



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
19th Feb 2015
TERM 1 WEEK 4

Special points of interest:

- AECG Meeting 4pm @ Gunnedah Public 26th Feb
- Grandparents day 27th Mar

Principal: Mrs Emma Jeffery

Assistant Principals: Mr William Dowe

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 Feb	23 School tennis team trials 3.15pm Worsley Park	24	25	26 AECG Meeting 4pm @ Gunnedah Public Zone tennis trials 3.30pm NW Basketball Boys & Girls	27
6 March	2	3 NW Area Swimming Armidale	4	5 Zone Rugby League trials GSPS 3.30pm	6
7 March	9 NW Area tennis	10	11 Zone boys football trials girls	12 Forensic Science Activities Yrs 3-6	13
8 March	16	17 Southern Area Rugby league trials	18	19	20 NW football trials (southern)



Gunnedah South Public School

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"You Can Do It" Program

CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Deputy Principal.



Dear Parents,

Stranger Danger

I would encourage all parents to talk to their children about "Stranger Danger". As a school we include this important message in the curriculum to help students develop safe strategies for getting to and from school. Recently there has been some concern about a white van lurking around Gunnedah schools. The schools are liaising with the police to ensure they have the latest information surrounding this issue. The police are aware of sightings of this vehicle and are maintaining a visible presence in the community.

All staff are reinforcing the message to students about not accepting lifts from people that have not been organised by their parents, not accepting anything (lollies for example) from strangers and not walking anywhere alone. These are standard messages that should be given to all children. There have been no reported sightings of suspicious vehicles recently but that doesn't mean we should be complacent. The message is to be alert but not alarmed.

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**.

Swimming Carnivals

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Zone swimming carnival yesterday, your behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding. A number of students from Gunnedah South have qualified for the Gunnedah Zone team with some tremendous times in their respective events. Several of our swimmers were also crowned age champions at the carnival through consistent performances across a number of events. The next step is the North West Region carnival in Armidale. This carnival will take place on Tuesday 3rd March.

Good luck to the students who qualified for the Gunnedah zone team.

Demerit System

The Department of Education and Communities has high expectations of student behaviour whilst at school.

Schools and their communities work together to provide quality learning environments which are:

- inclusive
- safe and secure
- free from bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimisation.



A few words from our Deputy Principal Continued...



All students and staff have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from disruption, intimidation, harassment, victimisation and discrimination. To achieve this, all schools are expected to maintain high standards of discipline.

When parents enrol their children at public schools they enter into a partnership with the school. This partnership is based on a shared commitment to provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for their actions and to have a greater say in the nature and content of their learning.

The aim of the partnership between school community members and schools is to develop socially responsible young people who are capable of making informed decisions. This is achieved through an effective social, cultural and academic curriculum which caters for the individual needs of students.

I am pleased to say that here at Gunnedah South the standard of student behaviour is extremely high. However when students choose to disregard the school rules the schools demerit system will be implemented.

Crunch and Sip

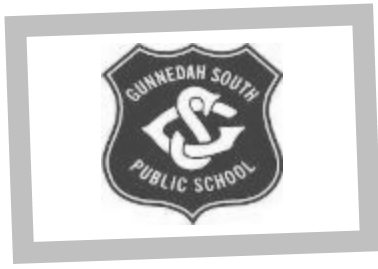
As part of our healthy eating policy we encourage all students to drink plenty of water and bring in fruit for our Crunch and Sip program. Students are active during the day and need water to help keep healthy hydration levels. We encourage students to bring in healthy lunches from home consisting of 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).

Best job in the world,

**Mr Graham Conn
Deputy Principal**





SCHOOL NEWS...



Canteen Roster

Thursday 19th Feb: Kim Street

Friday 20th Feb: Lacie Swain
Christine Pease

Monday 23rd Feb: —

Tuesday 24th Feb: Laura Reeves

Wednesday 25th Feb: Christy Donnelly

Thursday 26th Feb: Casey Bendall

Friday 27th Feb: Ashleigh Pennell
Jo Forrester-McKeowen

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

Arrival at School

The school gates are opened each morning just after 8:00am.

Teachers begin before school supervision from **8:30am**.

Students who arrive between 8:00am and 8:30am are to be seated under either the infants or primary COLAS until the teacher arrives. Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8am as there is no supervision of students.

School Captains 2015



Leadership Team



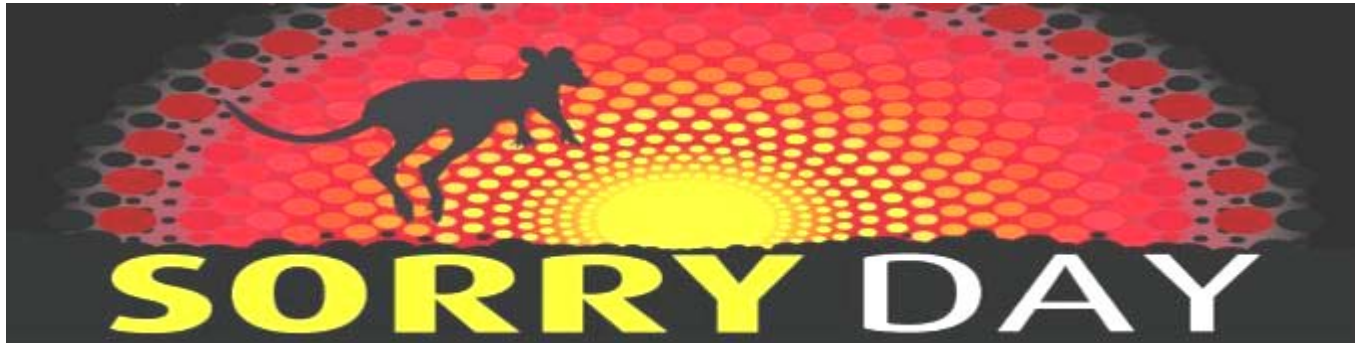


On February 13th, 2008, Aboriginal people across all Australia were deeply moved and in tears. The then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, had apologised to the Stolen Generations and said 'sorry'.

Last week students at Gunnedah South held a special assembly to celebrate and remember the 7th anniversary of the apology. Guest speaker and Gomeroi elder, Stella Lamb addressed the assembly and shared the impact the stolen generation had on her family.

After hearing the apology, students, staff, community members and preschoolers from Winanga-Li Child and Family Centre assembled on the school oval to release red, black and yellow balloons in remembrance of the stolen generation.





SORRY DAY



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

Next Meeting:

Thursday 26th February at 4pm
Gunnedah Public School
Light afternoon tea provided

For further information and membership details please contact:

Gwen Griffen (President) at Min Min Aboriginal Corporation on (02) 6742 4121

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