



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
5th Feb 2015
TERM 1 WEEK 2

Special points of interest:

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Principal: Mrs Emma Jeffery

Assistant Principals: Mr William Dowe

School Captains: Lucy Jackson and Zachary Griffin

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Feb	2	3	4	5 Captains Induction 1.30pm	6 Primary Swimming Carnival
3 Feb	9	10 Stage 3 Parent Info Night	11	12	13
4 Feb	16	17	18 Zone Swimming Carnival	19	20
5 Feb	23	24	25	26	27



Gunnedah South Public School

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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for another fun year filled with fun, excitement and lots of learning! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday with family and friends. It has been lovely to see the playground full of happy smiling faces once again.

At Gunnedah South the school is driven by a deep belief that every student is capable of successful learning. This high expectation of student learning and behaviour underpins the fabric of our school. We place a high priority to building and maintaining positive and caring relationships between staff, students and parents.

Classes

This year the school will operate with 25 classes. The teachers have been very busy preparing their classrooms for the students return and will spend the first few weeks building positive relationships with the students based on mutual trust and respect along with assessing to determine starting points for teaching. Our classroom teachers use this information to ensure all students are engaged, challenged and extended by designing classroom activities to meet students' learning needs, levels of readiness, interests and motivations. Our highly experienced, passionate and dedicated teaching team are focused on improving learning outcomes for all students in the school.

The classes are as follows:

KM = Mrs McGowan (**Assistant Principal responsible for Kindergarten**)

KA= Miss Amanda Morrison

KS= Mrs Sommerlad

KR= Mrs Ross

KT= Mr Thurbon

IR= Miss Reynolds

IM= Mrs Day-McGuirk

IW= Mrs Walters

IS= Mrs Sams

ITBA—Mr Humphries (until the new classroom teacher is appointed)

2W= Mrs Walsh (**Assistant Principal responsible for Year 1 &2**)

2S = Mrs Woodhead

2Z= Miss Zerner

2SW= Mrs Worley

3H= Miss Holdom

3S = Miss Stanford

3/4M= Mr McGuirk

4D= Mr Dowe (**Assistant Principal responsible for Year 3 & 4**)

4P = Mrs Passfield

4M= Mrs Merlehan

5S= Miss Small

5M= Mrs Michelsen

5/6S= Mr Sumpter

6F= Miss Flannery (**Relieving Assistant Principal responsible for year 5 & 6**)

6C= Mrs Conn

Parent and teacher communication is encouraged at Gunnedah South. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time. Any concerns regarding your child should always be first directed to the classroom teacher and then the Assistant Principal responsible for that stage.



A few words from our Principal continued...



Staffing

The school warmly welcomes our new staff ~ Miss Reynolds, Miss Morison, Miss Mooney, Mrs Dowe and Mr Price. Miss Reynolds and Miss Morrison are both enthusiastic on taking the role of classroom teachers and are keen to meet families and become part of the South school community. Miss Mooney will be supporting Stage 2 classes and Mrs Dowe will be supporting Stage 3 classes with release and are keen to become involved in all aspects of our school.

Mr Price will join our School Learning Support Officers supporting students in the classroom with their learning and also very keen to meet our families and develop a strong positive rapport.

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! During parent information nights, teachers will outline their class timetable and which times they would love some extra help.

Parent help @ home.

The school has purchased a number of books which are to be used during Accelerated Literacy in all classes K-6. These books have arrived during the holiday period and we are hoping that some parents helpers could cover these books. All contact will be supplied ~ so if you could spare an hour or so at home to cover books—it would be greatly appreciated. These teachers are keen to use this books during this Term.

Parent Teacher Nights

At the beginning of every year the school holds parent teacher nights to give parents the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher and become familiar with classroom expectations, homework and weekly timetable. The classes dates and times are as follows:

- ⇒ Kindy ~KM, KT, KR Tuesday 10th Feb @ 5:30pm and KA & KS @ 6:00pm
- ⇒ Year 1 ~ Wednesday 11th Feb @ 6pm
- ⇒ Year 2 ~ Wednesday 11th Feb @ 5:30pm
- ⇒ Year 3 ~ Wednesday 11th Feb @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ Year 4 ~ Wednesday 11th Feb @ 6.30pm
- ⇒ Year 5 ~ Tuesday 10th Feb @ 5:15pm
- ⇒ Year 6 ~ Tuesday 10th Feb @ 5:45pm

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival for 2015 will be held tomorrow Friday 6th February. This is always a fun day where students compete in a number of events as well as novelty events. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend to help cheer on our students as they try their best.

School Uniform

Gunnedah South has a strong reputation for students wearing full school uniform. Wearing a school uniform gives students a sense of belonging and unity. It is expected that all students arrive at school each day wearing the correct uniform. Boys ~ grey shorts, grey shirt (tucked in) grey socks, black school shoes and red broad brimmed hat. Girls~ South tunic, white socks, black school shoes and red broad brimmed hat.

I am pleased to see our students beginning the year wearing full school uniform and this includes black school shoes. Please make sure your child has the correct footwear ~ black school shoes for days without sport and joggers only to be worn on the day your child has sport.

The uniform shop here at school is open upon request and eftpos facilities are available.

If you require assistance with uniforms—please contact me on 67421899.

Jewellery

Students wearing jewellery to school is strongly discouraged due to safety reasons. Items such as dangly earrings, bracelets, rings and necklaces are not necessary at school and can pose a risk to students. During the school day students are actively involved at recess and lunch time playing games on the oval, during daily PE and weekly sporting programs, and our cooking and gardening lessons, not only can students become hurt if the jewellery becomes caught but also students precious items can be damaged. Girls who have their ears pierced are able to wear small studs or sleepers—both are acceptable. Please help the school by following this policy.



A few words from our Principal continued...



Permission notes

It's that time again that all permission notes must be renewed. The annual permission note, and medical/ health care plans must all be updated. These notes will be sent home shortly~ please contact the office if you haven't received yours by the end of next week.

Parents Contact details

If you have moved or changed any of your details ~ please let the front office know so that your details can be updated. It is vital that the school is able to contact you when needed. Please also check that your 2 emergency contacts details are also correct.

Ambulance Cover.

Since 2012, the Department has negotiated an agreement with the NSW Ambulance Service to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. Arrangements for the scheme have now been confirmed for the 2015 school year.

The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

Coverage of the Schools Group Cover Scheme also extends for excursions to the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Victoria, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Lunch Box.

During the school day, students will require something for crunch and sip, recess and lunch. Students are encouraged to bring healthy items in their lunch box which will provide them with the vitamins and minerals for healthy growth and development .

As part of our healthy eating policy we encourage all students to drink plenty of water and bring in fruit 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).

While on the subject of healthy eating during school times, students are encouraged to eat only the food which is packed for them. Sharing at Gunnedah South is something we teach students within the classroom but not in relation to food. We have a number of students who have food allergy's, intolerances and a few students with anaphylaxis, which can be fatal if a child eats or comes into contact with certain foods. Please pack only enough food for your child and discuss with them at home the importance of eating only what is in their lunch box and bringing home items they have not eaten rather than giving them to a friend.

☺ Important Dates:

- ⇒ Swimming Carnival Friday 6th Feb
- ⇒ Zone Swimming Carnival Wednesday 19th Feb
- ⇒ Grandparents Day Friday 27th March.
- ⇒ Easter Hat Parade Thursday 2nd April..
- ⇒ NAPLAN 12, 13 & 14th May for students in Year 3 & 5.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



Student Banking Starts Back:

Tuesday 10th February

If you wish to enquire about Student Banking, information packs are available from the front office.

Regard
Banking Ladies



Canteen Roster for Term 1 Week 3

Monday 9th Feb:

Tuesday 10th Feb:

Wednesday 11th Feb:

Thursday 12th Feb: Ashleigh Pennell

Friday 13th Feb: **Need Help**
Need Help

If you are interested in helping in the Canteen please contact Sharon Tydd or leave a message with the office.

✂ _____ ✂ _____ ✂ _____ cut here & return to school _____

Reminder if any of your contact details have changed , please let us know

Student Name : _____ Class: _____

Parent/Carer Contact details during school hours:

Parent /Carer Name: _____

New Address details: _____

Contact ph. Numbers

Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Work: _____

GSPS Swimming Carnival

- Location:** Gunnedah Memorial Pool
- Date:** Friday, 6th February
- Departure:** Children will come to school as normal and we will walk to the Gunnedah Memorial Pool as a group. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool from 9.30am onwards to watch their children.
- Dismissal of children:** Children will be dismissed from the Gunnedah Memorial Pool at 3pm. We will arrange for buses to collect the children from the pool.
- Cost:** \$1.80 per child. If your child has a pool pass they must bring this on the day to ensure entry into the pool.
- What to bring:** Water bottle, morning tea/fruit and lunch, hat, sunscreen, swimmers.
Children may bring a small amount of money to spend at the kiosk but opening times will be limited.
- What to wear:** Children may come dressed in their house colours. (Banksia = green, Boronia = blue, Waratah = red, Wattle = yellow). All children must have appropriate shoes i.e. joggers. **NO** flip-flops or thongs. Please ensure your child brings an appropriate hat.
- If you have not returned your Medical Information Form and Permission Slip please do so ASAP.**

Swimming Carnival Volunteers.

Our Annual School Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It takes many people to ensure this event runs smoothly and we rely on parent volunteers to assist us with this.

We need volunteers to help with timekeeping, refreshments and marshalling.

If you are able to volunteer on the day please let Miss Flannery know. If you have specific job requests, or times you are available to help please send this information through.

Thankyou!

Kindergarten 2015

This week we welcomed 103 new Kindergarten students to Gunnedah South. Following are a few routine things that may help you in the next few weeks.

Fruit Break

All classes have a Crunch 'n' Sip break. Children need a clearly labelled water bottle and a *small* serving of fruit or vegetable. They struggle to get through a big piece of fruit and this in turn leads to waste. Cut up fruit is much easier for them to handle.

Sport

All classes have sport on a Wednesday and children need to wear their sports uniform.

Labels

Please ensure that all clothing, containers (top & bottom) and water bottles are labelled with the child's name. Recess is best packed separately, as we don't take our lunch boxes away from our rooms.

Library

Library times for each class are as follows:

Monday KT, Tuesday KS, Wednesday KM, Thursday KR and Friday KA.

They will require a library bag to borrow as from Week 3.

Paint Shirts

If you have not already done so, could you provide your child with a paint shirt?

Pencil Cases

Kindergarten children do not need to supply their own pencils. The teachers encourage the children to keep these at home for doing homework.

Parent Teacher Information Sessions

These will be held next Tuesday, 10.2.15.

KM, KR and KT will begin at 5.30. KA and KS will commence at 6pm.

We remind parents that these sessions are just for general information and not for interviews. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher we encourage you to make an appointment to do so at a different time.

Year 6 Excursion to Sydney

The excursion planning is progressing well. So far we are booked into the Royal Far West, opposite Manly beach for our week's accommodation. Our surfing and body boarding lessons, visit to Manly Marine Life, Taronga Zoo, the Imax Theatre, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Jewish Museum, group train booking, Eureka Tower and Jamie Oliver's Italian Restaurant are all booked.

Activities such as the Melbourne trams, walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, MCG and Melbourne Chocolate tour have all been timetabled. Other activities are in the Process of being organised. We are unable to book a musical at this stage until we know how long the productions run. We would really like to see "Matilda".

Current costs suggest that we will come in under budget and small refunds may be made or additional activities paid for by the school.

Gary Humphries (excursion organiser)

3.2.15.



CANTEEN MENU

Term 1, 2015

Canteen Manager... Mrs Sharon Tydd..... Phone 6742 0729

This menu meets guidelines set by the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

AVAILABLE DAILY:

SANDWICH on Multigrain Bread

Chicken	\$3.00
Chicken Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Cheese	\$3.00
Salad Sandwich	\$3.00
Meat & Salad Sandwich....chicken or ham	\$3.50
..lettuce/cheese/tomato/cucumber/beet/carrot	
ANY FILLING ON A WHITE ROLL.....ADD .50c	
TOASTED.....ADD 20c	

WRAPS & ROLLS

Salad Wrap – chicken or ham with	
Lettuce, cucumber, carrot & mayo	\$3.50
Chicken, lettuce & mayo roll	\$3.50

PIZZA MUFFIN LUNCH DEAL

**Available Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs
ONLY**

2 x Ham and Cheese Mini Pizza Muffin
1 x Milk Only
\$5.00

SALAD TUB

Small.. Ham/lettuce/tomato/cucumber/cheese	\$3.00
Medium.. Chicken or Ham	\$4.00
Lettuce/tomato/cucumber/carrot/egg	
Large.. Chicken or Ham plus salad	\$5.00

HOT FOOD

Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo	\$3.50
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$3.50
Lasagne	\$3.50
Chicken Little Wrap with lettuce & mayo	\$3.00

LUNCH SPECIALS

Available on listed day only

MONDAY LUNCH

South Pizza...	\$3.50
Hawaiian...ham/cheese/pineapple	
Chicken.....cheese/bbq sauce	
Honey Soy Chicken Kebab	\$2.50

TUESDAY LUNCH

Beef Chow Mein	
Mince, vegies, hokkien noodles	
Small \$3.50 Large \$4.50	
South Pizza....	\$3.50
Honey Soy Chicken Kebab	\$2.50

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Chicken Stir Fry	
Chicken, vegies, hokkien noodles	
Small \$3.50 Large \$4.50	
Honey Soy Chicken Kebab	\$2.50

THURSDAY LUNCH

Fried Rice (vegetarian)	
Small \$2.50 Medium \$3.50	

FRIDAY LUNCH

Dinosaur Meal.....	\$5.00
1 small milk or juice	
1 jelly AND fruit cup	
Sausage Roll	\$3.50



DRINKS

MILK - \$2.00
Chocolate
Strawberry or
Banana

JUICE - \$2.50
Orange
Apple or Apple & Blackcurrant

WATER - \$1.50

ICYPOLES (counter sales ONLY at lunch break)

Fruit Icpole (water based) \$0.50
Moosie – choc or strawberry \$1.00

Berri-99%juice frozen \$1.00
Frozen yoghurt \$2.00

ORDERING PROCEDURE

Lunch orders must be in by 9.00am bell
DO NOT ORDER RECESS....counter sales only

Write order on lunch bag...with NAME & CLASS

Bags available from any supermarket or 5
at a time from the canteen

If lunch order is forgotten by child and they present it late unfortunately the child's order may not be able to be filled BUT will be offered an alternative lunch...

RECESS ONLY

Counter sales only
NO PRE-ORDERING

AVAILABLE DAILY

\$1.50

Pizza Muffin - ham & cheese with bbq sauce

Pizza Muffin - Scrambled egg

Quiche - corn, ham, egg, carrot, cheese,
zucchini, flour

\$2.00

Cheese Roll - bread roll with melted
cheese

TUESDAY RECESS

Fruit Salad Cup \$2.00

Pasta of the Day Cup \$2.00

Breakfast Cup muesli/yoghurt/fruit \$1.00

WEDNESDAY RECESS

Fruit Salad Cup \$2.00

Trifle Cup-jelly/custard/fruit \$1.00

THURSDAY RECESS

Fruit Salad Cup \$2.00

Fried Rice Cup \$2.00

Trifle Cup-jelly/custard/fruit \$1.00

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program– Class Timetable

Odd weeks- SAKG- *In the Kitchen!* 1,3,5,7,9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess					
11.15- 12.45	5M	4P	5S	6C	2S
Lunch					
1.30- 3pm	2W	3S	6F	Assembly Kindy starting term 2	Yr 1 Own timetable

Even weeks- SAKG- *In the Kitchen!* 2,4,6,8,10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess					
11.15- 12.45	2Z	4M	4D	5/6S	Yr 1- every second fn
Lunch					
1.30- 3pm	3H	2SW	3/4M	Assembly Kindy starting term 2	Yr1 Own timetable

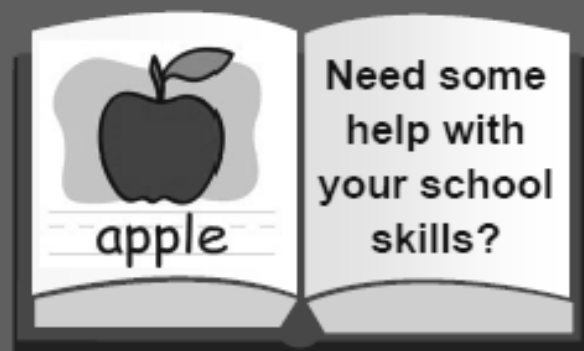
Volunteers welcome at any time to assist with this fantastic program.

Odd weeks- SAKG- *In the Garden!*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.05- 10.50	5M		5S	6C	
Recess					
11.15- 12pm	2W		yr 1		
12- 12.45	3S		6F	2S	
Lunch					
1.30- 2.15	4P			Assembly	
2.15-3pm				Kindy	

Even weeks- SAKG- *In the Garden!*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.05- 10.50	2Z		4D	5/6S	
Recess					
11.15- 12pm	2SW		yr 1	1- every second fortnight	
12- 12.45	3H		3/4M		
Lunch					
1.30- 2.15				Assembly	
2.15-3pm	4M			Kindy	



Homework Centre

At the Red Chief LALC
Chandos Street, Gunnedah

- Ω **FREE**
- Ω **Supervision provided by Staff and Tutors**
- ≥ **Transport available**
- Σ **Structured homework / activities**
- Σ **Light refreshments**

Every
Tuesday & Thursday

Time:
3.00pm to 4.15pm

Contact:

Natalie, Council's Youth Development Officer
6740 2275 or 0427 103 415

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