



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**9th June 2016**  
**TERM 2 WEEK 7**

## Special points of interest:

- Term 3 Recommences Students 19th July
- Term 3 Week 2 School Photos 25th-29th July

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 June	13 <b>Queen Birthday Holiday</b>	14 Girls Basketball Tamworth	15 Boys Basketball Tamworth Girls Softball Trials North West	16	17
9 June	20	21 Primary Rugby League State PSSA Carnival	22 Primary Rugby League State PSSA Carnival	23 Primary Rugby League State PSSA Carnival	24
10 June/July	27 NADOC WEEK Girls Basketball North West Boys Softball PSSA	28 NADOC WEEK	29 NADOC WEEK	30 NADOC WEEK	1 NADOC WEEK
July School Holidays	<b>Term 3 Recommences for Students Tuesday 19th July</b>				



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# A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Touch Screen Laptops

You may have heard about our exciting news - our P&C have provided our students with 35 new touch screen laptops to assist their learning. Along with carry bags and two new bulk charging docks, this generous addition to our stock of computers and laptops has been very well received by students and their teachers. In addition to this, our P&C have also provided new desk top computers and an entire new set of hard drives for our computer lab. Teachers can now fit a whole primary class in the lab at once, with each student having their own computer to work on. Students and teachers have been relieved to experience how quick and responsive our new hard drives are, reducing waiting time and creating more time for student work.

On behalf of all our happy students - a big thank you P&C! You certainly target very important areas of our school to inject your funding. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our P&C are a dedicated group who are always happy to help support the school with initiatives which benefit all students. This injection of funds, in excess of \$20,000 is only available from the many fundraising events throughout the year. I encourage all parents to become a member of our P&C. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th June @7pm in our library.



## Garden Lessons

What an absolute hive of engagement and learning occurred today when 5D had their fortnightly garden lesson. This is optimal time of year for our class gardens, with winter vegetables bursting from their plots. Recent efforts to mix in new soil along with all the rain we've been lucky enough to receive has seen the students busy harvesting, mulching, weeding and planting new stock. 5D students would hardly stop what they were doing to get their photo taken as they were so engaged in their tasks. There were groups of boys fixing some plumbing and pipes to the watering system, groups positioning some stepping stones to allow easy access throughout their garden, Mr Dowe was assisting students to plant new tube stock, others were fertilizing existing plants and the rest of the class were busy weeding and harvesting.

Talking to Mr Todd Jeffery, our specialist teacher, I soon discovered that many wonderful things have been happening or are being planned elsewhere in our gardens. 5T have been building vertical gardens using old soft-drink bottles. The students plan on decking these out with a range of fresh herbs to be used in our cooking classes.

Some of our students entered some pumpkins in the recent Gunnedah Show. We ended up receiving first place for best QLD Blue Pumpkin and second place for 2 pumpkins of any variety.

Mr Jeffery is currently working with the rest of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Team to apply for a grant which will see our school given an industrial size worm farm which will be able to process 20kg of food scraps a day - taking a load off our poor chooks. He also has plans to replace some of the sleepers lining our garden beds. Another project that will improve an area in our school is Mr Jeffery's plans to build a winding path stretching from our driveway near the canteen over to Western Gate. This is a busy area where we have not had much success in growing grass, so a path would assist our parents and students greatly as they make their way in or out of the school and reinvigorate what is otherwise a unutilized area of our school.



## A few words from our Principal continued...



I highly recommend parents and family members coming into school for a gardening lesson and seeing for themselves all the learning and motivation our students have to present their gardens in the best possible way.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher and find out when their class is timetabled to have a gardening lesson. Extra hands are always welcomed and get dirty very quickly!

If you are interested in supporting some of Mr Jeffery's other projects around the school please let us know. We always welcome assistance with funding, materials and man power.



### Vision Screening

Year 1 students are being offered an opportunity by the school and Tim Duffy Optometrists to have their eye sight checked on June 14th and 16th. This testing will be conducted here at school and is of no cost to parents. Students that have vision problems can experience a great deal of frustration, often resulting in difficulties completing their work at school. We hope that through this vision screening, parents can be made aware of any potential problems with their child's eyesight and can seek further help, avoiding any damaging effects that may accompany an untreated vision disorder.

We hope to have Tim Duffy and his colleagues return to the school in the near future to continue this free service with our Year 2 and 3 students. More information regarding this will be sent to parents soon.

### Mathletics Parent Workshops

Another project that continues to grow in popularity with students of Gunnedah South is Mathletics. This maths program has been well accessed by our students during classtime and at home. Mrs Michelson, Mathletics coordinator, has been keeping us up to date in our newsletter reporting regularly on student progress and achievement. Mrs Michelsen and Mrs Piggott are now offering parents and family members the opportunity to learn more about Mathletics during some Parent Workshops. They are planning on inviting parents in on Tuesday 28th June on the last week of school this term. They will be running two sessions to accommodate our busy parents, one at 2.30 p.m. and the next at 5.30p.m. Both plan on being held in the Library. During these information workshops, parents will be shown how Mathletics works and why it has been so positively received by teachers and students. Parents will be shown how to support their child to complete lessons and achieve their goals. Thank you to Mrs Michelsen and Mrs Piggott, we owe a great deal of Mathletics success to the enthusiastic way they have coordinated it for our teachers and students.





# A few words from our Principal continued...



## Guitar Lessons

Another fantastic opportunity offered to students of Gunnedah South is Mr Simon Thurbon's guitar lessons. Since starting his teaching here, 4 years ago, Mr Thurbon has been keen to develop students interests and skills in playing the guitar. For a few years now, he has offered lessons during his own lunch times and after school to students from Year 3 to Year 6. Mr Thurbon currently has 7 keen students participating in guitar lessons that cater for abilities from beginners to advanced. During these lessons, Mr Thurbon tailors his tuition to each students particular needs - students practise their finger position and developing finger strength, students learn basic cords and common transitions and some students even learn a song that they had select themselves.

I spoke with three girls who have each participated in these lessons since the start of the year, who were all very grateful for Mr Thurbon's time. Here is their thoughts:

Emylie Murrell (Year 5) - said she appreciates having this opportunity available at school and of no cost. She is pleased with how her hand strength has improved and is now able to play a part of a song. She has been working with Mr Thurbon for 2 years.

Emily Williams (Year 3) - is grateful that the school has lent her a guitar to use. She is gaining in confidence with her cords and transitions. Has made some new friends with other girls that share her interest in guitars.

Mykalah Stahl (Year 5) - is focusing on mastering her cords A and D. She was given a guitar for Christmas and loves being able to bring it to school and play. She is currently going home and teaching her dad and brother some of what she learns with Mr Thurbon, in particular how to read cords from a sheet.

Thank you Mr Thurbon for making all of this possible. The positive impact learning an instrument is having on students confidence levels and enjoyment at school is high.



## A few words from our Principal continued...



### Creative Centre

Just to give you all another glimpse into what goes on here at South School, I recently dropped in on our Creative Centre to find many content students involving themselves in some interesting activities. Mrs Rachel Passfield has played a major part in developing this opportunity for students and in maintaining the creative vibe that goes on in this centre. I found her directing a craft lesson where students were making some interesting things out of paper. As I looked around the room, I saw other students engaged in many tasks, such as construction, lego and one student was quietly reading in an egg chair. Samples of students work decorated the room showing off the wonderful creations students make during their lunchtimes. What a great venue this has turned out to be for students who would like to escape the hustle and bustle of our playground and let their imagination get carried away.

The Creative Centre is open every lunch time to students with Mrs Passfield and Miss Martin greeting them with a smile and some exciting new creative ideas to try.



### South School Winter Ball

That time of the year is quickly approaching for parents and community members to treat themselves to a night of glamour and pristine entertainment. Our South School Winter Ball is planned to be held on July 29th at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tickets are only available online this year - [www.trybooking.com/206337](http://www.trybooking.com/206337) and are \$40 per person. Guests can choose from table or cocktail style seating with a pop up dinner or BYO supper. This major fundraising event is again being organised by our P&C and offers everything you could desire in a Ball, including live music, stunning decorations, a generous dance floor, a chance to get dressed in your best formal attire and a fully stocked bar. Get in quick to secure your tickets as they normally sell out within two weeks. Get busy securing those hair appointments and shopping for a new dress ladies as this is one glamorous night you don't want to miss out on!

Warm Regards,  
Emma Jeffery  
Principal



**Gunnedah South**  
**WINTER BALL**  
29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 @ 7:00pm till midnight  
**Gunnedah Town Hall**

\$40.00 Per Person • Live Music • Formal Attire

Choose from Table or Cocktail Style Seating

Pop Up Dining or BYO Supper

Full Bar Facilities (NO BYOG)

Tickets Available Online @ [www.trybooking.com/206337](http://www.trybooking.com/206337)

Pre Purchase Food Tickets Online

Pre Purchase Drink Tickets at School Office

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## SCHOOL NEWS...



### LOST!!!! HELP!!!

If you have a sports shirt/singlet at home, could you please return it ASAP.

We have many missing uniforms that were sent home after sporting events.



## Deposit Blitz

Students in our school who bank 3 times between Week 6 and Week 9 will go into a draw to win a Dollarmites Prize Pack!

Happy Saving!

### CANTEEN NEWS

COMING SOON

Online Canteen Ordering

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please give Sharon a call on 6742 1899.

# Open your heart

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# Merit Certificates

<b>KH</b>	Zali Beasley, Van Jordan, William Curran
<b>KM</b>	Sophie Neilson, Maley Barton, Benjamin Marshall <b>YCDI: Jaxon Hatch, Katelyn Orchard</b>
<b>KR</b>	Liam Jaeger, Rocky Wild, Logan Anderson
<b>KS</b>	Ava Bartlett, Lillee Gray, Harley Mills
<b>1C</b>	Cooper O'Hearn, Lacie Kleinschafer, Jack Borthistle, Kendra Rowlands
<b>1H</b>	AsherTriege, Joseph Bunce, Harriet Snow
<b>1M</b>	Charlie Duff, Kyle Sanson, Clinton Hall
<b>1Z</b>	Ivy Fouracre, Justin Pung, Justyce Cooper,
<b>1/2R</b>	Charlotte McDonald, Tom Preston, Lanah Vaughan,
<b>2J</b>	Isaac Wise, Siri Sparkes, Hollie Johnstone
<b>2M</b>	Damien Preston, Zahlia Milne, Eli Talbott
<b>2S</b>	Hannah Beasley, Georgia Baker, Kodee Luke
<b>2W</b>	Hayden Gardner, Sybela Simpson, Tim Capper
<b>5D</b>	Heath Stark, Daisy White, Mia Garratley, Lachlan Pennicuik
<b>5M</b>	Olivia Guest, Josh Coker, Ned Parker-Jones
<b>5T</b>	Charlotte Cooper, Talea Colton, Tahleiah Donnelly
<b>5/6S</b>	Nessa Armstrong, Abby Withers, Matthew Donnelly, Jack Heath, Ryan Carr, Charlotte Thompson
<b>6D</b>	Corey Mallie, Hayley West, Lilly Unicombe-Mills
<b>6P</b>	Sienna Miller, Jaycob Price, Jarrod Ferguson

# Merit Certificates

## Silver

Pheobe Bridge, Chole Hicks, Jack Heath, Mackenzie Leader, Taylor, McDonald, Claire McGuirk, Dakota Milne, Link Phillips, Alison Preston, Brooke Rennick, Aleah Rile, Ashton Self, Clinton Hall, Brooklyn McAlpine, Breanna O'Hara, Gavin Sams, Talea Coulton, Zoe Eather, Leisel Torrens, Hayley West, Beccy Wilson, Courtney White, Dylan White, Trent White, Nessa Armstrong, Abby Withers, Jack Heath, Charlotte Thompson, Lucy Robertson, Archie Waerea, Emma McCulloch, Archer Harrison, Oliver Shoesmith, Hollie Johnstone, Siri Sparkes, Claire Barnes, Morgan White, Ruby Locke, Harvey Stokes.

## Gold

Phoebe Bridge, Link Phillips, Ashton Self, Lucy Robertson, Emma McCulloch, Claire Barnes

## Titanium

Ashton Self, Claire Barnes

## 5D Peer Tutoring

Research has suggested that peer tutoring can be a powerful way of helping students learn concepts from a different point of view, a kid's point of view.

Below are some pics of 5D engaging in peer tutoring in preparation of a semester maths test.





# MATHLETICS

## Week 6

### Top Points Scorers

#### Overall

Kaihan Anwari	23,440
Lewis Donaldson	16,800
Owen Robinson	11,580

#### Live Mathletics

Kaihan Anwari	8,461
Owen Robinson	8,136
Lachlan Swain	5,768

1000 points in a week = **1 certificate**. Students can only earn **one certificate** each week. Once they have collected **five bronze certificates**, they receive a silver award. A gold certificate is earned when they have collected **four** silver certificates.



## Sunnyside Farm News

Last week we saw another new arrival at our school farm. We were very excited and waiting in anticipation for Wanda the calf to arrive at school. Wanda comes to visit us from Mrs Tydd's house. Leisel, Beccy, Annie, Brooke and Phoebe were interested in finding out about Wanda. They would see Mrs Tydd at the canteen daily where they were told that the calf was pink with purple spots. I'm not sure what how but Mrs Tydd had them convinced. The girls have been busy making milk and feeding Wanda her two feeds of 3litres of milk daily.

Thank you Mrs Tydd for allowing us to look after Wanda!



## Year 6 High School Transition Visit Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Schools Attending

Boggabri Public School, Carroll Public School, Curlewis Public School, Gunnedah Public School, Gunnedah South Public School.



Time	Activity
9:00 -9:30	Meet and Greet / Arrival time to vary depending on year 6 travel arrangements (Year 6 to meet at the Hall)
9:30-10:00	Welcome and introduction to the day school (Hall)
10:00: 10:30	Recess (Hall Area)
10:30-11:00	Activity in groups (Groups will rotate)
11:00-11:30	Activity in groups
11.30-12.00	Activity in groups
12.00 -12.45	Lunch (Hall Area)
12.45-1:15	Activity in groups
1.15-2.15	Concluding Activities / Goodbye (Hall)
2.15 -3.25	Departure times to vary depending on Year 6 Travel arrangements



SUPA Clubs are Christian clubs for kids. They operate in primary schools throughout Australia. At SUPA Club we have fun games, drama, stimulating stories from the Bible, and the occasional treat. Children have the opportunity to investigate some of life's challenging questions.

SUPA Club is held in the Hall each Tuesday at lunchtime with Mrs Sommerlad.

Interested students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are welcome.



## North West Girls Soccer

Claire McGuirk, Emmy Barr, Mackenzie Leader and Paris Thompson are currently participating in the State Carnival at Albury. From the reports, the girls are having a great time but the weather is freezing. Good luck

### Stage 3 Sport

This term on Friday afternoons, a group of Stage 3 students from a mixture of classes have been travelling to the basketball stadium to fine tune their basketball skills! A big thank you to the volunteers from the basketball club that are there to run the sessions. Some pictures below of the action.







Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent GSPS in the Regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Challenge. We wish you luck.



Year 3

Charlie Bridge



Year 4

Ava Coleman



Year 5

Lewis Donaldson



## NAIDOC Week Disco

Gunnedah South Public School Hall  
Wednesday 29th June, 2016

Infants – 4pm to 5.30pm  
Primary – 5.30pm to 7:00pm

Cost – \$5

*Includes sausage sizzle & popper*

Tickets for sale each recess under the  
Infants & Primary COLA during weeks 8 and 9.







# On The Court



**Heart Stopping Victory Sees South Into North West Final.**  
After being on level pegging for 6 sets of tennis, Gunnedah South Tennis team pulled off what some old timers are calling “the gutsiest win in years”, beating Tamworth Public.



Tied on 3 sets all, 19 games all, the mixed pairs of Archie Waerea and Chloe Dorrington, as well as Michael Walsh and Issy Moore, combined to win both sets and claim the match, 5 sets to 3. Player of the Match, Chloe Dorrington was instrumental in the win, stepping up against stronger opponents. The team now progresses to the North West Final.







WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE WOLSELEY OVAL



GUNNEDAH SOUTH (3.8.26) VS CUDGEGONG VALLEY (6.3.39)







We are \_\_\_\_\_ pleased to announce that every GSPS student has access to their own Mathletics account. Mathletics is an online e-learning platform that gives our school access to a worldwide Maths community of over 6 million students.

Each student has been given their own Mathletics username and password that allows them to log-on at school and at home and develop their Mathematical understanding and fluency. Class Teachers will assign weekly Maths tasks for each student based on the learning taking place in class or individual learning goals. These can then be completed at home to reinforce their Maths skills.

Beyond these tasks, Mathletics also offers 'Live Mathletics', an exciting feature that matches students across the world in a 60 second mental arithmetic race to develop rapid recall of number facts and further learning features such as an animated Maths dictionary.

Every correct answer in Mathletics earns a student points which are then totalled up to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates. These certificates are handed out each week by the Stage Supervisor.

## Information Evening

Mrs Piggott and Mrs Michelsen will be holding two information sessions This session will give you insight of how to support your child at home and how to track their progress and achievement. They will run for approximately 30 minutes.

**Date:** Tuesday 28th June, 2016 (Week 10)

**Time:** Session One: 2.30pm

Session Two: 5.30pm

**Location:** GSPS Library

**We look forward to welcoming as many faces as possible**

**Please return this interest form to your child's classroom teacher.**

Get the Mathletics  
**ADVANTAGE**

I will be attending *session one/session two* (please circle one) on Tuesday 28th June.

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

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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