms, canteen, kitchen, garden and even coaching sporting teams. This kind of support allows us to offer the widest possible choices to students. If you are able to donate some time during the week I cannot stress enough what a positive difference it has for the students. Please come in!

Crunch and Sip

As part of our healthy eating policy we encourage all students to drink plenty of water and bring in fruit or a vegetable for our Crunch and Sip program. Students are active during the day and need water to help keep healthy hydration levels. We encourage students to bring in healthy lunches from home consisting of fresh fruit, vegetables and grains and less packet foods ~ which usually are very high in sugar, preservatives and additives. For a healthy life and optimum brain function which leads to happier students, healthy food is essential.

Crunch and Sip occurs right across the school from Kindy to Year 6, during the Literacy session every day, please remember to send in with your child some fruit or vegetable sticks (carrots, celery, capsicum)

School Speed Zones

Just a friendly reminder to slow down when driving near schools. Students at the end of the day are usually excited to go home and talk to mum and dads about their day and all the fun learning experiences they have had. This means they may not always be concentrating as they cross roads. Please take care to slow down. We want your most precious possessions to arrive home safely.

40km/h applies during the times of **8:00am till 9:30am**, and again at **2:30-4pm**.

A few words from our Principal Continued

Before School Supervision

The Department of Education 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 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.

Presentation Day

This year Presentation Day will be held at the Town Hall commencing at 9:30am. The date set is Tuesday 8th December. Please come along and celebrate in our students success.

Important Dates

- ☺ Year 6 excursion Monday 19th—23rd October
- ☺ Cheerleading Saturday 24th October
- ☺ Year 3 excursion 13th & 14th, and 15th & 16th October
- ☺ P&C meeting Tuesday 13th October 7pm.
- ☺ AECG Meeting at Gunnedah High, 4pm 29th October
- ☺ Kindy transition 9-11:30am 14th October
- ☺ Kindy transition 9-11:30am 21st October
- ☺ Kindy transition 9-2pm 28th October
- ☺ Kindy Transition 9-2pm 4th November
- ☺ Kindergarten excursion 6th November
- ☺ Year 5 excursion 16th—20th November
- ☺ Family portraits—Montage photos Saturday 1st November
- ☺ Year 4 excursion 2nd—4th December
- ☺ Student reports issued Monday 7th December
- ☺ Presentation day Tuesday 8th December
- ☺ Year 6 Farewell 9th December

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal



SCHOOL NEWS...

Canteen Roster

New Canteen Menu Coming Soon!

If you are able to volunteer your time for a few hours in our school canteen please contact Sharon Tydd.

GHS Information Evening

For

YEAR FIVE STUDENTS AND

PARENTS

Year Five Students and Parents are invited to an information evening showcasing the excellent educational opportunities on offer at Gunnedah High School.

The evening is designed for parents and students to meet staff from Gunnedah High School and also hear about the variety of education opportunities that they offer.

All are welcome to come along.

When: Thursday 8th October

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Gunnedah South School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Stage 3 Rotations 2015

Term 4

| Week 2-A | Monday 12/10 | - Tuesday - 13/10 | Wednesday 14/10 | - Thursday 15/10 | - Friday - 16/10 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mr Sumpter - Tech | 5/6S | 5S | 5M | | S |
| Mrs Conn -Science | 6C | 5/6S | 5S | | P |
| Miss Flannery - CAPA | 6F | 6C | 5/6S | | O |
| Mrs Michelsen- PD/H/PE | 5M | 6F | 6C | | R |
| Miss Small -HSIE | 5S | 5M | 6F | | T |

NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

- Are you an Aboriginal parent or carer?
- Would you like to have a say in local Aboriginal Education?
- Do you understand what is happening in our local schools?
- Are you an Aboriginal community member who can help achieve educational outcomes?

Come along and join your local AECG and have a voice in education.

Your voice is important for our kids.



NEW SOUTH WALES

AECG

INCORPORATED

Annual General Meeting:

Thursday 29th October at 4pm
Gunnedah High School

For further information and membership details please contact:

Meleah Walters (Secretary) at Gunnedah South Public School on (02) 6742 1899

Uniforms for Gunnedah High School 2016



The Uniform Shop

Uniforms for 2016

All students requiring any new uniforms for 2016 are required to either visit the shop during opening hours or make an appointment for a uniform fitting during Term 4, 2015.

Families can purchase or lay-by uniforms at the time of fitting. The uniform shop will be open in January 2016 for lay-by collection and size exchanges (if required).

Please make your Term 4 uniform fitting appointment as soon as possible.

1. Go to www.alintaapparel.com.au and register to make a booking.
2. Email The Uniform Shop: gunnedahhigh@alinta.com.au (the shop manager will either call or return your email to arrange a suitable time)

Fete Art Exhibition

Outstanding prize packs to be won!

Sections

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



Judge TBA

**EN- TRIES DUE
DAY 28TH OCTOBER**

MON-

At the Fete vote for the People's Choice Award and help raise money for our school. Gold coin donation to vote!

Conditions of Entry

1. For ease of display, it is preferred that artworks be completed on art paper no larger than A3 and then mounted on cardboard.
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 Miss Morison by Monday 27th October.
5. Primary entries must be delivered to Miss Flannery 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.

22 days to go

Till the Circus Fete comes to South School

CHOCOLATE WHEEL DONATIONS

Please start bringing in your donations for the Chocolate Wheel. Items donated in previous years included:

- ✓ Wine
- ✓ Chocolate
- ✓ Soccer balls
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Food
- ✓ \$\$\$\$
- ✓ did we mention chocolate...

Please drop off to Office or call us

RAFFLE TICKETS –

SELL SELL SELL

Sales from the Raffle Tickets are a major contribution to the Fete.

So everyone get their skates on and sell as many tickets as possible. If you've already finished selling your book, bring it in and the helpful staff in the Office will give you some MORE!

We need your....

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL CHILDRENS GEAR

It's time to have a spring clean. Please donate any good quality childrens clothes or toys or equipment to the Fete.

Either drop off your gear to the Office, or give Lacey Swain 0407 484 492

TRASH AND TREASURE

We are also having a Trash n Treasure stall with GS Kidds School. Any non children items will be on this stall.

So please hunt down some treasures!

HELP HELP HELP

We need your help to sell some raffle tickets down the street.

All we need is 1 hour of your time.

We are selling tickets outside Karen Carters Chemist and Coles on the following dates:

Thursday 8th Oct – Karen Carter

Saturday 10th Oct – Coles

Thursday 15th Oct – Karen Carter

Saturday 17th Oct – Coles/Markets

Thursday 22nd Oct – Karen Carter

Saturday 25th Oct – Coles

Thursday 29th Oct – Karen Carter

Soccer in the Holidays

During the school holidays this group of little soccer stars decided to take on a big challenge and enter in the Joey's Mini World Cup at Inverell !

This young team of under 8's have may a team full of friends. Noah Davis , Finnegan Leader , Jayden Bender , Liam Reid , Lucas , Sardinha , Tom Mainey, Zara and Grace Mannion , Jacob Tindall and Cooper Budden, Joeys Mini World Cup was inviting



Children from across the district to form up to 12 teams of seven for this year's Cup that will hit Inverell from September 28 to October 2 and this year an under 9's group was formed .

Each team were given a country name to play as , Team Germany was Gunnedah ! They played 20 minute games 5 minutes apart over 2 day , they played 8 games in total.

On the first day team Germany played 5 games wining 4 and 1 against Australia. On the second day they won the first 2 games that put them into a final with Australia . It was such a close game, 1 all for almost the whole game. But Australia were able to get a goal in with only 30 seconds on the clock .

Team Germany took out 2nd place in the Mini World Cup.

They all played absolutely amazing , and had so much fun.

They are such a talented little bunch of kids and should be extremely proud of their achievement.

They all want to head back next year and take it on again !



Haunted Circus

THE HAUNTED HOUSE (CIRCUS) IS BACK!!!

As it is a big job setting up the Haunted Circus, 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 Circus. Below are some of the main items we need to make this Haunted Circus the best it can be:

- * black sheets (lots)
- * black plastic (lots)
- * old scary things
- * anything that glows
- * anything that is circus themed
- * old brooms/ plastic pumpkins
- * old large boxes
- * foam pool noddles
- * rope/string



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 (5M).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To ensure the Haunted Circus operates, volunteers are essential.

We need help on the following days: Wednesday 28th October and Thursday 29th October.

If you are available to help on these afternoons for a few hours, please return the slip to Miss Hudson in the Library.

I _____ can help on Wednesday 28th October/Thursday 29th October (please circle).

Contact details: _____

Name: _____

A graphic of a red and white striped circus tent with three red flags flying from the top. The tent is positioned at the top of the page, framing the main text.

Roll up Roll Up Talent Quest Auditions

Starting Monday Lunchtime, Week 2.

Sign up sheet: Primary Notice Board

*Your name **MUST** be on the sign up sheet by Friday Week 1!*

Audience welcome, 50 cents to watch.

*** All items **MUST** be no longer than 3 minutes. If backing music is needed please bring on a cd.**

Breakfast Club

Starts back Monday 19th October in the SAKG– Kitchen

Wednesday-Friday each week of term

8.30am-9.00am

Any parents who wish to help,

Please come along any of these days would be much appreciated.

Miss Leonie



Autism Info Day

Saturday 24 October 2015
Tamworth, NSW

Free parent and professional
educational seminar

www.autismawareness.com.au



FREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Information for parents, carers, educators & professionals

Program outline

- Understanding autism
- Diagnosis and Early Intervention options
- Practical behaviour management strategies
- Improving your home life
- Funding entitlements and preparing for the NDIS
- Supporting adolescents on the spectrum

Places are limited and pre registration is essential.

To find out more and to register visit

www.autismawareness.com.au

Saturday 24 October 2015

9:30am - 5.00pm

Wests Diggers

Kable Avenue Tamworth

**Autism Info Day 2015,
HELP for those living and working
with autism in regional NSW**



AutismAwarenessAustralia



@AutismAwareAus



Is it a safe place for our kids?

A guide for parents.

As a parent or carer you play an important role in making sure your kids are spending time in places that are safe. This guide will help you look out for 'child safe' places.

What is a 'child safe' place?

Child safe means making sure the place where our kids spend time is safe from neglect, physical, sexual or emotional harm or abuse. A child safe place will have rules that are set up to make sure our kids are kept safe.

Parents have a right to know who is working with their children.

It is your business to know who is working with your children. Every day kids around NSW spend time with adults outside of their home. This can be at places like a sports club, youth group centre, or a drama studio. As a parent or guardian you need to understand what organisations should be doing to keep your child safe.

It is the law that people who work with your children including many tutors, nannies, coaches and counsellors have a current Working With Children Check. However, there is much more an organisation can do to keep kids safe.

Understanding the Working With Children Check.

In NSW all people who are working with your children (as well as a number of volunteers) need to have a current NSW Working With Children Check clearance number.

Some people don't have to get a Working With Children Check number, such as a parent that volunteers in an activity that involves their own child e.g. a sports coach. The Check provides either a clearance or a bar to work with children.

It is a crime for a person with a bar to work or volunteer with children.

How do you know they have a Check?

Parents and guardians are now able to 'verify' if the person working with their child (under 18) has a Working With Children Check. When we say 'verify', we mean parents can check online.

By checking online you will instantly see if the person is allowed to work with your child. Also, if they become a 'barred' person we will let you know. You will however need to know their details, including their name, birth date, application or clearance number.

What parents can do.

Employers and organisations can check or verify online that their workers or volunteers have a current Working With Children Check clearance number. So you don't need to check a person who is employed but if your child has a coach or tutor that you pay directly you can go online to verify a Working With Children Check.