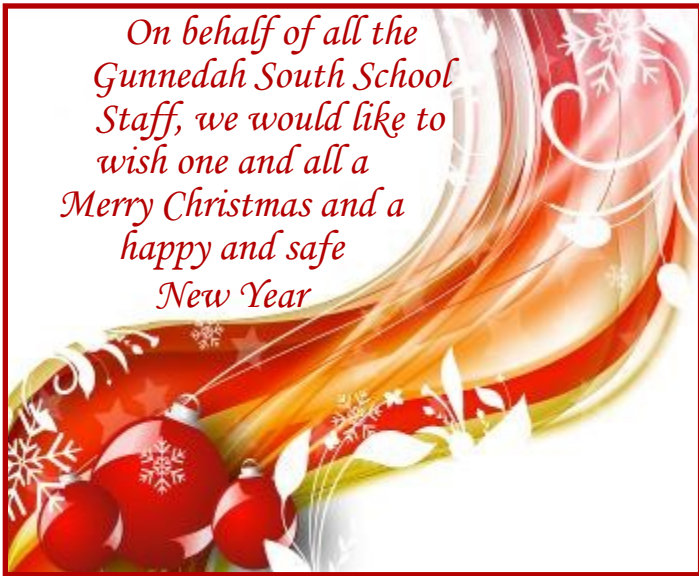




Friday 14th December, 2018

Gunnedah South Public School Newsletter



On behalf of all the Gunnedah South School Staff, we would like to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year



Congratulations to the students elected to the leadership team for 2019.

The school captains will be Oscar Donoghue and Abbie Passfield.

Vice captains will be Joshua Casey and Danyella Young.

School prefects will be Angus Johns, Joshua Garrett, Mason Louis, Liam Reid, Alice Swain, Emily Williams, Jessica Ferguson and Rhegan Jaeger

Term 4 – Week 10, 2018

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

Term 1– Week 1, 2019

Tuesday 29th January	Teachers return to School	
Wednesday 30th January	Students return to School	
Wed—Fri 30th January— 1st February	Best Start Assessments for 2019 Kindergarten Students	



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Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that the countdown to Christmas has begun.

Firstly, I would like to thank all students, teachers, parents and community members/supporters for a fantastic 2018 at Gunnedah South. As this is our final newsletter for the year, I would like to recognise and acknowledge the people that continue to make South the outstanding school that we all love.

South School Staff - My Superb Staff - thank you so much for the time, effort and passion with which you all fulfil your roles at Gunnedah South. Our students are lucky to have such caring and dedicated people that provide them with so many amazing opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

South School P & C - I can't say thank you enough for the time, opinions, energy and contribution you as a team make to our students and school. Each and every one of you work tirelessly to provide opportunities for not only your child/children but for every student that walks through our school gates on a daily basis. I know our students appreciate what you do as much as I do as principal. They certainly all loved been acknowledged yesterday.

South School Community -It never ceases to amaze me the support our fantastic school gets from the wider community. Local business people, property owners, councillors, former students or people who have no affiliation to the school except they now live here in this beautiful town we call home. Thank you for embracing our awesome school and for making a difference to the education of our students.

South Students -Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. You spoil your teachers everyday!!! Your attitude to learning is fantastic and you make coming to work each day easy. Your participation in extra-curricular activities is outstanding. The pride you have for our school is outstanding. Kids, I think you can guess what I think of all of you, you are simply Awesome!!!

Farewell Year 6

On Wednesday night we held our Year 6 Farewell– I was proud to have had the opportunity to learn a little about all of our students over the past three terms and even happier to be involved in the night. A big thank you to all the organisers, students and parents who contributed. As we say goodbye to Year 6, we will remember the smiles, personalities, laughs and positive attitudes of the students. They are a credit to themselves and their families. On behalf of all staff at South we wish you every success in high school and beyond and remind you there is a whole world out there! Enjoy! All the best!

Christmas Concert

On Thursday our school community came together for our annual Christmas concert. The array of performances from classes, the school band, drama club, drummers and choir was amazing. It was fantastic to have this as our last event for the year and I thank our students and everyone who came along for the event for the amazing buzz and energy that was in the school hall.

Key Dates End of Term 4 – 2019

Wednesday 19-12-2018 – Last school day for students

Thursday 19-12-2018 – Teaching Staff Development Day

Friday 19-12-2018 – Teaching Staff Development Day

End of Year Staff Farewells

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Justine Davies and Mrs Sheridan Bradley who both will be moving to Tamworth schools in 2019. We thank both of these teachers for their commitment to student learning at Gunnedah South Public School and wish them all the best in their new roles.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. On behalf of my staff, have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Kind Regards,

Pete Baum



Looking Forward – Key Information for 2019

Early Term 1 KEY DATES

10am to 2pm

Special Open Days for Uniform Shop

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of January

Enrolment interviews available on these days.

Week 1 2019	Monday 28-1-2019	Public Holiday (catch up for Australia Day)
	Tuesday 29-1-2019	Staff Development Day – No staff at School
	Wednesday 30-1-2019	Students in Year 1 to 6 commence Kindergarten 2019 Best Start Assessments – A letter will be sent in early January with information for parents.
	Thursday 31-1-2019	Kindergarten 2019 Best Start Assessments – A letter will be sent in early January with information for parents.
	Friday 1-2-2019	Kindergarten 2019 Best Start Assessments – A letter will be sent in early January with information for parents.
Week 2 2019	Monday 4-2-2019	2019 Kindergarten Classes commence

Friday is SPORTS DAY

All students will have sport on a Friday in 2019. Namoi Partner Schools Sport commences week 6 and all students in Years 3 to 6 will receive notes for sports in Week 2 of 2019.

Assemblies

Regular Stage assemblies will be held weekly on Fridays at 1:45pm (after lunch) each week.

Whole school assemblies will occur at 1:45pm on Fridays (after lunch) 3 times each term. Dates will be advised in 2019 whole year school calendar that will be sent home on the first day back in 2019.

Teachers and classes for 2019

We are currently in the process of finalising classes and staffing for 2019. Please find information on the following pages about our planned 2019 teacher staffing and class structures. As always, please be mindful that some slight changes might occur as a result of staff movement over the holiday break.

As suggested by parents, Assistant Principals will provide Teacher Release in 2019 in an attempt to ensure classes have fewer disruptions.

Speech Therapist and Occupational Therapist in 2019

We are very fortunate to have secured a speech therapist and occupational therapist who will be working in our school every week throughout 2019. We will include an opt in / opt out option on our general permission note.

School Excursions 2019

We have been busy finalising all major excursions for students in 2019. General information and payment plans will be available from day 1 of week 1 2019.

A full year calendar will be sent home at the beginning of term 1 2019.

Bell Times in 2019

We have reviewed bell times for 2019 to ensure our students are getting required break times, have an increased daily literacy session and our bell times align with partner schools to ensure sport will occur in the middle session on a Friday from Week 5 of term 1.

8:30	Supervision of Students Commences
8:55	Bell to end play and move to classrooms via toilets
9:00	Morning Lessons commence
11:00	Recess
11:25	Bell to end play and move to classrooms via toilets
11:30	Middle Lessons Commence
1:00	Lunch Break – Eating Time
1:10	Lunch Break – Play Time
1:40	Bell to end play and move to classrooms via toilets
1:45	Afternoon Lessons Commence
2:50	Students with class teacher make their way to afternoon muster.
2:55	Afternoon Muster
3:00	End of School Day

Principal	Pete Baum
Deputy Principals	Graham Conn Nicole Walsh – Curriculum Meleah Walters – Primary Instructional Leader (AS)
Assistant Principal	Mrs Lynda Heath (Semester 2) - Visible Learning
Library	Eddie McGuirk
Kitchen	Jodie Sams
RFF	Brooke Wyllie
Stage 1 Interventionist	Pam McWilliams
School Counsellor	Christie Burgess
I.T.I.S. Teacher	Mr Steve McCauley
Drama Teacher	Larni Christe

2019 Classes (Please be aware that changes may occur over the holiday break).

Stage Supervisors	Class Teachers
Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten AP – Mrs Judy McGowan	Kindergarten Teachers 2019 KH – Chloe Holmes KM – Kath McGuirk KS – David Silver KT – Claire Tudgey K/1 – Leigh Anson
Stage 1 - Year 1 and 2 AP – Mrs Rebecca Higgins	Year 1 Teachers 2019 K/1 – Leigh Anson 1D – Natasha Doherty 1H – Kristie Hudson 1C – Cate Conn 1S – Robyn Sommerlad Year 2 Teachers 2019 2LZ – Nicole Zerner & Maree Lawerance 2H – Jo Hoppee 2R – Gabriel Reynolds 2S – Bianca Small

<p>Stage 2 - Year 3 and 4</p> <p>AP – Mrs Vicki Merlehan</p>	<p>Year 3 Teachers 2019</p> <p>3G – Matt Gleeson 3W – Allison West 3M – Angela Muldoon</p> <p>Year 4 Teachers 2019</p> <p>4H – Sammy Holdom 4L – Edith Lennon 4C – Jessica Craig</p>
<p>Stage 3 - Year 5 and 6</p> <p>AP – Mrs Rachel Passfield</p>	<p>Year 5 Teachers 2019</p> <p>5S – Geoff Sumpeter 5L – Fiona Laurie 5B – Alex Budge 5/6P – Marianne Pankhurst & Marni Mitchell</p> <p>Year 6 Teachers 2019</p> <p>6F – Aylish Flannery 6B – Therese Bunce 6W – Karen Wilcocks</p>
<p>MC K to 6</p>	<p>Nikkea Reynolds</p>



MERIT CERTIFICATES

TITANIUM

4/5H Grace Honeysett

GOLD

5C Emily McKenzie
4R Milla Petersen
3S Tyler Hobden
2/3B Jaxon Young, Clancy Heath,
Ruby Locke, Chelsea Morgan
2LZ Nikolaas Thompson, Arabella Holmes
2G Lukas Ridley
1H Jaquan Bartman, Jordan Duff
1F Charlize Fouracre, Addison Hathway

BRONZE

6W Alic Higgs
6D Brodie Coombs
2M John Demmery, Jake Fisher
2LZ Shaylee Barton, Asher Cameron,
Sophie Neilsen
2G Lukas Ridley, Ella Pringle,
Addison Laws
1F Archie Ryman, Stella Goodall
1D Ellie Beasley, Charli Hobden,
Kayleigh McCauley, Josie Spradbrow
1C Oscar Zechel, Stevie Collins,
Nicholas Banks

YCDI

2M Chase Fermor
2LZ Deacon Jouquay-Hayes
1F Eva Kelly
1D Leo Dowling, Benjamin Marshall

SILVER

6D Jack Castle
5S Charlotte Semmler
5C Daniel Heywood
4P Charlette Keeler, Noah Kelly,
Charlotte McDonald
4M Harry Thomson
3S Josh Knox, Riley Collins, Leila Harris,
Isla Murphy
2LZ Eloise O'Donnell, Asher Cameron,
Deacon Jounquay-Hayes,
Niko Thompson, Arabella Holmes,
Logan Matthews
1H Cooper Arnott, Jaquan Bartman,
Keith Borradaile, Jordan Duff,
Kayla White, Chelsea Williams
1F Charlize Fouracre, Jase Lihou
KA Bray Jones-Stuart
KH Balin Muddle, Amelia Roberts,
Allie Neilsen, Damien McAlpine,
Mackenzie Harmse, Harper Costello,
Naila Anwari
KR Levi Smith, Jett Baker, Baylen Bacon,
Benson Jounquay-Hayes, Abdul Khan,
Lola Scott, Ruby-Rose Mendham
KS William Riordan, Mitchell Woolley,
Lucas Gallacher

PBL

2M Jessie Harris
2Lz Arabella Holmes
2G Cooper Hicks
1H Jessie Johnstone, Jai Wilson,
Noah Haley, Kelly Briggs,
Shii-Lee Foley
1F Heather Gray
1D Oliver Friend, Phoenix Wild

Mathletics

Term 4, Week 8 Results

Top Classes

- #1 MC — Average 957 Points per student
- #2 5C — Average 916 Points per student
- #3 6L — Average 335 Points per student

Top Students

#1 Tiah Small	5C	3640 Points
#2 Abdul Khan	KR	3315 Points
#3 Darcie Crane	KR	2550 Points

The school office will be open from 9am until 2pm on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th January for purchases from our uniform shop and for new enrolments



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KATRINA BURGoyNE

Stories & Songs From Nashville

Saturday February 9th
Gunnedah Town Hall
7:30pm

Do you love to sing? Want to be apart of the show?
Follow the link below for more details

www.katrinaburgoyne.com/gunnedah



Its fair to say that the students and staff had an awesome water day celebrating the achievements of our Positive Behaviour for Learning. The improved behaviour across our school is commendable and our evaluation results confirm this. All students had the opportunity to take part. The smiles and laughter observed from students and staff confirm the day was a huge success.

Thank you Gunnedah South School, as a team we are an amazing school!



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