



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Friday
15th December 2017
TERM 4 WEEK 10

Special points of interest:

**WE WISH YOU
ALL A HAPPY
AND SAFE
HOLIDAY**

Relieving Principal: Mrs Nicole Walsh

Assistant Principals: Mrs Justine Davies

Deputy Principal: Graham Conn

Mrs Judy McGowan

School Captains: Toby Bartlett & Lucy Reid

Mrs Vicki Merlehan

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec	18	19	20	21	22
Dec	25	26	27	28	29
Jan/Feb	29	30	31	1	2

*school
holidays*

STUDENTS
RETURN
TERM 1



Gunnedah South Public School

Proud supporters of the

"You Can Do It" Program

ORGANISATION

Supporting & caring
for your children.

Merit Certificates

Titanium

Jack Mackay

Gold

Jack Mackay, John Demmery, Cooper Hicks, Ava Luke

Silver

Jack Mackay, Charlie Bridge, Will Hicks, Ally Mutton, Claire Moore, Cyrrah Moore-Duff, Helen Weston, Kelly Briggs, Lenni Frey, Claire Howes, Addison Morris, Ekam Sahota, Evan Thomas, Chelsea Williams, Oscar Zechel, John Demmery, Georgia Dowe, Cooper Hicks, Ava Luke, Morgan White

Mathletics

27th November - 3rd December - WEEK 8
Term 4

TOP CLASS	4S	6,375
TOP STUDENTS	Charlie Beasley	2,783
	Elias Briggs	2,140
	Lilly Harris	1,837

A big week in Mathletics.
Congratulations to all the students.

From the Relieving Principal



Dear parents and carers,

As another year draws to an end, I am so appreciative that I have had the chance to lead a group of dedicated and hard working staff members in 2017. Our students are given a huge variety of learning opportunities; academic, sporting, cultural, and social. Our aim in 2018 is to keep providing these opportunities and to ensure that every student at Gunnedah South is equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding of their stage and grade level.

We say farewell and good luck to Mr Thurbon. As Mr Thurbon will not be returning to GSPS in 2018, we are thankful for all he has contributed to South in his time with us as a classroom teacher. Simon has held guitar lessons at lunch times and after school and has been instrumental this year in his organisation of the year 5 excursion, fun day and the Yr 6 farewell. We wish Simon all the best for his future endeavours.

Also, farewell to Mr Jeffery, who has been part of the Stephanie Alexander team since its beginning. Mr Jeffery has been our garden specialist, but has also given countless hours on weekends and after school maintaining gardens and lawns around the school. He has taken part in excursions, led projects building retaining walls, tree planting, constructing fences, greenhouses, shelters, built/welded tree guards, and planted and looked after our famous garden beds; and a whole lot more!

As a volunteer dad, Todd has been to every working bee held at the school in the nine years he has been at South. We will miss him, his sense of humour and his devotion. Thank you Todd.

Presentation Day

Presentation day was a wonderful event again this year. The students were amazing and I have had so many positive comments from the audience and special guests about the uniform, behaviour and attitude of the students. It is important that we celebrate student success as a whole school community and I congratulate the award recipients of 2017.

Major awards were received by:

Dux of School- Les Eckert Trophy for Scholarship and Influence: **Rosie Snape**
All rounder- The Thomas Family Prize: **Olivia Guest**

Leadership Girl- Venn Icton: **Lucy Reid**

Leadership Boy- Venn Icton: **Toby Bartlett**
PSSA Sportsperson of the Year: **Michael Walsh**

Premier Sporting Challenge: **Isabelle Moore**
Science: **Lucy Robertson**

Sportsmanship Girl—Griffen Cup: **Chloe Dorrington**

Sportsmanship Boy- Griffen Cup: **Jayln Muggleton**

Excellence in Music Girl— Ruhmann Family Prize: **Emily Hunt and Lucy Reid**

Cultural Award— CWA Mary Champion: **Charlotte Bedggood**

Primary Citizenship Girl— Jim Reading Memorial: **Matilda Snow**

Primary Citizenship Boy- Jim Reading Memorial: **Lewis Donaldson**

Year 5 Encouragement Award: **Alyssa Frey**

Year 4 Citizenship- GSPS P&C: **Emily Williams**

Infants Citizenship Girl- Edith Hall:

Sophie Weston

Infants Citizenship Boy- Noel White:

Tyler Hobden

2018 LEADERSHIP TEAM

It was my great pleasure to announce the Captains, Vice Captains and School Prefects for 2018 on presentation day.

Captains:

Indiella Bryers and Angus Waerea

Vice Captains:

Bella Sawyer and Cooper Williams

Prefects:

Stella Robertson, Serena Jaeger,

Tahlia Newman, Ava Mitchell

Owen Robinson, Jack Hunt, Nate Harris, Flyn Harrison

Congratulations to the new student leadership team. I am sure you will fulfill your roles with the same level of sincerity and maturity as we have seen from the team of 2017.

BARINGA

Our school magazine, *Baringa* has been professionally printed this year and is now ready. If you are one of our South School families who have paid school contributions (school fees) in 2017 it will be distributed to you on day one of 2018.

Congratulations to **Telia Billsborough** and **Chicane Amaral**, who were the winning designers of this year's Baringa front cover!

2018 Starting Dates

Please remember that students do not return to school until Tuesday 30th January 2018. The Monday is a staff development day.

The 2018 school year will commence as follows:

Monday 29th January 2018:
Staff Development Day STAFF ONLY

Tuesday 30th January 2018:
STUDENTS RETURN

Monday 5th February 2018:
FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN 2018

All Kindergarten students in NSW complete *Beststart* assessment prior to coming to school. This will be done by your child's new classroom teacher on a one to one basis, during week 1. In the coming weeks, all Kindergarten students will receive a letter in the mail with their teacher's name, and the time and day of their assessment. Once the individual assessment is complete for all our new **Kindergarten students**, they will commence school on

Monday 5th February 2018.

The P & C will be holding light refreshments on the front lawn after you drop your Kindergarten student to their class on Monday 5th. It will be an excellent opportunity to come and meet some other parents who may be feeling exactly the same way as you. It will be also a terrific chance to meet some of our P & C members.

PS. Tissues will be provided



Queens Baton Relay

We are very excited to be hosting the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay right here at South school.

Even more exciting is that **Bella Sawyer** (Vice Captain 2018) will be running with the baton and is anticipated to start from Winder Pl in front of all her school friends, peers and teachers. The relay will commence at Winder pl on 31st January at approximately 12.20pm. It is suggested that anyone coming along to cheer on Bella should arrive 15mins early in case the relay is running early.

CONGRATULATIONS BELLA!

We will certainly be out cheering you on!

Kitchen Cook Off FINAL WINNERS

Isabelle Moore and Chloe Dorrington!



We know these two girls are great on the tennis court, and on Friday they showed us just how AMAZING they are in the kitchen by taking out the crown of Kitchen Cook Off winners for 2017!



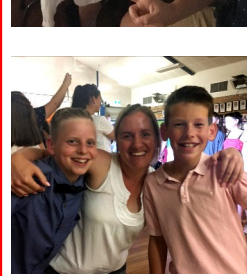
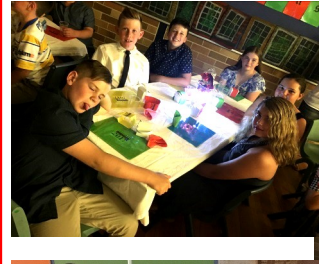
Thank you Administration Staff...we appreciate you!

The administration staff welcome back Mrs Pryor next year and say farewell to Julie Palmer. Julie has been with us since May and has been a wealth of knowledge during the transition to LMBR. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

We thank all our office staff, who are often the first 'port of call' for parents and the first faces we see as we walk through the door. They are more often than not here after allocated hours and always show patience, care and respect to our students, parents and staff. A special lunch was enjoyed today on our last day for 2017!



FAREWELL CLASS OF 2017!



TITANIUM LUNCHES



Kadence Milne and Ally Harris



Olivia Heath



**Katie Eveleigh, Lilly Street and
Clare Varcoe**



**William
Hicks**

**Mason Guest
Lennox**

**Liam
Reid**



**Jedd Rennick, Bailey Harris
and Toby Bartlett.**



A Fabulous Finish

The final farewell for 2017 goes to our wonderful Year 6 students. It has been a pleasure to watch this group of students grow and mature throughout their time at primary school. Ms Davies and I were only commenting last week about the positive attitudes of this year's Yr 6 students. They are very supportive of one another and have learnt to show empathy and patience with one another.

Class of 2017; I urge you all to take as many opportunities as are offered to you.

Good luck, best wishes to you all, and
never stop learning!



Best wishes go to all our South school families for a happy and safe Christmas. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone return in 2018.

Thank you to all our volunteers, whether it be for reading, in the canteen, the kitchen, for book club, the P&C or school fete... the list goes on, we thank you so very much for the support you give your children and of our wonderful school.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Warmest regards,
Nicki Walsh





Making the Love of Jesus known

Summerfest

14th - 21st January, 2018

For more information head to summerfestgunnedah.org

KID'S CLUB

Mon 15th - Fri 19th, 9:30-11:30am
Gunnedah High School

Come on a safari as we explore the Savanah and discover who is the resucer! A week of fun for school kids years 1-6 (2018)

SUMMERFEST CAFE

Mon 15th - Fri 19th, 9:30-11:30am
Gunnedah High School

Come and meet your neighbours, have a coffee or a cool drink with something delicious to eat
Preschool/creche available for parents who are attending the cafe.

TUESDAY TRIVIA

Tues 16th, 7:00pm -8:30pm
Gunnedah High School

What's the capital of Spain?
Who won the 2013 NRL Premiership? Grab a group of friends and come along to a night of trivia and to discuss the trivial and not so trivial parts of life. Prizes to be won!
Cost \$5

LADIES NIGHT

Mon 15th, 7:00 - 9:30pm
Gunnedah Anglican Church

Learn how to put together a "grazing board" and hear a talk about the feast in Heaven. Cost \$5

TEENS

Mon 15th - Fri 19th, 9:30-11:30am
Gunnedah High School

Come and hang out, play games and read the bible. A group for high schoolers.

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 21st, 10:00am
Gunnedah High School

Who is Jesus? Why is he relevant to me today?
Come along to a special combined church service at Gunnedah High School where we will tackle these questions and more

THE BIG NIGHT

Fri 19th, 7:30pm -9:00pm
Gunnedah High School

Come and meet with teenagers from across Gunnedah as we play games, hang out, eat food and hear from the Bible

BLOKES BBQ

Fri 19th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Check the website for location

Choice cuts, sizzling snags & tasty conversation. Join us as we share BBQ tips and think about Science and God. Cost \$10

For more information head to summerfestgunnedah.org