



# Gunnedah South Public School

Thursday  
24th November 2016  
TERM 4 WEEK 7

## Special points of interest:

- Week 8 SPORT'S PHOTO CATCH UP
- Week 8 Year 4 Excursion
- Week 9th December Presentation Day
- Week 9 9th December Kindy Graduation and Whole school Christmas concert

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**Skool Bag App ;** Gunnedah South Public School skoolbag

(available from the iTunes store and Google play store)

School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 November December	28	29 <b>SPORT'S PHOTO CATCH UP</b> Primary Milkshake Day Helpers needed	30 <b>Yr 6 Farewell</b> <b>Year 4 Excursion</b> Infants Milkshake Day Helpers needed	1 <b>Year 4 Excursion</b>	2 <b>Year 4 Excursion</b> Carols by Candlelight
9 December	5	6 <b>Presentation Day</b>  <b>CANTEEN Open for Lunch Only</b> Please place orders in by 9am	7 <b>High School Transition</b>	8	9 <b>Kindy Graduation</b> School Christmas Concert
10 December	12 <b>Reports go home</b>	13	14	15	16 <b>Final day for students</b>
<b>Happy Holidays</b> <b>School 2017 30th January for Students Yrs 1-6</b> <b>2nd February Kindergarten</b>					



Gunnedah South Public  
School

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"You Can Do It" Program

**RESILIENCE**

Supporting & caring  
for your children.

# A few words from our Assistant Principal...

## Dear Parents and Carers,



### Year 5 Excursion

Our year 5 teachers and students survived their week-long excursion to Canberra last week. The students participated in a wide range of experiences, many geared towards understanding our government and federation.

They were lucky enough to go into normally restricted areas at Parliament House thanks to an ex GSPS student, Isaac Jeffery; who works as an advisor to a Minister. The children were able to inspect the Speaker's office and learn about his role in Parliament.

Other attractions included visits to AIS, Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint and Telecom Tower.

Apart from a vomiting bug going through the camp, the kids had a ball, and received comments about their polite behaviour.

A huge thank you to Mr Geoff Sumpter (organiser), Miss Louise Martin, Mr Simon Thurbon, Mr Brad Oliver and Mrs Susan Donaldson for giving their time to make this an unforgettable experience!



Chicane Amaral, Olivia Guest and Laura Harris show off on the medals Dias from Sydney 2000

### King of the Jungle

It was great to see over 15 GSPS students involved in the Totally Dance Studio's performance of The King of the Jungle yesterday at our local PCYC. Over 150 of our students went to watch the performance and thoroughly enjoyed it.



### Year 6 Farewell

The time is fast approaching that we will farewell our Year 6 students. This is an exciting yet sad time as some students reflect on their first 7 years of education. Many have been GSPS students since Kindergarten and will miss the comfort of familiar surroundings. The Year 5 teachers and many other staff are busy making preparations for the farewell dinner next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 6 students for their leadership, their positive attitudes and for being outstanding role models to our younger students. The staff wish you all the very best in your endeavours in the world beyond. Most importantly, enjoy these last few weeks at school with your friends.

### 2017 Captain Speeches

With our 2016 Leadership Team preparing to leave, Year 5 students are busy writing speeches to take up positions on the 2017 Leadership Team. Year 3, 4 and 5 students will listen to speeches next week, then vote on candidates they feel will best represent and lead our school next year.

All the best Year 5. Be honest, committed and enthusiastic in your speeches and future leadership roles.

### Donations

I would like to put out another call for any donations of non-perishables (can foods, toiletries, lip balms, packet biscuits, soups, etc.) and socks and shoes to give to Maya Norris's family to take to Sydney's Hawkesbury Homeless organisation. This is a great way of showing our empathy towards those less fortunate than ourselves. If families could drop any donations off at the front office during next week, it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Will Dowe



# SCHOOL NEWS...



## Gunnedah High School Uniform Shop

Opening Times for January 2017

Monday 23rd Jan: 8.00am - 3.00 pm

Wednesday 25th Jan: 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Tuesday 31st Jan: Regular hours resume

Home Delivery web orders should be placed prior to the 16th January to allow sufficient time for delivery before school returns.

For pricelists, opening hours and shop details, login/register online at [.alintaapparel.com.au](http://.alintaapparel.com.au)



## Banking deposit activity

Make at least four deposits through student banking between weeks 4- 8 to be in the draw to win a Dollarmite prize.

The lucky winner will be announced in the Week 9 Newsletter.

Please note that week 8 will be the last week of student banking for 2016 and will begin again in 2017.

Warm Regards,  
The Banking Ladies

## School Reports

School reports are due to go home with students in week 10.

All students will be bringing home their report on Monday 12th December.

We are aware that some families may require an additional report, to be sent to a parent or carer not living at the same address.

If this is the case, please fill in the attached slip and return to the Front Office by Monday 28th November.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sending report to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# Merit Certificates

<b>KH</b>	Riley Stacey, Isabelle Gilbert, William Pennicuik
<b>KM</b>	Jaxon Hatch, Breanna Kemp, Chariti Swain, Olivia Welsh
<b>KR</b>	Ava Siuli, Lylah Tindal, Harvey Stokes, Chelsea Morgan, Liam Jaeger, Jye Dundas, Maddison Eschbach, Will Hunter, Jason Duff
<b>KS</b>	Ruby Newman, Hunter O'Neill, Nick Mainey, Shanelle Ryan, Imogen-Hope Jolliffe
<b>1C</b>	Lucas McKeowen, Millie Small, Elsa Sparkes, Jack Borthistle, Ayrton Neal, Yarraki Budden-Talbott
<b>1H</b>	Matthew Poss, Mitchell Passfield, Mia Swain , Caitlyn O'Hara, Sidney Cooper
<b>1M</b>	Clinton Hall, Jaxon Joung, Tyler Howes, Olivia Semmler
<b>1Z</b>	Olivia Perrett, Emily Maher, Toby Eyre
<b>2J</b>	Bella Eveleigh, Rhianna McAlpine, Ruby Williams
<b>2M</b>	Nah Kelly, Shaylah Doolan, Laura Demmery
<b>2S</b>	Keith Morris, Heidi Tull, Hayden Sawyer
<b>2W</b>	Deekirah Rowlands, Claire Robinson, Timmy Capper
<b>5/6S</b>	Chloe Hicks, Neesa Armstrong, Ashton Self, Emmy Barr, Kade Garrett, Matilda Burns
<b>6D</b>	Trent White, Annie Walsh, Aleah Riley, Claire McGuirk, Taylor McDonald
<b>6P</b>	Ellie Brookman, Byron Donnelly, Jarod Ferguson, Annie Lyne, Chloe Newman, Leisel Torrens

# Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

## Garden Program

### Parent Survey

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
1. The Kitchen Garden Program is a valuable addition to the school curriculum					
2. I have volunteered in the kitchen or garden classes at the school					
3. My experience as a volunteer has been positive					
4. The program has contributed to better school and community connections					
5. I have gained new skills and knowledge about cooking and gardening					
6. My child likes the garden activities					
7. My child likes the kitchen activities					
8. My child helps out in the garden at home					
9. My child has a garden plot to grow vegetables at home					
10. My child has developed new skills from participating in the Kitchen Garden Program					
11. My child has more knowledge about cooking and gardening					
12. My child talks about their fortnightly kitchen activity					
13. My child talks about their fortnightly garden activity					
14. My child uses skills gained from the program in practical situations at home					
15. My child takes more interest in food and in the preparation of meals at home					
16. My child has shown an understanding of healthier food choices					
17. My child is more willing to try different foods					

Further comments (Any other benefits, observations or improvements. Include feedback as a volunteer)

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*Please return the survey to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.  
We appreciate your thoughts.*

*Merry Christmas*

*Gunnedah Ministers Fraternal*  
present

## 2016 Gunnedah Carols in the Park

Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> (or Sun 4<sup>th</sup> if washed  
out)

6:30 PM, Wolseley Oval

*BYO Chairs and Blankets*

BBQ, Drinks, Glow Sticks, Santa,

**FIREWORKS!**

Free Entry. All Welcome

### Gunnedah South Public Annual School Raffle Tickets \$1



**First Prize:** Grocery Vouchers to the value **\$1,000.**  
Courtesy of Coles Supermarket & Gunnedah South P&C Association

**Second Prize:** 2 pairs of kids sunglasses valued at \$240.  
Donated by Tim Duffy Optometrist

**Third Prize:** Family Movie Pass + snacks and drinks.  
Donated by Gunnedah Shire Council

**Fourth Prize:** Adult movie tickets and dinner for 2.  
Donated by Shire Council and P&C

**Fifth Prize:** Kids Surprise Hamper to the value of \$80

**Sixth Prize:** Harvey Norman \$50 voucher.  
Donated by Harvey Norman

Raffle to be drawn at School Christmas Concert Friday 9th December  
**PLEASE RETURN TICKETS BY Monday 5th December**

# Have you joined **FLEXISCHOOLS** yet???

We now have a great new online ordering system in the canteen.

- **Order at a time convenient to you**  
in the morning, night before, or weeks in advance!
- **No searching for cash required**  
It's already paid online!
- **Teach students healthy eating in a fun way**
- **Order from home or work**
- **No need to worry about your child forgetting to put their lunch order in the box**



It's so easy!!!! Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

- 1) Click "Register Now" to create account
- 2) Top-up your balance
- 3) Start ordering immediately

## To view a demonstration

go to the [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) website and in the "Find Your School" box, enter Gunnedah South Public School.

## **What Does it Cost?**

There is a small fee for the online orders to help pay for the labels and the website system. So why not order your next lunch online!

## What payment methods can I use?

FlexiSchools accepts payment via Visa, Mastercard, and Bank Transfer. To perform a bank transfer to your FlexiSchools account, click 'Topup Account' when logged into the FlexiSchools website and select 'Bank Transfer'; you will be given your unique EFT code. You can then make a transfer via your bank's internet facility or at your branch.

## **How Does It Work?**

Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click "Register Now" in the Login Box. Then enter your student's name, school and class, and add funds (say \$50) into a pre-paid account. **You can log into the website at any time** to place orders. Daily cut-off is 9am. As purchases are made, the funds are taken from your pre-paid account. The account can be topped up again in the same way, or set to automatically top-up via credit card when the balance falls below a pre-set minimum. Each order is sent automatically to the canteen, where an easy-to-read label is produced with the student's name, class and order details. At lunch time, students lunch is delivered in their class basket.

# **Year 7, 2017**

## **ORIENTATION DAY**



**WEEK 9**

# **Wednesday, December 7**

**9am-3.25pm**

- Students to bring their own morning tea and lunch (canteen will be available)
- The Uniform Shop will be open from 10am-4pm
- For more information contact Angell Harris OR Bec Maybury on 6742 0155



## **MILKSHAKE DAY**

**Lunch Time at the Canteen**

**PRIMARY:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

**INFANTS:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

**AT LUNCH TIME**

**\$2.00**



**Chocolate, Strawberry  
or Caramel Flavours**

Bring your \$2 on the day. Children will line up at the canteen windows, with their money.

NO Milkshake Orders required

(Canteen open for recess and lunch orders as per usual)