



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**23rd June 2016**  
**TERM 2 WEEK 9**

## Special points of interest:

- Term 3 Recommences  
Students 19th July
- Term 3 Week 2 School  
Photos 25th-29th July
- Term 3 Week 3-6 Life Edu  
Van
- Term 3 Week 6 Sports  
Photos 26th August

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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
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	<b>Term 3 Recommences for students Tuesday 19th July</b>				
1 July	18 Staff Development Day	19	20	21	22
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# A few words from our Principal...

## Dear Parents and Carers,



### Gonski

Gunnedah South is well known as being the 'red school' in town, but on Wednesday, in order to acknowledge something that has had a positive effect on our school, we turned green. Staff joined together to show their support of Gonski Week with a large number dressing in green and joining together to enjoy a green morning tea. We encourage parents to take a close look at the displays in our office this week as they show where previous Gonski funding has been spent in our school.

Thank you to Mrs Rosemary Thomson, our Teachers Federation Representative, who has helped organise our school to show support for this vital funding.



### NAIDOC Week

Next week, Gunnedah South will celebrate NAIDOC week and the importance of Aboriginal Education in schools. Mrs Meleah Walters and our hardworking Aboriginal Education Team have planned an exciting agenda of activities to help celebrate Aboriginal culture and education. Monday we will officially open the week of celebrations with a flag raising ceremony and special whole school assembly. The staff have elected a number of students to receive recognition for their fair and friendly treatment of all other students and hard work in the classroom. These students will be presented with Racial Harmony awards during the assembly. I would like to encourage students to attend our school disco being organised for Wednesday evening with Infants students dancing away at 4 to 5.30p.m. and Primary students from 5.30 to 7p.m.

Mrs Walters has a passion for Aboriginal Education and is keen to see our school build on their current practises and engage further with our local Aboriginal community and culture. Mrs Walters, with the help of the Aboriginal Education Team, has recently run staff workshops looking at ways teachers can further embed Aboriginal perspectives in classroom learning. She has also helped improve our PLP booklets, streamlining the information given to parents and increasing student input into the discussions.

Mrs Walters does all this as well as teaching her class and all when she is in her third trimester of pregnancy. She is an inspiration, a great support to our students and a wonderful educator. Thank you Mrs Walters.



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



### **Titanium Lunches**

I have been very lucky this week to have the opportunity to take groups of students out for their Titanium lunch. This is a reward built into our merit system; when students earn themselves a Titanium Award they are treated to a special lunch with the Principal. These lunches have been very enjoyable for me as I get the opportunity to chat with our students about what matters most to them about our school. I always feel so incredibly proud to be Principal of South School as these students conduct themselves very well and display impeccable manners. Names of students achieving at this level are published further in our newsletter. Congratulations for their hard work and achievements!

### **Gunnedah South Primary Choir**

Monday this week saw our Primary Choir compete in the Tamworth Eisteddfod, this was the first time Gunnedah South entered this Eisteddfod. 74 students, accompanied by Ms Noeline Stanger, Mrs Vicki Merlehan, Mrs Rachel Passfield and Mr Jamie Brown showed their talents against 11 other very competitive choirs. To our absolute delight, our choir, who have worked extremely hard to prepare for this event, were rewarded with forth place and highly commended. Tamworth South School Choirs were successful in gaining first and second place with third place being awarded to Carinya School Choir. Not only did this group demonstrate what good performers they were, but also showed their ability to be a good audience. With the rain and the large number of entries, the students were not given an opportunity to get some fresh air and stretch their legs and it didn't phase them one bit. After a long period of time sitting in the one spot watching the different entries, our students were still attentive, quiet and respectful to all those performing. Congratulations to our students making up our successful choir, we are very proud of the fine manner in which you represent yourselves and our school. Thank you also to the teaching staff supporting our choir who have worked hard to provide them with the best preparation possible. Look out Tamworth Eisteddfod next year!

### **21st Century Furniture**

Early next term 1M, 3W, 4P, 4M and 5D are going to be treated to some new exciting classroom furniture with a difference. These teachers have been keen to explore the endless possibilities of these new tables and chairs that will allow them to better cater for the different learning styles of their students. This style of furniture is designed to be moved around and used in different formations. It focuses on providing opportunities for students to learn using the 21st century teaching and learning 4 C's ~ collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and communication. Our students will be able to move their classroom furniture to best suit the learning activity being completed. We look forward to seeing how this trial goes and see how it impacts on students' learning. Stay tuned for photos next term.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Our K-6 Athletics Carnival is planned to take place Friday of Week 2 (29th July 2016) at Gunnedah High School. As always we rely heavily on parent volunteers to help run the events. If you are interested, please contact the school. We hope to see lots of parents at the High School, encouraging our students to have fun and try their best.



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

### **1M's Minecraft Official Opening Ceremony**

I had the wonderful opportunity of attending the official opening ceremony of 1M's Minecraft shelter this week. This exciting construction could not have been possible without the creative backing of 1M's teacher, Mrs Kath Day McGuirk. She has inspired her students to take hold of this challenge, work through the planning process and eliminate any possible problems and make their dream of having their own real life minecraft shelter become a reality. It was wonderful to witness the pride students displayed for their accomplishment during the ceremony and I am looking forward to seeing what they turn their sights to next.



### **Semester 1 Reports**

Next Monday, 27th June, parents will be shown just how hard our teachers and students have worked during the first half of the year as they receive their child's Semester 1 reports. I am very proud and appreciative of the teaching staff here at South who have put in a tremendous amount of time in providing parents with comprehensive and professional descriptions of student progress and achievement. Many hours have been spent with teachers working collaboratively to plan quality assessment tasks and review students results during grade planning days. Assessment results have been examined across stages so that teachers could consistently grade students marks and plan for future learning opportunities. I'm sure parents and students will find the reports to be very useful documents as they detail where successes have been had and where further development needs to be focused. We encourage parents to request a meeting with teachers if they require more information regarding the reports.

**Warm Regards**

**Emma Jeffery**

**Principal**



## SCHOOL NEWS...



## 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.

**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.



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# Merit Certificates

<b>KH</b>	Mea Woolaston, Sam Dorrington, Dakota Turner
<b>KM</b>	Byron Joliffe, Dylan Emmerson, Josh Jones
<b>KR</b>	Jye Dundas, Will Hunter, Jason Duff
<b>KS</b>	Sam Dew, Hamish Henderson, Alex Smith
<b>1C</b>	Erin Mitchell, Sunny Wicks, Ruby Beasley <b>YCDI</b> Alyssa Twidale
<b>1H</b>	Lucas Blair, Mia Swain, Sidney Cooper
<b>1M</b>	Sara Pike, Ryan Bazjath, Jett Varcoe, Ryder Hatch
<b>1Z</b>	Maxie White, Oliver Perrett
<b>2J</b>	Bella Eveleigh, Darcy Mills, Hollie Johnston <b>YCDI:</b> Dom Winsor, Tyler Scott
<b>2M</b>	Laura Demmery, Landon Mortimer, Corine Wise
<b>2S</b>	Kodiee Luke, Max Mainey, Keaton Walters, Shaniqua Briggs, Lachlan Percy, Heidi Tull
<b>2W</b>	Macey Carlyon, Cooper Dowsett, Cai Garrett
<b>3J</b>	Daniela Kelly, Charleigh McArthur, Timmy Marshall Thorning
<b>3S</b>	Taylah McAllan, Katie Eveleigh, Daisy Sheedy
<b>3W</b>	Colter Swain, Isla Wise, Bronte Snow
<b>3/4M</b>	Noah Wortley, Archie Stark, Harry Bartlett, Chloe Esley, Cooper Williams, Patrick Turner, Aiden Wise
<b>4M</b>	Nate Harris, Nate Morley, Claire Barnes
<b>4P</b>	Charlie Beasley, Zoe McAlpine, Cooper Mathers, Sophie Bush
<b>5D</b>	JayIn Muggleton, Brittney Smith, Toby Bartlett
<b>5M</b>	Byron Jeffery, Chole Dorrington, Olivia Guest
<b>5T</b>	Chicane Amaral, Angel Phillips, Toby Randall
<b>5/6S</b>	Kade Garrett, Ema McCulloch, Paris Thompson, Lucy Robertson, Archie Warea
<b>6P</b>	Charley Atkins, Joel Walker, Shania Mitchell



# Girls Soccer



On Thursday 16th June, the Gunnedah South Soccer Girls played against Boggabri Primary School. The girls won 8-0 and all played well. Our next game will be played against Tamworth Public, more details to follow shortly

**Goal scorers:** Emmy Barr (2), Isabelle Moore (2), Laiken Boal (1), Aleah Riley (1), Charley Atkins (1) and Claire McGurik (1).

Training will continue each Thursday lunchtime :) Don't forget to bring your equipment.



# NAIDOC Week

## Gunnedah South Public School

### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 8 Top Points Scorers

#### Overall

Kaihan Anwari	26,550
Lewis Donaldson	25,480
Harry Bartlett	23,730

#### Live Mathletics

Lewis Donaldson	9,519
Kaihan Anwari	8,624
Owen Robinson	8,419



**Reminder:** There is a Mathletics Information Evening on Tuesday 28th June in the school library. All parents/caregivers are invited to attend. There will be two sessions running:

*Session One: 2.30pm Session Two: 5.30pm*

# NAIDOC Week Disco



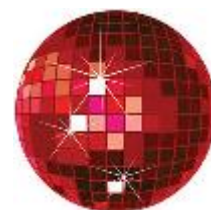
Gunnedah South Public School Hall  
Wednesday 29th June, 2016

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





On Friday 17th June, 29 Students attended the Area Cross Country in Coolah. Despite the freezing weather conditions, all children ran well and gave it their best. Well done to all children who made it this far, it is an awesome achievement.

The following children made the top 6 and will be attending the State Cross Country at the end of July:

**8/9 year old boys:**

- 1st: Finn Leader
- 4th: Jake Atkins
- 8th: Chad Fisher (2nd reserve)

**12/13 year old boys**

- 4th: Kurt Fisher

**8/9 year old girls:**

- 6th: Isabella Sawyer
- 7th: Stella Robertson (1st reserve)

**12/13 year old girls**

- 3rd: Mackenzie Leader





# Gunnedah Eisteddfod 2016



Congratulations to all of our wonderful performers from Gunnedah South PS.





<p>5D <i>Highly Commended</i> Primary Musical Theme Section</p>	<p><b>Infants Choir</b> <i>Second Place</i></p>	<p>KINDERGARTEN <i>THIRD PLACE</i> MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT</p>	<p>2W &amp; 2R First Place Musical Theme Section</p>
<p>YEAR 4 <i>FIRST PLACE</i> CHORAL SPEECH</p>	<p>3S &amp; 3J <i>Second Place</i> Musial Entertainment</p>	<p>5M <i>First Place</i> <b>Speech and Drama (Play)</b></p>	<p>Primary Choir <i>Third Place</i></p>
<p>1Z &amp; 1C <i>Highly Commended</i> Choral Speech</p>	<p>1H, 1R &amp; 1M <i>First Place</i> Choral Speech</p>	<p><b>Year 6</b> <i>Second Place</i> <b>Musical Entertainment</b></p>	<p>5/6 5 <i>Second Place</i> Speech and Drama (Play)</p>



# Gunnedah Eisteddfod



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.





3S have been studying the works of Henri Matisse.  
We produced some of our own artworks inspired by his art.

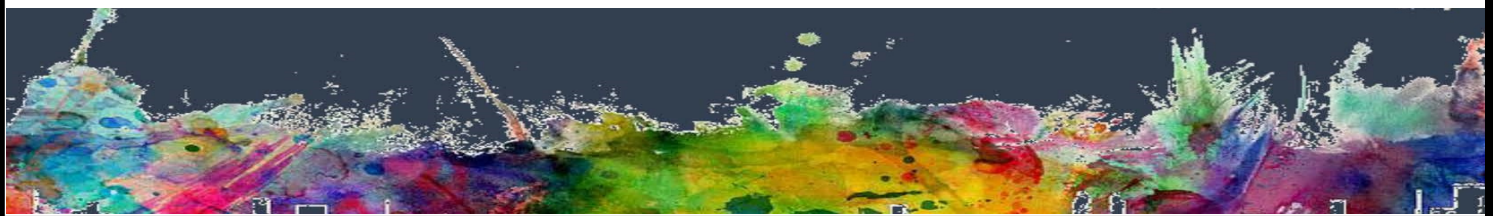


## GUNNEDAH SOUTH BALL

- ♦ The band this year is Splashpool. The feedback last year told us they were amazing so get your dancing shoes ready!!!
- ♦ Start your night at the ball with a cocktail ladies, we are currently running a poll on our Facebook page to see which one will be available on the night.

<http://poll.fbapp.io/what-the-best-cocktail-starter-for-winter-ball>

- ♦ Another change this year will be our fantastic pop up dining. The Verdict is doing 4 different food van's to feed our ball goers including yummy Nachos, tasty Arancini balls, super pork sliders and delicious chicken noodle boxes. You can order these online or purchase on the night, book early to make sure you get your favourite. Of course if you would like to bring your own gourmet picnic treats that is fantastic too.







*Gunnedah South*

# WINTER BALL

29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 @ 7:00pm till midnight

*Gunnedah Town Hall*

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Pre Purchase Food Tickets Online

Pre Purchase Drink Tickets at School Office

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# Gunnedah South Public School's

## Athletics Carnival K-6

Where— Gunnedah High School oval

When— Friday 29th July (week 2, Term 3)

Our school canteen will be operating on the day. Sausage and steak sandwiches, poppers and bottles of water will be available for purchase.

More information will follow closer to the date.

