



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

**Friday
8th December 2017
TERM 4 WEEK 9**

Special points of interest:

- CLASS PARTIES
- YEAR 6 FUN DAY
- YEAR 6 FAREWELL
- END OF TERM

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 Dec	11 ES1 Class Party Year 6 Fun Day	12 S2 Class Party	13 Year 6 Farewell	14 Classroom Moving Day	15 END OF TERM FOR STUDENTS
Dec	18	19	20	21	22
<i>happy</i>					
Dec	25	26	27	28	29
<i>holidays</i>					



Gunnedah South Public School

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is always a special day on the calendar of any school and 2017 was no different. It was great to see such an amazing turnout of parents and community members to witness our award winners receive their certificates and prizes. Congratulations to all the students who received awards for 2017. This is a well-earned reward for all your hard work during the school year. To those students who missed out on a certificate or prize this year have a think about what you might be able to do next year to earn yourself an award. This is always something to aspire to and we can all aim high in the pursuit of academic, sporting and cultural excellence.

A big congratulations go to our captains and vice-captains who did an outstanding job of hosting the event. I thought they were excellent for the duration on what can be a nerve racking experience. I must thank them and the rest of our leadership team who have done a fantastic job as school leaders throughout 2017. Congratulations must also go to our incoming leadership team who will take over the reins in 2018. I'm sure they will do an amazing job. They should be very excited to take on these roles for the 2018 school year. I'm positive that your families are very proud of you and your efforts to reach this milestone in your school career.

The school band did an excellent job at playing the national anthem and entertained us with an instrumental version of "Rock Around The Clock" from the classic era of rock'n'roll. Bill Haley and the Comets would have been very impressed. Special thanks to Mrs Sommerlad who coordinates the school band. The audience weren't sure where to look with singers popping up all around the town hall. Mrs Merlehan and Mrs Passfield continue to raise the bar in relation to these performances. I can't wait to see what they come up with next. These two items showcase the wide variety of programs that are offered at Gunnedah South.

I must also commend our students for their excellent behaviour throughout the ceremony. It is quite a long time to sit patiently as the awards are handed out but they managed it with ease. The feedback from teachers was excellent. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs McGowan and her team for their organisation of the Presentation Day. I know first-hand how much time goes into organising the day. I coordinated Presentation Day in a previous life for many years so I can really appreciate what a big job it is. Thank you and well done.

Special Events Coming up

As is the case every year, many special events have been organised for our students to celebrate the end of the year. Class parties and excursions have been organised for next week. The many and varied events sound like they will be a tremendous amount of fun. Thank you to the teachers who have put in plenty of time to organise these events. I would take this opportunity to remind students that these days are for having fun but please don't forget to listen carefully to teachers and ensure your behaviour is of a standard that Gunnedah South can be proud of. You are responsible for your behaviour and when in public you are ambassadors of our school. I would expect all students to keep this in mind.

Christmas Concert

Today, Friday 8th December, is our annual Christmas concert. As I have moved around the school I have seen many classes working hard to perfect their items. It is the season to be 'Jolly' and the performances will surely bring smiles to many faces. The students and teachers have put a lot of effort into their performances and it will be great to see the audience tapping their toes and singing along.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home next week. These comprehensive reports outline student progress and achievement across all Key Learning Areas, extracurricular activities and social skills. In addition, teachers may have highlighted areas for further development. We encourage all parents to make a convenient time to discuss their child's report with the classroom teacher.

Be Sun Safe

As I have visited classrooms in recent weeks I have noticed some students with what can only be described as monster sunburn. I would encourage all students to enjoy the summer sunshine but be smart when it comes to the sun. Firstly, wear a shirt and hat. Secondly, make sure you put on sunscreen to protect you from the sun and remember to reapply every 4 hours. I don't like seeing people with vicious sunburn when it can be so easily avoided. Please be sun safe this summer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you to all the staff, students, parents and community members who have helped make 2017 awesome. Have fun, be safe and see you back at Gunnedah South in 2018.

Thank you

Graham Conn

Deputy Principal

Merit Certificates

Titanium

Callum Simson, Cley Durrant, Cooper Towill, Hanna Williams, Nicola Bemet, Clarease Chapman, Wesley Dundas, Max Jewiss, Ted Pease, Lincoln Squires, Noah Beasley, Nash McLoughlin, Callum Anderson, Lyndon Eveleigh, Zoe Eather,

Gold

Lara Jones, Callum Anderson, Lyndon Eveleigh, Noah Beasley, Serena Jaeger, Nash McLoughlin, Sasha Twidale, Jordana Jeffrey, Sara Pike, Gavin Sams, Olivia Semmler, Alyssa Twidale, Thomas Woolley, Eva Kelly

Silver

Charlotte Jeffery, Callum Anderson, Lyndon Eveleigh, Lara Jones, Sarah McKenzie, Laurel Thomas, Amelia Woolaston, Samuel Lambert, Jack Preston, Noah Beasley, Jasmine Bilsborough, Serena Jaeger, Nash McLoughlin, Lewis Donaldson, Emylie Murrell, Hayden Forrester, Cooper Williams, Malakai Briggs, Immogen Bull-Watts, Alecia Coker, Hanna Williams, Sasha Twidale, Lachie Ellison, Ryder Hatch, Jordana Jeffrey, Dallas ZMills, Sara Pike, Gavin Sams, Olivia Semmler, Alyssa Twidale, Thomas Woolley, Lachlan Swain, Laura Demmery, Ryder Alvey, Chaise Meredith, Rebecca Partridge, Deegan McCormack, Lucas McKeowen, Nash Carlyon, Maddison Thomson, Eva Kelly, Melody-Rose Knight

Class Bronze

Melody-Rose Knight, Noah Haley, Charli Hobden, Kayleigh McCauley, Amarlia Wise, Jacinta Ibrahim, Hunter Scott, Jed McLoughlin, Indie Beasley, Taya Barton-Collins, Sallie Thompson, Ally Mutton, Helen Weston, Claire Moore, Oscar Zechel, Evah Thomas, Heather Gray, Lenni Frey

YCDI

Jason Duff, Ryan Rayward, Jessie Johnston, Stella Goodall, Addison Morris, Chalsea Williams



FAREWELL AUNTY STELLA

On Wednesday 6th December Mrs Heath, Mrs Fleming, Miss Leonie and Mrs Walters travelled to Tamworth to celebrate Aunty Stella's retirement. Aunty Stella Lamb has been with the Department of

Education for over 30 years. She has worked in many schools across the region and played a big part in our community.

Gunnedah South would like to wish Aunty Stella all the best in retirement. She has always supported our school, students and families.

Thank you Aunty Stella.

GSPS P & C CANTEEN THANKYOU

Our school canteen operates only with the continued support from the school community. Thankyou if you are one of those parents whether you have volunteered a day, a week/month/term, a few hours or a morning. All help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks goes to my wonderful volunteer parents: Meredith Robinson, Lisa Ferguson, Mandy Coward, Jo Slee, Christine Pease, Amber Donoghue, Kim Street, Heidi Mainey, Rebecca Ryan, Lyndal Jewiss, Jodie Moore, Hope Rennick, Jess Wild, Susan Southwell, Christina Hunt, Steph Winsor, Carrie Leader, Gail White, Lisa White, Talie Sawyer, Tracy Towill, Faith Moran and of course dear Mr John Flannery.

2017 Canteen Committee: Mel McCulloch, Renee Bedggood, Kierra Tindall, Amy Perfrement, Jo Slee, Nicki Walsh, Emma Jeffery

This year has been the first year where by the canteen has partnered with the GSPS Leadership Team. Students have been on a roster to help with lunch and recess service, with some students being extra keen and working Friday morning before school. The help from the leadership team has been invaluable. I have enjoyed working with an **AWESOME** group of students and wish you well in your step into Highschool in 2018...I will truly miss you all!!!

Thankyou goes to the following students: Toby Bartlett, Lewis Donaldson, Lucy Reid, Josie Gallagher, Isabelle Moore, Chloe Dorrington, Thomas Donaldson, Charlotte Jeffery, Angel Phillips, Zoe Morgan, Hayden Forrester, Lucy Robertson, Jayln Muggleton, Michael Walsh, Joshua Coker, Charlotte Bedggood.

Merry Christmas,
Mrs Sharon Tydd





2017 Sporting and Team photos.

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7 Years Rugby League



8 Years Rugby League



9 Years Rugby League



10 Years Rugby League



Opens Rugby League



Opens Rugby Union

Volunteers Morning Tea

Join us for a cuppa and some sweets, to thank you for giving Gunnedah South Public School your time and effort. We appreciate it greatly.

When- Tuesday 12th December 2017

Time- 10am

Where- In the Kitchen

We hope to see you there!



Lost Property



As the school year draws to an end, please encourage your child to check the lost property if they are missing anything. There is an abundance of lost property at the moment.

Any items that are unclaimed by the end of the school year will be donated to

St Vincent de Paul.

The primary lost property is located at the steps under the Primary COLA.

Infants lost property is located in the D Block corridor, outside Mrs McQuirk's room.



EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS CARDS

We get to this time of the year when many of the students like to bring Christmas cards to school to distribute to their friends. On the Monday of week 10 (11th December) a post box will be sat under the COLA for children to post their cards. They will need names and classes on the envelopes. We ask that children wait until then before bringing in their cards.

The Year 2 students will deliver them each day.

We also ask, that due to allergies, candy canes and other food stuffs are not included.

Mrs Ross & Mrs McGowan



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Parent Survey

Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
1. The Kitchen Garden Program is a valuable addition to the school curriculum					
2. I have volunteered in the kitchen or garden classes at the school					
3. My experience as a volunteer has been positive					
4. The program has contributed to better school and community connections					
5. I have gained new skills and knowledge about cooking and gardening					
6. My child likes the garden activities					
7. My child likes the kitchen activities					
8. My child helps out in the garden at home					
9. My child has a garden plot to grow vegetables at home					
10. My child has developed new skills from participating in the Kitchen Garden Program					
11. My child has more knowledge about cooking and gardening					
12. My child talks about their fortnightly kitchen activity					
13. My child talks about their fortnightly garden activity					
14. My child uses skills gained from the program in practical situations at home					
15. My child takes more interest in food and in the preparation of meals at home					
16. My child has shown an understanding of healthier food choices					
17. My child is more willing to try different foods					

Further comments (Any other benefits, observations or improvements. Include feedback as a volunteer)

*Please return the survey to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.
We appreciate your thoughts.*

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4/12	CLOSED <i>Presentation Day</i>	6/12 <i>Mandy Coward</i>	7/12 NEED HELP	8/12 <i>Jodie Moore</i> <i>Hope Rennick</i>
11/12	12/12	13/12	14/12 CLOSED	15/12 CLOSED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!


Can you help from 8.30-11.30am ??? On Tuesdays or Thursdays???



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Let's Celebrate



PCYC Christmas Dance Party!

Children from Kindergarten - Year 6

Let's enjoy Christmas with good friends, great music, dancing, games & awesome Prizes donated by the generous businesses of Gunnedah, let's give a holiday cheer!

Thursday 21st of December, at 6-8pm

Entry Cost: \$5 per Child
PCYC will be running a BBQ and Canteen

Year Six Farewell—Photo Sessions

Heather and Gayle from Montage Fotos have kindly offered to take some individual and small group photographs before the Year Six Farewell which is to be held on Wednesday, December 13th.

When: The ladies will begin taking photographs promptly at 4pm.

Cost: A \$2 sitting fee will apply. Following the Farewell, you are able to view the images at Montage Fotos shop front and purchase directly through them.

Where: This will take place in the Primary Quadrangle, near the silver seats.

Please note: In past years, some children have unfortunately missed out on having their photographs taken as they did not arrive with enough time to spare. Please consider this if you are wanting to have a special photograph. The formal proceedings will begin promptly!

Bookings are not essential. Photos will be taken on a first in, first served basis.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.



KID'S CLUB

Mon 15th - Fri 19th, 9:30-11:30am
Gunnedah High School
Come on a safari as we explore the Savannah and discover who is the rescuer! A week of fun for school kids years 1-6 (2018).

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

For more information head to summerfestgunnedah.org