



Gunnedah South Public School

"With car and sail"

Thursday
5th March 2015
TERM 1 WEEK 6

- Special points of interest:**
- Grandparents day 27th Mar
 - Easter Hat Parade 2nd April

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 March	9	10	11 Zone boys & girls football trials	12 Forensic Science Activities Yrs 3-6	13 NW Area tennis
8 March	16	17 Southern Area Rugby league trials	18	19	20 NW football trials (southern)
9 March	23 NW Area tennis	24	25 State Swimming	26 State Swimming	27 Grandparents Day 
10 March/Apr	30 NW Football Trials	31 NW Cricket Trials	1	2 Easter Hat Parade	3 Good Friday



Gunnedah South Public School

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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents,

Great Work!

Over the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to see many students present their work to me. Some fantastic handwriting, tremendous maths skills, awesome story writing and beautiful artwork have all made the journey to my office. It is great to see students achieving tremendously well in the classroom. I always enjoy chatting to students about their learning and how well they are doing. As I move around the school the level of activity is always very impressive. The kids are always welcoming and enthusiastic about telling me about what they are up to in that particular lesson. The students at Gunnedah South are extremely motivated to learn all they can and enhance the skills they already have. Keep up the good work everyone.

P&C BBQ and Welcome

On Tuesday 10th March at 5pm The Gunnedah South Public School P&C will be holding a Welcome BBQ for all parents and their children. The BBQ is an opportunity for new parents to meet other members of the school community. It is also an opportunity to gain an insight into the vital role that the P&C has at Gunnedah South. We have a very active parent body who achieve fantastic things over the course of the school year. Our P&C also helps to guide initiatives and programs within the school. I would encourage all parents to come along and get involved in what should be a fantastic evening. Hope to see you there.

Road safety

As we know road safety is a concern for all in the school community. In recent times I have personally witnessed a few near misses with some of our students. Stock Road is a very busy place at various times of the day and students can experience some difficulty crossing at the busiest times. I have reminded students not to be complacent when walking to school. When we do routine things every day we can ignore some of the dangers that are in our local area. Students must ensure they are aware of the traffic and always follow the directions of teachers and the crossing supervisors. More importantly, they must learn to monitor the traffic themselves and make good judgements about crossing the roads. Waiting a few seconds for traffic to pass is a better option than trying to rush. The consequences can be severe. Please chat with your children about taking care when walking to school. The great news is the majority are being very sensible and careful.

All the students I have seen riding their bikes to and from school are wearing helmets and being very responsible road users. Well done to all of them. Keep doing the right thing. Below is a link to the NSW government Kidsafe website which has some ideas for teaching road safety to kids. I know this is something we all do but let's make sure we keep giving that message to our students of all ages. The section on pedestrian safety is particularly relevant.

<http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/>

North West Swimming

Congratulations to all of our students who travelled to Armidale earlier in the week to compete in the North West PSSA Swimming carnival. The Gunnedah Zone team was well represented by students from Gunnedah South PS with many swimmers achieving fantastic results. Those who were particularly successful will now focus their attentions on the NSW carnival which is to be held in Sydney before the end of term. Aiden R De Luzuriaga, Zeb Dillon, Archie Waerea, Stella Robertson, Cooper Williams have all qualified for individual events at the State championships. The Junior Girls relay team and the Senior Boys relay team have qualified for the 4 x 50m freestyle event. Well done to all our swimmers.

All the best to our sports teams

Next week sees some of our sporting teams in action. The boy's cricket team is off to Tamworth on Monday 9th March to take on Tamworth South in what should be a pretty good contest. Win the toss and bat was always my philosophy but Miss Small will inspect the pitch on arrival and make an informed decision. The rugby team heads to the annual Rugby 7's day on 11th March. Mr Thurbon has been preparing the group this week to give them a head start on the nuances of the game before match day. The boys will also work with ARU staff on their skills during the morning before playing matches in the afternoon. The girl's cricket team will make a return to the Lord Taverner's Shield in the near future and preparations are underway for the soccer teams to take on Quirindi later in the term, possibly early next term. Thanks to all those staff who are putting extra time into the preparation of these teams. I know it is very much appreciated by the students.

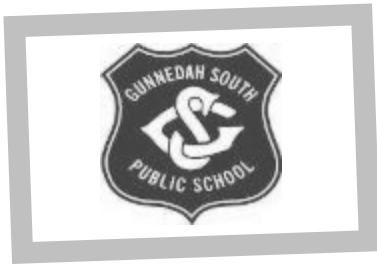
Grandparent's Day is approaching

Grandparent's day is scheduled for Friday 27th March. I was amazed with the crowds that attended last year's event. It was standing room only for the traditional concert that it put on for all grandparents, parents and community members who attend. This year's event promises to be just as big if not bigger. I heard stories of people travelling up to 8 hours to attend. It is definitely one of the biggest days of the year on our calendar. Make sure you are letting grandparents know about this event as I am sure that they would be very keen to come and have a look at our beautiful school and watch some of the items that are being prepared. I am looking forward to a great day.

Keeping the Dream Alive,

Graham Conn

Deputy Principal



SCHOOL NEWS...



Canteen Roster

- Friday 6th March:** Hope Rennick
Jodie Moore
- Monday 9th Mar:** Laura Reeves
- Tuesday 10th Mar:** Jennifer Barwick
- Wednesday 11th Mar:** -
- Thursday 12th Mar:** Casey Bendall
- Friday 13th Mar:** Anna Boal
Jo Forrester-McKeowen

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

Stage 3 Rotations

Week 7-B	Monday-9/3	Tuesday- 10/3	Wednesday-11/3	Thursday -12/3	Friday- 13/3
Mr Sumpter Tech	6F	6C	NO ROTATIONS		S P O R T
Mrs Conn Science	5M	6F			
Miss Flannery	5S	5M			
Mrs Michelson PD/PE	5/6S	5S			
Miss Small HSIE	6C	5/6S			

Merit Certificates

Silver

Charley Atkins, Harry Mason,
Shannon Hatcher, Chelsea Storey,
Josie Gallagher, Kaihan Anwari,
Ava Coleman, Jay Hancox, Serena
Jaeger, Sophie Mainey, Cooper
Mathers, Jacey Ross, Zoe
McAlpine, Braidyn Delaney, Jorja
Baker, Hollie Johnstone, Landon
Mortimer, Cooper O'Neill, Taniell
Anderson Frewen, Jack Wild, Milla
Petersen

Gold

Harry Mason, Chelsea
Storey, Josie
Gallagher,

Titanium

Parents of South School

Welcome! BBQ

The South School P&C are holding a free sausage sizzle to welcome new parents to the school. Of course ALL parents & kids are welcome, however if you're new to South, this is a great way to get to know others in your school community.

When: Tuesday 10th March @ 5pm

Where: South School

Following the BBQ, the P&C AGM will take place at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what's happening! Any enquires, please call P&C President Scott Clarke on 0409 534 781

Gunnedah South School P&C

"The Gunnedah South P&C Committee is made of parents of children at South School who donate a small amount of their time to get involved in their child's education. We're all very supportive of our school community and recognise that education is a partnership between a child's school life and their home life. Basically, the P&C exists to support the activities of Gunnedah South school staff and students, while doing what we can to provide opportunities to our wonderful South School kids.

Importantly, the P&C also participates in fundraising opportunities such as the annual fete, various stalls during the year and this year, the P&C will be co-ordinating the popular South School Winter Ball. These fundraising opportunities which are driven by us as parents, benefit our school community with every dollar being spent within the school grounds. Quite often P&C activities directly benefit parents in reducing the cost of sending our kids to school. For example, each year, the P&C donate money to those kids chosen to represent the North West PSSA at events in Sydney to help reduce the costs involved in travelling to places like Sydney. The P&C also help fund building works through our school.

P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and usually go for about an hour. As well as discussing the goings on at South school, it's also a great way for new parents to get to know other parents in the school community. If you're new to South School, I would like to welcome you to our great school and invite you to come along to our BBQ and perhaps stay for our P&C meeting next Tuesday 10th March. This invitation of course also extends to all parents who would like to come along and meet other parents. If you would like to ask any questions about the P&C please feel free to give me a call.

Scott Clarke

President

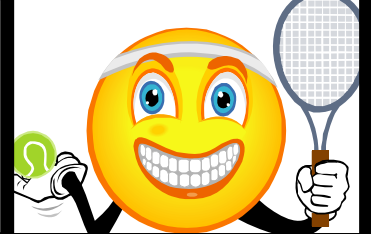
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On The Court

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Gunnedah Zone PSSA Representatives

Five players from Gunnedah South have been successful in gaining selection to participate in the North West Tennis Trials in the coming weeks. They are Archie Waerea, Aaron Osmond, Chloe Dorrington, Sophie Mackay and absent from photo Ashton Harris.



Gunnedah South Public School is having a ...



Two of our wonderful students are taking part in the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Our school is supporting their marvellous efforts by holding a Crazy Hair Day on Thursday, March 12th. Children are to come to school in their **normal school uniform** but may style their hair in a crazy way.

When styling your child's hair, please be mindful that they will still be expected to undertake regular school activities including P.E. lessons. Any additional features you add to your child's hair (e.g. toys, plastic insects) will remain your child's responsibility throughout the day.

Leukaemia Foundation

**WORLD'S
GREATEST
SHAVE**

Children are asked to bring in a gold coin donation on the day.

Kitchen Cook-off #1 2015!



Red Group— Kiah Squires and Steph



Blue Group— Matilda Harford and Sophie Mackay



Green Group— Taylor McDonald and Charlie Garner

On Monday night, we held our first kitchen cook-off of the year. Six teams of two, prepared and cooked pumpkin and silverbeet risotto within the fifty minute timeframe.

The teams showed dedication, pride and perseverance whilst preparing their recipe and all of our competitors should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Although, as always, there could be only 1 winner and that team was...

Chance Moore-Duff and his Mum Simone Moore!

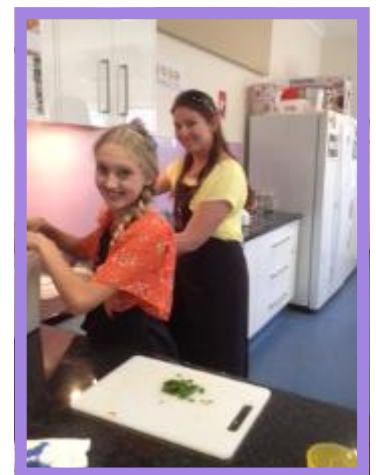
Well done Guys!



Yellow Group— Chance Moore— Duff and Simone Duff



Orange Group— Mackenzie Leader and Mr Luke Finlay



Purple Group— Emily Garner and Mrs Sams

Gunnedah Show

Soon it will be time for the Gunnedah Show, and once again students are invited to submit entries into the *Children's Literature Section*.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Students can only submit one entry into each class.

Please remember that the Show Society reserves the right to select entries to be exhibited at the Show.

To make it easier I will collect all entries at school and collect the 50c entry fee. I will take the entries to the Show Office and collect them after the Show.

Please make sure that you write your child's name, school and the class entered (e.g. CL4) on the back.

Please make sure that your writing and money are delivered to my classroom before Friday 27th March.

Warm regards,
Mrs Passfield

CL1	Handwriting—Free Choice (max 10 lines) Prizes
CL2	Story Writing—Free Choice (Limit 1 A4 Page) Prizes
CL 3	Handwriting—Free Choice (max 15 lines) Prizes
CL4	Poetry Writing—Free Choice (max 12 lines) Prizes
CL 5	Story Writing—Book Review (Limit 1 A4 Page) Prizes
CL 6	Handwriting—Free Choice (max 20 lines) Prizes
CL 7	Poetry Writing—Free Choice (max 20 lines) Prizes

Don't forget, you can also enter into many more competitions at the show.

Children's Art Junior Cooking
ART PRIZE & EXHIBITION Junior Handicrafts
Junior Horticulture **Junior Photography**

If you would like to enter in one these sections I can provide you with more details, however, you will have to enter them yourself.



ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS!!



Would you like to invest in some brilliant reading material for your child ?

Go online and have a look at...

The School Magazine!

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It has been around for nearly 100 years. This magazine has a variety of literature from poetry to comics, narratives to factual articles, plays, puzzles, reader's letters, activities and competitions.

The School Magazines is available in four levels, to suit different reading abilities. They are beautifully presented and link to the Australian curriculum and the NSW syllabus.

Countdown (7-9 years), **Blast Off** (9-10 years), **Orbit** (10-11yrs), **Touchdown** (11+yrs)

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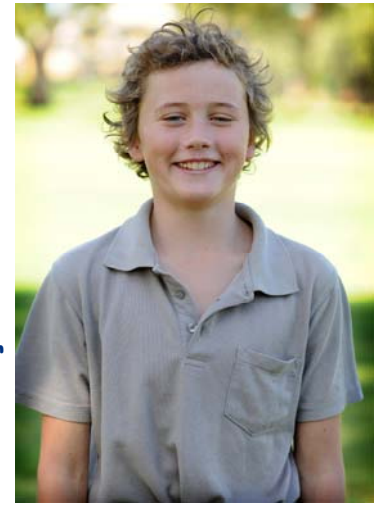
CHEAP ... Orders must be in before the end of March to reap the benefits.





STATE SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVES

Last week at the Area Swimming carnival these speedy students from Gunnedah South qualified for the State Championships, which will be held in Homebush on the 25-26th March.



AIDEN R DE LUZURIAGA

100M FREESTYLE
50M BACKSTROKE
200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
SENIOR BOYS RELAY

ZEB DILLON

11YRS 50M FREESTYLE
SENIOR BOYS RELAY

**Congratulations
and Good Luck
for State!**

JUNIOR GIRLS RELAY

SENIOR BOYS RELAY



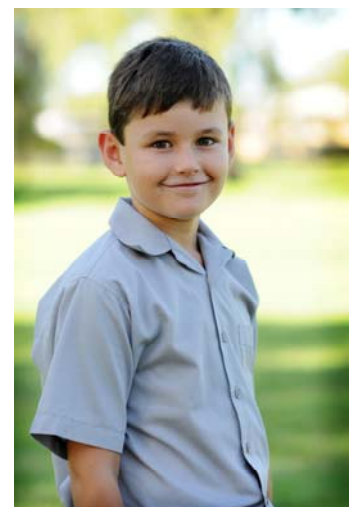
ARCHIE WAEREA

11YRS 50M FREESTYLE
SENIOR BOYS RELAY



STELLA ROBERTSON

8YRS 50M FREESTYLE



COOPER WILLIAMS

8YRS 50M FREESTYLE

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
 1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
 2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
 3. Credit to the next 25% of students
 4. Merit to the next 10% of students
 5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by **27th March 2015**.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely



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2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to Gunnedah South Public school

I give permission for my child

of

Child's name

Class

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies*	3–10	19 May 2015	\$8.80	
Science	2–12	3 June 2015	\$8.80	
Writing	3–12	15–19 June 2015**	\$18.70	
Spelling	3–7	16 June 2015	\$12.10	
English	2–12	28 July 2015	\$8.80	
Mathematics	2–12	11 August 2015	\$8.80	
			TOTAL	

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

** Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed _____ total entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian