



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

**Thursday
3rd March 2016
TERM 1 WEEK 6**

Special points of interest:

- Easter Hat Parade Thursday
24th March
- Grandparents Day 8th April

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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
7 March	7	8	9	10	11 Yr 5&6 Visit from GDH High
8 March	14	15 Parent Evening for Yr6 parents 6.00pm @ GDH High Hall	16 KH Parent Interviews	17 KM Parent Interviews	18 KR & KS Parent Interviews
9 March	21	22	23	24 Easter Hat Parade	25 Good Friday
10 March	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31	1



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A few words from our Principal...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Stage 3 Bonding Excursion

Tonight our stage 3 students are spending the night at school as part of the bonding excursion. This excursion is designed for students and staff to get to know one another through various team work activities. The students are focusing on resilience, persistence and getting along keys to success. A thank you to our stage 3 teachers for camping out at school! And providing this opportunity for our students.

Mathletics

Mathletics is coming soon!!

Mathletics is an online mathematics program that research shows lifts the numeracy scores of students in NAPLAN in schools where it is utilised. It covers all strands in the current syllabus. The activities are fun, engaging and often set up in a game format. Their team of education publishers have created a course that specifically follows the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. Students will be able to access Mathletics from school and home. We will first begin using Mathletics with students in year 3-6. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Watch this space.

Working Bee

Gunnedah South is very fortunate to have a four hectare site with spacious playing fields and garden areas for students to enjoy. The working bee on Saturday will begin around 8am. If you can spare a few hours to help around the school it will be greatly appreciated.

Before School Supervision

The Department of Education requires schools to regularly remind parents and carers of supervision arrangements for students prior to the school day.

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.30 am. There is no adult staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. Staff who voluntarily arrive at work prior to 8:30am, are often involved in staff meetings, lessons preparations, phoning parents, parent meetings and programing and therefore are not available to provide supervision to students.

Parents and carers need to understand that you remain legally responsible for the child prior to 8.30 am when supervision begins.

I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.30 am.

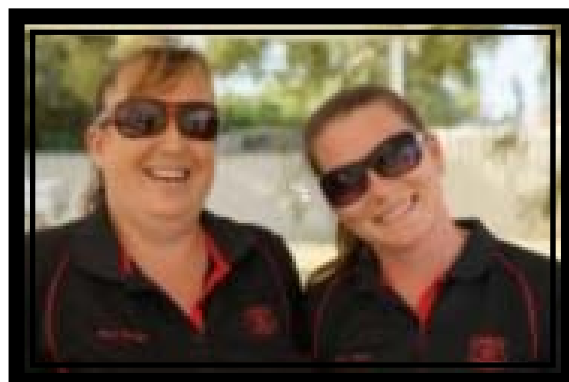
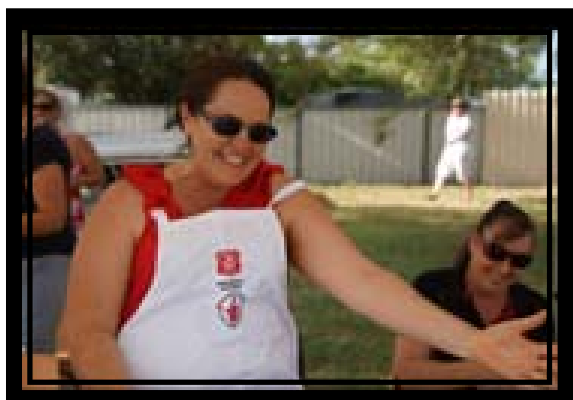
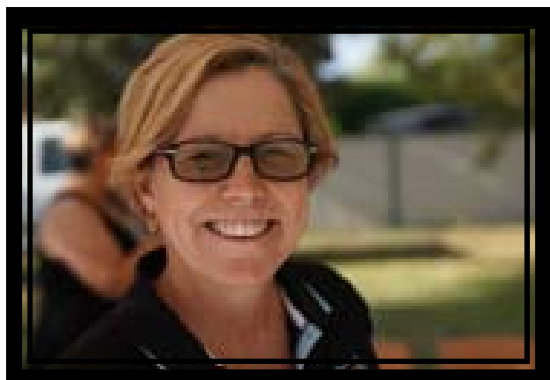
If your child walks to school, please ensure that they arrive at school no earlier than 8:30am.

Thank you for helping keep our students safe.



Community BBQ

Last Friday Gunnedah South were invited to attend the community wellbeing BBQ held at McAndrew Park. This event was designed to showcase what services are available within Gunnedah to support families in the area of well being. Gunnedah South showcased our drumming and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden programs and provided information to the community of programs and initiatives here which support students well being. We had a number of staff and students who represented our school under extremely hot conditions, and as you will see in the photos, all had a positive outlook and big smiles! A special thank you to Mrs McGowan for coordinating our involvement.



Expectations of Behaviour

The Department of Education has high expectations of student behaviour whilst at school.

Schools and their communities work together to provide quality learning environments which are:

- inclusive
- safe and secure
- free from bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimisation.

All students and staff have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from disruption, intimidation, harassment, victimisation and discrimination. To achieve this, all schools are expected to maintain high standards of discipline.

When parents enrol their children at public schools they enter into a partnership with the school. This partnership is based on a shared commitment to provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for their actions and to have a greater say in the nature and content of their learning. The aim of the partnership between school community members and schools is to develop socially responsible young people who are capable of making informed decisions. This is achieved through an effective social, cultural and academic curriculum which caters for the individual needs of students.

I am pleased to say that here at Gunnedah South the overall standard of student behaviour is extremely high. Our students arrive at school each day wearing full school uniform and eager to engage in learning. However when students choose to disregard the school expectations of behaviour, both within the playground or the classroom, the schools demerit system will be implemented. This demerit system has previously been discussed with P&C and has their approval. I have included a copy of the Core Rules for Public Schools in this newsletter.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

In Term 1 2016, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), has access to data from across NSW and is running a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research is looking at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Wednesday 2nd March

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Emma Jeffery
Principal
Gunnedah South Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan
Executive Director
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Wednesday 2nd March

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to participate in the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey.

Name of student/s

Roll class/es

Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer

Date



SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

Week 7

Mon 7th March: -
Tues 8th March: -
Wed 9th March: Ebony Cope
Thurs 10th March: Jo Forrester
Fri 11th March: Christina Hunt
Christ Pease

Week 8

Mon 14th March: -
Tues 15th March: -
Wed 16th March: Ebony Cope
Thur 17th March: Ashleigh Pennell
Fri 18th March: Lacie Swain
Need Help

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

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

Easter Raffle Books

Have been distributed this week the eldest in the family.

1st Prize: Family Fun Easter Basket

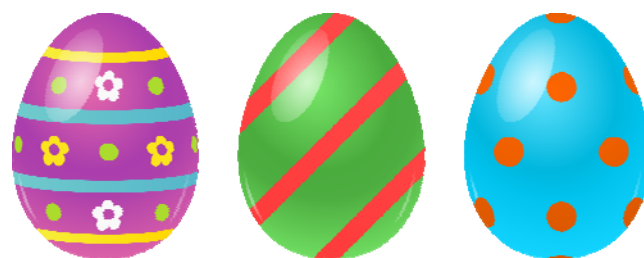
2nd Prize: Chocolate Lovers Basket

3rd Prize: Easter Chocolate Bouquet

Please return all Raffle money and Tickets Sold or Unsold by Monday 21st March.

Winners will be announced:

Thursday 24th March at the Easter Hat Parade



Please note following Dates:

Thursday 24th March-Easter Hat Parade

Friday 8th April Grandparents Day

Friday 6th May School Cross Country

Tm2 Wk3 10, 12 & 13th May NAPLAN

Merit Certificates

KH	Nash Carlyon, Mea Woolaston, Eloise O'Donnell
KM	Blair Costello, Scarlett Donoghue, Dylan Emmerson YCDI: Benjamin Marshall, Ollie Tudgey-Hennessey
KR	Ruby Locke, Rocky Wild, Nate Jaeger, Ava Siulai
KS	Shanelle Ryan, Nicholas Mainey, Kiarah Ruttle YCDI: Hunter O'Neill, Lillee Gray

Silver

Joseph Bunce, Mia Swain, Corinne Wise, Zahlia Milne, Bronty Snow, Thomas Garner, Blade Rowlands, Keaton Walters

Gold

Bronty Snow

Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the **big things.**

Robert Brault





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BBQ provided
on the day

Working Bee



Saturday 5th March 2016

This is a call-out to any parent and family who are able to come and help out in the garden at our school. Jobs will include weeding, mulching, planting new plants, watering, raking, and taking green waste to the tip.

We are also asking if anyone has succulents they can donate to the school to help renew our gardens.

Starts at 8.00am. Meet at the front office. Any help is appreciated.

Swimming Carnival Champions

We are finally able to announce the age champions for our swimming carnival. We have been waiting to congratulate these students at our school assembly before posting it in the newsletter.

We are very proud to announce the overall age winners for the day:

Junior Girl Champion: Serena Jaeger

11 years Girl Champion: Lilly Street

Senior Girl Champion: Laiken Boal

Junior Boy Champion: Cooper Williams

11 years Boy Champion: Ryan Carr

Senior Boys Champion: Archie Waerea

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cooper Williams who also broke a Gunnedah South Public School record for the 200m Individual Medley with a time of 3.43.93.

Friday afternoon Sport with Stage Three...

On Friday afternoons, some Stage Three children go to Longmuir Fields to play Touch and Cricket. Other lucky students attend Lawn Bowls at the Gunnedah and Services Club.



PSSA- Zone Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday 24th February, 40 students represented Gunnedah South at the Zone Swimming Carnival. This exciting day was held at the Gunnedah Pool. Participating Schools included Mullaley Public, Carroll Public, Curlewis Public, Boggabri Public and Gunnedah Public School.

Gunnedah South was awarded the winning school with the most overall points. All children showed sportsmanship, dedication and enthusiasm.

A massive congratulations goes to those children who are attending the Area PSSA Swimming Carnival on Monday 7th March in Armidale.

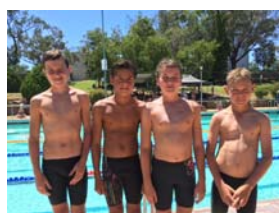
Mrs Michelsen

Age Champions:

AGE LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
Senior Boys	Archie Waerea	Zeb Dillon
Senior Girls	Laiken Boal	Mackenzie Leader
11 Yr Boys	Tom Sheedy	Ryan Carr
11 Yr Girls	Lilly Street	Annie Walsh
Junior Boys	Cooper Williams	Michael Walsh
Junior Girls	Amelia Lush (Mullaley PS)	Serena Jaeger

Records Broken

★ **Cooper Williams** ★



Junior Boys 200m I.M (3.45.37)

Archie Waerea

50m Freestyle (32.75)

G'dah South Jnr Boys Relay ★

(2.55.84)

G'dah South Snr Boys Relay ★

(2.32.63)





Gunnedah High School

invites
interested Parents, Carers & Students
to the

Year 6 Information Session

which will be held in the
Gunnedah High School Library

on
Tuesday 15th March
between
6:00pm & 7:00pm

This session will:

- provide an overview of Year 6 into 7 transition process;
- introduce key staff who will be involved in transition,
and
- provide an opportunity to ask any questions.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Bec Maybury or Angell Harris

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OR

Email: gunnedah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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NDIS in Gunnedah

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

WHEN: Wednesday 23 March 2016

TIME: 1.00PM to 7.00PM

WHERE: Town Hall, Conadilly St GUNNEDAH

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY?

DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY?

- Network with other people preparing for the NDIS
- Find out more about your options
- Meet people making choices under the NDIS

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