



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Friday
18th September 2015
TERM 3 WEEK 10

Special points of interest:

- Jump Rope for Heart 16th Sept
- School Holidays 21 Sept– 5 Oct
- First day Term 4 – 6th Oct

Principal: Mrs Emma Jeffery

Assistant Principals: Mr William Dowe

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September/ October Holidays	School Holidays Term 4, Tuesday 6th October 2015				
1 October	5 Labour Day Public Holiday	6 First Day Back Term 4	7	8 Yr 5 High School Info Night 6pm	9 North Sydney Band Concert 10am Whole School
2 October	12	13 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion	14 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion Kindy Transition 9.00am – 11.30am	15 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion	16 Yr 3 Gulgong Excursion



*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

Thank you

Mrs Clarke has had KM for over a Term and a half in Mrs McGowan's absence. During this time Mrs Clarke has delivered a high quality teaching and learning program and built a strong rapport with students and parents. In addition, supported our Kindergarten Transition program. Thank you Mrs Clarke.

Mrs Ross has held the position of Assistant Principal for the same period and has been instrumental in coordinating our Kindergarten Transition program and supporting all our Kindergarten teachers. During this time she has developed strong partnerships with local preschool centres and staff along with getting to know and future kindergarten families. Thank you Mrs Ross.

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team yesterday held a home game against Barnsly in the quarter state soccer finals. The girls played extremely well, they played as a team and had exceptional sportsmanship, unfortunately Barnsly came out on top with a 7-2 score.

The girls had a home cheer squad of year 5 & 6 students who kept the spirit of the game alive throughout the match. At the conclusion they formed a tunnel of honour on the field for both Barnsly and our girls to exit through. This was an amazing gesture of sportsmanship and good manners displayed by our students here at South ~ and I was very proud to witness.

Thank you to Mrs Michelsen who not only trained the girls to a high standard but instilled sportsmanship, teamwork and having fun.



Book Week

The school last Friday celebrated book week with our annual book week dress up parade. This is always a fabulous day and this year was no exception. Every student and every staff member swapped their uniform or professional dress attire for something fun. The day was filled with lots of laughter and a little dancing.

The winner of the voluntary school contributions prize of a 42" TV was Charlie Barnes.

Congratulations

A big thank you to Miss Hudson for organising this event, including the week long book fair.

Holidays!

To all our students and staff, who have worked incredibly hard over the last 10 weeks, please enjoy the two weeks with family and friends, take some time to relax and recharge the batteries.

Students return on Tuesday 6th October.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal



SCHOOL NEWS...

For your Information....

There has been a confirmed case of whooping cough within the school. The following information should be helpful if you have any concerns.

Whooping Cough

Time from exposure to illness

Usually 9 to 10 days (can range from 6 to 20 days).

Symptoms:

Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

How can I help prevent spread?

Immunisation at 2, 4, 6 months and 4 years of age. A particular antibiotic can be given for the patient and those that have been in close contact. The infected child should be excluded from childcare and school until 5 days after treatment begins. Unimmunised childcare attendees may be excluded from childcare unless they take the antibiotics.

Lost Property

A medium sized pink suitcase with children's and adults clothing in it was found on Thursday 17th September by travellers on the Coonabarabran Road.

Please contact the school on 67421899. It will be in storage during the holidays and we reopen on 6th October.



GHS Information Evening

For

YEAR FIVE STUDENTS AND

PARENTS



Year Five Students and Parents are invited to an information evening showcasing the excellent educational opportunities on offer at Gunnedah High School.

The evening is designed for parents and students to meet staff from Gunnedah High School and also hear about the variety of education opportunities that they offer.

All are welcome to come along.

When: Thursday 8th October

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Gunnedah South School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Merit Certificates

Silver

Chloe Elsley, Jaylen Gaudie, Cale Trengrouse, Jack McCulloch, Rhianna McAlpine, Talia Vering, Reann Bridge, Byron Eveleigh, Lachlan Chaffey, Kiarni Mallia, Savannah Eather, Kaiden Blair, Dakota Milne, Alyssa Batnia, Lucy Jackson, Kiah-Jean Squires, Aaron Osmond, Trista Trengrouse, Jack Burgess, Denzel Wortley, Clabe Dorrington, Olivia Heath, Leila Harris, Olivia Lewington, Andrew McMaster, Ryder Russell, Ava Talbott, Lana Vaughan, Ayrton Neale, Brooklyn McAlpine, Liam Toms, Sybella Simson, Hayden Sawyer, Ally Harris, Aston Wortley

Gold

Chloe Elsley, Rhianna McAlpine, Dakota Milne, Kiah-Jean Squires, Aaron Osmond, Trista Trengrouse, Jack Burgess, Sybella Simson, Ally Harris



CONGRATULATIONS BOYS!

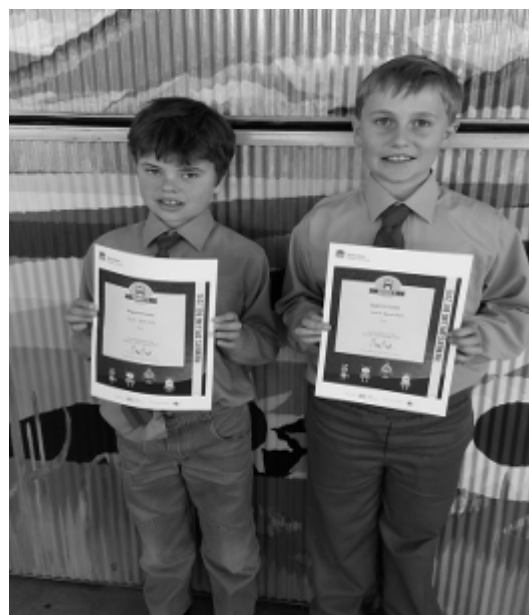
Two very clever boys represented Gunnedah South Public School, in the

Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee.

Owen Robinson, Year 3 and Lewis Donaldson, Year 4, were in the Junior section of the competition that was held in Quirindi on Friday the 11th of September. The boys did very well and made our school proud.

Lewis placed 3rd out of 28 children in the section.

Owen and Lewis really enjoyed their experience.



Library News

MS Readathon

For all those involved in the MS Readathon, firstly you should all be proud of your efforts. It is a great thing that you have done. You should all feel proud that by your efforts people living with MS will be benefitting from the sponsorship you collected. Sponsorship will need to be handed in by **31st October** to receive your certificate.

How do you send the money?

If all the money was raised online there is nothing further that you need to do. If you have any cash and/or cheque donations to return to the MS Readathon, you have a few options:

1. You can pay online via fundraising page and keep the cash; or
2. Call foundation on **1300 677 323** and pay over the phone; or
3. Download the school payment form and follow the instructions to make a payment into their bank account and for more options.



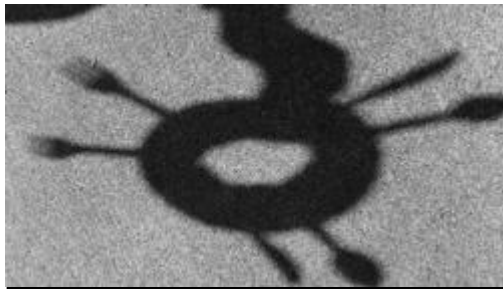
Milla and Jack both raised over \$200.



Some of our fantastic readathon participants.

Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week

Term 3 Week 9 saw Gunnedah South Public School celebrating Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week. Mrs Sams coordinated a week of activities that included many community members giving up their time to showcase their specific area of working in the agriculture industry from production, the technology used, and to the end product that we can eat so we could learn more about agriculture.



IS showing their shadow art using food and drink implements.



On Monday 3H, 3S and 3/4M went on an excursion to Mr Humphries' farm where he explained how his farm captures the sun's energy to turn it into food to feed his stock and grow his crops.

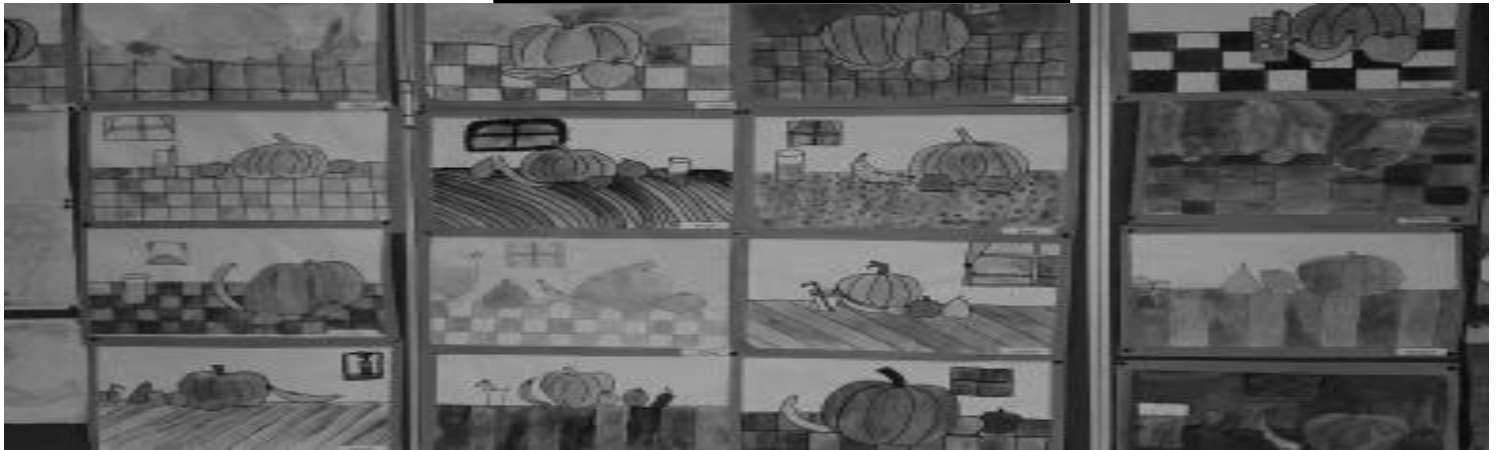
On Monday Years 5 & 6 were treated to a presentation by an Agronomist from NFS AG. The children were fascinated to hear about different technology used in agriculture. A big thank you to Paul Hurley and Graham Keeler for giving up their time to come to our school. A big thank you also to Tracey Keeler for arranging this insight into the world of agriculture.



Monday afternoon saw the SAKG kitchen team of Mrs Sams, Mrs Keeler and Mrs Stanger open the kitchen to community members and children to get some hands on cooking experience and try out some new recipes that are great for school lunchboxes. These included Macaroni Vegetable Slice, Isaac's Carrot Slice, Beetroot Muffins, Pumpkin Snickerdoodles and a Vegetable Frittata. These recipes can all be made to suit gluten free diets.

Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week

6F Food Art



On Tuesday our beautiful students served morning tea cooked in the SAKG kitchen to the public speaking judges and visiting teachers.



On Wednesday 4D, 4M and 4P went to Mr Humphries' farm to learn about his Wagyu cattle, sheep, Durum wheat, barley crop and his irrigation pump.

On Wednesday Years 1 & 2 went to the school hall to listen to a presentation by Luke Finlay from Wholegrain Milling. Students were delighted to see Mr Finlay here again and were very interested to learn about how many types of grains are processed. Wholegrain Milling is very generous to our school kitchen.



On Thursday all of Kindergarten attended a presentation by our dedicated Yr 6 girls who feed our school lambs everyday. Lowanna Davison, Sophie Macky, Madi Simson and Nicole Castle demonstrated how they care for the lambs and talked about the importance of keeping the milk and bottles clean.



Book Week Parade





GSPS

Vs Thornton PS



On Tuesday 8th September, the Gunnedah South Girls Soccer team travelled four hours to Thornton. Once we finally arrived we unpacked the cars and set up camp for the night. We all slept the night at Thornton Public School.

Everyone woke early on Wednesday morning excited for our game. We had a shared breakfast with the Thornton Girls Soccer Team. The first half of the game was very physical with Thornton scoring the first goal. Three minutes before half time Gunnedah was lucky to score their goal.

During the second half the girls dominated the field and worked extremely well as a team. The final score was 3-1 to us. Mrs Michelsen is so proud of the sportsmanship, dedication and positive attitude shown. Also a special thanks to Roxanne Milne, Mr McGuirk, Sharon Sharpe, Denes Thompson and Calinda Morgan for transporting the girls to Thornton, without this support activities like this are not possible. Thank-you :)



Delicious dessert!! Thanks to Step's Grandparents— they surly loved them. Can't you tell??



The girls very excited to take the field... no nerves here....



Everyone is very excited with the win



All children must be praised for their commitment this season.

GSPS would also like to thank Thornton Public School for their hospitality.



Exhibition Match

On Wednesday 16th September, the Gunnedah Girls Soccer Team played an exhibition match against an opposition team consisting of parents, teachers, friends and siblings.

We would like to thank all the players for participating.

Also a **BIG** thank you to Mr Thurbon for being the referee and Miss Small for helping to organise the match.



South School Stars

Last week the Gunnedah South School Stars performed at Gunnedah Education Week Awards ceremony.

These cheerleaders are preparing for the Australian National Scholastic Championships on October 24th at Sydney Olympic Park. These athletes have been giving up their lunch times and training after school. They have made amazing progress and I am very proud to be their coach.

Miss Hickey



Kindy Science Transition Lesson Taster



ROLL UP ROLL UP ROLL UP

GUNNEDAH SOUTH FETE

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 4:30 TILL 8PM

HAUNTED CIRCUS ★ MUSIC

ART SHOW ★ JUMPING CASTLE

SHOW & BBQ
BAGS

PINE CAR RACING ★ PHOTO BOOTH

TALENT QUEST FROM 7:30PM

CHOCOLATE WHEEL

★ FOOD STALLS

& SO MUCH MORE

GUNNEDAH SOUTH SCHOOL FETE 2015

FRI 30 OCTOBER - TERM 4 WK 4.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE CIRCUS IS BACK!!!

Due to overwhelming demand the Haunted House/Circus is back! The teachers do such an amazing job, but they do need help setting up!

We need helpers for setting up on Thursday 29 October. We need at least 5 helpers to ensure that the Haunted House goes ahead this year. So please let Mrs Nicholson, Ms Hudson or the Fete Committee know if you can help. Set up from 4pm but will continue to around 7pm.

ROLL UP ROLL UP FOR THE CIRCUS

The theme for 2015 Fete is Circus. We want as many people as possible to dress up in clown suits, animals suits, magician suits....

Over the holidays keep your eyes out for costumes or get ready to make some!

Prizes for the best dressed on the night!

ART COMPETITION IS ON!

Get busy painting and drawing....

ICE CRUSHER

We are hosting our own Snow cone stall this year and are looking for an ice-crusher.

Give us a call if you have one or know where we could source one!

CHOCOLATE WHEEL DONATIONS

We need donations from parents and businesses for our Chocolate Wheel.

Despite its name, the Chocolate Wheel doesn't give away chocolate, instead laundry baskets full of prizes. These prizes can be bottles of wine, gift vouchers, some chocolates, gifts, books.... All donations will be most welcome.

THE TALENT QUEST IS BACK...
more info Term 4.

THANKYOU

A big thank you to all those in the South School Community who were able to complete the Fete Survey. You've shared with us some great ideas which we are working hard at implementing.

RAFFLE

The big fete raffle will go on sale next week, just in time for the holidays. We need helpers to sell tickets on Thursday and Saturday mornings during October, so please let us know if you can help.

CALLING ALL HANDICRAFT PEOPLE!

We need to make metres and metres of bunting for the Fete and we need your help.

If you like handicraft and are happy to help create the amazing circus atmosphere please give Tracey a call on 0438 587 804

MAGICIANS MAGICANS

We are seeking some magicians who would be keen to come and display their skills at the Fete.

Please let us know if you are one of these amazing magical people ... or if you know of one!

FETE COMMITTEE

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