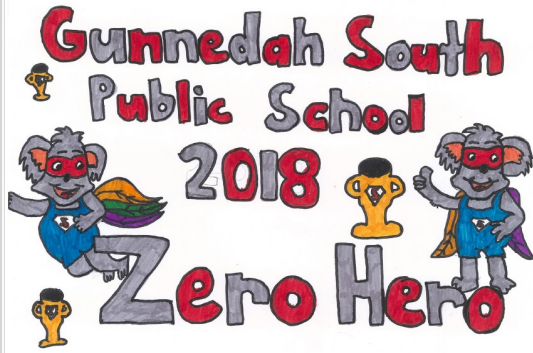




Friday 7th December, 2018

# Gunnedah South Public School Newsletter

Term 4 – Week 9, 2018



## Zero Hero Day

### Monday 10th December

Monday 10th December	Final Stage Assembly for the year  ZERO HEROS reward day	
Tuesday 11th December	P&C Meeting	7pm
Wednesday 12th December	Presentation Day at the Town Hall  Year 6 Farewell	9am  5pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Concert	11.30am

Term 4 – Week 10, 2018

Mon-Wed 17th-19th December	Class Parties	
WEDNESDAY 19th December	End of term for students	3.00pm



## TITANIUM LUNCH

It was Mrs Walsh's turn to enjoy lunch this week with these two smiling faces on Tuesday!

Hollie Johnstone and Siri Sparkes kept Mrs Walsh entertained whilst they all enjoyed their lunch at The Verdict!



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### **PBL - ZERO Heroes and 2019 School Rewards Day**

Positive Behaviour for Learning or PBL as we all know it is about each and every student improving their behaviour at school and instilling our school's core values of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNERS into everyone, everywhere every time. I was excited to see these values were even included in some letters to Santa that students were writing.

Exciting News – On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December** (this coming Monday) we will be celebrating our students who are PBL ZERO HEROES and having our last reward day for 2019. Please see Flyer on page 5.

Our **Zero Heroes** will be rewarded with a specially designed BRAG Tag created by our two winners, Jordi Jeffery and Sophie Neilsen as well as a bronze award. Brag Tags will arrive just in time for Christmas! This award is for students who have had ZERO, None, Zilch, Nil, Zip, Not One recorded behaviour incident throughout the year. Simply amazing!

This will be followed by an opportunity for ZERO HEROES to leave a permanent hand print on the back wall of our school hall over the coming weeks.

In the recent external PBL review, as a School Team we scored a rating of 95% in our second year. To support this success your P&C have sponsored a **Whole School PBL Celebrations Water Fun Day** full of fantastic activities for students at school on **Monday**. Because of this fantastic success as a whole school our wonderful and dedicated PBL team are pleased that we can reward all students who have received a massive amount of Super Slips throughout the year to celebrate their success. Please remember to pack your child's swimmers, hat, sunscreen and towels.

Parent Volunteers - If you are able to assist on the day with Water activities your time and presence would be greatly appreciated. Please note, this day is not open to High School students or students from other schools.

### **Social Media Policy implementation at Gunnedah South Public School**

Social media, when used appropriately, can be a powerful tool to facilitate and enhance communication and learning, as well as build connected communities that are positive places for all stake holders. We understand that parents and grandparents utilise and enjoy our school APPS and media streams to keep up to date with the happenings at our fantastic school.

It is common knowledge that schools and the staff who work in schools are subject to a higher level of public scrutiny over and above most other public sector employees because of their work with children. To support this, the staff at Gunnedah South Public School follow the NSW Department of Education Social Media Policy and attempt to continuously provide up to date information for parents and the school community. Our School Facebook Page is managed by a team both locally at school and centrally by the NSW Department of Education.

As a school community, I kindly ask for your support to continue to share and promote a positive school image. To achieve this, it is vital that we employ best practice in the use of social media and follow the guidelines of each provider. For parents, students and teachers, school staff and community members, I implore you to take appropriate action if you have concerns over content and remind you that legislation exists in relation to acceptable behaviour online. If you find yourself or your children targeted on social media, I encourage you to directly approach the person, if known, and ask them to remove the content. As a school community, let's work together to instil positive behaviours, by modelling positive behaviours to our children.

Again it is timely to remind parents that if you have concerns or even compliments, please raise these initially with your child's teacher, their supervisor (Assistant Principal), our schools Deputy Principals or even me before resorting to a spray on social media. My staff are here to help and want to work with you to make school great for every single student!



## Positive news for school communities

Last week I had the privilege of representing Principals from across the region at the Primary Principals State Council in Sydney. During this time, NSW Education Minister, Mr Rob Stokes, addressed the council with some fantastic news. He announced that a Charter of Respect, outlining acceptable behaviours for Parents, had been expanded to include community members and this would be released at the start of the 2019 school year.

This new government policy has been developed by the NSW Government in partnership with key educational stake holders including parents and community groups. Early in the 2019 school year, a letter will be coming home to all parents from every NSW Public School and Public High School explaining community and government expectations for parents in relation to schools. This is fantastic news for all students, teachers and parents to ensure schools continue to be safe for everyone. This is an extract from a recent Daily Telegraph article with early information in relation to this announcement:



## **THREAT TO KICK ABUSIVE PARENTS OUT OF SCHOOLS**

**EXCLUSIVE:** Every student in a NSW state school will take home a letter warning their parents that principals will call the police if they are violent, abusive, or use emails and social media to intimidate teachers.

## Year 4 Excursion – Lake Keepit

Yesterday afternoon and evening I had the privilege of visiting our Year 4 students at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre. The energy, buzz and excitement that students and staff displayed was electric. Every single child was smiling and excited to share stories about the wonderful time they were

having. I particularly enjoyed attending the DISCO and birthday celebrations for Drew!

Often, as a school community we overlook our wonderful staff who take time away from their own lives to support students on having positive experiences through excursions. Did you know that teachers are not paid after 3:30pm each day and happily volunteer their time to ensure our students, your children, have opportunities beyond the school gates. I personally would like to thank Mr Sumpter, Miss Reynolds, Mr McGuirk, Mrs Passfield and Mrs Merlehan for ensuring our Year 4 students have had this positive experience at this busy time of year.

## Presentation Day – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Starting at 9:30am

This year our Presentation Day will be held at the Gunnedah Town Hall commencing promptly at 9:30am. After feedback from a variety of stake holders, the Presentation Team has work hard to streamline the day and our school goal is to conclude the Presentation by 11:00am. This does mean, after consultation, we have removed a number of awards that have not been supported financially for many years and we have restructured the day. You will be pleased to learn that my Principal's report is even on a time limit, which I think is great as the presentation refocusses the day to be student focussed and celebrate our students.

## School Leadership Team Elections

On Tuesday this week we held the second round of voting for School Leadership positions for 2019. The range and quality of speeches was amazing. I was particularly impressed with the outstanding student audience who displayed respect for their peers. Please join me in congratulating every student who stood for a leadership position for 2019. As part of our presentation day, Captains will be presented with a temporary badge and will be given their official badge at the leadership induction ceremony in 2019. Again, congratulations to all students who represented themselves, their families and our school so incredibly well. As a school, we are proud of each and every student.

Finally, I would like to thank the Presentation team in advance and remind parents that next Friday will be our last Newsletter for 2018.

Kindest regards,

Pete Baum



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# MERIT CERTIFICATES

## TITANIUM

6L Malakai Briggs  
6W Chantelle Stubbs  
4/5H Grace Honeysett

## GOLD

6L Malakai Briggs  
6W William Harris, Archie Stark,  
Chantelle Stubbs  
4/5H Grace Honeysett  
4M Tim Capper, Deekirah Rowlands  
1F Charlize Fouracre

## SILVER

6L Harry Capper, Tyler Ibrahim-Lynch  
6W William Harris, Archie Stark,  
Chantelle Stubbs  
5C Sienna Mackay, Blade Rowlands  
4/5H Grace Honeysett  
4M Tim Capper, Deekirah Rowlands  
4R Kassidy Hunt, Tyrone Winsor  
2LZ Jaxon Hatch, Sophie Neilsen,  
Malaki Winsor  
2M Lachlan Young  
1F Charlize Fouracre, Jase Lihou  
KA Bray Jones-Stuart  
KH Balin Muddle

## BRONZE

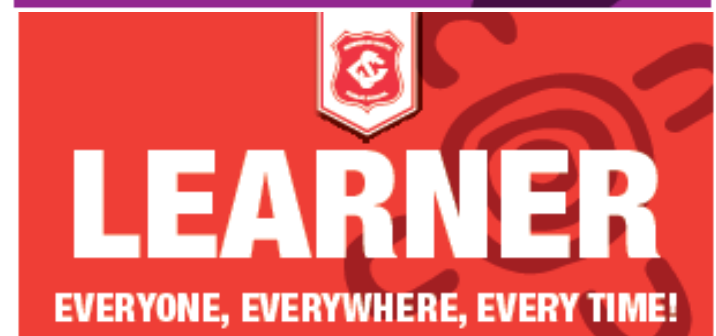
2/3B Gabriel Dick, Liam Snelson  
2M Kayliah-Rose Hunt, Camden Muddle  
2LZ Liana Burwood, Jaxon Hatch,  
Dustiin Weekes  
2G Nick Mainey, Olivia Welsh  
1H Jaquan Bartman, Jessie Johnstone  
1F Charlize Fouracre,  
Zayden Kleinschafer, Isaac Vallada  
1C Nicholas Banks, Claire Howes,  
Oscar Zechel  
1D Ellie Beasley, Charli Hobden

## YCDI

2/3B Chelsea Morgan  
2M Grace McGloughlin  
2LZ Malaki Winsor  
2G Maddie Thomson  
1H Keith Borradaile  
1C Jason Duff  
1D Leo Dowling

## PBL

2/3B Kiarne Ruttley  
2M Isabelle Gilbert  
2LZ Sophie Neilsen  
2G Sam Dorrington, Maddison Eschbach  
1H Jordan Duff  
1F Addison Hathway  
1C Claire Moore  
1D Oliver Friend



# Congratulations!!!

On our recent PBL external evaluation we achieved 95%!

Therefore due to these outstanding school team results,

## **ALL STUDENTS**

will be participating in our water fun day on **Monday 10th December**



Please come dressed in your PBL colours & bring your swimmers, towel and sunscreen  
(also a plastic bag for wet clothes)



Well done on being  
safe, respectful, learners  
Gunnedah South!

# Mathletics

## **Term 4, Week 7 Results**

### Top Classes

- #1 MC — Average 1410 Points per student**
- #2 5C — Average 1022 Points per student
- #3 5S — Average 531 Points per student

### Top Students

#1 Daniel Heywood	5C	3690 Points
#2 Abdul Khan	KR	3176 Points
#3 Rocky Wild	2LZ	3023 Points

## Vegetable Sticks, Hummus, Silverbeet Tarts, Fresh Vegetable Stir Fry, Carrot and Celery Salad with Dressing and Fruit Salad.

These were some of the recipes children recently prepared in our kitchen. Many noticed that by using similar ingredients, such as celery and carrots, several dishes could be made. Others decided they could easily bring carrot and celery sticks for recess with home made hummus, or fresh fruit salad, rather than packets of less healthy foods. Part of the lesson was about planning an appealing presentation of the food and sharing it in a hygienic way.





# Grand Final Cook Off 2018



On Monday night, Gunnedah South School held the much anticipated Kitchen Cook Off Grand Final. All six teams were excited and prepared to tackle the cooking of the three course meal that they were required to serve up to the judges.

The meal consisted of; entrée- salad and homemade dressing, main- tomato and chorizo pasta, and dessert- banana self saucing pudding. The teams were given times of when each course was to be dished up and served to our three esteemed judges, Mr Ken White (Relieving Principal of Gunnedah High), Mrs Mel McCulloch (President of the P&C) and of course our very own Principal, Mr B.

The six teams, looking a little nervous, began cooking. The kitchens were alive and ingredients were everywhere. We were beginning to think that maybe three recipes might have been a tad tricky. However, to everyone's amazement, the teams pulled it all together and all of the entrees were served at the expected time. As were the mains and desserts.

We had our two inside judges, Mrs Keeler and Mrs Stanger, who marked the teams on their workflow abilities and the cleanliness of their work area. The points were extremely close as all of the teams worked really well together, and to their parents amazement, cleaned their kitchen until it was shining.

In the spirit of MasterChef and to be fair to our grand finalists, we made the competition a blind tasting, so the judges had no idea who cooked what meal. The judges scored each dish out of 5 for both the taste and the presentation. Each team scored very highly. The judges noticed that the pasta was cooked al dente and the dessert was... exceptional. What an amazing achievement for our Years five and six students.

The scores were tallied and one winning team was announced. The Kitchen Cook Off Champions of 2018 are... Ava Mitchell and Indiella Bryers. Amazing effort ladies! Thankyou to all of our wonderful teams and we are very proud of you all.

Thank you to our teams, spectators, judges and video crew- (Mr McGuirk and Mrs Perfremment). You all made our night the success that it was.



Claire Barnes & Sophie Bush



Harry Barlett & Jedd Rennick



Amy Sams & her Mum, Elsie



Isla Wise & Ellie Cope



Ava Mitchell & Indiella Bryers



Ellie Thomas & Olivia Heath

**GSPS**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2018**  
**11:30AM**

LOCATION: OUR SCHOOL HALL

TEA, COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE



THE LAST DAY for STUDENT BANKING  
for this year will be next  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER (week 9)



Well done to all the students who  
regularly build up their bank accounts.



All the recent photos taken of the  
leadership team, representative  
individual and team sports are  
now available for viewing and  
purchasing at Montage Fotos:  
147 Conadilly Street | 6742 6616

## P & C News

Tickets are still available for  
our major raffle, the  
10 prizes are fabulous and  
there will only be 1500  
tickets sold.

Tickets can be purchased  
online at

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book/event?eid=386463&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=386463&)

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