



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

**Thursday
7th May 2015
TERM 2 WEEK 3**

Special points of interest:

- Mothers Day Stall 7th May
- Book Fair 15th-20th May

Principal: Mrs Emma Jeffery

Assistant Principals: Mr William Dowe

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 May	4	5	6	7 Mothers Day Stall	8 Curlewis Horse Sports
4 May	11 Zone Rugby Union Trials	12	13	14 Zone Netball GPS	15 Northwest Touch Boys & Girls Trials Bookfair Starts
5 May	18	19 Southern Rugby Union Trials	20 Bookfair Finishes	21 Southern Netball Trials Music Eisteddfod 21st-23rd May	22
6 May	25 Future Leaders Course— Captains and Prefects Speech & Drama Eisteddfod 25th- 28th May	26	27	28	29 Northwest Rugby Union & Netball Trials Gunnedah Eisteddfod- Instruments



Gunnedah South Public School

Proud supporters of the

"You Can Do It" Program

CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Winter Uniform

The official date all students must be wearing winter uniform is Monday 11th May.

NAPLAN

Next week our students in year 3 & 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests from 12th May-14th May.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from around mid-September, and parents will receive a comprehensive NAPLAN student report for their child.

The best ways parents can help support their children in NAPLAN are:

- ☺ Ensure they have regular attendance at school (from K-12)
- ☺ A good nights sleep. (Research indicates the growing brain requires at least 10hours sleep)
- ☺ A healthy nutritious breakfast.

School Plan

The School Plan 2015-2017 outlines our 3 strategic directions ~ **Learning, Leading and Linking.**

Our strategic directions:

- ⇒ Define the key improvements which combine for the school to achieve excellence
- ⇒ Represent a high level and future focused educational priority which is evidence based and data informed.
- ⇒ Are a succinct statement that drives the development of the school's educational and organisational leadership culture
- ⇒ Make explicit links to the dimension of the school excellence framework.

The full school plan document can be downloaded from our website from next Monday.

Kitchen Classes

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is well under way for Term 2. I have visited a number of cooking classes to witness the students deep in learning new cooking skills and knowledge. I have also been very fortunate to have some classes bring a plate of delicious cooking to my office ~ very impressive.

Thank you to our parents who volunteer in our kitchen and garden classes, this not only ensures we can continue to operate these great programs but allows the students extra support.

Parent volunteers

Parent volunteers are always welcome at Gunnedah South Public School. If you are able to help in a classroom, kitchen, garden, canteen or library please come in and chat to the class teacher.

Students enjoy having parents or family in the school to see their achievements and be apart of their progress.

Road Safety Reminder

The best way to protect your children near traffic is to hold their hands. Young children do not make effective use of their hearing and vision, and lack the skills to make safe decisions when in the road traffic environment.

More tips at www.kidsandtraffic.mq.edu.au



A few words from our Principal continued...



Just a general reminder to all parents and carers who drop off and collect students at school. Please make sure you walk students across the road and that they use the designated school crossings. With over 600 students who attend Gunnedah South, from 8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm are extremely busy times, with buses, cars, bikes, scooters and pedestrians all making their way to and from school.

Lets all work together to keep our children safe.

Asthma

As the weather is turning cold it is playing havoc with some of our asthmatic's. If your child suffers from Asthma please make sure that they have their asthma medication on them at all times, cap is covering the spray, and that the medication is in date. This leads me to my next comment.

Contact details

I urge all parents to check that their contact details are accurate and up to date and with 2 contact details for other family or friends that may need to be contacted in the case of an emergency.

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 Gunnedah South 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.

into the draw.

Happy Mothers Day to all our Mums and Nan's.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal



Merit Certificates

Silver

Emma McCulloch, Bella Barr, Ella Hancox, Ally Harris, Thalia Davis- McKechnie, Gracie-Lee O'Donnell, Ruby Williams, Macey Calyon, Kyran Kleinschafer, Freya Conn, Jydan Davison, Olivia Heath, Hanna Williams, Jedd Rennick, Alecia Coker, Sophie Bush, Olivia Guest, Emylie Murrell, Chloe Williams, Chelsea Webster, heath Stark, Isaac Jeffert, Hugh McArthur, Taylor Stewart, Dakota Milne, Jaycob Price, Declan Dean, Annie Walsh, Jessica McIntyre, Sam R de Luzuriaga, Michael Walsh, Angela Dillon, Madelin Marmora, Keynan Jeffrey, Jake Jamieson, Lucy Jackson, Tamika Burns, Zac Griffin, Tyrone Winsor, Matthew McInnes, Noah Kelly, Clare Robinson, Tiah Small, Kodee Bendall, Jessica Ferguson, Finnegan Leader, Owen Robinson, Cooper Perrett, Alex Bajzath, Tahlia Newman, Harry Tassell, Hayden Forrester, Chloe Newman, Macy Friend, Rory Thomas, Tom Sheedy, PeterThurbon

Gold

Ella Hancox, Gracie-Lee O'Donnell, Jedd Rennick, Hugh McArthur, Annie Walsh, Michael Walsh, Madelin Marmora, Finnegan Leader, Cooper Perrett, Alex Bajzath, Harry Tassell

YCDI Ribbons

Ashton Wortley, Tiah Small, Chad Fisher, Kennisha Francis, Mackenzie Keeler, Benjamin Hall,

Class Awards

- 2SW** Daniela Kelly, Lucas Passman, Cooper McLoughlin,, Charlotte Semmler, Seth Certoma, Ryley Chaffey
- 2S** Josh Casey, Ally Harris, Peter Davison
- 2W** Heidi WhiteCooper Blair, Katie Eveleigh
- 2Z** Liam Reid, Jade Emmerson, Charlie Bridge

Year Six Excursion

We encourage families to start making regular payments for the Year Six Excursion to Sydney. The \$150 non-refundable deposit is due immediately.

Also, a further \$50 payment by Friday 22nd May is encouraged. If there are any issues with regards to the excursion please contact Miss Flannery.

To The Teachers and Students,

I would like to say a personal thank you, for taking part in “Echoes from the Trenches”.

I would also like to congratulate the children on being so well behaved, it was greatly appreciated.

Maggie Denman

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

GUNNEDAH SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

IS THANKED FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT

“ECHOES FROM THE TRENCHES”

PRESENTED BY T. CONWAY



ON THIS DAY APRIL 28TH, 2015

Cross Country Results 2015

	5/6 Boys	5/6 Girls	7 Boys	7 Girls
1 st	Hayden Sawyer	Amarni Louis	Harry Rhyman	Charlotte McDonald
2 nd	Oliver Shoesmith	Aleisha Doolan	Cameron Griffin	Laura Demmery
3 rd	Cooper Oneil	Sophie West	Angus Eather	Emmy Torrens

Congratulations to the students below, they have qualified for the Zone Cross Country Championships in Mullaley on the 5th June 2015. Please bring notes and money back to Miss Hickey ASPA!

	8/9 Boys	8/9 Girls	10 Boys	10 Girls
1 st	Finnegan Leader 8.47	Daisy White 10.09	Toby Randall 9.43	Zoe Eather 9.53
2 nd	Jake Atkins 9.05	Lilly Sankey 10.11	Logan Ross 9.50	Becky Wilson 10.15
3 rd	Chad Fisher 9.07	Bella Sawyer 10.19	Jack Mackay 9.52	Lucy Robertson 11.00
4 th	Toby Verdon 9.13	Stella Robertson 10.25	Toby Bartlett 10.00	Brianna Cope 11.09
5 th	Bailey Crowe 9.34	Charlotte Bedggood 10.42	Wesley Dundas 10.30	Aleah Riley 11.09
6 th	Mason Lewis	Jessica Ferguson 10.45	Heath Stark 10.50	Olivia Guest 11.22

	11 Boys	11 Girls	12/13 Boys	12/13 Girls
1 st	Kurt Fisher 13.27	Mackenzie Leader 14.18	Zac Clarke 11.54	Chelsea Storey 14.50
2 nd	Zeb Dillion 14.11	Charley Atkins 15.22	Ashton Harris 13.01	Sophie Mackay 15.37
3 rd	Bastian Short 14.50	Dakota Milne 15.32	Zac Griffin 13.20	Angela Dillon 17.04
4 th	Dylan White 14.51	Laiken Boal 16.55	Eli Rankmore 13.35	Emily Garner 17.04
5 th	Jarrold Ferguson 15.01	Moir Morgan 17.05	Lane Phillips 15.04	Madilyn Jessup- Little 17.33
6 th	Kade Garrett 15.02	Annie Lyon 17.05	Dale Keenan 15.04	Matilda Betts 17.46

New Records

Cross Country 2015





SCHOOL NEWS...



Canteen Roster

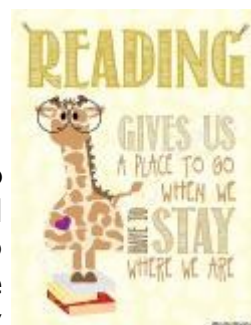
Volunteers are needed for term 2.

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

Library News

Book Fair is back!

Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Friday, 15th May to Wednesday 20th May. The fair will be opened from 8:30 each morning and open again after school until 3:30. If there are any parents that would like to spare some time to help out before school selling books could you please come and see me. Any help would be greatly appreciated as it gets so busy during Book Fairs which is fantastic!



Looking for some books your kids might like?

If your ever looking for some great books to get your children interested in reading I have a number of good suggestions. Firstly, for the older students funny book authors such as David Walliams and Oliver Phommavanh will be a hit. For the younger students book series such as Boy vs Beast, Hey Jack and Billie B Brown will also be very popular. Miss Hudson.





SUPA CLUB

 Scripture Union Primary Age

SUPA Clubs are Christian clubs for kids. They operate in primary schools throughout Australia. At SUPA Club we have fun games, drama, stimulating stories from the Bible, and the occasional treat. Children have the opportunity to investigate some of life's challenging questions.

SUPA Club is held in the Hall each Tuesday at lunchtime with Mrs Sommerlad. Interested Year 5 and Year 6 students are welcome.

Kitchen Cook-off #2

On Monday night, stage 3 participated in the second kitchen cook-off for the year. 6 students were chosen from years 5 and 6 and each student were able to choose a sous chef to help them in their endeavour to win this challenge.



The nervous teams were given 5 minutes to read over the recipe of pumpkin curry, then the timer was set for 45 minutes. In this time, each team worked hard to complete their recipe and present their dish to the judges. The end results were fantastic. Many used garnishes from the garden. One team went as far as to add edible flowers to their dish! (They did say Mr Jeffery told them the flowers were edible... lets hope they were right!)

As always, there was only 1 winning team and that team was... Leisel Torrens with her Mum, Anne. Well done ladies.

Our other champion teams were- Connor Anderson and Cameron Anderson, Cooper Bedggood and Jayden Winsor, Hugh McArthur and Bastian Short, Kade Garrett and Kurt Fisher, Drew Shephard and Lucy. Well done to all of our hardworking teams!

Stage 3 Rotations Term 2

Week 4	Monday - 11/5	Tuesday - 12/5	Wednesday - 13/5	Thursday-14/5	Friday - 15/5
Mr Sumpter - Tech	NO				S
Mrs Conn -Science	ROTATIONS	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	P
Miss Flannery - CAPA	THIS				O
Mrs Michelsen-PD/H/PE	WEEK				R
Miss Small -HSIE					T



The *Shell Questacon Science Circus* is not only wonderful for students-it's great for teachers too!

The *Science Circus* currently offers the PD Workshop: 'Hands-On Science Activities to Inspire Students and Teachers'

When: 16th & 17th June 2015

Cost: \$5.00 per student

Please return Notes and money to school **by Monday 1st June 2015**

Regards

Mrs Conn

Questacon Science Circus hands on science activities 16th & 17th June

Cost \$ 5.00 per student

Name : _____ **Class:** _____

Signed Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

WOODLAND SPOTLIGHTING NIGHT IN BLACKJACK FOREST (GUNNEDAH)



WHERE: Blackjack Forest Road (off Booloocooroo Road)

Time: 5.30pm—10pm (or earlier)

Includes BBQ, Wildlife Talk and Spotlighting

What to bring: Sturdy shoes, torch, water, chair, camera.

FREE
EVENT

Gunnedah Urban Landcare Group is inviting members of the community to join in a guided spotlighting night to explore the night fauna of the Gunnedah area. Enjoy a free BBQ, while renowned Ecologist Phil Spark shows you some interesting fauna that we have in our own backyard.

Event is supported by North West LLS

FRIDAY 8th MAY

5.30pm

REGISTER NOW !!

Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

RSVP by Wednesday 6th May to:

George Truman 0427 505040 or

george.truman@bigpond.com

Mark Kesby 0428 429244

BIRDWATCHING MORNING PORCUPINE LOOKOUT



WHERE: Porcupine Lookout (Apex Rd) Gunnedah

Time: 7.30am—11am

Includes BBQ Breakfast and Birdwatching.

What to bring: Sturdy shoes, binoculars, camera, water.

We will be joined by members from Tamworth Birdwatchers

FREE
EVENT

Gunnedah Urban Landcare Group is inviting members of the community to join in a guided birdwatching morning with renowned Ornithologist Steve Debus from the University of New England. He will teach you to identify native birds visually and through their calls.

Supported by North West LLS

SUNDAY 17th MAY

7.30am

REGISTER NOW !!

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