



# Gunnedah South Public School

*"With oar and sail"*

**Thursday**  
**18th August 2016**  
**TERM 3 WEEK 5**

## Special points of interest:

- Term 3 Week 6 Sports  
Photos 26th August
- Week 6 26th August, Sports  
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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>6</b> August	22	23	24 PSSA Girls Touch PSSA Rugby Union	25 Dr Allison Knight Workshop 5.00pm-7.30pm	26 <b>SPORTS PHOTOS</b>
<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>	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 <b>Kindergarten Transition</b> 9.00am-11.30am	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



*Gunnedah South Public  
School*

Proud supporters of the  
"You Can Do It" Program

**CONFIDENCE**

Supporting & caring  
for your children.

# A few words from our Deputy Principal...

## Dear Parents and Carers,



### Education Week

Tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, the school celebrated Education Week. Please take the opportunity to join us for a special assembly at 9.15am. Special awards will be presented to students and staff. Parents and carers will then have the opportunity to visit classrooms to look at all the great work our students have been producing in 2016. We look forward to seeing you for this special event on our calendar.

Education week is a celebration which acknowledges the achievements, dedication and commitment by students, staff, parents and school communities. It provides an excellent opportunity for us to open our doors, to showcase the wealth of learning opportunities on offer and reflect on the exceptional achievements of our staff and students.

Education is continuing to undergo major reforms and it is an unprecedented time of change, and I believe this is an unprecedented time of opportunity for schools to have greater autonomy in determining school directions. These reforms are evidenced based and are the most comprehensive reforms in NSW in a century, and they are all underpinned by putting students at the centre of every decision

The students at Gunnedah South arrive at school each day with an open mindset ready to tackle new learning. They are hard working, committed, focused, respectful and caring. Our students are building their capacity under the five keys to success of:

Getting along, Organization, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience.

They have a strong sense of belonging and ownership here at Gunnedah South.

Our teachers and support staff here are an exceptional group of highly trained professionals who are committed to supporting students to reach their full potential. They continue to go above and beyond on a daily basis to meet the learning needs of every student. I would like to publically thank them for making learning fun, challenging and relevant and ensuring our students are confident in the 21st century.

### SMS Absences

This week we have launched our SMS service that notifies parents that their child is away from school. Each day at 9.30am our server activates the SMS service to send a message to all parents of students who have not been marked present on the roll. This service asks parents to respond and advise us of the reason for the absence. The replies come directly to us and are adjusted on the roll. We anticipate that this will reduce the number of unexplained absences dramatically and should be an easier system for parents to use. It's my hope that parents find this a more convenient way of reporting absences. The system may take a week or two to have it running perfectly and we appreciate your patience during this time of transition.

### Tell Them From Me

The Department of Education has designed a system for schools to gather data about how students, parents and carers and teachers feel about how the school is performing. In the near future we will be asking parents and carers to participate in a survey called "Tell them from me". The survey is designed to give school s meaningful information about the way all stakeholders feel about all aspects of the school. Earlier in the year our students participated in the first run of the survey for 2016. In the upcoming survey window parents and carers, students and teachers will all be able to participate. **The survey is not open yet but will be open for a period of time soon. The parent survey opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016.**

The survey is voluntary but I would encourage everyone to participate to ensure your voice is heard. The vast majority of the data obtained from the previous survey was extremely positive but we are always looking for ways to improve and refine things at our tremendous school.

The link is: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rqkc6>

Have a great week,

**Graham Conn**

**Deputy Principal**



# A few words from our Principal...Continued



## Scarlet fever



Scarlet fever is an illness that sometimes occurs when your child gets strep throat. Kids with scarlet fever have a fever, rash, and a 'strawberry tongue'.

Kids from five to fifteen are most at risk for contracting scarlet fever. Scarlet fever was once considered a life-threatening illness, but antibiotics have made it far less intimidating. Still, scarlet fever is very serious and needs to be treated by a doctor.

### What causes scarlet fever?

Scarlet fever is caused by a strain of streptococcus bacteria. Streptococcus bacteria also cause streptococcal sore throat, or strep throat. In scarlet fever, the bacteria produce toxins that can enter the bloodstream and infect other parts of the body, resulting in a more serious illness. The streptococcus bacteria are contagious and are generally spread through sneezing and coughing. Your child can get scarlet fever as soon as one to three days after being exposed to it.

### Is scarlet fever serious?

Scarlet fever is rare, but serious. Left untreated, scarlet fever can result in infections of the heart, lungs, kidneys, skin, and nervous system. Complications of scarlet fever include rheumatic fever; bacteremia, a bacterial infection of the blood; an infection of the lining of the heart; and [meningitis](#), inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, are less likely to occur if your child is treated soon after getting sick.

### Can I prevent scarlet fever?

Scarlet fever can be prevented with thorough hand washing and by avoiding people who have the illness. Teach your kids to wash their hands often and don't share drinking cups and eating utensils with other kids. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them home until she is better to prevent the illness from spreading.

### How do I know if my child has scarlet fever?

Scarlet fever is almost always accompanied by a sore throat and high fever. It usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms such as:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Headache
- Difficulty swallowing
- A rash may appear on the second day of the illness. The rash looks a bit like sunburn and appears on the neck and torso, and in the folds of the arms, legs, and groin. The rash will probably last between two and five days and your child's skin might peel after the rash goes away. Kids with scarlet fever might also have a symptom called 'strawberry tongue', where the tongue looks redder than normal and the bumps on the tongue are bigger, making the tongue look a bit like a strawberry.

# A few words from our Principal...Continued



## How do I treat scarlet fever?

Scarlet fever has to be treated by a doctor. Your child's doctor will probably give her antibiotics for the infection. You can give them paracetamol for fever, sore throat and body aches. Your child will probably be irritable and miserable, so make sure that they gets lots of bed rest and liquids while she is sick. You can try using calamine lotion for the rash if your child is uncomfortable. Keep them away from other kids until she has been treated with antibiotics for at least one day to prevent spreading scarlet fever to others.

## Should I call the doctor?

Always call the doctor if you think your child has scarlet fever. The key to a quick and complete recovery from scarlet fever is to begin treatment early. Also, if your child is being treated with antibiotics for scarlet fever, but does not feel better in two to three days, call your doctor.

## What you need to know about Scarlet fever

- Scarlet fever is most common in kids from five to fifteen.
- Scarlet fever is treated with antibiotics, rest and plenty of fluids.

Written by Rebecca Stigall for Kidspot, Australia's parenting resource for family health. Sources include Better Health Channel, NSW Health and Health Insite.



SCHOOL  
NEWS...



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

**TOPDAD**

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

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



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

**MATHLETICS**

**Week 4**  
**Top Points Scorers**

**Overall**

Harry Bartlett	42,140
Lewis Donaldson	40,370
Kaihan Anwari	34,850

**Live Mathletics**

Lewis Donaldson	46,546
Thomas Donaldson	12,941
Owen Robinson	12,308

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



# Merit Certificates

<b>1C</b>	Sophie Partridge, Milie Small, Sunny Wicks
<b>1H</b>	Asher Triegeer, Mia Swain, Ruby Friend
<b>1M</b>	Olivia Semmler, Brianna O'Hara, Gavin Sams, Sara Pike
<b>1Z</b>	Ivy Fouarce, Nash Boal, Sophie Weston
<b>2J</b>	Hollie Johnston, Kye Perrett-Scott, Isaac Wise
<b>2M</b>	Corinne Wise, Noah Kelly, Shaylah Doolan
<b>2S</b>	Harry Ryman, Keaton Walters, Jorja Baker
<b>2W</b>	Sybella Simson, Jorja Eschnach, Gracie-Lee O'Donnell
<b>5D</b>	Nikyiah Wortley, Josie Gallagher, Hayden Forrester, Mia Garrettley <b>YCDI:</b> Ben Neale, Chelsea Webster, Toby Bartlett
<b>5M</b>	Bailee Crowe, Rosie Snape, Jinaya Taylor, Chloe Williams
<b>5/6S</b>	Amia Beasley, Matilda Burns, Jack Heath, Chole Hicks
<b>6D</b>	Thomas Friend, Jay Fouracre, Laiken Boal
<b>6P</b>	Courtney White, Brooke Rennick, Jaycob Price



Anne Singleton Cup

The Anne Singleton Cup is contested between the local primary schools, and this year there were 6 teams. The round robin was held on Thursday 11th August. South School had an amazing early run winning the first 4 games. Our winning streak came to an end when we played St Xaviers who beat us convincingly. However, as we had finished second in the round robin we had secured a spot in the final against St Xaviers which was held last Saturday 13th August. Our team started nervously, only scoring 1 goal in the first half. Unfortunately we were unable to recover from this low scoring start and St Xaviers were the better team on the day. We can be extremely proud of the effort that our team put in as they did not give up putting in 100% effort on the court right to the end. It was a great morning of sport and on the sideline were mothers and grandmothers who had been past players in this competition, giving the whole morning a wonderful feeling of community. Mrs Noreen Percy, Anne Singleton's daughter was there to present the trophy and spoke of the 45 years that this competition has been in existence. Well Done South School.

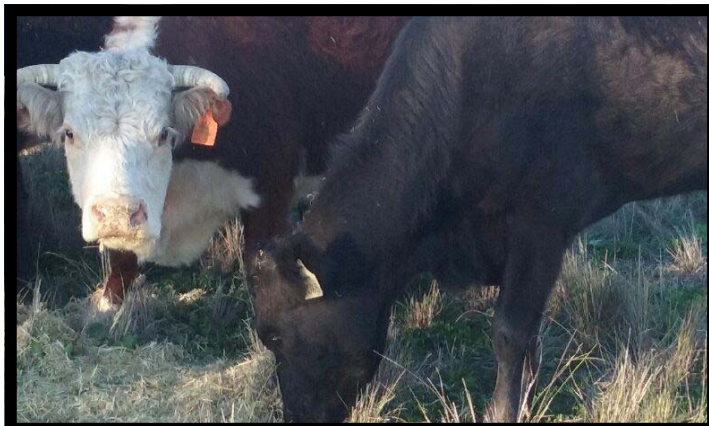
# Remember Us???



Tucker and her first born son!



Tucker and her calf



Misty and Virginia



Virginia's calf



Leigh and her calf

Here are pictures of Tucker, Misty, Virginia and Leigh, who were poddy calves raised at Gunnedah South School. They are now happy and proud parents. What a great life out at Daisy Plains! Thank you to Mr Humphries for the photographs.



# Athletics Carnival 2016







# Results

## Age Champions

### Juniors:

**Boys-** Owen Shoesmith

**Girls-** Bella Sawyer

### 11 year olds:

**Boys-** Heath Stark

**Girls-** Emmy Barr

### 12/13 year olds:

**Boys-** Kurt Fisher

**Girls-** Mackenzie Leader

**Overall winning house:** Waratah

**Marching:** Waratah

**A huge thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. Your extraordinary help and support is appreciated!**

**Thank you!**







# Girls Soccer



Our girls played an intense but exciting game against Ben Venue Public School on Thursday 28th July. At the end of fulltime the score was still locked 0-0. During the 10 minutes of extra time, we fortunately scored the winning goal.

Many thanks also to our supporters who helped with transport and positive words of encouragement. Your efforts are appreciated.

We are now the **NORTH WEST CHAMPIONS**



## Newcastle Jets visit Gunnedah South School

On Friday 19th August, we were very fortunate to have the Newcastle Jets visit our school. Check out the photos below.





# PSSA BOYS SOCCER TEAM

It has been a wonderful season for the boys. They have played with great team spirit, sportsmanship and as a cohesive supportive unit. It has been a pleasure to coach this group of boys. Our first match against Quirindi was a fast paced game with GSPS boys gaining the win 5-3. We had a very long wait before playing round 4 against Narrabri which was a nail biter! But yet again the boys hung in to win 3-2. Before heading into round 5 we unfortunately lost 2 players to injury. This gap was filled by Kurt Fisher and Kade Garrett who had never played soccer before. They showed true grit in the game that followed.

Our game for round 5 was against Tamworth PS who travelled to Gunnedah. Both teams played hard and fast soccer and showed plenty of heart and skill. While GSPS went down 7-0 the lads can be very proud of themselves. They never gave up, they played every second of the game with the most amazing sportsmanship. I am incredibly proud of the lads and of congratulate them on how they conducted themselves both on and off the field. They were also congratulated by the Tamworth coach, Mr Barry Everingham on their skill, attitude and fantastic defence.

Once again, congratulations to an amazing group of boys: Jayln Muggleton, Trent White, Isaac Jeffery, Jack Heath, Rory Thomas, Max Hancox, Corbyn Brand, Archie Waerea, Callum Simson, Jaycob Price, Kaiden Blair, Link Phillips, Charlie Garner, Archer Harrison, Kurt Fisher and Kade Garrett.





# Legends of League Regional Finals Day



On Tuesday 9th September, our Gunnedah South Girls League Tag and Boys Rugby League 7 aside Team participated in the finals day at Longmuir, Gunnedah.

The girls fought hard in all their games and had one win against Ross Hill Public. Unfortunately, they went down by one try to Hillvue Public, Warialda Public, Bundarra Central and St Joseph's Tenterfield.

## **The boys results are as followed:**

The boys won 20-10 against Tamworth, drew 12-12 against Hillview, drew 10-10 against Warialda, win 18-10 against Glenn Innes, drew 10-10 against Inverell and won 16-10 against Ross Hill. The boys played Ross Hill in the Grand Final and unfortunately went down 16-18. They played extremely well in this close encounter.

Thank you to the parent helpers and our supporters. We greatly appreciate it.



## 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!







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: \_\_\_\_\_



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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.	