



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
10th March 2016
TERM 1 WEEK 7

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 |
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| 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/ April | 28 Easter Monday | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 11 April | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Last Day Term Grandparents Day |



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,

Stage 3 Bonding Excursion

The stage 3 bonding excursion was a huge success last Thursday night and Friday. The students and teachers had an enjoyable time getting to know one another and building partnerships. The behaviour of the stage 3 students during this time was very high, with students displaying resilience, getting along, organisation and cooperation. Thank you to our teachers for giving up

Working Bee

The working bee held on Saturday enabled the school to plant out our vegetable gardens, give our fairy garden a new lift, create a new infants garden and gardens near the primary cola. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to come in and lend a hand. It was very much appreciated.

We hope to hold another working bee on Saturday 2nd April.

South Swimming Stars

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Area swimming carnival held at Armidale on Monday. Once again, the reports highlight the exceptional sportsmanship, 100% effort and positive behaviour displayed by all those students.

There are a number of students who have qualified to compete at the State level.

Archie Waerea: 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, Senior boys relay, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 200m IM.

Cooper Williams: Junior boys relay, 200m IM, 50m backstroke, and 50m butterfly

Serena Jaeger: 50m backstroke.

South School junior: Cooper Williams, Jed Rennick, Michael Walsh and Angus Waerea

Senior relay team: Archie Waerea, Jack Heath, Kurt Fisher and Zeb Dillon

Trivia Night

Back by popular demand, the Chapman's are coming back to Gunnedah during May to hold a trivia night. If you have had the pleasure of participating in one of these events, you will know it is a night filled with loads of laughter. The proposed date is Friday 13th May—yet to be confirmed—so now is the time to organise teams. This event is open to any community members over the age of 18. More details in the coming weeks.

Power Outage

You may have noticed a huge generator located in the winder street car park this morning. Essential Energy had scheduled a full day power outage for a section of Gunnedah, which included the school, to enable power upgrades in the area. After consultation with the Department of Education a generator was installed to allow us to function as normal with full access to technology, our phone system, air conditioning and list goes on.



Executive Director

The Executive Director of Public Schools, Mr Frank Potter along with Director, Mr Mark Young visited our school yesterday for a tour and a chance to see the programs and initiatives on offer to our students.

The captains and vice captains welcomed our distinguished guests and articulated why South school is special to them and outlined the tour. The student leaders spoke on behalf of all students and certainly espoused their fine quality leadership skills.

During the tour Mr Potter and Mr Young watched the drumming group perform, a library lesson and a cooking lesson.

Both our distinguished guests were very impressed with our school initiatives, programs and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with students and staff.

Kindest Regards

Emma Jeffery

Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



CANTEEN NEWS

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

Week 9

Mon 21st March: -

Tues 22nd March: -

Wed 23rd March: Ebony Cope

Thur 24th March: Christina Jones

Lindal Jewiss

Fri 25th March: **Good Friday**

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

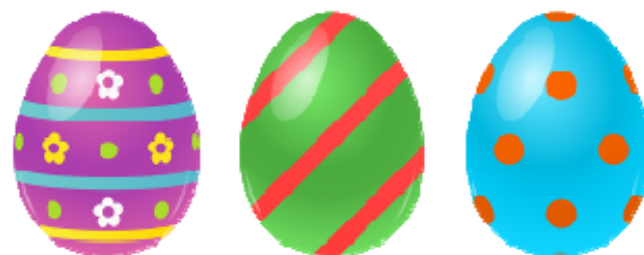
2nd Prize: Chocolate Lovers Basket

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

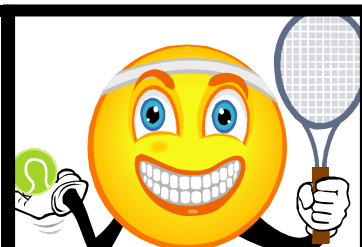
Tm2 Wk3 10, 12 & 13th May NAPLAN

Merit Certificates

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| 1C | Mayse Frey, Ruby Beasley, Ayrton Neale, Elsa Sparkes, Olivia Lewington, Cooper O'Hearn |
| 1H | Lily Harris, Marie White, Nash Boal, Ivy Fouracre, Lucas Blair, Caitlyn O'Hara, Asher Trieger |
| 1M | Sarah Pike, Bella Stephens, Ryan Bajzath, Brooklyn McAlpine, Charlee O'Hearn, Liette Tindall, Lane O'Donnell |
| 1Z | Rubee Bendall, Emily Maher, Justyce Cooper |
| 1/2R | Emmy Torrens, Clive Donnelly, Chelsea Budden, Armani Louis, Lillian Jeffery, Linkin Turner |
| 2J | Zenae Burwood, Domanic Winsor, Ella Hancox, Oliver Shoesmith, Isaac Wise |
| 2M | Tyren Colbran, Noah Kelly, Imogen Riley, Charlotte Keelor, Ella Mutton, Angus Sutherland |
| 2S | Max Mainey, Shaniqua Briggs, Demi Smith, Jorja Baker, Keaton Walters, Heidi Tull |
| 2W | Cooper Dowsett, Jorja Eshbach, Harry Thomson, Kirra Talbott, Wyatt Dorrington, Macey Carlyon |



On The Court



North-West PSSA Representatives

Three Gunnedah South tennis players have been successful in gaining selection in the North West Tennis Team. The players will travel to the State Tennis Championships in Tweed Heads in Term 2.



Pictured after their North West selection are;
from left Archie Waerea, Issy Moore and Chloe Dorrington.
Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement.



Annual Egg Drop

Your mission is to design a container that will protect an egg from a plunge off a 2m ladder. Your design needs to follow these guidelines:

1. The egg needs to be raw!
2. You cannot attach material around the centre of the egg.

Some suggestions for your egg drop -

- Balloons or a parachute to slow the egg down.
- Soft, crushable packing that encloses a lot of air is best. Foam rubber, feathers, cotton or synthetic padding might help.

An egg-cellent activity for everyone and it's amazing how many ways an egg can be packed in order to survive!

The Egg Drop will be held after recess on Thursday 24th March.

Good luck!!!

Easter Hat Parade

Come and join us for our K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March starting at 9:30am.

This will be held in the Primary Quadrangle on the grassed area. Limited seating will be provided, please feel free to bring your own chair.

Each year group will sing an Easter song and model their beautiful Easter hats.

All students will organise their costume and accessories at home!

The winners of the raffle will be announced at the end of the parade!

Egg Decorating Competition

There will be an Egg Decorating Competition. If you want to enter here's what you need to do:

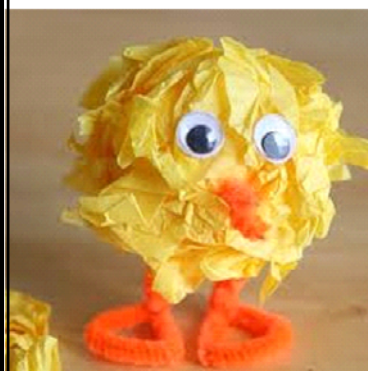
Get a raw egg. Ask mum or dad to use a needle to carefully place a hole in the top and bottom of the egg. Blow hard to get all of the yolk out.

2. Decorate your egg.

NB: Foam eggs and plastic eggs can also be decorated.

Please have your entry to Mrs Higgins so they can be judged! Entries to be brought in on Tuesday 22nd March. Make sure you have your name and class written on the bottom on your entry where the judges cannot see it.

Eggs will be displayed in the Year 6 Games Area (Breezeway).



Operation Art at GSPS



What is Operation Art?

Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities.

The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.



Once again this year our P&C have agreed to fund the entry of four artworks into this amazing competition.

Why participate?

- All artworks framed and exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park.
- 10,000 visitors view the exhibition.
- 150 works are selected for further exhibition opportunities including 50 selected for a tour series and then given to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- Gives students real purpose for their art making - creating art to help children in hospital.
- Provide broader public recognition for your creative students.
- All students receive printed certificates, invitations and catalogues.
- Come and be treated like a star artist at the Sydney Olympic Park opening day event.

This year there will also be a number of artworks selected to donate to Gunnedah Hospital.

How do I get involved?

Create a cheerful and uplifting artwork appropriate for display in a hospital.

Ask yourself—"Does it make me smile?"

Size: Minimum A4 (30 x 21cm), maximum A2 (42 x 60 cm), maximum depth 5mm. Please note we are unable to frame works that are deeper than it.



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Hand your artwork to Mrs Passfield by Tuesday 26th April.

Hand your artwork to Mrs Passfield by



An art exhibition will be held in week 2 next term, where the finalists will be selected. More details soon.

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Student Representative Council



NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc.

- Are you an Aboriginal parent or carer?
- Would you like to have a say in local Aboriginal Education?
- Do you understand what is happening in our local schools?
- Are you an Aboriginal community member who can help achieve educational outcomes?

**Come along and join your local AECG and have a voice in education.
Your voice is important for our kids.**



NEW SOUTH WALES
AECG
INCORPORATED

Next Meeting:

Thursday 17th March at 4pm
Gunnedah South Public School
Light afternoon tea provided

For further information and membership details please contact:

Meleah Walters (Secretary) at Gunnedah South Public School on (02) 6742 1899

Here is some more information ...

This is Australia's first matched savings program that helps people and families to establish a long term saving habit, build their money management skills and knowledge while saving for education costs. Since its commencement, more than 26,000 people have joined the program nationally and saved more than \$15 million.

What are the eligible saving goals and the benefits (to people having school aged children or studying/returning to vocational training/ apprentices)?

A participant may receive the once off incentive of up to \$500 for their school aged children's education e.g. textbooks, uniforms, stationery, tutoring, special subject costs, school excursions and camps, shoes, after school sports activities/music art etc. or TAFE fees, computer/laptop, trade tools, furniture to study etc.,

How does it work?

A saver plus participant selects education-related items they wish to save for (thinking ahead to what's coming up in 10 months' time) and agree to a savings goal over a period of 10 months, from as little as \$12.50 wk, \$ 25.00 fnt or \$50.00 mth to achieve a goal of \$500.00 saved and receive matched funds of \$500.00 (the regular saving goal can be a lesser amount). If they make regular and consistent deposits and attend the 10 hours of money minded workshops, **every dollar they save will be matched with an equivalent dollar, up to a total of \$500.00**

Matched funds are used to buy the education-related product or service for the participant's personal or children's educational expenses.

Who is eligible?

1. + people over 18 years old
2. + have a current Health Care Card OR Pensioner Concession Card
3. + live, work, study or have a child studying in the local area
4. + commit to completing *money minded* workshops (online – free training basic financial skills and budgeting)
5. + have some income from paid employment (household income)
6. + have not received matched savings from Saver Plus before

How will the participants receive the matched funds?

At the end of the saving period participants can purchase the goods themselves (only after finishing the program!) and be reimbursed if they provide a receipt. Alternatively saver plus national office will arrange for a cheque to be issued to the participant upon receiving an invoice or quote from a registered business for an educational goal related item or service.

*Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, **The Benevolent Society**, Berry Street and other local community agencies. In May 2015, the Australian Government committed \$2.9 million to support the award-winning Saver Plus program over the next five years, together with a \$17.5 million commitment from ANZ.*

Interested participants can either call the National phone number **1300 610 355** in brochure and, enter their post code to find their local Saver Plus worker or contact me directly:

Anne Yates: Ph 02 67629700 or Mb 0431 651 571

Email: anne.yates@benevolent.org.au

Visit: www.moneyminded.com.au

**Check Out: www.anz.com/Monday
for Weekly Financial Tips**



Gunnedah South Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' day will be held on ***Friday, 8th April.***

Time: 11:30-12:45pm

Place: Gunnedah South School hall

We would love to see lots of Grandparents' come along to see what the students have been working on for this special occasion. There will be complimentary tea, coffee and sweet treats after the concert for those grandparents wishing to stay around for a while.

We hope to see you all there!



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