



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**25th August 2016**  
**TERM 3 WEEK 6**

## Special points of interest:

- Term 3 Week 6 Sports  
Photos 26th August
- **Wednesday 31st August** Kindy  
Transition
- Week 9 12th-16th August  
Book club

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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>7</b> August September	29  Camp Quality Puppet Show 1.45pm-2.30pm	30  <b>North West Boys Softball</b> Group 1 Yr 6 Transition @ Gunnedah High	31  <b>North West Boys Softball</b> <i>Kindergarten Transition</i> 9.00am-11.30am	1  <b>North West Boys Softball</b> Schools on Stage Rehearsal 8.50am- 2.50pm	2  <i>Milo Cricket</i> <b>North West Athletics Tamworth</b>
<b>8</b> September	5	6	7	8 Yr2 Excursion Group 1	9 Yr2 Excursion Group 2
<b>9</b> September	12 Book Fair	13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair	15 Book Fair	16 Book Fair  Book Week Parade 11.00am—12.50pm
<b>10</b> September	19	20 North West Girls Softbal	21 North West Girls Softbal	22 North West Girls Softbal	23



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# A few words from our Deputy Principal...

## Dear Parents and Carers,

### Education Week

Gunnedah South celebrated Education Week with an assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 9.15am.



Education week is a celebration of Public Education ~ our communities, our students and our staff. It's a time of year when schools open their doors to local communities to see first-hand the great things achieved every day by our students and teachers. It's a time of year that we celebrate and honour not only the achievements of our students but the teachers, support staff, you as parents, carers and wider community who are integral in the students learning journeys.

The best part of my job is visiting classrooms and seeing first hand the great work of teachers to engage students in relevant and innovative learning. Every day they turn students on to learning and create environments that support them to achieve their best. Our dedicated experienced staff constantly create lessons which are interactive and inspire students to learn. They make learning fun, challenging and relevant.

There is no better feeling than seeing students achieve personal goals, mastering new skills and growing in confidence across all areas. Happy successful students.

During the assembly 2 students from each class were presented with an Education Week award celebrating achievements in academics and/or citizenship. This was an extremely challenging task for our teachers as so many students have reached personal goals in Key Learning Areas and are positive role models for other students. Congratulations to all award winners. We are very proud of your achievements.

Education Week is also a celebration and acknowledgment of the contributions staff make to Public Education. Gunnedah South is very fortunate to have a highly skilled and dedicated team of teachers, support staff and administration staff. This year 5 staff were surprised with Education Week awards. They were:

#### Ms Donna Stanford

Ms Stanford is a passionate, highly organised and caring teacher. She has high expectations for all students her classroom and provides a rigorous teaching and learning program. Ms Stanford also supports and mentors teachers who highly value her knowledge and skills.

#### Mrs Debbie Fleming

Mrs Fleming is often the first person who greets our parents and students through the front office and does so with the friendliest manner. She is compassionate, patient and caring when our students are unwell. Mrs Fleming always helps out with staff requests, no matter how busy she is and always remains smiling.

#### Mrs Michelle Hobden

Mrs Hobden works in classrooms to help support students. She makes it her priority to get to know each of her students and always develops an extremely strong rapport with not only the student but also the family. The entire staff value the support Mrs Hobden offers and she has made a significant positive difference to the lives of many students.

#### Mrs Rachael Passfield

Mrs Passfield is caring, highly organised and creates a positive classroom climate where students are valued and challenged to set high personal goals. Mrs Passfield takes on many roles within the school, such as choir, creative centre, S factor, Eisteddfod, operation art and art exhibitions. Her passion in this area of creativity is infectious and students are willing to try new ideas.

#### Mrs Nicola Michelsen

Mrs Michelsen is always positive and willingly takes on any role within the school, from sport to Athletics and everything in between. Her tireless effort to provide students with opportunities is wonderful. You will see Mrs Michelsen around the school always with a smile on her face and engaged taking with students. Congratulations to our staff award winners, there were many cheers from our students as the names were announced.

I would also like to congratulate all students for their positive behaviour during the assembly.



# A few words from our Principal...Continued



## Operation Art

This year we have 4 students who have had their art work selected to be exhibited, as part of Operation Art, at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 10th September till 30th October. This is a huge honour and amazing achievement for Sophie Baker, Claire Barnes, Taylor Stewart Reece Kemp. Thank you to Mrs Passfield who organises and coordinates this great opportunity.

More than 10 000 visitors are expected to view Operation Art.



## Fresh For Kids

It has been such a pleasure seeing kids excited about packing fresh fruit and vegetables in their lunchbox each day. It is such an important habit to instil in our children. Students have been earning pencils for their healthy eating habits (as you can see by this picture of Will Hicks and Cooper Williams! Well done boys!) At the end of the week, students who have handed in coupons will go in the draw to win further prizes such as free lunches and fruit and veg vouchers.



## Visible Learning

One of our core focuses here at Gunnedah South is Visible Learning and how these practices impact significantly on student learning. We have a team of four staff who have headed off to a Visible Learning Symposium which will introduce the latest research and examples of how learning happens, surface and deep learning, developing 21st Century skills and using success criteria as a motivation for learning. This symposium is run by Professor John Hattie, who is world renowned for his work in education. Professor Hattie regularly advises governments in New Zealand, Australia and USA and is currently the Director of Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne.

Our team were very excited to be able to participate in this professional learning opportunity and we look forward to hearing how we can continually improve our practice and systems.

## Book Week Parade

**Week 9: Friday 16th September** Parade 11.30am—12.50pm

We ask that all students dress up as their favourite book character.

We extend the invitation to all parents and community members to please join in the Book week dress up's with all the staff and students.

Our local Costume shop **Top Hat Costume Hire (Lyn) 6742 1318** has many different costumes available hire for student and adults.

## Warm Regards

**Emma Jeffery**  
Principal





# A few words from our Principal...Continued



<b>Km</b>	Alice Maher	Lucas Welch
<b>KR</b>	Harvey Stokes	Morgan White
<b>KH</b>	Eloise O'Donnell	William Pennicuik
<b>KS</b>	Imaagen-Hope Jolliffe	Ella Pringle
<b>1M</b>	Taylah Miller	Lachie Ellison
<b>1Z</b>	William Lynch	Ivy Fouracre
<b>1C</b>	Sophie Partridge	Sunny Wicks
<b>1/2R</b>	Tom Preston	Casey Honeysett
<b>2W</b>	Hayley Gardner	Jack Wild
<b>2M</b>	Corinne Wise	Damien
<b>2J</b>	Darcy Mills	Liam Diff
<b>2S</b>	Hayden Sawyer	Mikayla Ferguson
<b>3W</b>	Isla Wise	Jessica Ferguson
<b>3J</b>	Jack Fouracre	Melissa Bartlett
<b>3S</b>	Brayden Morgan	Heidi White
<b>3/4M</b>	Grace Honeysett	Aiden Wise
<b>4M</b>	Madison McDonald	Nate Morley
<b>4P</b>	Dylan Mitchell	Olivia Heath
<b>5D</b>	Jayln Muggleton	Zoe Morgan
<b>5T</b>	Abigail Dwyer	Tom Sheedy
<b>5M</b>	Lucy Reid	Lewis Donaldson
<b>5/6S</b>	Matthew Donnelly	Paris Thompson
<b>6p</b>	Courtney White	Jarrold Ferguson
<b>6D</b>	Archer Harrison	Annie Walsh





## SCHOOL NEWS...



### Gunnedah South P&C Fathers Day Stall Fundraiser



**\$5** Thursday 1st September **\$5**

Just bring your money on the day to buy an  
AWESOME gift! Lots to choose from!

### School Sport and Group Photos

**Friday, 26th August.**

Students must wear their  
school sports uniform for  
these photos.



## SCHOOLS ON STAGE PRODUCTION LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Presented by Gunnedah and District Schools and  
supported by the Gunnedah Eisteddfod Society.

Matinee: Wednesday 31st August, 2016 at 12:30pm  
Entry Adults \$7 and school students \$2

### EVENING PERFORMANCE

THURSDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT 6:30pm  
**ENTRY ADULTS \$10 AND CHILDREN \$2**  
GUNNEDAH TOWN HALL  
Booked Seat Tickets Available  
At Second Edition Bookshop



### Week 5 Top Points Scorers

#### Overall

Harry Bartlett	44,320
Lewis Donaldson	42,610
Kaihan Anwari	34,850

#### Live Mathletics

Lewis Donaldson	46,796
Thomas Donaldson	13,877
Owen Robinson	12,308

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

# Merit Certificates

<b>3J</b>	Melissa Bartlett, Charli Alvey, Mason Guest Lennox, Jakoby Webber, Emily Williams, Cooper McLoughlin, Deakyn Laws, Charlie Alvey
<b>3S</b>	Daniel Heywood, Benjamin Hall, Ashton Wortley, Alice Swain, Joshua Casey, Freya Conn, Katie Eveleigh, Blade Rowlands
<b>3W</b>	Ellie Cope, Tom Carlyon, Ryley Chaffey, Logan Costin, Tiah Small, Aleena Tariq
<b>3/4M</b>	Zara Wise, Sophie Baker, Cooper Williams, Grace Honeysett, Chantelle Stubbs, Alex Cobb, Chloe Elsley, Kane Hollis, Flyn Harrison
<b>4M</b>	Nate Harris, Sophie Mainey, Serena Jaeger, Claire Barnes, Zara Bartlett
<b>4P</b>	Brodie Coombs, Cley Durrant, Reece Kemp, Cooper Mathers, Sasha Twidale, Sophie Bush

## Reminder:

**Office hours 8.30am—3.00pm**

**Student Messages before 2.30pm**

(for change to normal routine)

**Clothing pools available between 8.30am-2.00pm**

We thank you for your understanding and continued support.



# Local Ambulance Service visit 3S and 3W

To round off Education Week, 3S and 3W were treated to a visit from Gunnedah's local Ambulance Service. Both classes are learning about Emergencies in PDHPE. Scott Clarke and Danielle Colver arrived in their uniforms, on duty to discuss with the students what occurs in an emergency situation and how important it is to provide the correct information when calling an ambulance. Scott chose volunteers to act out an emergency allowing the students to develop a deeper understanding of why it is important to know the address of where the emergency took place, what phone number you are calling from and to stay on the line while you wait for the ambulance to arrive to help assist the



## Fresh For Kids Promotion

**IT'S BACK!!**

The school has signed up for the same promotion as last year whereby students get stickers to put on coupons that they swap for pencils. Collect the whole set! More info to come out next week. Just make sure your lunchbox is healthy!





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## Kindergarten Transition Calendar 2016

Dates	Opportunities for Students	Opportunities for Parents
<b>Wednesday, 3rd August</b> <b>9:00am to 10:30am</b>	<b>Literacy Lesson Taster</b> This is an opportunity for children to participate in a Kindergarten Literacy session. They will be involved in activities such as shared reading, drama and alphabet games including interactive whiteboard activities.	<b>Tours of our school are available.</b> <b>Please phone us on 67421899 to schedule your tour today!</b>
<b>Wednesday, 17th August</b> <b>9:00am to 10:30am</b>	<b>Numeracy Lesson Taster</b> Children will experience a Kindergarten Mathematics lesson. They will be involved in many hands on activities while exploring number concepts and skills.	
<b>Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>9:00am to 10:30am</b>	<b>Science &amp; Technology Lesson Taster</b> Children will participate in a Kindergarten Science lesson where they will investigate a simple chemical reaction by making a bubbling wizard's brew.	
<b>Wednesday, 19th October</b> <b>9:00am to 11:30am</b>	<b>Transition One</b> Children will have a tour of the school facilities and participate in a literacy lesson, while parents are encouraged to attend the Information Session.	<b>Information Session</b> Parents will be presented with general information about our school by guest speakers. This will take place in the school hall from 9:30am.
<b>Wednesday, 26th October</b> <b>9:00am to 11:30am</b>	<b>Transition Two</b> Students will participate in a morning of Kindergarten activities including literacy, numeracy and PE.	<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Session</b> This will be held in the school hall 9.30am to 11am.
<b>Wednesday, 2nd November</b> <b>9:00am to 2:00pm</b>	<b>Transition Three</b> This is a whole day experience of school for children.	
<b>Wednesday, 9th November</b> <b>9.00am to 2:00pm</b>	<b>Transition Four</b> This is the second whole day experience of school for children.	