



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday  
19th May 2016  
TERM 2 WEEK 4**

## Special points of interest:

- Canteen Pie Drive
- 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>5</b> May	23 Final Primary Rugby Union Trials (NW)	24 Boys and Girls soccer knockout Verses Quirindi	25	26 Canteen Pie Drive	27 NW Boys Girls Touch Trials
<b>6</b> May/ June	30	31	1 AFL Boys Game vs Mudgee	2 Eisteddfod- Music Zone Softball Trials	3 Netball Trials Area Eisteddfod- Music CWA Competition
<b>7</b> June	6 NW PSSA Girls Soccer- Albury	7 NW PSSA Girls Soccer- Albury	8 NW PSSA Girls Soccer- Albury	9 NW PSSA Girls Soccer- Albury	10 Girls Basketball- Tamworth



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## CONFIDENCE

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for your children.

## A few words from our Principal...



**Dear Parents and Carers**

Week 4 has been a busy week with our students enjoying plenty of opportunities to shine and have fun.

### **PSSA Knockout Hockey Teams**

Our boys and girls hockey teams had the opportunity to play other school teams in a Gala Day this week. This was part of the North West PSSA state knockout. Our boys versed Moree Public School in their first game which resulted in a 0-1 loss. Their second game was against Tamworth West where they achieved a 2 all draw.

The girls also played Moree Public School in their first game and walked away with a 1-0 win. In game 2, the girls went up against Tinbumburi Public School but unfortunately lost the match 0-3.

The sportsmanship and overall team effort displayed by our boys and girls teams was wonderful to see. The boy's team in particular did themselves proud as they were missing members of the team and had to verse their opposition one player down. A big thank you to Mrs Justine Davies who coordinated the teams and arranged everything they needed to have an enjoyable day of competition. Mrs Davies is a great example of a dedicated staff member and in her short time here at South has become involved in many aspects of the school and especially setting a positive tone for our hockey players.



### **Zone Cross Country**

This Friday, 48 Gunnedah South students will be competing in the Zone Cross Country being held at Mullaley Public School. These students have already made us all proud of their achievements and efforts in such a tough competition. We wish them all the best as they attempt to make it to State Level.



## Library Fun

Thursday sees our Library book fair wrap up and come to an end. It has seen plenty of excited students tugging on their parents arms to get them joining in on an opportunity to purchase some new books and other goodies. Thank you to all of you that came along and made some purchases. Well done to our librarian Miss Amanda Morrison who has put a huge effort into set up and friendly service.

Don't forget too that Miss Morrison is always happy to have parent volunteers come in and help cover books, sort returns and help with the endless jobs that need to be done in a busy school library. If you can help, please contact the school and we will organise you a time to come in.

## Student Attendance

Gunnedah South School is currently undergoing some important changes to our attendance procedures. This is part of our response to the Department of Education's updates of school attendance policies.

A great deal of focus is now going to be placed on ensuring parents/caregivers explain why students are absent from school. In particular, parents/caregivers now have a legal requirement to explain a student absence in 7 days. Parents/caregivers can do this by sending in a written note, phoning the school and leaving a message for their child's teacher, emailing the teacher or even using programs like Class Dojo to notify teachers (if that strategy is used by the class).

If an absence is not explained in 7 days, it will automatically be recorded as an 'Unjustified Absence.' Assistant Principals will then be required by the Department to make contact with parents/caregivers in an attempt to prevent this occurring again. These absences are also printed on student's report cards.

Parents/caregivers will be receiving more information about these changes and what their legal requirements are over the coming weeks.

We thank you for continuing to work with classroom teachers in encouraging positive student attendance habits and maximise student learning.

## Farewell and good luck Mrs Brandy

This week sees us in an unfortunate situation where we need to farewell a valued staff member. Mrs Vicki Brandy has worked at Gunnedah South for the last three years as a Teacher's Aide and has made a positive impact on both students and staff. Vicki is another example of a wonderful dedicated staff member and involved herself in many aspects of school life.

We wish her well as she moves onto her next adventure. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Vicki!

Kindest Regards,

*Emma Jeffery*

Principal





# SCHOOL NEWS...



## Merit Certificates

<b>KH</b>	Claire Annetts, Riley Stacey, Abigail Sutcliffe
<b>KM</b>	Blake Garratley, Scarlett Donaghue, Josh Jones
<b>KR</b>	Macey Sutherland, Lachlan Young, Liam Jaeger
<b>KS</b>	John Demmery, Bella Southwell, Addy Laws

## Silver

Kade Garrett, Heidi White, Bella Eveleigh, Imogen Riley, Ruby Williams, Lane Torrens, Charlee O'Hearn, Daniela Kelly, Sunny Wicks, Charlie Barnes, Nash Boal, Emily Maher, Charlette Keeler, Lillian Jeffery, Gracie-Lee O'Donnell, Mackenzie Keeler, Daisy Sheedy, Kalan Southwell, Cooper Perrett, Chloe Newman, Chantele Pike, Isaac Jeffery, Peter Thurbon, Charles Binge, Ivy Fouracre, Sophie Weston, Maxie White, Lilly Harris, Rubee Bendall, Elliot Burden, Justyce Cooper, Kieesha Winsor, Ryder Russell, Justin Pung, Olivia Perrett, William Lynch, Harry Ryman, Landon Mortimer, Owen Shoesmith, Lincoln Squires, Finnegan Leader, Brayden Morgan, Cooper Blair, Isaac Wise, Charlie Duff, Mitchell Passfield, Trevor Mills, Flyn Harrison, Cley Durrant, Jaycob Price, Kaiden Blair, Bastian Short, Max Hancox, Rory Thomas, Jack Burgess, Archer Harrison

## Gold

Kade Garrett, Lilly Harris, Lane Torrens, Chantele Pike, Daisy Sheedy, Kalan Southwell, Lincoln Squires, Mitchell Passfield, Trevor Mills, Flyn Harrison, Jaycob Price, Kaiden Blair, Bastian Short, Max Hancox



## Stage 3 Science!

This term in Stage 3 Science and Technology, Year 5 and 6 will be focusing on the causes and effects of earthquakes.

Year 5 classes were asked to design a structure from marshmallows and spaghetti. The structure had to be 2 levels high, and withstand an earthquake simulation. To simulate the earthquake, we used a tray of jelly.

Here are some of our structures.



## Year 6 Shirts

Our Year 6 students were delighted to see that their shirts arrived this week. Here you can see 6P excitedly trying their shirts on for the first time.



These shirts will replace the Year 6 students sports shirt - only to be worn on sports days or other special events where teachers have requested them to wear sports uniform.

Thanks for your patience everyone and apologies for your long wait. We will endeavour to get these shirts out to students early term one next year.



## 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!



# Hockey Gala Day



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## Uniform

Our clothing pool is located in the front office and is open every day from 8:30am – 3:15pm. We stock everything listed below. Come in and one of our friendly office staff will be able to help. We do have EFTPOS facilities available.

Girls summer and winter dresses are available from In Stiches, Gunnedah.

\$	Clothing Pool Price List
15	School hat
35	Sports shirt
15	Sports shorts
25	Fleecy jumper
25	Fleecy pants
45	Microfiber jacket
35	Microfiber pants
20	Ties
45	Primary backpack
35	Infants backpack
7	Ankle socks (grey or white)
11	White socks (pack of 3)
10	Football socks
15	Swim caps
	BOYS
20	Grey short sleeved shirt
20	Grey polo shirt
20	Grey shorts
20	Grey long sleeved shirt
20	Grey trousers
	GIRLS
20	White long sleeved shirts
10	Black tights

Girls summer and winter dresses are available from:

InStiches

38 Barber Street

(02) 6742 3870

### Uniform Expectations

At Gunnedah South, all students are expected to wear full school uniform every day.

### Winter Uniform

#### Boys

- Grey long sleeved shirt with long grey trousers, red and grey striped tie and grey socks
- Black closed toe shoes
- A red fleecy jumper or microfiber jacket if needed

#### Girls

- School tunic with white shirt long sleeved blouse, red tie and black stockings
- Black closed toe shoes
- A red fleecy jumper or microfiber jacket if needed

“Hoodies” of any kind are NOT school uniform.

### Summer

During Terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear their red school broad brimmed hat.

#### Boys

- Grey shorts with either the grey short sleeved shirt or grey polo and grey socks.
- Black closed toe shoes
- A red fleecy jumper or microfiber jacket if needed

#### Girls

- Summer dress with white socks
- Black closed toe shoes
- A red fleecy jumper or microfiber jacket if needed

### Sports Uniform

- School sports shirt with red shorts, white socks and joggers
- Red skorts are available for girls
- Red fleecy tracksuit or microfiber tracksuit if needed
- Red school broad brimmed hat

**DO NOT** mix summer and winter uniform with the exception of the jumper and jacket (i.e. please no socks under the winter tunic). If your child is not in school uniform for any reason please see your class teacher.