



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
16th June 2016
TERM 2 WEEK 8

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
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 NAIDOC WEEK Girls Basketball North West Boys Softball PSSA	28 NAIDOC WEEK	29 NAIDOC WEEK	30 NAIDOC WEEK	1 NAIDOC WEEK
July School Holidays	Term 3 Recommences for students Tuesday 19th July				
1 July	18 Staff Development Day	19	20	21	22 Sports Carnival



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A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Gunnedah South Primary Choir

Our primary choir continue to work hard to put their best foot forward and proudly represent our school in various competitions. Recently they competed in the Gunnedah Eisteddfod achieving third place in a very tough field of entrants. This week they have been busy practising 2 items for the Tamworth Eisteddfod being held next week. All the students involved have continuously demonstrated a dedicated and motivated attitude towards supporting our choir, often giving up their own free time to attend rehearsals and maximise the standard of their performances. The group have been supported by a skilled and equally dedicated bunch of teachers including Mr Jamie Brown, Mrs Vicki Merlehan and Mrs Rachel Passfield. Thank you teachers for all that you do for our choir. Through your efforts our school is able to provide students with opportunities to do something they enjoy and shine. We wish you all luck as you travel to Tamworth next week!



Thanks to Tim Duffy Optometrists and team

I mentioned in my Principal's Comment last week how lucky our Year 1 students are to be given the opportunity to have their vision screened by a team of professionals, right here at school and all for no cost to parents. Tim Duffy and his colleagues have taken it upon themselves to step out of their office for a whole day, turn back paying customers and to come to our school to provide assistance to families of Gunnedah South. They eagerly set up their equipment in our PLP room and treated each and everyone of our students with kindness - for many of our little cherubs it was their first time having their eyes checked. They completed their planned screening Tuesday with most Year 1 students taking up the fantastic opportunity to have their eye sight tested. Thursday will see them return to offer this service to students in Year 2 and 3.

Once again, thank you to Tim Duffy Optometrists for caring for our students.

Farm Success

When you are driving past our school along Bridge Street, you may have already noticed a few extra little furry heads getting around in our School Sunnyside Farm. We have had 3 lambs were donated by Graham Torrens from his "Braeside Farm" - Scoot, Odie and Ned and then we have a calf called Wander donated by Mrs Sharon Tydd.

Morning, recess and afternoon 5 days a week you will also see our keen group of farm helpers completing all of their duties. Today I spoke with each of them about their favourite part of being a farm helper.

Leisel Torrens - I enjoy caring for the animals, patting them and playing with them. The lambs and Wander chase us. I also like watching them sleep.

Beccy Wilson - My favourite things to do at the farm are feeding the animals, collecting the eggs and taking the animals for walks.

Pheobe Bridge - I think being a farm helper is a great responsibility and we get to do something to help the school. I like seeing the little kids interact with the animals. The kindy's in particular love the farm.

Annie Walsh - I enjoy getting dirty but mum complains about my shoes. I really enjoy spending time with the girls you hang out with up there.

Brooke Rennick - I'm not really fond of the chooks, but I like letting the other animals out and seeing them enjoy the grass. I like how they call out when you are going up there.

Mrs Craig—equipment, animals, food, shows them how to mix and prepare the food. Always keen to help and explain things. Maddie helps most mornings before preschool.

Yesterday during our lunch break I noticed our farm coordinator Mrs Jess Craig working hard cleaning the animals pens. Mrs Craig has many duties that she completes to provide our students with a clean and well managed farm. From organising equipment, animals, food, through to mentoring helpers and showing them how to mix and prepare the food. Even Mrs Craig's daughter, Maddie, gets in and helps attend to the animals most mornings before preschool.

We are very lucky to have teachers and students in our school that take on extra responsibilities to help make projects like our school farm run smoothly. Great job everyone and thank you to Mr Torrens and Mrs Tydd for your generosity.



A few words from our Principal continued...



Learning Support Team

Meeting students' special learning needs has long been something South School teachers pride themselves in. Even though we have quite a large student population, it is through the work of support staff like Mrs Sheridan Bradley and Mrs Therese Bunce that allow us to pay close attention to the needs of individual students. What a fantastic team these two are making, heading up our Learning Support Team and making the work of teachers much easier. The areas of support that this team are responsible for ranges from applying for funding to further support particular students, making resources for teachers, cooperatively putting together Individual Learning Plans, supporting the transition of new students into our school, collecting data to do with student learning and much much more. It is obvious to us all that they love their work and enjoy offering teachers and students someone to lean on in times of need. We have all noticed what a fabulous job you are both doing ladies. Thank you for your hard work that makes a difference in our school everyday.



Mrs Bradley

Mrs Bunce

Kitchen Treats

I just wanted to thank all of the students who think of me during their cooking class and spoil me to a taste of some of their yummy treats. I have enjoyed every single meal I have been provided and also love hearing about how much our students are learning in our kitchen. Our students continue to be provided with wonderful opportunities in our kitchen by our specialist teachers Mrs Tracey Keeler and Ms Noeline Stanger. This week fried rice was a big hit on the menu. The students learn amazing new skills and get to experience working together as a team. I would expect that all of our students use these new techniques at home and cook their hard working parents a tasty meal making sure they follow with completely cleaning the dishes and kitchen as they do at school.



State Soccer Girls

It gives me great pleasure to share with you all some very exciting news about four of our students. Mackenzie Leader, Emmy Barr, Claire McGuirk and Paris Thomson have been through a very competitive selection process and have been successful in earning a place on the State North West Soccer Team. They had to go through a tough selection process which took place here in Gunnedah and then at Armidale. They have attended training sessions at Armidale and Tamworth before travelling to Albury NSW where they played against other competitive teams from Sydney North, South Coast, Sydney East, CIS and Western Divisions. The girls represented themselves and their region extremely well, playing with resilience and team spirit after being kept scoreless until their last game. A highlight for the girls was getting the opportunity to meet two players from the Matilda's Olympic Team. What a huge achievement girls. You have made your school and your families very proud of you and your conduct. Best wishes as you continue on your exciting journey.



NORTH WEST

Back Row: Jorja WILSON, Whitney ELLERY, Joscica MATAPAKIA, Brooke McKINNON, Mya WILSON, Mackenzie LEADER, Abbey BOWDEN, Paris THOMPSON
Front Row: Maddy MORAN, Megan JOHNSON, Claire McQUIRK, Emmy BARR, Lily PARSONS

Manager: Leonie MacGREGOR
Photography: www.lightbox.net.au





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.

Please return it to Mrs Michelsen in the Library.



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.

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Contact Anne Yates, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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anne.yates@benevolent.org.au

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Merit Certificates

KH	Harley Eveleigh, Jorja Tresize, Jessie Harris
KM	Maddison Thomson, Edward Waerea, Chareti Swain
KR	Jake Fisher, Asher Treiger, Nate Jaeger YCDI Ribbons Liam Snelson, Chelsea Cochrane
KS	Imogen Jolliffe, Lukas Sharp, Ella Pringle
1C	Elsa Sparks, Owen Casey, Byron Eveleigh YCDI Mia Swain
1H	Ruby Friend, Charlie O'Hearn, Cobi Jeffrey
1M	Gavin Sams, Lachie Ellison, Jordi Jeffrey
1Z	Lachlan Chaffey, Rubee Bendall, Elliot Burden, Lilly Harris
1/2R	Amarni Louis, Andrew McMaster, Sophie Gardner
2J	Julian Heath, Drew Elsley, Zanae Burwood
2M	Kailee Gallagher, Rochelle Costello, Tyrone Winsor
2S	Jorja Baker, Mial Ball, Hannah Bealsey, Jack Bridge, Shaniqua Briggs, Mikayla Ferguson, Maya Gray, Kassidy Hunt, Kodiee Luke, Max Mainey, Cruze Moore-Duff, Keith Morris, Lachlan Percy, Ashley Riley, Harry Ryman, Hayden Sawyer, Demi Smith, Lauchlan Southwell, Lane Torrens, Heidi Tul, Keaton Walters, Amber Welsh
2W	Claire Robinson, Deekirah Rowlands, Jayla Suey
3J	Jake Atkins, Cooper McLaughlin, Savannah Eather, Tom Mainey, Jacob Tindal, Jatla Battis
3S	Finnegan Leader, Thomas Garner, Joshua Casey
3W	Charlie Bridge, Jessica Ferguson, Tiah Small, Aly Pennicuik, Aiden Russel, Max Jewiss
3/4M	Noah Wortley, Archie Strak, Micah Barton, Kailey Meredith, Flyn Harrison, Grace Honeysett, Sienna Mackay, Micha Barton, Alex Cobb, Adam Fermor, Jessie Giles, Grace Honeysett, Owen Shoesmith, Sienna Mackay, Zarah Wise, William Hicks
4M	Alecia Coker, Clabe Dorrington, Sophie Mainey, Madison MacDonald, Amy Sams, Zara Bartlett

Merit Certificates

Silver

KR: Logan Anderson; Arabella Holmes; Rocky Wild; Lachlan Young.

KS: Imagon-Hope Jolliffe; Addison Laws; Bella Southwell.

KM: Liana Burwood; Scarlett Donoghue; Clancy Heath; Olivia Welsh.

1C: Lucas McKeowen

1H: Liette Tindall

1R: Lanah Vaughan

2J: Rochelle Costello; Aleisha Doolan.

2W: Claire Dowe; Jorja Eschbach; Steven Hopwood; Deekirah Rowlands;
Rebecca Sams; Sybella Simson; Kirra Talbot; Harry Thomson.

5T: Telia Bilsborough; Taleiah Donnelly; Matilda Snow; Laurel Thomas; Jaxson Welsh

Gold

2W: Jorja Eschbach; Kirra Talbot; Harry Thomson.

5T: Laurel Thomas

4P	Sasha Twidale, Harry Capper, Charlee Battis, Jamieleigh Dean, Olivia Heath
5D	Charlie Beasley, Jydan Davies, Ava Coleman, Alyssa Frey, Indella Bryers, Zoe McAlpine, Kye Ruttley, Olivia Heath
5M	Ben Neale, Callie Fordham, Josie Gallagher
5T	Wesley Dundas, Lewis Donaldson, Sarah Mckenzie
5/6S	Tom Sheedy, Nayte Vernon, Peter Marquett
6D	Chance Moore-Duff, Taylor McDonald, Beccy Wilson
6P	Taylor Stewart, Hannah Raynor, Jack Power, Kiarra Squires

NAIDOC Week

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NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Monday 27th June

9:00am Flag raising followed by
assembly in school hall

Wednesday 29th June

K-6 Out of uniform day – wear red,
black and yellow

4:00pm – 5:30pm Infants DISCO

5:30pm – 7:00pm Primary DISCO

Visit from local Aboriginal artist
running workshops with classes K-6
throughout the week.

All classes will be cooking curry and
damper in the Kitchen weeks 9 &
10.



Songlines:

The living narrative
of our nation

SUPA CLUB

Scripture Union Primary Age

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.

MATHLETICS

Week 7

Top Points Scorers

Overall

Kaihan Anwari	26,550
Lewis Donaldson	23,400
Harry Bartlett	20,680

Live Mathletics

Kaihan Anwari	8,624
Owen Robinson	8,419
Lewis Donaldson	6,117



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

NAIDOC Week Disco



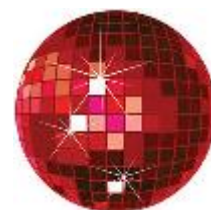
Gunnedah South Public School Hall
Wednesday 29th June, 2016

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.
Drop off and pick up at Western gate





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

Get the Mathletics
ADVANTAGE

We look forward to welcoming as many faces as possible

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

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

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

How parents can use our Skoolbag App to explain student absences

1. First you need to download the Skoolbag App to your smartphone or computer

For Parents

If you are a Parent and your school has Skoolbag, you can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:



You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:



1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

2. Open the App and click on 'eForms'



3. Select Absentee Forms



4. Complete all the details making sure to add a detailed reason for the student absence.

5. Use your finger to trace your signature and please submit.

