



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**30th June 2016**  
**TERM 2 WEEK 10**

## 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
July School Holidays	<b>Term 3 Recommences for students Tuesday 19th July</b>				
1 July	18 Staff Development Day	19 Students Return	20	21	22
2 July	25 School Photos	26 School Photos PSSA Netball Albury PSSA Boys Touch Tamworth	27 School Photos PSSA Netball Albury PSSA Boys Touch Tamworth	28 School Photos PSSA Netball Albury PSSA Boys Touch Tamworth	29 Sports Carnival
3 July	1 <u>Life Edu Van</u>	2 <u>Life Edu Van</u>	3 <u>Life Edu Van</u>	4 <u>Life Edu Van</u>	5 <u>Life Edu Van</u> Zone Athletics Carnival



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

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**



Principal's Comment Week 10

**NAIDOC Week celebrations**

Last week the staff were dressed in green for Gonski, this week red, black and yellow were proudly displayed by both students and staff. This annual special event has been a hive of activity for our students.

NAIDOC week is a special time in the life of the Department of Education and our Nation. It is an important celebration that acknowledges honours and pays homage to this nation's rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and heritage. It is a time that we can reflect on the achievements of our Aboriginal friends and colleagues and explore ways we can work together to help build a better future.

The theme for 2016 ~ Song lines~ Living the narrative to our nation.

Gunnedah South is proud of the achievements of our 156 Aboriginal students, who are achieving in all areas from academic, social, creative arts, and sporting.

The week commenced with our special whole school assembly, where Mrs Helen Lickorish performed a welcome to country in traditional Kamilaraay language which was translated into English by her granddaughter Emmy Barr. This was a proud moment for a grandmother to stand on stage along side her granddaughter sharing this special event.

The assembly was again another showcase of the rich talents of our students, the polished voices of our choir, class vibrant performances, art works and an animated story all providing the backdrop to celebrate the rich history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Each year 14 well deserving students are selected to receive our Racial Harmony awards ~ these students don't see race as a barrier, but rather appreciate, accept and respect one another. They are role models for our school and the wider community and certainly are a pleasure to have in our school.

Another special award announced during the assembly was the Ethan Stevens memorial award and we were very fortunate to have Ethan's mum Ms Chrissie Dorrington personally present the award. The recipient of this award is a student who has continued to make strong achievements in many fields across the school. Congratulations Emmy Barr. Emmy has represented the school in soccer, cricket, cross country, league tag, touch, softball, swimming, netball and cheerleading. She is also a valued member of the school leadership team.

During Wednesday Miss Small brought a team of enthusiastic high school students who supported our Infants students with



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



Indigenous games during sport. There was loads of fun and laughter which could be heard across the ovals. The students rotated through games which kept the heart rate certainly high as well as the enjoyment. We hope to offer these types of programs with the two schools working together on a more regular basis. Thank you Miss Small.

The smells of hot curry flowed through the school this week as our students have mastered the art of curry making in our cooking classes. These delicious hot meals have been gobbled up and a welcomed lunch with our frosty weather.



Local Aboriginal artist, Jack Conlon has spent the week sharing his love, skill and talent of Aboriginal art with all our students. All 620 students!!! These workshops have allowed students to hear traditional stories and learn the symbols used in Aboriginal art to tell stories. It was a privilege for me to watch classes so engaged in the lessons and Jack's natural warm approach to students had them listening intently. Jack's art work is certainly something to behold and the intricate detail amazing. Tamworth South and GS Kidd schools are fortunate to have Jack's artwork permanently on display adding a rich connection to our local people. Thank you Jack, please come back!



Over 300 students braved the cold conditions on Wednesday night to enjoy the NAIDOC week disco. It may be the end of a very busy term, however the students showed no signs of being tired or slowing down. They danced away on the dance floor showcasing some very original moves, working their way to a yummy sausage sandwich. A big thank

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



you to our teachers, who at the end of a busy term, stayed back at school organising the disco, cooking the BBQ to provide this opportunity of celebration to our students.

As we end this week of NAIDOC celebrations, I must take the opportunity to specially thank a special lady, Mrs Meleah Walters who has been instrumental in coordinating all events. Another special member of staff, Ms Leonie Chapman, our Aboriginal Education Officer has also helped ensure each event runs smoothly. These two ladies, who are passionate about Aboriginal Education are an asset to our school.

### **South Ball**

Don't forget to book online your tickets to our annual Ball. This event with ball gowns and bling is a must event in Gunnedah. This will be the major fundraiser for our P&C this year, and all funds raised go directly to supporting programs which benefit all students. Sorry boys and girls, this event is a night out for mums and dad, who deserve a little dancing and merriment.

### **Girls Soccer ~ unbeaten!**

Resilience, persistence, and getting along have been mastered by our girls soccer team. They have been training very hard during lunch times with their determined coach, Mrs Nicola Michelsen. Wednesday was a close match against Tamworth Public, a very strong side, however our girls played a fantastic game maintaining their focus and drive throughout the match. The girls played as a cohesive team and secured a 2-1 win. The next game will be played early next term. Well done girls!

### **LEAP ~ Leading Educators Around the Planet**

This year I have been very fortunate to be selected to participate in an exciting project ~LEAP.

The NSW-based Leading Educators Around the Planet (LEAP) program provides NSW educational leaders with the opportunity to connect with international colleagues and systems for the purpose of improving the teaching and learning at the school base. The program offers NSW DoE school leaders (School Directors and Principals ) access to current international school-based (and research-based) best practice in a first-hand, collaborative and shared paradigm. This year there are 33 Directors and principals who have been matched to Canadian colleagues and we will be making our way to Ontario, Canada during the Term 3 school holidays. My Canadian colleague, Mrs Marguerite Campbell will be spending the first 2 weeks of next term here at Gunnedah South witnessing first hand the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students. Mrs Campbell is the Principal at Morse Street Public School in Toronto, Canada. This program provides participants with the opportunity to be at the cutting edge of international trends in education; to observe best practice in schools; to have an international critical friend; to engage in reflection and analysis of current practice; and to have exposure to leading international educationalists.

### **Happy Holidays**

To all our students, staff and families please enjoy a well earned break to recharge the batteries.

Warmest Regards

Emma

Principal

# GONSKI





# SCHOOL NEWS...



## Deposit Blitz

Congratulations winner of the Dollarmites Prize Pack!

Harry Thomson

## 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.



### Week 9

### Top Points Scorers

#### Overall

Harry Bartlett	31,730
Kaihan Anwari	30,650
Lewis Donaldson	26,690



#### Live Mathletics

Lewis Donaldson	16,874
Owen Robinson	11,486
Kaihan Anwari	8,798

Thank-you to all those parents/caregivers that attended the parents information evening on Tuesday.

# Merit Certificates

<b>KH</b>	Abigail Sutcliffe, Aiden Flannery, Nash Carlyon
<b>KM</b>	Jaxon Hatch, Jacinta Ibrahim, Blake Garratley
<b>KR</b>	Marnee Walters, Lilah Tindall, Morgan White
<b>KS</b>	Shanelle Ryan, Kiarhne Ruttley, Cooper Hicks
<b>1C</b>	Ayrton Neale, Kendra Rowlands, Lucas McKeowen, <b>YCDI</b> Jack Borthistle
<b>1H</b>	Leila Harris, Jayden Woodhouse, Gabriella Pease, Caitlyn O'Hara, Taidan Collins
<b>1M</b>	Annabella Stephens, Chyanne Squires, Taylah Miller, Tyler Howes
<b>1Z</b>	Sophie Weston, Ryder Russell, Ivy Fouracre
<b>1/2R</b>	Tyler Hobden, Aisha Anwari, Annaliese Maguire, Joseph Ruttley
<b>2J</b>	Liam Duff, Rhianna McAlpine, Ella Hancox
<b>2M</b>	Eli Talbott, Damien Preston, Peter Thurbon, Angus Eather, Bridee Weekes
<b>2S</b>	Hayden Sawyer, Demi Smith, Lauchlan Southwell
<b>2W</b>	Cooper Dowsett, Macey Carlyon, Cai Garrett
<b>3J</b>	Jack Fouracre, Jayde Emmerson, Emily McKenzie
<b>3S</b>	Jack Ferguson, Cooper Blair, Kiarni Mallia, Freya Conn
<b>3/4M</b>	Shakita-Lee Small, Jesse Gile, Sophie Baker, Flyn Harrison, Alex Cobb, Noah Eason-Wortley
<b>4M</b>	Dylan Anderson, Malakai Briggs, Tahlia Newman, Kalan Southwell
<b>4P</b>	Alyssa Frey, Owen Robinson, Jay Hancox, Blake Torrens
<b>5D</b>	Bridget Donnelly, Makayla Stahl, Thomas Donaldson, Zoe Morgan
<b>5M</b>	Byron Jeffrey, Lilly Street, Jinaya Taylor
<b>5T</b>	Luke Lumsden, Charlotte Bedggood, Josh Oliver, Mia May Carroll
<b>5/6S</b>	Charlie Garner, Ashton Self, Declan Dean– Djuve, Clarease Chapman, Ryan Carr, Callum Simson
<b>6D</b>	Aleah Riley
<b>6P</b>	Rory Thomas, Phoebe Bridge, Myah Irwin

# Year 6 Hang Out

The Year 6 Hang Out is in full swing! Year 6 students have been using this area sensibly to play games such as air hockey, table tennis, and more recently, pool.

They are enjoying this privilege and taking advantage of the chance to do something a bit different during break times.



On Tuesday 29th June, our GSPS netball team played against the teachers. The students put up a good fight and played extremely well, only going down by two goals.

We wish the girls and Mrs Thompson all the very best for their first knockout game this Thursday.





# On The Court



## SOUTH SCHOOL WINS NORTH WEST TENNIS



Once again our tennis players have stamped themselves as some of the best in the state after a convincing 6 sets to 2 win over Moree Public. A lead of 3—1 after the singles quickly blew out with South winning 3 of the 4 doubles sets to clinch the match. Played in cold and miserable conditions, it was a good test for the team to travel away from home and come away with the win. Player of the match honours were shared between Issy Moore and Chloe Dorrington, who only dropped 7 games between them.



## North West Champs

Well done to the Tennis Team. They are now North West Champions. Their next challenge is to take on the mighty North Coast Champions next term. This is a state quarter final, the winner advances through to the Finals in Sydney.



# PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

## YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (2016) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2017/18 are invited to attend an information evening to share our vision for the future.

This evening is for Year 6 students who have accepted a position in the 2017 Year 7 class and also Year 5 students interested in sitting the examination to gain a placement in the 2018 Selective Class.

Peel High School is the only co-educational school within a 100 km radius of Tamworth to be part of the state Selective School's Network.

The evening will include a tour of the school facilities, information about class size and structure, curriculum, scholarships and you will also learn about the unique opportunities available to the selective class. There will also be the opportunity to get to know the other students who have accepted a placement in the 2017 class.

**We look forward to seeing you! 6pm Thursday, 21 July 2016**



For further information please contact Kristen Miller on 6765 7088 or email Kristen on [kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au)

# School Photos - Gunnedah South - 2016

Monday 25th July, 2016

Class & Individuals	Class
8:45am Whole group followed by individuals for everyone in the hall.	STAFF
9.00am	Assembly
9.15am Captains, Vice Caps	
9.30am (69)	Year 6
9.50am (26)	6P
10.10am (27)	6D
10.30am (26)	5/6S
10.50am (26)	5T
11.10am (26)	5M
11.30am (26)	5D
11.50am (22)	2W
12.10pm (22)	2S
12.20pm (22)	2M
LUNCH	
1.00pm	Siblings

Tuesday 26th July, 2016

Class & Individuals	Class
8.30am	Siblings
9.00am	Assembly
9.05am (21)	KH
9.30am (23)	KM
9.55am (22)	KR
10.15am (22)	KS
10.35am (20)	1C
10.55am (21)	1H
11.15am (19)	1M
11.35am (17)	1Z
11.55am (23)	1/2R
12.15pm (19)	2J
12.35pm (23)	SRC
LUNCH	
1.00pm	Siblings

Wednesday 27th July, 2016

Class & Individuals	Class
8.30am	Siblings
9.00am	Assembly
9.10am (31)	4P
9.30am (30)	4M
9.55am (29)	3/4M
10.15am (29)	3J
10.35am (29)	3S
10.55am (29)	3W
11.15am Catchup on any students who were absent from previous days.	Absents

## CLASS PHOTO

Please bring your class down to outside the hall (same as last year) with your students in ROUGHLY Order of height. **Jumpers OFF**, shirts to be tucked in, **top buttons done up please**, ties done up all the way to the top.

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTO

Again, all individual photos will be done straight after the class photo – every child is photographed. After your class photo please go to Lisa in front of the hall. Lisa will then put your class into first name order. Please make sure **all hair is neat and tidy and faces are clean, shirts tucked in etc.** We work from the order envelopes - those ordering montage packages will be directly by Gayle out the back door or the hall to Elizabeth for the rest of their photos.

Team/Group/Rep photos will be taken later in the year – FRIDAY, 26th August, 2016

**Photos will be taken during recess,**  
**please advise your staff and**  
**students.**

**Please ask everyone to come dressed**  
**and ready for photos each day.**

**Siblings will be starting abt 1pm on**  
**Monday & Tuesday. Those students**  
**having sibling photos, please ask**  
**them come to the hall... with their**  
**brothers/sisters.**



# Gunnedah South Public School

Winder Place

Gunnedah NSW, 2380

Phone: 02 6742 1899 Fax: 02 67424217



14.6.16

## New Attendance Procedures

### Information for Parents

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our school is currently undergoing some changes to our Attendance Procedures in response to updates in the Department of Education's Attendance Policy.

Some changes that will affect parents are as follows:

### Explaining an absence



- Parents/caregivers are now legally required to give the school an explanation of a student absence within **7 days**. Parents can still do this via phone call, text, email or our Skoolbag App (also Class Dojo would be an acceptable way of explaining an absence if the class use it).

#### Section 4 of the DEC Attendance Policy

#### 4.1.2

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

- If a student arrives back to school after an absence and parents have not sent or phoned with an explanation, then classroom teachers will be required by the Department to start trying to contact parents by phone or email before 2 days pass.
- If these attempts are unsuccessful then teachers will be required to mail home Absentee Letter 1

 **Gunnedah South Public School** 

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**Absentee Notice 1 – Compulsory School Attendance**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational, social and psychological potential, and maximise their career and life options.

Our records indicate that your child was absent from school on the dates listed below and no explanation has been received. As a parent/caregiver, you are legally required to provide the school with a reason for student absence within 7 days of their returning. If an explanation is not given, the absence will be recorded as an Unexcused Absence.

We have tried to contact you by phone and have been unable to reach you.

You may assist us by completing the details below and returning to school as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the school on telephone to discuss your child's absence.

We do apologise if you have explained your child's absence during the time this letter was being sent to you.

If you have concerns that our records are incorrect please contact the school immediately.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Jeffery  
Principal  
Gunnedah South Public School

Please provide an explanation for the absence by returning this section or telephoning the school.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of absence \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for absence \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- An "Application for Extended Leave Form" is attached to the back of this information – we would like parents to keep it aside in readiness for the need to apply for student leave. We will regularly publish copies of this form in our school newsletter and it will also be available from classroom teachers and our office.

Please keep a look out for reminders and further feedback regarding changes to our Attendance Procedures in our school newsletter. Parents should not hesitate to contact the school if they have any further questions regarding student attendance.

Thank you for your assistance in achieving positive school attendance for all our students.

Kind regards,

Mrs Emma Jeffery

Principal

Gunnedah South Public School

## Applying for Extended Leave

- If parents are required to withdraw their child from school for any other matter other than being sick then they need to apply for 'Student Leave'.
- Parents should apply for leave if the student will be absent due to:
  - a family holiday
  - attending a funeral
  - attending an event
  - visiting distant family
  - attending a family appointment
  -

For 1-3 consecutive days of leave – parents are required to:

- If the student will be away for 1 to 3 days then the parent needs to write a note to their **child's classroom teacher** explaining the particular circumstances requiring them to withdraw the student from class. The teacher will then approve the leave if they are satisfied with the reason given.

4 or more consecutive days of leave – parents are required to:

- If the student will be absent from school for leave purposes for 4 or more days, then parents will need to complete an **"Application for Extended Leave Form"** and return to the school. These will be handed to the Principal who will approve the leave if they are satisfied with the reasons given. Teachers will then be handed the form to enter the Leave onto our roll marking system.

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL**

NOTE: (1) This form is to be completed for the student's leave and returned to their classroom teacher. Dependent applications are to be completed for each school if siblings do not attend the same school.

**PART A: STUDENT DETAILS**

Please complete table below with details of all students associated with the period of leave:

FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	DOB	AGE	GRADE	SEX

Student address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of extended leave applied for: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Number of school days: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leave: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant travel documentation such as a ticket or itinerary (in the case of non-EU countries) or other Australia entry must be attached to this application.

**DETAILS OF PRIOR EXEMPTIONS/EXTENDING LEAVE – TRAVEL (if applicable)**

Date of prior exemption/extended leave: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Number of school days: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Certificate of Exemption/Extended Leave Form attached (Please tick Yes/No): Yes/No

**TRAVEL DETAILS (if applicable)**

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent and applicant, I hereby apply for a Certificate of Extended Leave/Travel and understand my child will be granted a period of extended leave upon acceptance by the principal of the relevant school.

I understand that if the application is accepted:

- I am responsible for further supervision during the period of extended leave
- The provided period of extended leave is limited to the period indicated
- The provided period of extended leave is subject to the conditions listed on the Certificate of Extended Leave/Travel

The period of extended leave will extend beyond my child's absence from school.

I declare the information provided in this application to be the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. I recognise that should statements in this application now prove to be false or misleading, any decision made as a result of this application may be reviewed. Further acceptance that a false or misleading statement was made will result in the Application for Extended Leave/Travel being voided.

Signature of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL**

I accept the Application for Extended Leave/Travel (Please tick one box):

Yes/No

Please provide more detail (if requested):

Principal name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: Please complete this Certificate of Extended Leave/Travel if requested leave is to be provided.

- With our mail system taking up to 5 working days to deliver letters locally, it may occur that parents will receive an Absentee Letter 1 when they have already contacted the school. If this is the case, please disregard the letter.
- If this letter is not completed and returned to the school, or if 7 days passes since the student was away from school, then the absence(s) will automatically be recorded as 'Unjustified' by our online roll marking system – Sentral.
- Teachers will also be required to refer the unjustified absence to our Deputy Principal (DP) for review.
- Our DP will then attempt to contact the parents by phone or email.
- If attempts to contact parents are unsuccessful, then our DP will make our Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) aware of the unjustified absence.
- If a pattern of unexplained absences start to occur or if there are concerns for a student's attendance then the HSLO officer may be sent a referral to investigate the matter further. If this happens, parents will receive a letter from our DP making them aware of the process.



**Gunnedah South Public School**

White Plains  
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**Application to the Home School Liaison Program**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail Stop: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dear: \_\_\_\_\_

I refer to the attendance of **Student Name**, at Gunnedah South Public School.

At a recent school Learning and Support Team meeting, **Student Name's** pattern of attendance was reviewed and despite the school implementing a number of strategies, a pattern of poor attendance remains a concern.

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational best, and ensure their career and life options. Staff at Gunnedah South Public School remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child/children from full participation at school.

As a result of **Student Name's** unsatisfactory attendance I am required to make an Application to the Home School Liaison Program local manager for consideration of further action. An attendance officer may be allocated to work with you and the school to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

I would like to remind you that the Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure the children of compulsory school age attend school each day it is open for instruction. If parents fail to adequately engage in the Attendance Improvement Plan, or there is no improvement in **Student Name's** attendance during this time, the Department of Education and Communities may consider further action such as an application to the Children's Court for Compulsory Schooling Orders.

It is important that we work together to improve attendance at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Graham Green  
Deputy Principal

## Sick Leave

- If your child is sick and can not attend school, parents are required to make the school aware of the **particular circumstances** affecting the student. Parent explanations that simply state that the student was 'sick' will no longer be granted sick leave. Parents need to add more detail – for example, that the student has the flu, or the student has broken a bone, etc...
- The Principal is required by the Department to request a medical certificate if parents continuously do not explain the particular circumstances of the students requiring sick leave or if there are concerns for the students overall attendance.

## CERTIFICATE OF EXTENDED LEAVE - TRAVEL



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The student/s whose details appear below has been provided a period of extended leave from school for the purpose of travel.

Where an application is made by a parent with more than one child a separate copy of this *Certificate* should be placed in each student's file.

### STUDENT DETAILS

Please complete table below with details of all students associated with the period of travel:

FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	DOB	AGE	GRADE	SRN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ School's telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of extended leave: From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Reason for providing the period of extended leave:


Conditions applicable to providing the period of extended leave:


It has been explained to the parent of the above mentioned student/s that they are responsible for his/her supervision during the provided period of extended leave.

The parent understands that the period of extended leave is limited to the period indicated and acknowledges that the provided period of extended leave is subject to the conditions listed.


Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

This certificate has been issued without alteration and must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers.

I understand that if the application is accepted:

- I am responsible for his/her supervision during the period of extended leave
- The provided period of extended leave is limited to the period indicated
- The provided period of extended leave is subject to the conditions listed on the *Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel*
- The period of extended leave will count towards my child's absences from school

I declare the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge and belief; accurate and complete. I recognise that should statements in this application later prove to be false or misleading any decision made as a result of this application may be reversed. I further recognise that a failure to comply with any condition set out in the *Application for Extended Leave- Travel* may result in the provided period of extended leave being cancelled.

Signature of parent/s: 

Date:



#### PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Department of Education and Communities is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The information that you provide will be used to process your child's *Application for Extended Leave-Travel* during the period indicated.

It will only be used or disclosed for the following purposes.

- General student administration relating to the education and welfare of the student
- Communication with students and parents
- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and visitors to the school
- State and National reporting purposes
- For any other purpose required by law.

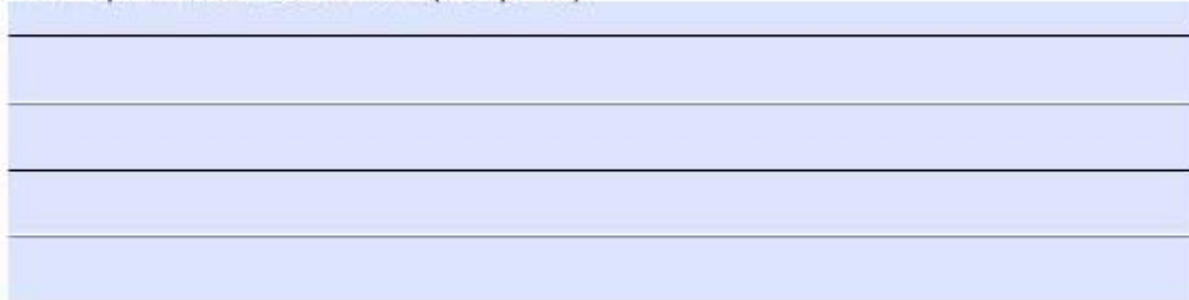
The information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information by contacting the school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, or disclosed, you should contact the school.

#### PART B : TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL

I accept this *Application for Extended Leave- Travel* (Please tick one box 

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide more detail here (if required):




Principal's name (please print):



Telephone number:



Signature of principal:



Date:



**Note:** Please complete the *Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel* if requested leave is to be provided.

## APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL



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**NOTE:** **PART A** is to be completed by the student's parent and returned to their child's school principal.

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School name:

Dates of extended leave applied for: From \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Number of school days: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for travel \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant travel documentation such as an e ticket or itinerary (in the case of non flight bound travel within Australia only) must be attached to this application.

### DETAILS OF PRIOR EXEMPTIONS/EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL (if applicable)

Date of prior exemption/extended leave: From: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ to: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Number of school days: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Certificate of Exemption/Extended Leave-Travel attached (Please tick ☒): Yes ☐ No ☐

### PARENT DETAILS (Applicant)

Family name:

Given name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Relationship to student:

As the parent and applicant, I hereby apply for a *Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel* and understand my child will be granted a period of extended leave upon acceptance by the principal of the reason provided.

# 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.



## Boys Basketball Gala Day

*15/6/16 @ Tamworth Sports Dome*

In week 8, I was lucky enough to accompany the Boys Basketball Team to the Knockout Gala Day in Tamworth. I was extremely proud of the manner in which the boys represented GSPS and the team work that the boys produced was second to none. Unfortunately the boys went down in both games against Quirindi and Armidale City, the latter of which only going down by 7 points. Thank you to Juliana McCarthur for being our lady at the desk and to all parents and grandparents who made this day so enjoyable.



*"I like that we got to go to Tamworth and play as a team and vs other teams such as Quirindi. The best part was that we got to play as a team. Thanks Miss Holdom"* Hayden Forrester

*"On the 15 of June we went to the Tamworth to play against Quirindi and Armidale. It was fun playing with the team we had great players. We had some great shots thanks to the team. And thank you Miss Holdom"* - Jayln Muggleton (Player's Player of the Day)

## Record number of helpers for KJH Cooking in Week 9

*KJH was the luckiest class in the school when we had a record number of 7 parent and grandparent helpers in Week 9's cooking lesson!!!*

*A big thank you to those helpers who found the time to lend a helping hand. Mrs Stanger and myself are very grateful for your support and willingness to help KJH have such an enjoyable experience in the kitchen.*

*The Jonny Cakes and a side of Curry for NAIDOC Week were ravished by all. Many children and parents agreed that these meals will be made again at home.*

*Thank you to those volunteers who came along for their very first time in the kitchen. We hope to see you all again next term!*

*Miss Holdom ☺*



# NAIDOC Week Assembly



# Aboriginal Art Workshops



# Indigenous Games



# NAIDOC DISCO





Excited children on the bus trip to the Tamworth.



## Congratulations to our GSPS CHOIR



Waiting patiently to perform.



A fantastic performance  
against ten other schools!



Placed fourth ...  
Highly Commended!

The children had a spot of dancing fun, and a party to finish off the term. Well done to all the children, for their hard work and commitment. A big special thanks to Mr Brown.





# 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.



## 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.

# Girls Soccer



On Wednesday 29th June, the Gunnedah South Soccer Girls played against Tamworth Public School. The game was extremely close but we came away with the win, 2-1.

**Goal scorers:** Charley Atkins (1) and Dakota Milne (1)

*Our next game will be played early next term. We will continue training on Thursday of week 1.*

