



Gunnedah South Public School

"With oar and sail"

Friday
17th March 2017
TERM 1 WEEK 8

Special points of interest:

- Grandparents Day 31st March
- Easter Hat Parade 6th April
- Working Bee 1st April
- Students Return Wednesday 26th April

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School Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 March	20	21	22	23	24
10 March	27	28	29 ESI Bus Safety	30	31 Grandparents Day
11 April	3	4	5	6 Easter Hat Parade Coal Miner's Cup	7 End of Term 1 Happy Holidays



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From the Relieving Principal....

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week has past and it is difficult to believe that there are now only three weeks until the end of term.

This week, I would like say a special thank you to all our staff who do so much work out of hours and take on extra roles; all for the benefit of our students.

A quick snapshot of the week would show that all staff met on Monday morning and again in the afternoon to continue the analysis of PLAN data and NAPLAN data from 2016.

The learning and support team met on Tuesday morning to discuss student progress in all areas of their development.

That afternoon was a Mathletics information session (thank you Mrs Piggot) and P&C in the evening.

The PBL team combined on Wednesday morning to ensure its smooth introduction continues, the whole staff met again on Thursday morning to look at WHS in the workplace and the executive met on Thursday afternoon to work on the new school plan and 2016 Annual Report.

And... classroom teachers have also been fitting in PLPs!



Up coming dates:

Grandparents Day:	Friday 31st March
Tennis team play:	Friday 31st March
State swimming:	Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April
Working Bee:	Saturday 1st April (morning only)
Easter hat parade:	Thursday 6th April
Staff development day:	Monday 24th April
Students return term 2:	Wednesday 26th April

Tell Them From Me Survey 2017

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students this week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **20th March 2017**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

This week in sport...

Gunnedah Zone GALA Day

On Wednesday approximately 60 students walked to Longmuir for a day of basketball, league and touch footy fun! Other schools from the Gunnedah PSSA zone were also in attendance and on their arrival back at school it was obvious the students had enjoyed their day out. They were accompanied by Mr Gleeson, Miss Anson and Miss Holdom.



Around the school

Choir

This week came the sounds of voices from the hall that I mistakenly took as angels. It was in fact, our stage 2 and 3 choirs. Mr Brown has been working with both primary and the infants choirs since the beginning of the year, and they sound AMAZING!



Working Bee

We will be having a working Bee on **Saturday 1st April** and would appreciate as much help as possible! If you are available for any amount of time between 8am and 11am on that morning we would love to see you up here at school.

Familiar Voices

SHHHHH. It's a secret, but if you tune into 2M0 next Thursday morning at 8:30am; you might just hear a couple of familiar voices!!!

HINTS: There will be a boy and a girl. They are both in year 6. They wear a badge.

YES! Our captains, Toby and Lucy will be reporting about some of the great things happening around the school next Thursday at 8:30 am. **DON'T MISS THEM!**

Student Lunches

Can I ask that you please check your child's bag each morning to ensure they have enough food for the day. Many of our older students pack their own lunches, however they are not including healthy, filling options for lunch such as sandwiches or wraps. There have been many students wanting to phone home because they have left lunch there, they haven't packed enough or they have eaten all their food at recess and have nothing to sustain them into the afternoon. We would appreciate your help with this matter.

Amazing Ambassadors: Angel, Amia and Alice

It was a day of **A's** at the Verdict yesterday as it was my pleasure to take out Angel Phillips, Amia Beasley and Alice Swain for their titanium lunch.

These three students were such wonderful ambassadors for our school. By their conversation, I could tell they were passionate about South and really loved coming to school each day. They have beautiful manners and great personalities and I thoroughly enjoyed being in their company; and having some giggles. I was extremely proud of them as they conducted themselves with maturity and confidence.

Well done girls!

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable weekend as we look forward to another busy and productive week to come.



Warmest regards,

Nicki Walsh

Relieving Principal



SCHOOL NEWS...



Merit Certificates

K/IA	Daniella Kelly
KC	Caden McKinnon, Charlize Fouracre, Zaviah Miller
KH	Jordan Duff, Kaidyn Maguire, Maddison Craig
KP	Jed McLoughlin, Jessie Johnston, Ellie Beasley
KR	Kelly Briggs, Claire Howes, Jai Holmes

YCDI

Eva Kelly, Breanna Kemp,
Peter Morgan, Kayla Poss, Kobe Waugh,
Breeanna Peachey, Cyrrah Moore-Duff,
Stella Goodall, Phoenix Wild,
Danielle McGregor

Silver

Mia Smith, Yarraki Budden-Talbott,
Jarvis Cameron, Nathan Stark,
Cooper Blinman, Indiella Bryers

Gold

Nathan Stark

WORKING BEE

On Saturday 1st April, end of Week 10, we are holding our first Working Bee for 2017.

It will run from 8.00am to 11.00am, with a free sausage sizzle and drink to end the session.



The main item on the agenda is a retaining wall between the hall and 3/4P. This garden has been in need of a face-lift, and Mr Todd Jeffery has just the thing.

There will be plenty of other jobs around the place to get our hands dirty. Please bring a few of your own tools.



Forensic Science Workshop

Around 150 kids were exposed to the finer details of forensic science in the hall last week when they were asked to solve the case of the missing boy.

Students participated in hands-on activities to solve clues, study animal tracks, and use UV light.

Positive feedback was received in the way that the presenter engaged the students and kept everyone on task.

A big thank you to the teachers who supervised: Mrs Nik Zerner, Mrs Meleah Walters and Mr Eddie McGuirk.



Stewart House Donations

It is that time of year again when we ask for your very kind and generous donations to a cause close to the heart of all public schools. Gunnedah South is lucky enough to send at least 2 children to participate in this amazing program yearly.



Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

How can you help???

If you are willing to donate please place the money in the envelope that has been provided and return to your classroom teacher ASAP.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children.

Gunnedah South Grandparents' Day



Friday 31st March

Open Classrooms 10—10:50am.

Picnic-style morning tea with students 10:50-11:15am.

Grandparents Day Concert begins 11:30am sharp.

Classes resume as normal 12.45pm.

Coffee van will be on site and our SAKG team will also be providing light refreshments for grandparents.

Hopefully see you all there!

sweets made especially by our talented students!



Stage 3 Bonding Campout

The Stage 3 Bonding Campout last week was a huge success! Year 5 and 6 students returned to school Thursday afternoon for games and dinner. The boys slept in the hall (eventually) and the girls were allocated to sleep in the library (not that many got much sleep!).

On Friday, students still participated in normal sport, but from recess onwards, they had many fun and team building experiences. There was the horizontal bungee (definitely a hit!), the egg drop, and spider web!

The aim of the campout is to allow teachers and students to get to know each other better outside the classroom environment.

It was a fun evening.

A huge thank you to the Stage 3 teachers who work superbly as a team! Miss Martin on shopping, Mr Thurbon on cooking and outdoor games, and Ms Davies and Mrs Piggott on indoor games.



Mr Thurbon at full stretch.



Successful Egg Drop Teams!



P&C Easter

1st Prize: Family Fun Easter Basket

2nd Prize: Chocolate Lovers Delight

3rd Prize: Very Bunny Easter Bundle

Tickets \$1

Return to school by Monday 3rd April. Winners will be announced on Thursday 6th April at Easter Hat Parade





National Youth Week 2017 is fast approaching and Gunnedah Shire Council is calling for young people between the ages of 5 to 25 years to submit art works for the 2017 Youth Week Exhibition.

The theme for Youth Week, 2017 is 'Be here, Be heard!' and the exhibition is a chance for youth in Gunnedah to explore their creativity and demonstrate to the community just how creative, talented and imaginative our young people really are.

Submissions by individuals, collectives, groups and organisations are encouraged. 'Artist Submission forms' are available on our website www.thecivic.com.au, The Visitor Information Centre or Gunnedah Shire Council Office, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah. For any further information please call (02) 67 402 100.

Artworks and submissions are due at the Gunnedah Bicentennial Creative Arts Gallery at 5:00 pm Friday, 31 March 2017. **All entries are free.**

If your child would like to enter an artwork into the exhibition, they can collect an entry form from Mrs Passfield. Their artwork and attached entry form will have to be returned to me by Thursday 30th March. Mrs Passfield will then hand them in on their behalf.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school on 67421899 and leave a message for Mrs Passfield.

Good for Kids good for life

KEEP CRUNCHING ON THE WEEKENDS

Most NSW primary schools have incorporated Crunch & Sip® as a regular part of their school day.

Crunch & Sip® helps children to meet their recommendations for vegetable and fruit intake as well as an opportunity to introduce new vegetables and fruits to children.

The benefits of Crunch & Sip® can happen at home as well as at schools. Keep kids eating healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables no matter the day, this could include on the weekends, during sporting events etc.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to know the serves you need.

Eat It To Beat It helps families to eat enough serves of fruit and vegetables. We all need a different number of serves per day, depending on age.

How many serves a day?	Veg	Fruit
Adults	5+	2+
Broodfostering (12-18)	7½	2
12-18 (boys)	5½	2
12-18 (girls)	5	2
9-11	5	2
6-8	4½	1½
2-5	2½	1

A serve of fruit = 150g of fresh fruit or one medium or two small pieces, or one cup chopped fruit.

A serve of veg = 75g of veg or ½ cup cooked veg/legumes or ½ medium potato or one cup of salad.

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