



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
11th August 2016
TERM 3 WEEK 4

Special points of interest:

- Term 3 Week 3-5 Life Education Van
- Term 3 Week 6 Sports Photos 26th August
- Week 6 26th August, Sports Photos
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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
5 August	15 Life Education Van	16	17 Kindergarten Transition 9.00am-10.30am	18	19 Education Week 9.15am assembly
6 August	22	23	24 PSSA Girls Touch PSSA Rugby Union	25 Dr Allison Knight Workshop 5.00pm-7.30pm	26 SPORTS PHOTOS
7 August September	29 Camp Quality Puppet Show 1.45pm-2.30pm	30 North West Boys Softball Group 1 Yr 6 Transition @ Gunnedah High	31 North West Boys Softball	1 North West Boys Softball Schools on Stage Rehearsal 8.50am-2.50pm	2 <i>Milo Cricket</i> North West Athletics Tamworth
8 September	5	6	7 Kindergarten Transition 9.00am-11.30am	8 Yr2 Excursion Group 1	9 Yr2 Excursion Group 2



Gunnedah South Public School

Proud supporters of the
"You Can Do It" Program

CONFIDENCE

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Education Week

Education Week is a celebration of public education. The Education Week theme for 2016 is **'Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities'**.



Gunnedah South will be celebrating Education Week in Week 5 with an assembly on Friday 19th August at 9.15am. Please note that this date has changed, yet again as the PSSA zone athletics carnival was postponed and is now on Friday 12th August.

At this assembly we will present 2 students from each class with an Education Week award celebrating achievements in academics. Following the assembly will be open classrooms where visitors will be exposed to the range of learning experiences available at our wonderful school. Families and visitors will be invited to stay for a free morning tea provided by our amazing kitchen. We look forward to hosting as many visitors as possible on this day. Lets celebrate the achievements of our students and staff.

Kindergarten Transition

Our next Kindergarten transition lesson is scheduled for next Wednesday 17th August from 9-10:30am and will be focused around Numeracy. These lesson tasters are designed to give our up and coming kindergarten students a sample of different curriculum areas, support students learning new routines, become familiar with our school grounds and meet our friendly staff. If you have any questions or need to pick up an enrolment pack please contact the school on 6742 1899.

Out in the Garden

Yesterday I witnessed another class 2J enjoying their gardening lesson. Students were busily weeding and planting and were eager to talk about the success they are having growing vegetables in their plot. Not deterred by getting their hands dirty class 2J were persistent during the lesson. Great work 2J.



Dr Alison Knight workshop

Dr Alison Knight will be returning to Gunnedah on Thursday 25th August to run a parent and community workshop on how food affects children's health and learning. This workshop will also incorporate the local expertise Carla McInnes, a qualified nutritionist. More detailed information is located within the newsletter. Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity.



A few words from our Principal...Continued



New Furniture

The wait is over!! 5 classes new 21st century furniture has arrived. 1M, 3W, 4P, 4M & 5D were a hive of activity late yesterday when the truck finally arrived. Teachers were busy unpacking and changing the layout of their classrooms to provide more flexibility for lessons. Next Friday during our open classrooms to celebrate Education Week parents are welcome to take a look through these new bright and vibrant classrooms.



Infants Sport

I had the privilege yesterday to watch our Infants department developing the sporting skills of our younger students. T-Ball, softball and netball had students actively engaged and having lots of fun. During this sporting session, Gunnedah High students are providing extra assistance in supporting our students as they develop new skills. Many of these students are past Gunnedah South students and enjoy coming back for a visit. It was lovely to see these senior students helping and playing sport along side our students. I am sure many friendships are developing and this will benefit our students to see familiar faces when they reach high school. This is a great opportunity which occurs every fortnight for both Infants and Primary sports sessions. Thank you to Mr Bob Heath from Gunnedah High who facilitates this arrangement and the Gunnedah high school students who give up their time.



A few words from our Principal...Continued



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.

**Warm Regards,
Emma Jeffery
Principal**





SCHOOL NEWS...



Reminder:

School Banking day is Tuesday morning

CANTEEN NEWS

COMING SOON

Online Canteen Ordering

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen please give Sharon a call on 6742 1899.

MS Readathon

Entries for the 2016 MS Readathon are now open! Go to msreadathon.org.au and be in the running to win one of 100 tablets up for grabs.



READ TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

MS Readathon



Term 3

www.msreadathon.org.au

1300 MS READ



Week 3 Top Points Scorers

Overall

Harry Bartlett	41,060
Lewis Donaldson	37,030
Kaihan Anwari	34,850

Live Mathletics

Lewis Donaldson	44,205
Owen Robinson	12,308
Mason Louis	11,724

We are holding another Mathletics Information session on **Tuesday 23rd August at 5.30pm**. This is being held in the school library.

Merit Certificates

1C	Ruby Beasleyt, Elsa Sparks, Owen Casey, Lacie Kleinschafer YCDI: Olivia Lewtington
1H	Joseph Bunce, Mitchel Passfield, Leila Harris YCDI: Gavin Sams
1M	Ashley Williams, Lachie Ellison, Charlie Duff YCDI: Linkin Turner, Aisha Anwari
1/2R	Tyler Hobden, Bella Anderson, Lillian Jeffery YCDI: Linkin Turner, Aisha Anwari
2J	Rhianna McAlpine, Zeenea Burwood, Tyler Scott
2M	Tyrone Winsor, Charlette Keeler, Cooper O'Neil YCDI: Georgia Oliver, Damien Preston
2S	Shaniqua Briggs, Kodiee Luke, Cruze Moore-Duff YCDI: Lane Torrens, Keith Morris
2W	Cai Garrett, Katelyn Carr, Harry Thomson
5D	Thomas Donaldsom, Hayden Riley, Bridgett Donnelly, Nicola Bemet, Tody Barttlett, Emylie Murrell
5T	Charlotte Bedggood, Taleiah Donnelly, Matilda Snow
5/6S	Brooklyn Morris, Link Phillips, Neesa Armstrong, Tristan Poeschl
6D	Haylay West, Taylor Davison, Archer Harrison
6P	Sarah Demmery, Chloe Newman, Annie Lyne, Leisel Torrens

Silver

Ella Mutton, Maddie Stewart, Blaire Costello, Shaniqua Briggs, Rhianna McAlpine, Charlette Keeler, Cooper O'Neil, Emy Torrens, Bella Anderson, Tom Preston, Jack Ferguson



Stage 2 Music & Dance Group

Since the beginning of the term, some very lucky students in Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed participating in weekly music lessons with Mr Brown. The students will continue to work with him each Tuesday where they will focus on learning numerous music and dance concepts.

Check out their groovy dance moves!





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

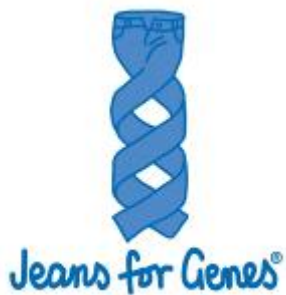
Booked Seat Tickets Available
At Second Edition Bookshop



Narrabri Science Day

On Wednesday the 3rd of August, multiple students from Years 5 and 6 were selected to represent our school at the Narrabri Science and Engineering day. The day was filled with interesting, fun and challenging projects! We were placed into groups and competed against other schools in our region. It was a rewarding, inspiring day!!

Lucy Reid and Lewis Donalson



Jeans For Genes Day!

Congratulations Gunnedah South!

On your efforts in raising money for Jeans for Genes Day! **We raised: \$599.50**

This generous amount of money goes towards The Children's Medical Research Institute.

Report By Zoe Morgan, Lilly Street and Lewis Donaldson

Fresh For Kids Promotion

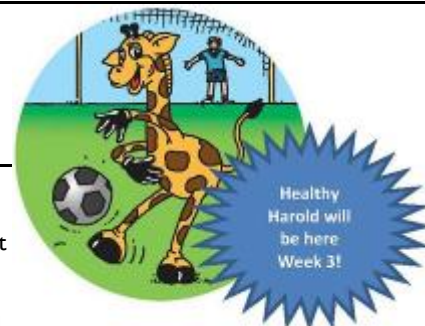
IT'S BACK!!

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!



2016 Life Education Program Overview

Harold's Surpriseee	Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety
Harold's Mystery Tour	Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making
Harold's Heroes	Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
All Systems Go	Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, and safety with medicines.
Harold's Diary	Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles
bCyberwise NEW!	Stage 2 (Yr 3/4) – Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops. of children, relevant scenarios, discussion & problem solving.
Mind Your Medicine	Stage 2 (Yr 4) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication
On the Case NEW!	Stage 3 (Yr 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.
Think Twice	Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.
It's Your Call IMPROVED	Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology



LIFE EDUCATION MERCHANDISE...subject to availability

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

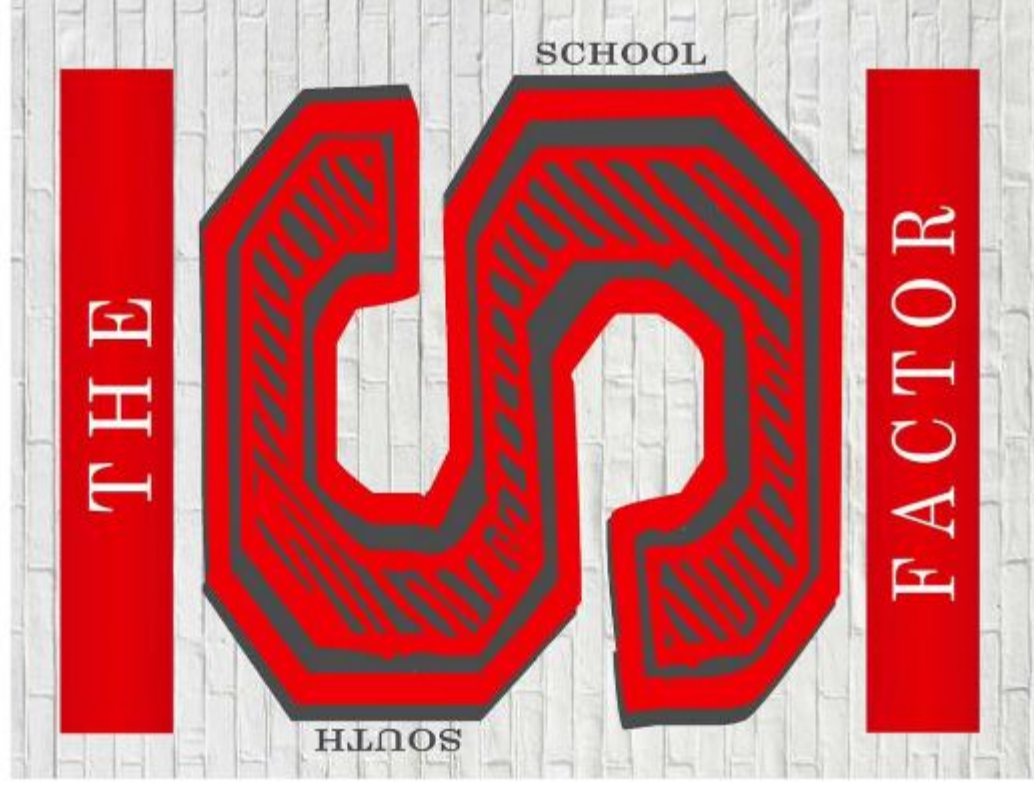
The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately.

Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.



Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	Quantity
Tattoo	\$0.50		Harold Hand Ball	\$3.00	
Harold Post-it-note	\$1.50		Harold Stationery Set	\$3.00	
Harold Activity Bag	Not Available		Small Harold Soft Toy	\$8.00	
Harold Keyring	\$3.00		Large Harold Soft Toy	\$15.00	
Total Owing			Total Owing		

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE...



THE S FACTOR IS COMING.....

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle, tell a joke, perform in a play, stand on your head, crack a whip or recite a poem then you might just have The S Factor.

The S Factor is open to every student of Gunnedah South Public School.

The sections you can enter are: Singing,
Dance, Music (musical instrument),
Variety and Infants.

You can compete on your own, with a friend or with a bunch of friends.

The heats will begin on August 15th with an evening of grand finale to be held on September 16th.

So start your planning...

Choose your section.....

AND START PRACTISING!!!!!!



As you know 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 another information session in **Week 6**. This session will give you insight of how to support your child at home and how to track their progress and achievement. This will run for approximately 30 minutes. It is also a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Date: Tuesday 23rd August, 2016 (Week 6)

Time: Session: 5.30pm

Location: GSPS Library

We look forward to welcoming as many faces as possible :)

Get the Mathletics
ADVANTAGE

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

I will be attending session one on Tuesday 23rd August, 2016 at 5.30pm.

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Class: _____



PSSA Gymnastics

A team of five gymnasts travelled to Armidale on Monday to represent Gunnedah South at the PSSA Gymnastics Gala day.

Indiella Bryers, Stella Robertson, Heidi White, Lucy Robertson and Annie Walsh all competed on the day and were extremely pleased with their results.



Heidi White: Level 3 GOLD

Indiella Bryers: Level 3 GOLD Annie Walsh: Level 3 SILVER

Stella Robertson: Level 4 GOLD

Lucy Robertson: Level 5 GOLD

Over 12 schools from the North West Area participated and Gunnedah South girls were outstanding, with our Level 3 girls also awarded GOLD for the teams event.

Thanks to Mr Hasson for coming along and coaching on the day and also to Mrs Desley Ewing for volunteering her time and her judging expertise.

