



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**18th February 2016**  
**TERM 1 WEEK 4**

## Special points of interest:

- Swimming Carnival  
Wednesday 24th Feb Zone
- Book Club Orders Due  
Thursday 25th Feb
- Year 5 & 6 Bonding  
Excursion Thursday 3rd &  
Friday 4th February

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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   |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>5</b><br>February          | 22     | 23      | 24<br>Zone Swimming<br>Carnival | 25<br><b>Book Club<br/>Orders Due</b>                | 26   |
| <b>6</b><br>February<br>March | 29     | 1       | 2                               | 3<br><b>Year 5 &amp; 6<br/>Bonding<br/>Excursion</b> | 4<br><b>Year 5 &amp; 6<br/>Bonding<br/>Excursion</b> |
| <b>7</b><br>March             | 7      | 8       | 9                               | 10   | 11   |
| <b>8</b><br>March             | 14     | 15      | 16<br>KH Parent<br>Interviews   | 17<br>KM Parent<br>Interviews                        | 18<br>KR & KS Parent<br>Interviews                   |



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## CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring  
for your children.

# **A few words from our Deputy Principal...**



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

## **Swimming Carnivals**

Congratulations to all students who attended the swimming carnival yesterday, your behaviour and sportsmanship were outstanding. The day was fantastic. The level of enthusiasm and willingness to 'earn a point for your house' was great to see. Whether it was in the competitive races or novelty events, students were giving their best all day.

Miss Flannery's second carnival as convener is being hailed a tremendous success. Whoever takes on the job in 2017 will have their work cut out to replicate yesterday's event.

There were a number of awesome performers throughout the day who will now turn their attention to next week's Gunnedah Zone carnival. I'm sure many of those will go onto the North West carnival in the near future. Individual champions for each age group will be announced soon.

Wattle House are today basking in the glory as they took the title for 2016 over arch rivals, Waratah, Banksia and Boronia. The contest was tight throughout the day with the lead changing a number of times. An insider has told me that the motivation from inside the Wattle camp was strong. I was advised that Mrs Michelsen gave a 'Laurie Lawrence' type motivational speech to the team and it must have done the trick. Perhaps a video link from might be required to get the gold to go back to back in 2017. Congratulations to Wattle for a tremendous effort.

A big thank you must go to all the parents who assisted during the day. Our parent helpers took on many roles and the carnival could not have run as successfully as it did without your valuable contribution.

Thank you also to staff for undertaking various roles that helped make the carnival a great success.

Thanks to all those students who were able to give poolside interviews to give an insight into the thoughts and processes of elite athletes as they prepare for competition. Your time and thoughts were appreciated.

Good luck to the students who qualified for the Gunnedah zone team. We look forward to reporting on your continued success.

## **AECG Meeting Postponed**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the local AECG has postponed its February meeting. This meeting will now be held at Gunnedah South Public School at 4pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The AECG makes significant contributions to education for all students in the Gunnedah area. We would like to see you at the next meeting if you're available.



### **School Speed Zones**

A friendly reminder to slow down when driving near schools. Students at the end of the day are usually excited to go home and talk to mum and dads about their day and all the fun learning experiences they have had. This means they may not always be concentrating as they cross roads. Please take care to slow down. We want your most precious possessions to arrive home safely.

**40km/h** applies during the times of **8:00am till 9:30am**, and again at **2:30-4pm**.

### **Crunch and Sip**

As part of our healthy eating policy we encourage all students to drink plenty of water and bring in fruit for our Crunch and Sip program. Students are active during the day and need water to help keep healthy hydration levels. We encourage students to bring in healthy lunches from home consisting of fresh fruit, vegetables and grains and less packet foods ~ which usually are very high in sugar, preservatives and additives. For a healthy life and optimum brain function which leads to happier students, healthy food is essential.

Crunch and Sip occurs right across the school from Kindy to Year 6, during the Literacy session every day, please remember to send in with your child some fruit or vegetable sticks (carrots, celery).

**Best job in the world,  
Mr Graham Conn**



# SCHOOL NEWS...



## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **Gunnedah South School P & C Canteen**

The Canteen is operated by the P & C Association, it employs one staff member and ALL profits go back into the school.

It runs 5 days a week both recess and lunch and relies on parent and carer VOLUNTEERS to run.

**We need your help** to keep this great service going and you can do once a week, once a month or once a term.

You don't need to be a great cook. It's really easy to help out and our lovely supervisor, Sharon, is always there to show you the ropes.

Contact the office and leave your contact details and Sharon will give you a call.

## **Please note following Dates:**

Wednesday 24th Feb-Zone Swimming

Thursday 24th March-Easter Hat Parade

Friday 8th April Grandparents Day

Friday 6th May School Cross Country

Tm2 Wk3 10, 12 & 13th May NAPLAN

## **Junior League Clinic**

Monday 22nd February

Rugby league clinic for all children ages 6-16 years at Kitchener Park starting 4.00pm

All Children attending will be receiving a free football.

GJRL will also be holding registration day at this event.

Come along for your chance to meet legends of NSW Rugby League.

# Merit Certificates

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1C   | Jack Borthistle, Millie Small, Elsa Sparkes                                 |
| 1H   | Leila Harris, William Hall, Joseph Bunce                                    |
| 1M   | Chyanne Squires, Tyler Howes, Dallas Mills, Jordana Jeffrey, Ryder Hatch    |
| 1Z   | Emily Maher, Olivia Perrett, Charlie Barnes                                 |
| 1/2R | Roman Thompson, Aisha Anwari, Braidyn Delaney, Tyler Hobden                 |
| 2J   | Siri Sparks, Aleeah Clark, Liam Duff  |
| 2M   | Rochelle Costello, Zahlia Milne, Damien Preston, Shayla Doolan, Ella Mutton |
| 2S   | Amber Welsh, Hayden Sawyer, Mikaylah Fergurson                              |
| 2W   | Deerkira Rowlands, Sybella Simson, Timmy Capper                             |

## Silver

Bridee Weekes, Jydan Davison, Indiella Bryers

## MUSICAL MAYHEM

10 AM – THE CIVIC, GUNNEDAH  
SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY – ALL TIX \$15

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On the heels of successful seasons of 'Meeting Mozart' for Sydney Opera House Babies' Proms, and Monkey Baa Theatre's 'Pianist & Prankster', Tedeschi brings his love of music and the piano to preschool and primary school students. In this 50 minute performance of well-known classical and jazz works and on-the-fly improvisation, Simon shares a light introduction to some musical concepts, funny stories from his childhood and even some music from popular children's shows. The performance aims to spark that love of music that will last a lifetime. **Essential viewing for the budding pianist in your home and FUN for the whole family! Search "pianist and the prankster" on YouTube**

Presented by Gunnedah Conservatorium | Gunnedah Shire Council venue partner  
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