



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**26th November 2015**  
**TERM 4 WEEK 8**

## Special points of interest:

- Yr 2 Intensive Swimming
- Crazy Sock Day Friday 27th November
- Yr 4 Excursion Lake Keepit
- Presentation Day 8th December
- Yr 6 Farewell

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9</b> Nov/Dec	30  Yr 2 intensive swimming	1  Yr 2 intensive swimming	2  Year 4 Excursion  Yr 2 intensive swimming	3  Year 4 Excursion  Yr 2 intensive swimming  GHS Transition for Year 6	4  Year 4 Excursion  Yr 2 intensive swimming  Kindergarten Christams Concert/ Graduation
<b>10</b> Dec	7  Yr 2 intensive swimming	8  Presentation Day	9  Year 6 Farewell  Yr 2 Intensive swimming	10  Scripture Christmas Assembly  Yr 2 Intensive Swimming	11  Yr 2 Intensive Swimming
<b>11</b> Dec	14	15	26  Last Day Term 4	17	18



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"You Can Do It" Program

**CONFIDENCE**

Supporting & caring  
for your children.

# A few words from our Deputy Principal...



Dear Parents & Caregivers,

## Whooping Cough

In Gunnedah recently there have been confirmed cases of whooping cough. Whooping cough can affect people of all ages but can be especially serious in babies and young children.

The symptoms usually begin like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough. The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop.

Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough can be infectious in the first three weeks of their illness. Vaccinations do reduce the risk of infection but if you are concerned about a member of your family please see a doctor as soon as possible. Please see the fact sheet included in this newsletter for more detailed information.

## Not the 'Silly' season?

As the end of the school year approaches we have a number of grades and groups involved in fun activities as a reward for all the hard work that has gone in during the year. History tells me that this is also a time when students can drop their usually high standards of behaviour and manners. I would be very distressed to see situations arise where students are not able to join in some of the great activities planned because they are not able to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. Many of these events will take place outside of our school. Students must keep in mind that they are representatives of our school. Gunnedah South is a respected school, not just in the local community but around the region. I'm sure we would all like to see this continue. I would encourage parents to talk with their children about this so we can avoid those difficult situations. Please enjoy yourself but don't be 'silly'.

## Hot, Real Hot!

Recently, as I'm sure you would all be aware, we have experienced some very hot weather. Thankfully we have had some cooler days in between the hot spells. We are encouraging students to wear their hats, drink plenty of water and avoid intense activity during the heat of the day. Children become dehydrated very quickly and are more susceptible to heat stroke in these conditions. Please remind the kids to wear their hat, drink water regularly and save the running games for mornings and late afternoon on days when the mercury is bursting out of the thermometer. As I have moved around the school I have seen some very red faces. Thankfully, we have had a break in the heat in the last few days. Now we just need some rain to go with it!

## Christmas Concert

Don't forget to mark in your diary the school Christmas concert. This is a lovely festive concert with all students performing an item. The students have been learning and rehearsing items for the concert and I'm sure you will see some outstanding performances. Thanks must go to all those who are putting a tremendous effort to have these items fine-tuned ready for show time. This Christmas concert will follow with the Kindergarten graduation in our school hall. Parents are invited to attend both of these wonderful events.

Date: **Friday 4th December.**

## Gunnedah Carols by Candlelight

A reminder to the school community that this local community event is being held on the evening of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Wolseley Park. It is sure to be a fantastic evening celebrating the festive season. I imagine Santa will be making an appearance although I'm sure he will be hoping for a cool evening. He has mentioned to me in the past that hot summer nights in Australia are quite tough in his suit. I suggested a red singlet might be more comfortable but I can confirm Santa is a traditionalist and will not compromise on the Santa Suit.

## Presentation Day

Another important event not to be missed is Presentation Day. A reminder to all families that this special event will be held at the Town Hall in Connadilly Street.

Date: **Tuesday 8th December @ 9:30am.**

Have an excellent week!

Mr Graham Conn  
Deputy Principal



## **SCHOOL NEWS...**

### *Merit Certificates*

#### *Silver*

Aidan Wise, Sophie Baker, Keynan Jeffery, Matthew Donnelly, Chicane Amaral, Charlie Beasley, Jack Bridge, Peter Thurbon, Rochelle Costello, Hollie Johnstone, Cooper O'Neill, Matilda Snow, Shaniqua Briggs, Jack Mackay, Jack Preston, Byron Jeffrey, Chelsea Budden, Lilly Harris

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sky  
IS  
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#### *Gold*

Aidan Wise, Sophie Baker, Keynan Jeffery, Charlie Beasley, Peter Thurbon, Rochelle Costello, Hollie Johnstone, Cooper O'Neill, Shaniqua Briggs, Ella Mutton, Liam Toms, Jack Mackay, Liam Duff



**Parents and Friends are invited  
to the**

## *Gunnedah South*

*Public School*

### *Presentation and Award Ceremony*

*The ceremony will begin at 9.30am in the Gunnedah  
Town Hall on Tuesday, 8th December 2015.*



**Gunnedah High School  
invites all  
Students in Year 6 and Parents or Carers  
to the  
Year 6 Orientation Day**

**WHEN: Thursday 3rd December, 2015**

**12.30pm BBQ Lunch in Senior Area**

**1pm-2.30pm  
INFORMATION SESSION IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

**3:30pm to 3:25pm  
Activity Sessions for Parents & Students**

**Any enquiries, please don't hesitate to call.**

**Ms Shelley Small or Mr Wayne Woods on 67420155**



**PLEASE NOTE:** Children will be dismissed from Gunnedah High School at 3.25pm. Please ensure that your child is aware of a safe route home. Buses will be stopping at GHS for children if necessary. Please contact Miss Flannery if there are any issues regarding this.

## Stage 3 Rotations 2015 Term 4

<b>Week 9-B</b>	<b>Monday 30/11</b>	<b>Tuesday - 1/12</b>	<b>Wednesday - 2/12</b>	<b>Thursday - 3/12</b>	<b>Friday - 4/12</b>
Mr Sumpter - Tech	6F	6C	HOME CLASS		S
Mrs Conn -Science	5M	6F	Catch Up Rotations		P
Miss Flannery - CA-PA	5S	5M	Y.C.D.I.		O
Mrs Michelson- PD/H/PE	5/6S	5S	Child Protection		R
Miss Small -HSIE	6C	5/6S	Pers. Dev.		T

# Year 5 Excursion

Last week, sixty three students from our school took part in an educational tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education Rebate. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of approximately \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school within the next few weeks.

A big thank you to Hawkins Coach Lines, Mr Gavin Rennick and the Gunnedah South staff who accompanied the year five students on this awesome excursion.



# Crazy Sock Day

Please wear your craziest socks to school  
**Friday 27th November**

To raise money for Ava Luke and her family.

Ava has bravely been fighting leukaemia in John Hunter Hospital since September.

**Show your support and bring a gold coin donation with your craziest, zaniest, loopy socks.**

<https://www.gofundme.com/5b6h2xts>

