



Friday 7th February, 2020

Gunnedah South Public School Newsletter

This week we welcomed our 2020 Kindergarten students.

The week started off with big smiles, tears (Mums) and lots of fun.

We also have a new Kinder teacher Mrs Jo Hoppe who has come from year 2. She joins Kinder favourites Mr David Silver, Miss Claire Tudgey and Mrs Chloe Holmes



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On Monday, we welcomed 66 new Kindergarten students to our school for their first day. To these students and their families, we extend a special welcome and wish them a long and happy association with our South School family.

Most of our new students coped very well with the introduction of 'big school', they waved mum, dad, aunts, grandma and grandpa off, without any hesitation. When I had the pleasure of visiting each classroom, every child was happy and comfortable in their new environment. What was more exciting was having the privilege of presenting every new student with a library bag and a book to remember their first day of kindergarten.

Congratulations to parents for the preparations you have made over the last six months to get your children to this point. I also would like to thank and congratulate our Kindergarten team lead by Mrs McGowan for their efforts to ensure the children remain happy and comfortable at school. Kindergarten students will spend the next few weeks getting to know their new environment, establishing routines and making new friends.

It has been a pleasure to also welcome to our school 49 new families whose children have begun at Gunnedah South Public School from K-6. My staff and I, will make it our top priority to ensure your children feel settled and happy in their new school. To this end we have placed each child with a buddy from their class to help show the children around. If you are unsure of any procedures please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher or contact the school office.

Swimming Carnival

Wow! What an amazing day kids were having today. The weather was so much better than last year and the pool temperature was beautiful. A personal highlight for me were the novelty races. I would like to thank all parents and staff who assisted and supported all the students who participated in all events no matter their ability. Well done!

P&C Meeting

The February meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 commencing at 7:00pm in the library. All parents are invited and we will be explaining the reviewed merit system.

School Hats

A reminder that we have a No Hat Play Under The Cola policy. Please ensure your child has their hat each day and this needs to be worn during morning, recess and lunch time play. Our new hats have been delayed due to the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in China. We thank you for your patience.

School Newsletters

This week will be our last weekly newsletter as we are moving to fortnightly newsletter. For regular updates and reminders please follow our Facebook page or School bag App.

School Contributions

In the following weeks you will receive an invoice for planned excursions/incursions, sporting activities and general contributions. You may pay with cash, cheque, EFTPOS or online payment. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call our office staff.

Food

Unfortunately we do not offer any refrigeration for student food. In Summer, I strongly urge all parents to ensure ice bricks or frozen poppers are used to keep food cool.

Skoolbag App

Our Skoolbag App has been updated. Please take the time to look at the new app as we use it daily as a means of updating and reminding you of events and happenings. Please remember you can contact teachers and all key staff through the App.



Home Reading

By now every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 should have bought home a new reading booklet to record their home reading each day.

The way our reading booklet works is simple, kids are encouraged to read every day (including the weekends) and there is no set day for swapping home readers from classrooms, every day is a great day.

This year you will notice that home reading and homework has been tied into our updated merit system. Every 5 days or nights of reading equals a super slip.

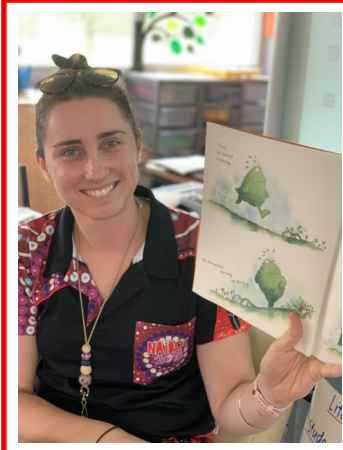
Finally, if your child has not received a home reading booklet, I kindly ask you to contact your classroom teacher or myself and we will follow up immediately. Please remember, the secret to reading is simple, the more you read or are read to, the more enjoyable and easier it becomes.

New Classroom Teachers

This year Gunnedah South welcomes two new classroom teachers. We know they will enjoy being here with the other wonderful staff and community.



Morgan Cox Year 1



Tiffany Johnston Year 2

Finally, thank you to all families, students and staff for a fantastic first full week of school.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Kindest regards,

Pete B.

Whole School Assembly

On Wednesday 19th February, we will be holding our first whole school assembly for 2020. The following badges and awards will be presented at this assembly:

- School Leadership Team
- Sporting House Captains
- School Representative Council (SRC)
- PBL Team
- Library Team
- Swimming trophies and medallions

The assembly will be held in our school hall and will commence at 9:30am.

Family and friends are all welcome to attend.



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PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 6th February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On **Monday 10th February**, we will be holding a parent information night. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child/ren's teacher, discover their classrooms and hear about the wonderful events planned for this year. Classrooms will be open at the following times.

Kindergarten - 5.00 pm

K/1H - 5.00pm

Year 1 - 5.15 pm

Year 2 - 5.30 pm

Year 3 - 5.45 pm

Year 4 - 6.00 pm

Year 5 - 6.15 pm

5/6PH - 6.15 pm

Year 6 - 6.30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments and tea/coffee will be served in the primary courtyard and infants COLA.



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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

Looking Forward

Week 3	Monday, 10 February 2020	Tuesday, 11 February 2020	Wednesday, 12 February 2020	Thursday, 13 February 2020 National Sorry Day	Friday, 14 February 2020 PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival PSSA Zone Tennis Nom. Due
	Parent Info Night 5-7pm	P&C - Meeting 7pm	Kitchen Cook Off - School Leadership Team - Round 1	PSSA Zone Term 1 Meeting	Whole School Assembly
Week 4	Monday, 17 February 2020	Tuesday, 18 February 2020	Wednesday, 19 February 2020	Thursday, 20 February 2020	Friday, 21 February 2020 PSSA Zone G + B Basketball PSSA Reg. Swimming Nom. Due
			School Captains Induction Leaders / New Staff Photo Day		
Week 5	Monday, 24 February 2020 PSSA Reg. G + B Tennis Trials	Tuesday, 25 February 2020	Wednesday, 26 February 2020	Thursday, 27 February 2020	Friday, 28 February 2020 PSSA Reg. G + B Basketball Trials
			No.1 - Kitchen Cook Off		
Week 6	Monday, 2 March 2020 School Leadership Team Excursion	Tuesday, 3 March 2020 Clean Up Aust. Day	Wednesday, 4 March 2020	Thursday, 5 March 2020	Friday, 6 March 2020 PSSA Zone G + B Soccer Whole School Assembly
	PSSA Reg. Swimming		Kitchen Cook Off - School Leadership Team - Round 2		
Week 7	Monday, 9 March 2020	Tuesday, 10 March 2020	Wednesday, 11 March 2020 Principals Network Meeting	Thursday, 12 March 2020 Selective High School Placement Test	Friday, 13 March 2020 PSSA Zone G + B Hockey
		P&C AGM - Meeting 7pm	Kindergarten 2021 Information Afternoon		
Week 8	Monday, 16 March 2020 PSSA Reg. G + B Southern Football Trials	Tuesday, 17 March 2020	Wednesday, 18 March 2020	Thursday, 19 March 2020	Friday, 20 March 2020 PSSA Zone Boys Cricket 
Week 9	Monday, 23 March 2020	Tuesday, 24 March 2020	Wednesday, 25 March 2020	Thursday, 26 March 2020	Friday, 27 March 2020 Whole School Assembly PSSA Reg. G + B Hockey Trials
			No.2 - Kitchen Cook Off		
Week 10	Monday, 30 March 2020	Tuesday, 31 March 2020	Wednesday, 1 April 2020	Thursday, 2 April 2020	Friday, 3 April 2020 PSSA Zone Girls Cricket PSSA Zone G+B Rugby League Opens /11s Eist Workshop S&D
			Kitchen Cook Off - School Leadership Team Finals		
Week 11	Monday, 6 April 2020 PSSA State Swimming - SOPAC	Tuesday, 7 April 2020 PSSA State Swimming - SOPAC	Wednesday, 8 April 2020	Thursday, 9 April 2020 EASTER CONCERTS  LAST DAY OF TERM 1	Friday, 10 April 2020 Public Holiday Good Friday
	Monday, 13 April 2020 Public Holiday Easter Monday	Tuesday, 14 April 2020	Wednesday, 15 April 2020	Thursday, 16 April 2020	Friday, 17 April 2020
Holidays					

