



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Friday  
6th May 2016  
TERM 2 WEEK 2**

## Special points of interest:

- Week 3 10-12th May NAPLAN
- Trivia Night 13th May
- Eisteddfod-Music 2nd-3rd May

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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>3</b> May	9	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13
<b>4</b> May	16	17 Girls Knockout Hockey Gala Day	18 Boys Knockout Hockey Gala Day  Netball Trials	19 Touch Trials  Girls League Tag Gala Day	20 Zone Cross Country
<b>5</b> May	23 Final Primary Rugby Union Trials (NW)	24	25	26 Canteen Pie Drive	27
<b>6</b> May/ June	30	31	1	2 Eisteddfod- Music  Zone Softball Trials	3 Eisteddfod- Music  CWA Competition Due



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## CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring  
for your children.

## A few words from our Principal...



**Dear Parents and Carers**

### Cross Country

You may have noticed that our students have been busy training for the Cross Country which is planned for this Friday. Teachers and students have been working hard in preparation for this event. I wish all participants the best of luck (I wish I could be out there running with you) and thank you to our parent volunteers giving up their time to lend a hand. We hope many parents and family members can come along and see for themselves all the fun and help cheer the students on. Don't forget your asthma puffers, drink bottles and runners!

### NAPLAN

Once again a quick reminder that NAPLAN tests are being held Monday through to Wednesday next week for Years 3 and 5 students. Could parents please advise teachers if any of these students will be absent as catch up tests can be arranged during the remainder of the week.

Parents can expect reports of student progress to be sent home sometime during September.

### Ningbo Delegations Visit this Friday

Our school will have some very special visitors this Friday. A group of Chinese Education and Company representatives will be touring local businesses and schools with our mayor Owen Hasler. They will pay a visit here where I will guide them around our kitchen, classrooms and other facilities of interest. I'm sure they will be delighted to meet some of our students too.

### Staff Development Day, Saturday, 14th May

Our dedicated teaching staff will be joining together Saturday, 14th May where they will be focusing on unpacking the new Maths and English syllabus. In particular, we hope to develop extensive scope and sequences which will be used to direct students' learning in the future. This is all part of our continued efforts to ensure that student learning is well planned and supported in order to achieve maximum outcomes.

### Reminder on Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children and should contact teachers if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school. Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email.

The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the *Education Act (1990)*.

We thank all parents and caregivers for working with us to ensure that our students are given the best possible opportunity to achieve their goals and become successful learners.

### Parent Volunteers

On any day here at Gunnedah South, you will notice generous parents and family members coming into school to lend a hand. Many of our wonderful school programs and opportunities for students would not run as effectively if it was not for volunteered help. If you are interested in coming into school and helping your child and their class mates, please contact classroom teachers who will be more than happy to negotiate a time for you to come in. After all, there are plenty of opportunities, such as kitchen and gardening lessons, parent reading, sport coaching and the list goes on....

### Visual Arts Workshops and Competition

Mrs Rachel Passfield has been working tirelessly to provide our students with exciting opportunities to explore creative and visual arts. She has recently coordinated the Operation Art competition which was a roaring success, and has lead to selected artworks being presented to Westmead Children's Hospital. Also part of Operation Art, Mrs Passfield is organising a lucky group of students to attend a visual arts workshop. Thank you for your hard work and dedication Mrs Passfield. The students and staff of Gunnedah South truly appreciate your efforts.

### ANZAC Day March

Just a reminder that all students who marched on ANZAC Day are to receive a bronze award for citizenship. Please complete and return the slip below to the front office for bronze awards to be organised.

Kindest regards,

Emma Jeffery

Principal

### ANZAC Day March 2016

Please complete this slip if your child/children marched with our school on Monday 25th April 2016.

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

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# SCHOOL NEWS...



## Merit Certificates



### Pre-Loved

### Library Book Sale

The Library is having a huge sale  
beginning Week 2

Come on in to grab a bargain at  
lunch times.

*Picture books    Chapter books*  
*Non-fiction books*

Prices from \$1

**KH**

Harley Eveleigh, Eli Clark, Mea Woolaston

**KM**

Liana Burwood, Benjamin Marshall, Katelyn Orchard

**KR**

Arabella Holmes, Nate Jaeger, Logan Anderson, Asher Cameron

**KS**

Cooper Hicks, Shanelle Ryan, Alexa Smith

## Silver

Olivia Semmler, Kyle Sanson, Sara Pike, Lachie Ellison, Jordana Jeffrey, Zenae Burwood, Drew Elsley, Liam Duff, Kye Perrett-Scott, Rhianna McAlpine, Tyler Scott, CJ Lim, Rhegan Jaeger, Kyran Kleinschafer, Joshua Casey, Codey Torrens, Charlotte Bedggood, Charlotte Cooper, Lyndon Everleigh, Peter Marquett, Josh Oliver, Angel Phillips, Paris Thompson, Emmy Barr, Tristan Poeschl

## Gold

CJ Lim, Joshua Casey, Peter Marquett, Kye Perrett-Scott, Tyler Scott,



# National Primary Games

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 5 girls travelled to Tamworth to compete in the National Primary Basketball Games. Our team was made up by Claire McGuirk, Dakota Milne, Chloe Hicks, Courtney White, Jade Stark and our awesome coach Mr McGuirk.

On Saturday we travelled to Tamworth. When we arrived we were excited to get our uniforms and start playing. Our first game was against Central Coast Grammar. We went on the court and tried our best but unfortunately we lost. Our next game was against Taree and we lost that game as well. Our third game was against Tamworth Thunderbolts. They were really tall like all of the other ones and to them that was an advantage and we ended up losing again. After our third game we went to get lunch. We had to walk across to the hockey fields. We got a chicken lettuce and mayo wrap with a bottle of water and an ice cream which all came from red rooster. After our delicious lunch we went back to the court and got ready for our last game. For our last game we had to compete against St Edwards and they were really tall and experienced. We ended up losing again but it was ok because that just made us more eager to come back tomorrow and win at least one of our games.

On Sunday we were more pumped than ever and eager to win a game. We entered the stadium and started warm ups. We found out we were playing Calrossy and headed over to our court ready to do our best. We started playing and tried our best and won!! We were so happy. We went to get lunch which was the same as yesterday. We finished lunch and headed in for our final game. This was it our final game, we were versing Calrossy again, we were playing harder than we ever did before and all our hard work paid off as we won the last game! We were so excited and celebrated by going to McDonalds! It was the best and we were so proud not only to have won the last game but to have been able to participate in this event, and on behalf of all the girls in our team we would like to thank Mr McGuirk for coaching us and Mrs Michelsen for organising this event, so thank you teachers.

By Chloe Hicks





# Congratulations



Kurt Fisher made the North West Boys Rugby League Team (opens).

He will be attending the state carnival on the 21st-23rd June

Kurt was selected to play as a winger. Good luck and we know you will have lots of fun!

Claire McGuirk, Dakota Milne, Aleah Riley and Emmy Barr (absent at time of photo) have been selected to represent the North West in Cricket. All four girls will attend the state carnival in Hawkesbury on 31 October– 3rd November. We wish you all the very best!

Taylor Stewart was nominated as the reserve :)



Kade has been selected to attend the final North West Cricket Trial to be held on May 9th at Farrer.

We wish him all the very best for this upcoming trial.

# Grip Leadership Conference

On Monday the second of May, the Gunnedah South Leadership team travelled to Tamworth for the Grip Leadership Conference. We joined lots of other schools, to learn how to grow as a leader and played lots of interesting games such as, the voice, dance offs and guessing who was the leader of short movie clips and much more.



At the end of the day, many leaders had learnt how to grow as a leader.

Written by Mackenzie Leader and Chance Duff



**GUNNEDAH SOUTH SCHOOL**

**TRIVIA**  
*night*

**FRIDAY  
MAY 13**

GUNNEDAH SOUTH SCHOOL HALL  
**7PM**

BYO • FOOD & DRINKS  
TABLES OF 8 • \$15 PER PERSON  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL @ FRONT OFFICE  
LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON  
OVER 18's EVENT

**PRIZE FOR BEST THEMED TABLE**

*a night at the .....*  
(eg museum, opera, tennis, movies)



## Student Results - Tell them from Me Survey

### Reporting on Student Outcomes and School Culture

Between 16th March and 7th April 2016, 184 Gunnedah South students participated in a 'Tell them From Me' survey so that we could gather information on our school's and classroom's effectiveness.

The number of students by year level was:

Year 4: 43

Year 5: 83

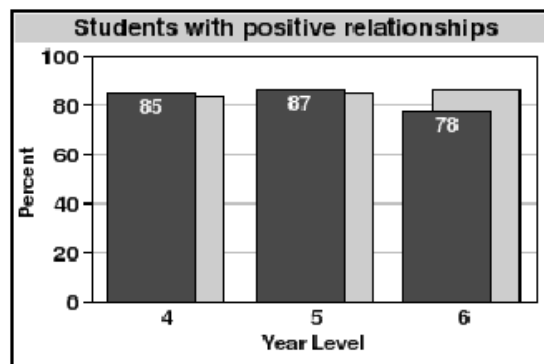
Year 6: 58

The bar charts below show the results by year level and are compared with NSW Government Schools norms.

#### Students with positive relationships

Students have friends at school they can trust and who encourage them to make positive choices.

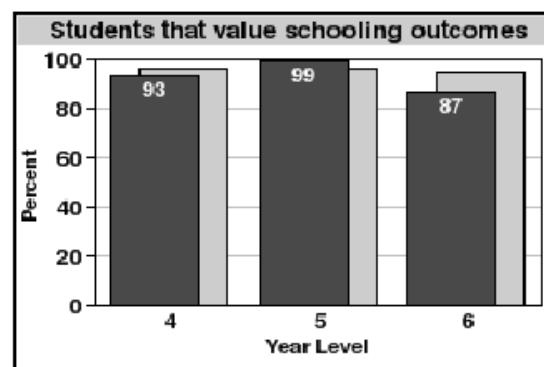
- In this school, 84% of students had positive relationships; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 85%.
- 90% of the girls and 77% of the boys in this school had positive relationships. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 88% and for boys is 83%.



#### Students that value schooling outcomes

Students believe that education will benefit them personally and economically, and will have a strong bearing on their future.

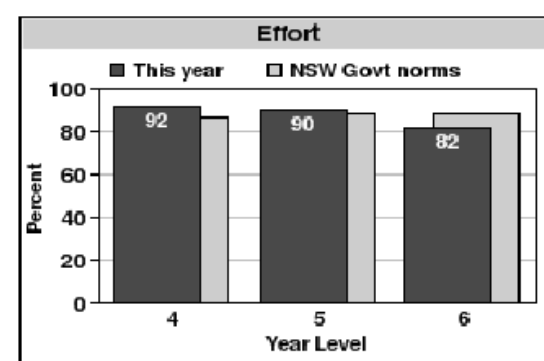
- 94% of students in this school valued School Outcomes; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 96%.
- 96% of the girls and 91% of the boys in this school valued School Outcomes. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 97% and for boys is 94%.



#### Effort

Students try hard to succeed in their learning.

- 88% of students in this school tried hard to succeed; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 88%.
- 92% of the girls and 84% of the boys in this school tried hard to succeed. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 90% and for boys is 85%.

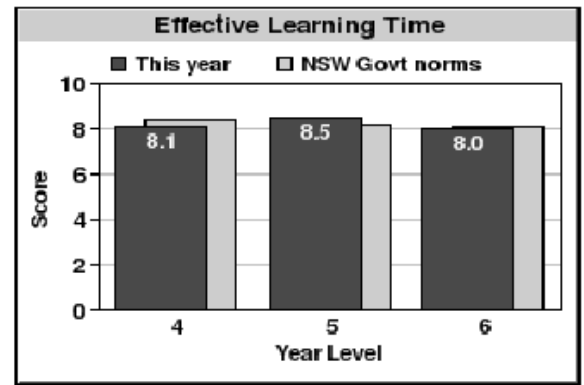




### Effective Learning Time

Important concepts are taught well, class time is used efficiently, and homework and evaluations support class objectives.

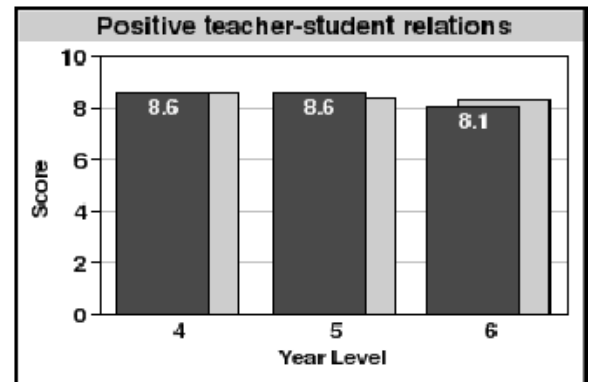
- In this school, students rated Effective Classroom Learning Time 8.3 out of 10; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 8.2.
- In this school, Effective Classroom Learning Time was rated 8.6 out of 10 by girls and 7.9 out of 10 by boys. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 8.4 and for boys is 8.1.



### Positive teacher-student relations

Students feel teachers are responsive to their needs, and encourage independence with a democratic approach.

- In this school, Positive Teacher-Student Relations were rated 8.4 out of 10; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 8.4.
- In this school, Positive Teacher-Student Relations were rated 8.8 out of 10 by girls and 8.1 out of 10 by boys. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 8.6 and for boys is 8.2.



### Expectations for success

The school staff emphasises academic skills and hold high expectations for all students to succeed.

- In this school, students rated Teachers' Expectations for Academic Success 8.5 out of 10; the NSW Govt norm for these years is 8.7.
- In this school, Teachers' Expectations for Academic Success were rated 8.7 out of 10 by girls and 8.3 out of 10 by boys. The NSW Govt norm for girls is 8.8 and for boys is 8.6.



For more details on the survey see [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com).

