



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
19th March 2015
TERM 1 WEEK 8

Special points of interest:

- Grandparents day 27th Mar
- Easter Hat Parade 2nd April
- Term 2 Starts Tuesday 21st April

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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



Happy Holidays

Term 2 1 April	20 Pupil Free Day	21 First Day Back Term 2	22	23	24
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Gunnedah South Public School

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"You Can Do It" Program

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for your children.

A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents,

Grandparents Day

Next Friday 27th March is the day the school has set aside to recognise the positive contributions that seniors make to our community. Grandparents Day has become a proud tradition here at South where we acknowledge and celebrate the role Grandparents and Seniors make to our community.

The school will hold a whole school assembly commencing @11:30am in our hall, with all grades performing an item. Each class has spent numerous hours rehearsing their performances and are eager to showcase to their grandparents. Concluding the assembly at around lunch time, grandparents are welcome to enjoy lunch with the students and even buy lunch from our SRC BBQ. The students I'm sure will be keen to show off their classrooms.

Easter Hat Parade

Another celebration which is held in the school is our Easter Hat Parade and Mrs Ross and Miss Zerner have put together an eggsellent plan. This year our kindergarten students are performing an item with their buddy class. Our kindergarten classes have developed a strong rapport with their buddy classes during the first weeks of this Term, with our senior students helping to mentor and support our kindergarten both in the classroom and playground.

The famous 'egg drop' competition is open to students to enter and is always a 'crack up' to watch! This competition requires some creativity and skill to design a structure which when dropped from a height carrying an egg (no hard boiled eggs allowed!) does not crack. This is definitely an audience pleaser but not much fun for competitors.

Another opportunity for students to showcase their creativity skills is the egg decorating competition. These creations are very imaginative and will be on display for parents to admire.

Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 2nd April commencing at 9:30am.

Student Representative Council

Each year classes elect 2 students to form part of the SRC team who take ideas from their fellow students on school improvement and then set about bringing that to life. Mrs Worley will be guiding the SRC team this year and has already begun meeting with the students to develop a plan for 2015.

The SRC will be presented with their badges on our grandparents day assembly.

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC members.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those students who have already begun bringing back their Easter raffle books for the P&C. All raffle books need to be returned to school by Monday 30th March and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April during the Easter Hat Parade.

Head lice

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

At present there seems to be a resurgence of head lice popping up in classrooms. Can I urge all parents to check their child's hair and treat accordingly, before your child returns to school.

State Swimmers

Gunnedah South is incredibly proud to have 10 swimmers heading to Sydney next week to compete at the State swimming carnival. The students will be swimming at the Homebush Olympic Pool, which certainly provides an awesome atmosphere.

We wish our rising swimming stars all the best.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal



Canteen Roster

Friday 20th March: Amber Donaghue
Lyndal Jewiss

Monday 23rd Mar: -

Tuesday 24th Mar: Keirra Tindall

Wednesday 25th Mar: -

Thursday 26th Mar: Casey Bendall

Friday 27th Mar: CANTEEN CLOSED

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

**Please note
that the
canteen will
not be
operating on
Friday 27th
March**

Stage 3 Rotations

Week 9-B	Monday-23/3	Tuesday- 24/3	Wednesday-25/3	Thursday -26/3	Friday- 27/3
Mr Sumpter Tech	6F	6C	No Rotations		Grandparents Day
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

Kalan Southwell

High School Placement Forms.

Students in Year 6 have received a High School Placement form. It is necessary that these forms are completed and returned to Gunnedah South before Friday 20th.

Please see Miss Flannery ASAP if there are any issues with regards to this form.

Learning to Play a Musical Instrument at Gunnedah South

Students interested in learning to play a musical instrument are given this wonderful opportunity at our school. We have a number of musical instruments and these are loaned to students. Free lessons are given at school. Some children progress to more advanced lessons with Mr Rowe, once again at no cost.

Students from Year 2 to Year 5 interested in learning to play an instrument, and perhaps joining our school band, need to bring a note with parent contact details, and indicating parent support, to Mrs Sommerlad or the office. Parents/Carers wishing to find out more information please also contact Mrs Sommerlad.



FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Primary students had the opportunity to solve a mystery using similar techniques to those of real life forensic scientists last Thursday in our school hall. A young boy had gone missing and, working in pairs, students had to use clues left at the scene to work out what had happened to him.



A high number of students were able to solve the case putting together clues and making some assumptions.



Overall, students had a fantastic time...some even considering this as a career option later in life!

Easter!

Annual Egg Drop

Your mission is to design a container that will protect an egg from a plunge off a two metre ladder. Your design needs to follow these guidelines:

1. The egg needs to be raw!
2. You cannot attach material around the centre of the egg.

Some suggestions for your egg drop -

- Balloons or a parachute to slow the egg down.
- Soft, crushable packing that encloses a lot of air is best. Foam rubber, feathers, cotton or synthetic padding might help.

An egg-cellent activity for everyone and it's amazing how many ways an egg can be packed in order to survive!

The Egg Drop will be held after recess on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Good luck!!!



Easter Hat Parade

Come and join us for our K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Friday 2nd April starting at 9:30am.

This will be held in the Primary Quadrangle on the grassed area. Limited seating will be provided, please feel free to bring your own chair.

Each year group will sing an Easter song and model their beautiful Easter hats.

All students will organise their costume and accessories at home!

The winners of the raffle will be announced at the end of the parade!

We hope to see you there 😊

Egg Decorating Competition

There will be an Egg Decorating Competition. If you want to enter here's what you need to do:

Get a raw egg. Ask mum or dad to use a needle to carefully place a hole in the top and bottom of the egg. Blow hard to get all of the yolk out.

2. Decorate your egg.

NB: Foam eggs and plastic eggs can also be decorated.

Please have your entry to **Miss Zerner** so they can be judged! Entries to be brought in on Wednesday 1st April. Make sure you have your name and class written on the bottom on your entry where the judges cannot see it.

Eggs will be displayed in the Year 6 Games Area (Breezeway).



Gunnedah South Public School

Easter Raffle
Drawn April 2nd



Gunnedah South Public School Easter Raffle
Tickets \$1

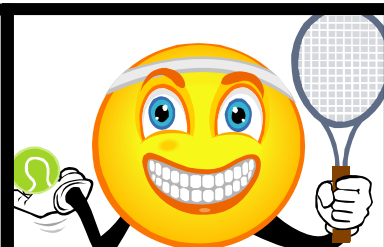
- First Prize:** Eggstra Eggstra Large Basket of Easter eggs
Second Prize: Eggstra Large basket of Easter eggs
Third Prize: Large basket of Easter eggs



Raffle drawn April 2nd at the Easter Hat Parade
PLEASE RETURN TICKETS BY March 30th



On The Court



North-West PSSA Representatives

Three Gunnedah South tennis players have been successful in gaining selection in the North West Tennis Team. The team will travel to the State Tennis Championships in Term 2.



Pictured in their North West gear are;
from left Sophie Mackay, Chloe Dorrington and Aaron Osmond.
Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement.

Library News

What happening in the library this term?

Our wonderful year three and four students have been working very hard to creating book reviews. And what's better then writing book reviews? **Filming book reviews!** Students are having a great time working together. I cannot wait for the final results.



In last weeks newsletter I mentioned that the library was opened each morning for borrowing, however, due to other circumstances the library will be opened Monday to Thursday and **closed Friday mornings.**

Miss Hudson



Week 7 Boggle Champ-
Isabelle Moore

Week 6 Boggle Champ-
Aimee Randall

READING

is to the
MIND
what
exercise
is to the **BODY.**

Sir Richard Steele





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Here are some of our creative projects!





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Gunnedah South Grandparents' Day

Grandparents day will be held on *Friday 27th March*.

Time: 11:30-12:45

Place: School hall

We would love to see all those granny's and poppy's out there come along to see what the students have been working on for this special occasion.

There will be complimentary tea, coffee and sweet treats after the concert for those grandparents wishing to stay around for a while.

Students will pre-order their sausage sizzles and poppers whilst visitors will be able to purchase sausages or steak sandwiches from the serving area on the day.

\$2 Sausage

\$1 Popper

\$5 Steak sandwich with onion & coleslaw

Children will be bringing home an order bag to purchase their lunch from the BBQ sausage sizzle. Families may order extra sausages on the student order bag. Orders need to be **back at school on WEDNESDAY 25th March**, this will assist with catering purposes.



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

INFANTS SECTION K-2

CL1

Handwriting—Free Choice (max 10 lines)
Prizes

CL2

Story Writing—Free Choice
(Limit 1 A4 Page)
Prizes

JUNIOR PRIMARY SECTION Years 3 & 4

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

SENIOR PRIMARY SECTION Year 5 & 6

CL 6

Handwriting—Free Choice (max 20 lines)
Prizes

CL 7

Poetry Writing—Free Choice
(max 20 lines)
Prizes

----- Story Writing - "McLennan Town" -----
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.

Student Representative Council

Our 2015 SRC members have been elected to represent their classes and they will be receiving their badge at the beginning of the Grandparents Concert on Friday 27th March at 11:30am in the School Hall. Parents, Carers, Grandparents and community members are invited to the presentation. After viewing the concert visitors are welcome to stay and have lunch with the children and school community.

Congratulations to the 2015 SRC members named below.

Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3	
Cameron Griffin	Lachlan Southwell	Hanna Williams	Jacey Ross	Hayley West	Braithan Winsor
Claire Dowe	Kailee Gallagher	Harry Bartlett	Charlotte Cooper	Declan Dean-Djuve	Dakota Milne
Noah Kelly	Aleena Dundas	Immi Bull-Watts	Thomas Donaldson	Taylor Stewart	Dylan White
Ella Mutton	Jakoby Webber	Nate Harris	Daisy White	Chance Moore-Duff	Aston Harris
Clare Robinson	Alice Swain	Logan Ross	Toby Bartlett	Alyssa Batnic	Jade Stark
Oliver Shoesmith	Owen Shoesmith		Alex Letts		
Zahlia Milne	Oscar Donoghue		Ryan Carr		
Cooper O'Neale	Charlotte Semmler				



SRC BBQ Sausage Sizzle Orders

Students will pre-order their sausage sizzles and poppers whilst visitor will be able to purchase sausages or steak sandwiches from the serving area on the day.

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This is a very busy time for the SRC members to cater lunches for everyone. We would like a many helpers on the day to ensure everyone has lunch. Please contact the school on 67421899.

Looking forward to a fabulous day celebrating Grandparent's Day and working together with the SRC team.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Shanyn Worley

SRC Coordinator

Front of Order Bag

Grandparent's Day Lunch Order Bag		
Name:		Class:
	Sausage \$2	
	Popper \$1	
Total Cost		

This year students will be encouraged to draw on the back of their order bag a picture about the favourite things they love to do with their Grandparent/s. During lunchtime students will be able to show their bag to their grandparents and

Back of Order Bag

I love being with my grandparent



Did you know that Gunnedah Conservatorium offers the following MUSIC programs? PHONE 6742 3998 for information and enrolments

POCO A POCO – Stage 1 (Years 1&2) Thursdays 3:30-4:15: Poco a Poco is BACK. This program will run for the remainder of the year, for eight weeks in Term 2, 3 & 4. In these classes children find their singing voice with great songs and join in musical games to develop skills in pitch and rhythm, concentration and coordination. Percussion is incorporated. Poco a Poco sets the groundwork for children who will go on to individual tuition in future years.

MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE GROUP Mondays Primary 4:30-5:30, Secondary 6:00-7:00pm: These classes give students the opportunity to sing and move rhythmically while building confidence, teamwork, self-expression and performance skills including acting. Students also study music theory. There is a focus on working towards performance opportunities including the Eisteddfod, Conservatorium concerts and stand-alone musicals.

For younger brothers and sisters we have **Early Childhood Music** classes for **toddlers & preschoolers during term time**. Our early childhood music program provides opportunities to foster children's musical skills, including singing, listening, dramatisation, playing untuned percussion instruments and improvisation. We also have adult groups, uke groups, individual tuition in a range of instruments and workshops throughout the year. We teach music to EVERYONE!

Learning music makes a unique contribution to children's development. Countless studies have found links between learning music and a broad range of positive impacts on children and adolescents.

Music improves students' team skills and self-esteem and helps their p[rogress] in other important learning areas such as Maths and English. Learning music is good for all students and it is particularly beneficial for students who are not achieving well in school.



Education &
Communities



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:

High Distinction to the top 1% of students

Distinction to the next 10% of students

Credit to the next 25% of students

Merit to the next 10% of students

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

Emma Jeffery

Principal

Dr Sofia Kesidou

Gunnedah South Public School

Group Executive

Educational Assessment Australia

AU-FP-1501



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