



Friday 22nd November, 2019

# Gunnedah South Public School Newsletter

## Term 4 – Week 8, 2018

Tuesday December 3	High School Transition Day  2020 Leadership Speeches Round 2	
Wednesday December 4	Transition Workshop Year 6 with Tamworth Op Hub  K/1A Christmas Visit to GS Kidd	1.45pm  9am
Friday December 6	PBL Reward Day  <b>UNIFORM SHOP OPEN</b>	<b>9AM—12PM</b>



This is just a snippet of the many photos taken on the Year 6 excursion to Sydney this week. Keep an eye out for more to come in the coming weeks



## Term 4–Week 9 2019

Tuesday December 10	<b>PRESENTATION DAY</b> P & C Meeting	7pm
Wednesday December 11	Year 6 Farewell	
Friday December 13	Christmas Concert  <b>UNIFORM SHOP OPEN</b>	<b>9AM - 12PM</b>

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week our Year 6 students have been enjoying their Sydney excursion. The array of activities and experiences offered to our Year 6 students has been amazing. Clear highlights have been surf and body boarding school, the beach and of course Teppanyaki, the most interactive dinner you could ever imagine.

Amazingly, the small skills that we take for granted like learning how to use an opal card (train/ bus / ferry pass), have been a very positive experience for all.

Students and teachers certainly have been thoroughly enjoying themselves and I hope parents have enjoyed the array of photos that have been uploaded on Facebook. Many compliments have been given by the general public on the groups behaviour and Mrs Passfield actually was fortunate enough to record one of the presenters at the Sydney Observatory complimenting the group on their exceptional behaviour.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for giving up time away from their everyday lives to make this happen for students. It is important to note, that staff are not paid any extra for this time and do this on a voluntary basis. Also a massive acknowledgement to Mrs Passfield and her team for organising such an array of engaging experiences for our students.

### Year 5 – Captain and Leadership Speeches

Last week Year 5 students completed our first round of leadership speeches. As a result of this the 12 students for our 2020 student leadership team have been selected. Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 will now have the opportunity to listen to these leadership speeches and then elect the positions that the 12 students will hold. The second round of speeches will occur on Tuesday the 3rd of December at 9:30am. More details will follow through the School App.

Congratulations again to all students who took the opportunity to speak about their ideas for our school. Again, I would personally like to congratulate every student who made the effort, and encourage parents to commend their children on this public speaking effort.

### Presentation Day

This year our Presentation Day is on Tuesday 10th of December, commencing at 10am at the Town Hall. Our program should hopefully be concluded by midday. We hope that parents and community members can join their children to celebrate a fantastic year at Gunnedah South.

### Smokey / Dusty / Hot Weather

Parents are kindly asked to ensure your child has their school hat each day. Each day prior to break times, we review air quality and temperature and at times, students are provided with indoor activities when conditions are less than favourable.



## Bodies in Motion

Last week over 130 students attended the Bodies in Motion Matinee Performance at the Gunnedah Gymnasium. Students spoke very highly of the mini excursion and some were amazed at the skills of some of their classmates. It is always thrilling to see so many of our students participating in the actual gymnastic performance.

## Kindergarten Transition for 2018

Today was our last day of Kindergarten Transition for our new 2020 students. Our transition students have enjoyed activities around the text Who Sank the Boat, completing science experiments and hands on mathematics. What was a clear highlight for our transition students was meeting our 2020 Kindergarten teachers. The Kindergarten teachers for 2020 are:

Assistant Principal: Mrs Judith McGowan

KH	—	Mrs Jo Hoppe
KS	—	Mr David Silver
KT	—	Miss Claire Tudgey
K/1H	—	Mrs Chloe Holmes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McGowan and her team for organising our 2020 transition program.

More information regarding Kindergarten assessments in the first week of school will be sent out by post in early January. All Kindergarten students officially start school on Monday of Week 2, 2019 (3rd of February).

## Intensive Swimming Scheme

Intensive Swimming will be postponed for Term 4, 2019 due to the ongoing pool repair works. We are currently in the planning stages for offering this opportunity to students in early 2020 so their group is not missed. As always, I remind parents that our program is primarily about water safety and being responsible and well behaved in and out of the water!

Thanks again for another great week at South.

Pete Baum

Principal



# MERIT CERTIFICATES

## GOLD

- 6F Parker Collins, Samuel Dick
- 6T Lucas Passman
- 5S Rochelle Costello
- 4H Isla Murphy
- 3M Lylah Tindall, Timothy Craigie
- 3G Malaki Winsor, Bella Southwell,  
Deacon Jounquay-Hayes,
- 3W Chelsea Cochrane
- 2LZ Stella Goodall
- 1D Kaiden Matthews, Lola Scott,  
Lachlan Riley
- 1C Damien McAlpine

## SILVER

- 6T Emily Williams, Thomas Garner,  
Kodee Bendall, Jake Atkins,  
Lucas Passman, Alisha Barton
- 6W Danyella Young, Sarah Kemp,  
Charlie Bridge
- 6F Parker Collins, Samuel Dick,  
Aleena Dundas
- 5/6M Alice Swain
- 5B Linkin Turner
- 5F Oliver Shoemsmith
- 5S Rochelle Costello, Wyatt Dorrington,  
Braidyn Delaney, Declan Holt,  
Darcy Mills, Keith Morris, Demi Smith,  
Ruby Williams. Corinne Wise
- 4L Harriet Snow
- 4H Chelsea Budden, Matilda Waters,  
Lochie Ellison, Caitlyn O'Hara,  
Isla Murphy
- 4C Olivia Semmler
- 3G Riley Sutton, Malaki Winsor,  
Hamish Henderson, Nate Jaeger,  
Deacon Jounquay-Hayes, Ben King,  
Ruby Locke, Cooper Mitchell,  
Eloise O'Donnell, Bella Southwell
- 3M Lylah Tindall, Timothy Craigie,  
Olivia Crawford
- 3W Mea Woolaston, Chantelle Burge
- 2B Benjamin Marshall
- 2H Lilly Wheeler, Eden Morgan,  
Shii-Lee Foley, Charlie Ellison,  
Maddison Craig, Indie Beasley,  
Jaydah Budden-Talbott
- 2LZ Stella Goodall
- 1D Quinn Eyre, Violet Grace,  
Kaiden Matthews, Lachlan Riley,  
Lola Scott, Lucy Semmler
- KM Thomas Evans
- KT Hugo Holmes



## BRONZE

- 5B Linkin Turner

# SpeakFest Results 2019



## Gunnedah South Prize Recipients

Congratulations to all of our students who presented a speech this year at the annual SpeakFest competition. It takes skill to write a speech and immense courage to present it to an audience.

All of the students should be very proud of themselves. Apologies for the delay in publishing the results.

Well done to the students who placed. Please see the results below.

Age group	Award	Student	School
ES1	1st	Claire Ellison	Gunnedah South PS
Stage 1			
	2nd	Sienna Swain	Gunnedah South PS
Year 3			
	Encouragement	Chelsea Morgan	Gunnedah South PS
Year 4	1st	Lachlan Swain	Gunnedah South PS
	Encouragement	Millie Small	Gunnedah South PS
Stage 3	1st	Oscar Donoghue	Gunnedah South PS
	Encouragement	Charlize Wheeler	Gunnedah South PS
Impromptu	1st	Sienna Mitchell	Gunnedah South PS
Speaker of the Day		Sienna Mitchell	Gunnedah South PS

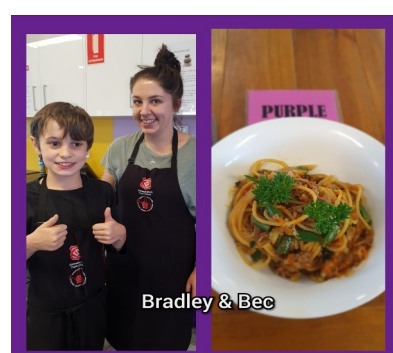


# Kitchen Cook Off #6



Last Wednesday night, we held our 6th cook off for the year. It was an amazing afternoon full of talented cooks, showing their skills as they cooked chow mein mince. It was extremely hard for our judges to score the teams, therefore, after much discussion and taste testing, the judges could not decide between 2 groups, as a result we had to announce joint winners! Congratulations to Ally Harris and her Nan, Julie, and Jack McCulloch and Jacob Tindall. These two teams progress to the grand final cook off on the 27th November.

Our other amazing teams were, Bradley Bartimote and his sister Bec, Shakira Conomos and her mum Melissa, John Hoppe and his brother Billy, and Cooper McLoughlin and Will Hicks. You were all fantastic!



# GUNNEDAH GYMNASTICS CENTRE



## Come and Try Days

Girls wishing to participate in our gymnastics program in 2020 are invited to attend our Come and Try Days. These sessions are free of charge and will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Lyle & Griffiths Centre from 3:45 – 4:45pm.

We hope to see you there!

# GUNNEDAH GYMNASTICS CENTRE

## January 2020 Holiday Program



The Gunnedah Gymnastics Centre is running a

holiday program for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6 in January 2020.

These sessions will run from 10:00 – 11:30 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at the Lyle & Griffiths Centre.

Cost is \$15 per session. Please register at [gungym@westnet.com.au](mailto:gungym@westnet.com.au) so staffing can be organised.

## Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools

# in 2021

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at:

[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](http://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)



### Key Dates

Application website opens:  
8 October 2019

Application website closes:  
10 pm, 11 November 2019  
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants:  
27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test:  
12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent overnight on:  
4 July 2020

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc) regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team\*.

### Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
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### Please Note:

\* In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

\*Parent\* is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'

**THE UNIFORM SHOP  
WILL BE OPEN  
EVERY FRIDAY  
FROM  
9AM UNTIL 12 PM  
FOR THE REST OF THE TERM.**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL  
BY PURCHASING  
REASONABLY PRICED,  
GOOD QUALITY  
CLOTHING.**

**WE STOCK EVERYTHING  
THAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED  
RANGING FROM  
SIZE 4  
THROUGH TO  
SIZE 18.**



Dear CAPERS 2019 Student Performers and Parents/Carers

On behalf of the CAPERS Management Committee I thank you so much for all the effort you put in to making this year's CAPERS so successful and memorable. I had the privilege of being in the audience for the Friday matinee and Friday evening performances. It was obvious to me that you had put in so much work to get your performance to the high standard that was on display at TRECC.

To the parents and carers who helped in many ways to support the students – I sincerely thank you. The great outcomes that are achieved with a strong partnership between home and school was once again on display for all to see.

Have a great rest of 2019 and don't stop performing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Young'.

Mr Mark Young  
**Director, Educational Leadership**  
**Mooki Principals Network**  
20 November 2019