



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
22nd September 2016
TERM 3 WEEK 10

Special points of interest:

- Term 4 returns: Monday 10th October
- Yr 3 Excursions Week 2
- 19th September Kindergarten Transition 9.00am – 11.30am
- 26th September Kindergarten Transition 9.00am – 11.30am

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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
School Holidays Term 4 returns Monday 10th October					
Term 4 1 October	10 First Day Back for Students Term 4	11	12	13	14
2 October	17	18 Yr 3 Excursion Group 1	19 Kindergarten Transition 9.00am – 11.30am	20 Yr 3 Excursion Group 2	21 Yr 1 Excursion
3 October	24	25 Yr 3 Excursion Group 3	26 Kindergarten Transition 9.00am – 11.30am	27	28



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School*

Proud supporters of the
"You Can Do It" Program

RESILIENCE

Supporting & caring
for your children.

A few words from our Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a wonderful, busy term we have had at Gunnedah South. Thanks to the whole school community, our students have been given a range of opportunities this term. There is no doubt that we see in our students, the physical, social and cultural benefits of all the programs our school offers.

This term there has been:

PSSA sport involving netball, touch, tennis, soccer, and many more, our athletics carnival, Kindergarten transition lesson tasters, Schools On Stage, S factor auditions and finale, vision screening, Life Education Van, Athletics information nights, Ag Food and Fibre week, Yr 2 Zoo excursion, PLPs, our weekend staff development day, grade planning days, AL programming days, colleague observations, Book Week Parade, book fair, High School transition, camp quality puppet show...just to name a few.

Sincere thanks goes to all involved in providing such a dynamic range of opportunities for our students and staff.

Canadian Principal Exchange

Some of you may remember our Canadian visitor Ms Margarite Campbell, who visited our school from Ontario, Canada at the beginning of the term. This week the exchange was reversed and Mrs Jeffery flew to Canada on Monday to stay with Ms Campbell and see first hand the great programs running at her school. Mrs Jeffery will be in Canada for three weeks, including the two week holiday period.

Personalised Learning Plans

Teaching staff are busy holding PLPs with parents this week. Meeting with your child's teacher is a very important part of the learning process and builds strong partnerships between home and school. If you have been unable to meet with your child's teacher this term, please don't hesitate to phone the school and make an appointment to see them early next term.

DEC Focus Groups

A representative of the DEC was in the school on Tuesday to speak with parents about the role that Public Education plays in the transition of students from Yr 6 to Yr 7. This was also an exercise to gain parents perspective of how the department can better suit the needs of students moving from primary to secondary school. Thank you to all the parents who were randomly selected and gave up their time to come along and participate in the focus group.

Ag Food and Fibre Week

Thank you to Mrs Jodie Sams and her SAKG team for another successful Ag Food and Fibre Week. Mrs Sams has organised a number of activities and guest speakers to come in this week and illustrate to the students where some of their food and clothing/fabric originate from.

Sincere thanks also to the parents and community members who have volunteered their expertise to provide our students these opportunities. The shearing demonstration was certainly popular!

Annual Book Parade

There were princesses, superheroes, villains, Harry Potters and characters galore at this year's book parade held last Friday. This year, the parade was split into K-2 and 3-6 and held in the hall due to the saturation level of the oval. Spirits weren't dampened however, and everyone had a great time showing off their costumes. Thank you to all the parents who went to so much trouble with costumes to ensure this event was again a success. Thanks also to Miss Morison for not only organising the parade, but a very successful book fair, selling almost \$6000 worth of books.



A few words from our Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Winner winner!

Congratulations to Mitchell Slee and his family, who were the lucky winners of the Smart TV drawn at the Book Parade last Friday. Each year, those families who have paid their voluntary contributions are placed in a draw for the chance to win a TV.



Visit to MacKellar Aged Care

The students who were involved in the Schools On Stage production earlier this term were very excited to visit the residents at MacKellar Aged Care today. The students sang multiple songs and performed an item from Matilda the musical. The students were delighted that they got to stay for a while and talk with the residents, who clearly enjoyed both the entertainment as well as the chance for a chat.

Thank you again to Mr Jamie Brown for his accompaniment on the piano.



Boys Touch football

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher, Miss Martin and their very excited boys touch team, who earned the title of North West champions for 2016 after playing Armidale City Public School on Tuesday. We wish them the best of luck for the Statewide Finals next term.

Excursions

All grades, other than Yr 2 will be participating in their excursions next term. It is very important that all payment is finalised on the date set by each grade. Many attractions and accommodation facilities require payment in advance from the school, so it is extremely necessary for payment to be finalised

From everyone at school, we wish all our students a happy and safe holiday and look forward to your return on Monday 10th October .

Kind Regards,

Nicki Walsh
Assistant Principal





*SCHOOL
NEWS...*



We Need You

Are you artistic???....., Like to design???...
Passionate about Gunnedah South??

PBL ART COMPETITION

Submissions
Close Friday
Week 1 Term 4 .

Leave Entries at the
office
Closing Date 14/10/16

The Positive
Behaviour for
Learning (PBL)
team are
looking for a mascot;
animal/object/symbol that can
represent our school and its
community. Possible
suggestions thus far have
been: koalas, kangaroos,
bearded dragons,
gumnuts/eucalypt trees.
Colours to include are green,
purple and orange.

**Further infor-
mation from PBL
Lead Team
Mrs K McGuirk,
Mrs J Davis &
Mrs R Higgins**

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.

Merit Certificates

KH	Jessie Harris, Van Jordan, William Curran
KM	Byron Jolliffe, Jaxon Hatch, Blaire Costello
KR	Hamish Henderson, Nicholas Mainey, Bella Southwell
KS	Logan Anderson, Arabella Holmes, Chelsea Cochrane
1H	Liette Tindall, Jayden Woodhouse, Sidney Cooper, YCDI: Charlee O'Hearn, Cobi Jolliffe
1Z	Toby Eyre, Maxie White, Charlie Barnes, YCDI: William Lynch, Lachlan Chaffey
2J	Frankee Barnes, Siri Sparkes, Julian Heath
2S	Jorja Baker, Hannah Beasley, Jack Bridge, Shaniqua Briggs, Mikayla Ferguson, Maya Gray, Kassidy Hunt, Kodiee Luke, Max Mainey, Cruize Moore-Duff, Keith Morris, Lachlan Percy, Ashley Riley, Harry Ryman, Hayden Sawyer, Demi Smith, Lauchlan Southwell, Lane Torrens, Heidi Tull, Keaton Walters, Amber Welch
2W	Timothy Capper, Macey Carlyon, Katelyn Carr, Wyatt Dorrington, Claire Dowe, Cooper Dowsett, Jorja Eschbach, Hayley Gardner, Cai Garrett, Steven Hopwood, Oliver Irwin, Matthew McInnes, Gracie-Lee O'Donnell, Milla Petersen, Clare Robinson, Deekirah Rowlands, Rebecca Sams, Sybella Simson, Jayla Suey, Kirra Talbott, Harry Thomson, Jack Wild, Isaac Wise
5D	Noah Beasley, Callie Fordham, Hayden Forester, Charlotte Jeffery, Connor Morgan, Ben Neale, Callie Fordham, Emylie Murrell
5M	Byron Jeffrey, Brianna Cope, Emily Staughton, Dylan Stubbs, Amelia Woolaston YCDI: Chloe Williams
5T	Nicholas Cameron, Lahni Griffiths, Laurel Thomas, Mia Carroll, Luke Lumsden, Angel Phillips
5/6S	Callum Simson, Emma McCulloch, Ashton Self Science: Daisy White, Lilly Street, Thomas Donaldson, Rosie Snape, Jayln Muggleton, Michael Walsh, Archie Waerea, Issy Moore, Neesa Armstrong
6D	Harry Louis, Hollie Dorrington, Dylan White, Beccy Wilson, Aleah Riley, Annie Walsh, Claire McGuirk, Kurt Fisher, Ri Bowater-Gudsel, Taylor Davison, Austin Bryers
6P	Courtney White, Shania Mitchell, Jack Power, Callie Jeffrey

Spelling Bee

On Monday 19th September, Lewis Donaldson travelled to Curlewis Public school to compete in the Regional Finals of the NSW Premiers Spelling Bee, against 31 other students from 18 schools within our region. Years 5 and 6 pupils competed in this competition.



Lewis managed second place for Gunnedah South Public School. After numerous rounds of increasingly difficult words the winner eventually was from Tamworth Public School.

Lewis really enjoyed the experience of representing his school again.

The school would like to congratulate Lewis on his tremendous achievement.

NORTH WEST SOFTBALL

Claire McGuirk and Dakota Milne attended the Softball State carnival in Camden this week representing the North West.



Congratulations to Claire who was named North West player of the carnival, as well as Player's player!

North-West Reps make it to State Carnival

On Monday, 5th September, students from Gunnedah South travelled to Tamworth for the North West Region PSSA Athletics Trials.



Josh Coker: is going for Junior Boys Discus.



Emylie Murrell: 2nd in Junior Girls Shot Put and 2nd in Junior Girls Discus.

Jedd Rennick: 2nd in Junior Boys Discus.

Courtney White: 1st I I's Girls shot put and 3rd I I's Girls Discus.



Senior boys relay: 1st (Kade Garrett, Trent White, Kurt Fisher and Heath Stark).

In winning there event, the boys ran a time that was only 1 second off the North west area record

Mackenzie Leader: 3rd in 800m final. **Emmy Barr:** 2nd Senior Girls High Jump.

Kurt Fisher also qualified for the 100m, coming 1st in the final and the Senior Boys 200m , coming 2nd in the final.

Any competitor who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the regional carnival was selected to represent the **North West Region** at the **NSWPSSA Carnival**.

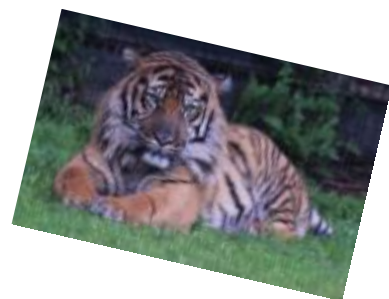


The State carnival is to be held at Homebush on October 19th and 20th. We wish all those competitors the best of luck.



2M & 2W's

Dubbo Zoo Excursion



On Friday 9th September 2M & 2W excitedly left for our annual excursion to the Dubbo Zoo. However, just as we got to the outskirts of Dubbo, it started to rain and rain AND rain! And it didn't stop the whole day! (Thank goodness Mrs Walsh bought some Zoo ponchos!)

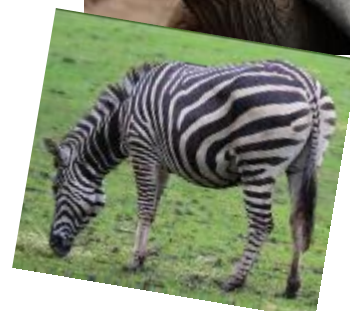
Luckily for us some of the animals actually like the rain! We saw rhino's and giraffes, tigers and hippos, zebras, elephants and lemurs. Our favourite animals though were the Spider Monkeys who were extremely cheeky and naughty and the Siamang Apes, who put on a very vocal display for us!



We also really enjoyed the Galapagos Tortoises. They were enormous! We even got to see two tortoise hatchlings—Péna and Turbo



We had so much fun looking at all the animals but the best part was getting home to a nice hot bath!



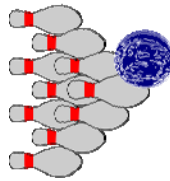


There are only

7 Weeks to go until the



YEAR 5 CANBERRA EXCURSION



**Please make sure all payments are
finalised, approaching completion
or you are following the Payment
Schedule given out last term.**

By now, according to the payment schedule

\$500

**should have
been paid.**

**Final payments by
Friday 23rd September**



Tamworth
Regional
Conservatorium
of Music

School Holiday Music Workshops



Wed 28th, Thurs 29th Sept
(1st week of school holidays)



Guitar Workshop

Beginner to Intermediate Level
(Students must supply their own guitar)

Ages 8 to 12 years. Cost \$40

Learn the art of guitar playing

Participants will take part in a workshop to learn a simple song.

Wednesday Sept 28 - 10am - 12pm.

Registration Required

LIMITED NUMBERS



To register contact
the TRCM office on

67666911

admin@tamworthregionalconservatorium.com.au

Registration closes Monday Sept 19



*Workshops will be cancelled
if sufficient registrations
are not received and
registration fees
will be refunded*

Percussion Groups

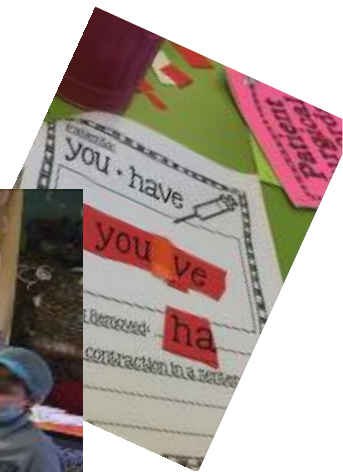
Explore rhythm and create simple songs with a range of
percussion instruments



Ages 5 -8

Wednesday 9am - 12pm and Thursday 9am - 12pm

Cost \$65 per person



Meet the Dr's of Contractions

The children in 1M have been learning all about contraction words. They took on the word surgery challenge to repair words and make contractions. They were required to remove letters and mend the words with a band aid. To maintain clinical conditions 1M Dr's wore surgical masks, hats and used scalpels-(scissors). They had to keep an eye on the heart rate monitor and work carefully. I am pleased to report all patients made a successful recovery and no words were lost.



Last Wednesday, Mr Milne came to the school to give a shearing demonstration to the Year 3 students. Our 3 school sheep were shorn, and are now walking around with their new haircuts!

We learnt about wool and the shearing industry. It was very fun and we got to hold the wool and take some home. Thankyou Mr Milne!





WOW! What a perfect night for our amazing South School kids to show us what they are made of! Such awesome talent!
The night would not have been possible without so many fabulous helpers and participants.



Thankyou so much to our brilliant teachers!

Rach Passfield Belinda Piggott

Cath Reynolds Nicki Walsh

Judy McGowan Louise Martin

Big Thanks also to the SRC volunteers who helped at the doors during the heats and come to help out at the final!

Thanks also go out to our wonderful P&C committee, judges, parents, Bec Ryan for sound & music, canteen volunteers and to everyone for coming and supporting our school!



Well done to our Winners & Runner-ups!

SINGING

Lucy Robertson(1st) and Charlotte Bedggood (2nd)

INFANTS

Liette Tindall (1st) and Lylah Tindall (2nd)

STAGE 2 DANCE



Single Ladies(1st) and Sienna Mitchell (2nd)

STAGE 3 DANCE

The Revolting Children (1st) and Lucy Reid/Emily Hunt (2nd)

VARIETY

Ghostbusters(1st) and Flashlight (2nd)

MUSIC

Charlie/Lilly(1st) and Olivia Heath(2nd)

