



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
26th March 2015
TERM 1 WEEK 9

Special points of interest:

- Easter Hat Parade 2nd April
- Term 2 Starts Tuesday 21st April
- Cross Country 1st May

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
2 April/May	27	28	29	30	1 Cross Country



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School*

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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers

Grandparents Day

Tomorrow is our celebration assembly for our Grandparents. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents by putting on a performance for their special grandparents.

There will be a sausage sizzle following the assembly. The assembly begins @11:30am.

Easter Activities

It is that yummy time of year again when we have loads of fun with Easter activities. Next Thursday the Infants department have been busily preparing a range of exciting activities for the students to try. I know classroom teachers have been sending home notes advising of activities and programs. This year looks again to be a lot of fun ~ unless you are of course the egg being entered into the EGG DROP!!! I wonder if our fury friend will again visit the students of South school?

School Development Day ~ Cultural Awareness Training

Aboriginal Education is a key priority for the Department of Education and Communities to ensure better outcomes for Aboriginal students and better partnerships with communities. The staff spent Saturday here at school being guided through Aboriginal cultural education and awareness by Regional office staff ~ Mrs Stella Lamb and Mrs Trish Sharpe. This was an inspiring day focused around building knowledge and understandings and reviewing the schools current processes and practices.

Titanium Awards

At today's whole school assembly several students received special awards. Congratulations to Trent White and Josie Gallagher who have gained Titanium awards. Congratulations to these students who have achieved this award. It is always a pleasure to see students reaching Titanium. I hope that this inspires all students to strive to reach this level in the future.

From the Sporting field

There has been plenty of action on various sporting grounds around Gunnedah in the last week or two. Our girls hosted a cricket match against Narrabri which ended up being a very close affair. It was great to see the girls enjoying the game and I am informed that we will see Lucy Jackson's catch on Channel 9 next summer in a segment of classic catches. I'm sure that in the coming years Gunnedah South will once again become a powerhouse in girls' cricket.

Continuing our tradition of success on the tennis court Sophie Mackay, Chloe Dorrington and Aaron Osmond will be heading to Rockdale early next term to compete in the NSW PSSA State Tennis Championships as part of the North West team. I wish them well and know they will represent their school and region with distinction.

Some of our boys have been selected in the North West Rugby League teams. Congratulations to Jackson Crowe who was selected in the opens team and also to Tent White and Bastian Short who were selected in the 11's team. Jackson will make his way to Woollooware on June 15th to compete in the state carnival. Bastian and Trent will have a much shorter Road trip to Tamworth with their state carnival commencing on June 2nd. Good luck lads. I know you will be great ambassadors of our school and the North West Region.

A few words from our Principal...



Road Safety

Recently I had the pleasure of doing a duty on Bridge Street (Western gate). It was great to see parents picking up their children and saying "Hello" as they were heading home. I was quite concerned though about some cars failing to stop when I was escorting children across the road. I was dismayed when the cars ignored my signals to stop so the students could safely cross the road. I couldn't help but be concerned that a serious accident could occur. I would like to ask the school community to take extra care on the roads around the school during drop off and pick up times. A few seconds waiting is a small price to pay for the safety of all our students. Those who sailed through the intersection may have no association with our school but I would ask everyone to be vigilant in regards to the safety of our students when they are crossing the various roads around the school.

Winter Uniform

The transition period for winter uniform begins from week 1 next term. During this time students are able to wear either winter or summer uniform. The official date all students must be wearing winter uniform is Monday 11th May.

P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting is on next Tuesday 12th May @ 7pm in our kitchen. All parents and carers are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting is on Thursday 7th May @ 4pm and will be held at Curlewis Public School. These meetings are rotated around schools and is a great way to see the wonderful opportunities and innovative programs on offer to the students in the Gunnedah district.

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Thank you for supporting our school.

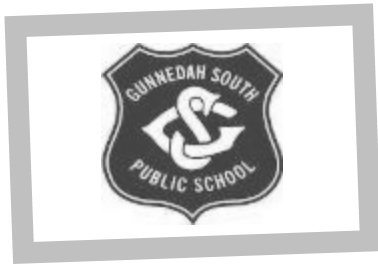
Canteen

Thank you to all our volunteers who offer their time to help our canteen manager Mrs Tydd in our school canteen. Many schools are forced to close canteens or only open on selected days due to lack of volunteer help. Mrs Tydd is now preparing the volunteer roster for Term 2 ~ so if you have any spare time between Monday to Friday please contact her on

ph 6742 0729. Lets keep this valuable service.

**Kindest
Regards
Emma Jeffery
Principal**





Canteen Roster

Monday 30th Mar: Keirra Tindall

Tuesday 31st Mar: -

Wednesday 1st Apr Ebony Cope

Thursday 2nd Apr -

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				Easter Hat Parade	Grandparents Day
Mrs Conn Science					
Miss Flannery					
Mrs Michelsen PD/PE					
Miss Small HSIE					

**No
Rotations**

Merit Certificates

Silver

Chantele Pike, Claire McGuirk, Emily McKenzie, Jack Fouracre, Aisha Anwari, Maddie Stewart, Jack Burgess, Rihari Bowater-Gudsell, Jarrod Ferguson, Trent White, Jack Heath, Jackson Crowe, Jayden Winsor, Link Phillips, Hayley West, Mason Louis, Tom Mainey, Rehan Haque, Rhys Conn, Eli Rankmore

Gold

Ashton Wortley, Eliza Winsor, Melissa Bartlett, Trent White, Jayden Winsor

Titanium

Trent White

Sports Awards

Boys Cricket team

Zac Griffin, Trent White, Jayden Winsor, Rhys Conn, Braithen Winsor, Zac Clarke, Kurt Fisher, Eli Rankmore, Jaycob Price, Joshua Langdon, Rory Thomas, Kade Garrett

PSSA Rugby League Representatives

Oliver Thomas, Dale Keenan, Jack Burgess, Charlie Garner, Jaycob Price, Kurt Fisher, Ashton Selfe, Ashton Harris, Archer Harrison, Bastian Short, Rihari Bowater-Gudsell, Link Phillips, Trent White, Hugh McArthur, Zeb Dillon, Jarrod Ferguson, Jayden Winsor, Jackson Crowe, Kade Garrett, Bailee Thomas, Dylan White, Jack Heath



1M have been looking at Celebrations as part of our HSIE curriculum. We have explored celebrations that happen all over the world. When learning about Chinese New Year 1M created a lucky dragon. This took us many lessons and was done as a whole class creation. Students worked hard to build each part of the dragon and then finally bring him together. 1M proudly took the lucky dragon to thru the office and also to the assembly last Thursday to share with the whole school and share good luck with Gunnedah South.



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.



Library News

Returning books

As the end of term is nearing, now is the time to return all library books. At the end of each term students are asked to bring all their library books back. This allows me to see which books are still outstanding. If you could please have a look to see if there are any book floating around and have them returned to the library by the end of term that would be great. Overdue notices will be handed out at the beginning of Term 2 so parent and students are aware of what books they still have on loan.

Introducing Mr Riley!

What better way of getting students interested in reading then with one of them actually reading to the class. Over the last couple of weeks I have taken a step back from 2W and have let Riley run our story-time. The whole class have been enjoying this time listening to their peer read to them. This week Mr Riley will be choosing another student from his class to follow in his footsteps and take over the reading.

Boggle winners

This week both Lewis Donaldson and Lachlan Moore found over 100 words in this weeks Boggle Tournament earning both of them the title of Boggle Champion for this week. An unbelievable effort boys!

Miss Hudson



You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and read to a child.
-Dr. Seuss



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.

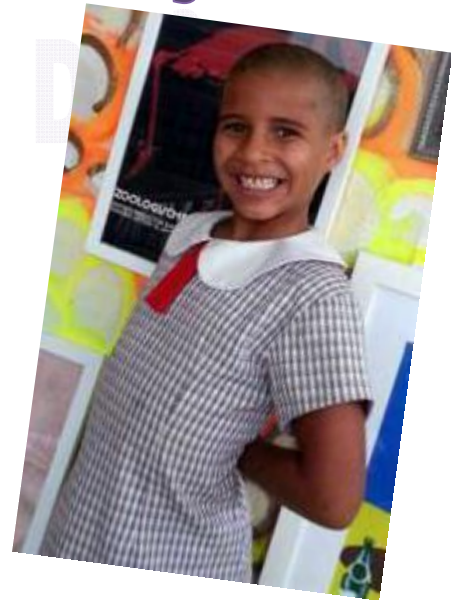
NB: Foam eggs and plastic eggs can also be decorated.

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).

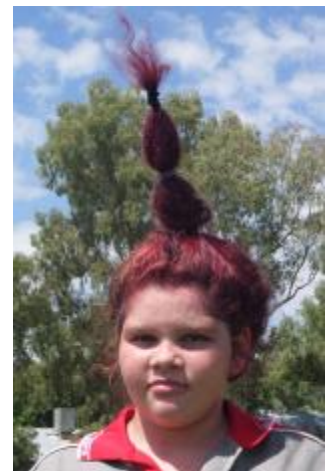


Crazy Hair Day



Gunnedah South students have raised \$609.65 to support Kennisha Francis & Emily Hunt for the Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser.

Well done to Kennisha, Emily and all the students who came with crazy hair for their efforts.





IS made fried rice in the kitchen. We were so lucky to have so many helpful volunteers!

IS in the kitchen



and garden!

IS enjoyed digging up 3/4M's garden bed. We also planted some onion seeds.





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

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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



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Cross Country



When: Friday, 1st May, 2015 (Week 2)

Start: 12.45pm on the netball courts

Finish: Primary Oval

Wear: Sports uniform.

Distances:

5/6/7 Year Old Boys and Girls- 500mts

8/9/10 Year Old Boys and Girls - 2000mts

11/12/13 Year Old Girls and Boys- 3000mts



Cross Country training has been a big effort for some little legs!



Any parents wishing to help please leave a message for Miss Hickey at the front office and I will get back to you. Thanks in advance for your support!