



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Thursday
9th February 2017
TERM 1 WEEK 3

Special points of interest:

- Swimming Carnival 14th Feb
- Water fun Day 14th Feb
- Stage 3 Sport starts
- Stage 3 Bonding Camp
- Grandparents Day 31st March
- Easter Hat Parade 6th April

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 February	6	7	8	9 Captain's Induction Parent Information Night	10
4 February	13	14 Swimming Carnival Water fun Day K-2	15	16	17
5 February	20	21	22	23	24 Stage 3 Sport starts
6 February/ March	27	28	1	2 Stage 3 Bonding Camp	3



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A few words from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back students, staff, families and our school community to what I'm sure will be another year filled with high quality teaching and learning along with numerous extra curricular opportunities for our students. Education is a journey and we are honoured that you as parents, have chosen our school. Our aim is for every child to be actively engaged in meaningful, challenging and future-focused learning experiences to achieve and thrive as learners.

The school enjoys strong positive relationships with our P&C and AECG which are based on trust and mutual respect. Both organisations work alongside the school to support our vision and directions, ensuring student learning is engaging, relevant and valued. I can encourage all parents to become active members of the P&C and AECG (P&C next meeting Tuesday 14th February @7pm in the kitchen).

Kindergarten

A very special welcome to our new little Kindergarten students for 2017. School can be a little daunting for the first time when you are 4 1/2—5 years old, but not for these students. They have settled into their new setting and routines with ease, even attending a whole school assembly on Monday, which was only their third day at school. I was very impressed with not only their behaviour and participation but also focus during the assembly. Well done Kindergarten. I can certainly see why the Kindergarten teachers have big smiles walking around the school to have such lovely students.

Staffing

The school warmly welcomes our new staff who are joining us in various roles across the school ~ Mr Matthew Gleeson will be teaching 2G, Miss Alexandra Budge will be teaching 3B and Miss Gabriel Reynolds will be our librarian.

Classes

The school will operate with 25 classes again this year.

KH = Miss Holdom

KR = Mrs Ross **Rel. Assistant Principal for kindergarten**

KC= Mrs Holmes

KP = Miss Powell

K/I A = Miss Anson

IC= Mrs Conn

IM = Mrs McGowan **Assistant Principal for Stage 1**

IS= Mrs Sommerlad

2M = Mrs McGuirk

2H = Mrs Higgins

2G = Mr Gleeson

2R = Miss Reynolds

3S= Mrs Sams

3B = Miss Budge

3/4 P = Mrs Passfield

3/4 W = Mrs Woodhead

3/4 M = Mr McGuirk



A few words from our Principal...



4M = Mrs Merlehan *Rel. Assistant Principal Stage 2*

4S = Mr Sumpter

5T = Mr Thurbon

5D = Mrs Stewart, relieving for Mr Dowe

5/6 M = Miss Martin

5/6 C = Mrs Craig

6 D = Mrs Davies *Rel. Assistant Principal stage 3*

6P = Mrs Piggott

Parent and teacher communication is encouraged at Gunnedah South. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time. Any concerns regarding your child should always be first directed to the classroom teacher and then the Assistant Principal responsible for that stage.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

The SAKG program is a unique feature of Gunnedah South which is available to all students K-6. This program allows our students to revel in the hands-on experiences centred on intellectually rich and engaging learning tasks. The kitchen and the garden provide real life context for learning in which the theory of the classroom melds with the practices of growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing. The success of this program relies heavily on parents and community members who volunteer in the kitchen and garden classes. Kitchen and garden classes begin next week, with each class accessing the program on a fortnightly basis, and your child's classroom teacher will be very grateful if you are able to volunteer some time.

Weekly Newsletter ~ 'going green'

In our quest to be more eco friendly, we will be phasing out printed copies of our newsletter. This will begin over the next 4 weeks, During that time printed copies of the newsletter will still be sent home with the eldest child in the family. The last printed copy will be sent home during Week 6.

During the 4 week phasing out period, we will be requesting current email addresses for families, so that an email distribution list can be created. The newsletter will also be available on our school website and Skool Bag App. In addition, the school is creating a Facebook page (which will be launched very soon) that will also allow access to the newsletter.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is set and ready to go for next Tuesday 14th Feb for our Primary students and 8 year ol students who are competent swimmers. I am sure all students are looking forward to having the opportunity to cool down from this relentless heat. The swimming carnival has a great atmosphere with students and parents cheering on fellow competitors. There is always some friendly rivalry between the 4 sports houses.

Important Dates:

- ⇒ Swimming carnival Tuesday 14th Feb
- ⇒ Grandparents Day Friday 31st March
- ⇒ Easter Hat Parade Thursday 6th April
- ⇒ Stage 3 Bonding Camp Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd March
- ⇒ Bullying No Way Day Friday 17th March

Kind Regards,
Emma Jeffery
Principal





SCHOOL NEWS...



Scripture

Scripture is held in our school each Thursday and will commence next week. Students have a half-hour, non-denominational (eg. Anglican, Baptist) lesson with an authorised and trained Scripture teacher of an approved religious group. Catholic students from Kinder, and Years 3 to 6, are able to attend a group taught by a Catholic teacher. Unfortunately, the Catholic Church is not able to provide a teacher for students in Year 1 and Year 2, for Term 1. Notification of any changes to your child's attendance in a Scripture class should be given to the school in writing.

Good for Kids good for life

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get bang for food budget buck.

Budgeting the week's food money according to the healthiest foods means getting the best value for money.

Spend most: wholegrain breads and cereals; fruit and vegetables.

Spend moderately: meats and alternatives; dairy.

Spend least: foods high in fat, salt and/or sugar.



Buy what's good for you...

Fruit and veg are good for you and good value for money, especially when in season. Buy canned or frozen when they're cheaper than fresher varieties.

And save...

Processed snacks are much more expensive per kilo, so go healthier and cheaper with some fresh fruit and veg!



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 6 (2017) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2018 are invited to attend our Open Day to share our vision for the future.

The Open Day is for Year 6 students who plan to sit for the Selective Schools Test on March 9. The morning will feature information, a tour of the school facilities, information about class size and structure, curriculum, scholarships and you will also learn about the unique opportunities available to the selective class.

Peel High School is the only co-educational school within a 100 km radius of Tamworth that is part of the state Selective School's Network.

Refreshments will be provided by our Hospitality students and staff.

Please come along – 10am Saturday, March 4 2017



Please RSVP by March 2 via the Peel High Facebook page or by contacting Kristen Miller or Trina Wieland on 67657 088 or email kristen.miller1a@det.nsw.edu.au

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K/1A SAKG Timetable

Garden Thursday 1.30 to 2pm

Term 1	Wk 4	16/02/2017
Term 1	Wk 8	16/02/2017
Term 2	Wk 1	27/04/2017
Term 2	Wk 5	25/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 9	22/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 3	3/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 7	31/08/2017
Term 4	Wk 1	12/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 5	9/11/2017

Kitchen Thursday 1.30 to 2.50pm

Term 1	Wk 6	2/03/2017
Term 1	Wk 10	30/03/2017
Term 2	Wk 3	11/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 7	8/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 1	20/07/2017
Term 3	Wk 5	17/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 9	14/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 3	27/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 7	24/11/2017

1C SAKG Timetable

Garden Thursday 1.30 to 2pm

Term 1	Wk 5	23/02/2017
Term 1	Wk 9	23/03/2017
Term 2	Wk 2	4/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 6	1/06/2017
Term 2	Wk 10	29/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 4	10/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 8	7/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 2	19/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 6	16/11/2017

Kitchen Thursday 1.30 to 2.50pm

Term 1	Wk 7	9/03/2017
Term 1	Wk 11	6/04/2017
Term 2	Wk 4	18/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 8	15/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 2	27/07/2017
Term 3	Wk 6	24/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 10	21/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 4	2/11/2017
Term 4	Wk 8	30/11/2017

1M SAKG Timetable

Garden Thursday 1.30 to 2pm

Term 1	Wk 6	2/03/2017
Term 1	Wk 10	30/03/2017
Term 2	Wk 3	11/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 7	8/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 1	20/07/2017
Term 3	Wk 5	17/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 9	14/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 3	26/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 7	23/11/2017

Kitchen Thursday 1.30 to 2.50pm

Term 1	Wk 4	16/02/2017
Term 1	Wk 8	16/02/2017
Term 2	Wk 1	27/04/2017
Term 2	Wk 5	25/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 9	22/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 3	3/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 7	31/08/2017
Term 4	Wk 1	12/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 5	9/11/2017

1S SAKG Timetable

Garden Thursday 1.30 to 2pm

Term 1	Wk 7	9/03/2017
Term 1	Wk 11	6/04/2017
Term 2	Wk 4	18/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 8	15/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 2	27/07/2017
Term 3	Wk 6	24/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 10	21/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 4	2/11/2017
Term 4	Wk 8	30/11/2017

Kitchen Thursday 1.30 to 2.50pm

Term 1	Wk 5	23/02/2017
Term 1	Wk 9	23/03/2017
Term 2	Wk 2	4/05/2017
Term 2	Wk 6	1/06/2017
Term 2	Wk 10	29/06/2017
Term 3	Wk 4	10/08/2017
Term 3	Wk 8	7/09/2017
Term 4	Wk 2	19/10/2017
Term 4	Wk 6	16/11/2017

SAKG Timetable 2017

<i>Odd weeks- 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11</i>					
<i>Kitchen</i>					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
9.15-10.45			3S		
<i>Recess</i>					
11.15- 12.45	6D	5T	5/6C	3/4P	2R
<i>Lunch</i>					
1.30- 3pm	3B	2G	4M	Year 1	Kindy
<i>Odd weeks</i>					
<i>Garden</i>					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
10.05- 10.50	6D		5/6C	3/4P	
<i>Recess</i>					
11.15- 12pm	5T		2G	3S	
12- 12.45	3B		2R		
<i>Lunch</i>					
1.30- 2.15	4M			Year 1	
2.15-3pm				Kindy	

<i>Even weeks- 2, 4 , 6, 8, 10</i>					
<i>Kitchen</i>					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
9.15-10.45					
<i>Recess</i>					
11.15- 12.45	2M	5D	6P	5/6M	3/4W
<i>Lunch</i>					
1.30- 3pm	2H	4S	3/4M	Year 1	Kindy
<i>Garden</i>					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
10.05- 10.50	2M		6P	5/6M	
<i>Recess</i>					
11.15- 12pm	2H		3/4W		
12- 12.45	5D		3/4M	4S	
<i>Lunch</i>					
1.30- 2.15				Year 1	
2.15-3pm				Kindy	

K-2 Water Fun Day

Gunnedah South's annual swimming carnival is being held on Tuesday 14th February 2017. The students in years 2 (8 year olds only) to 6 participate in this carnival which is held at Gunnedah Memorial Pool. The students usually dress in 'House' colours for the day of competition and fun.

The students in K to 2 remain at school.

This year, for the K-2 students, we have planned some fun water games and activities to coincide with the senior carnival. The activities will be between morning tea and lunch. We would like the Infants children to dress (shorts and T-shirts) in their House colours just like their big brothers and sisters.

House colours are:

Banksia – green	Boronia – blue
Waratah – red	Wattle – yellow

The children will need to wear swimmers under their clothes (make sure they are still able to go to the toilet). They must have a shirt and a hat that can get wet. Bring a towel. Please name all belongings.

Please wear sports shoes and bring a pair of thongs or water shoes.



GSPS Swimming Carnival

- Location:** Gunnedah Memorial Pool
- Dates:** Tuesday, 14th February, 2017
- Departure:** Children will come to school as normal and we will walk to the Gunnedah Memorial Pool as a group. Parents are welcome to meet us at the pool from 9.30am onwards to watch their children. **Children swimming the Medley must be dropped at the pool by 8.40am to swim at 9am.**
- Dismissal of children:** Children will be dismissed from the Gunnedah Memorial Pool at 3pm. We will arrange for buses to collect the children from the pool.
- Cost:** \$1.95 per child. If your child has a pool pass they must bring this on the day to ensure entry into the pool.
- Activities:** Swimming and novelty swimming events.
- What to bring:** Water bottle, morning tea/fruit and lunch, hat, sunscreen, swimmers
- What to wear:** Children may come dressed in their house colours. (Banksia = green, Boronia = blue, Waratah = red, Wattle = yellow). All children must have appropriate shoes i.e. joggers. **NO** flip-flops or thongs. Please ensure your child brings an appropriate hat.
- If you have not returned your Medical Information Form and Permission Slip please do so ASAP.

Swimming Carnival Volunteers.

Our Annual School Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It takes many people to ensure this event runs smoothly and we rely on parent volunteers to assist us with this.

We need volunteers to help with timekeeping, refreshments and marshalling.

If you are able to volunteer on the day please let Ms. Davies know. If you have specific job requests, or times you are available to help please send this information through.

Thankyou!

