



Friday 6th March, 2020

Gunnedah South Public School Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 7, 2020

Tuesday March 10	P & C Annual General Meeting	7PM
Wednesday March 11	Kindergarten 2021 Information Afternoon	5PM
Thursday March 12	Selective High School Placement Test	
Friday March 13	PSSA Zone Girls & Boys Hockey	

Term 1 - Week 8, 2020

Monday March 16	PSSA Regional Girls & Boys Southern Football Trials	
Friday March 17	Harmony Day PSSA Zone Boys Cricket	

SOCIAL MEDIA HELP FOR PARENTS

The **P & C** are pleased to be funding a **Safe on Social Media Workshop** presented by renowned speaker **Kirra Pendergast**.

South School parents and carers are encouraged to attend this event to be held on the 23rd March.

Keep an eye out on the **Skoolbag App** and the **P & C Facebook page** for further details.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Our school is operating as normal.

As you will have seen in the media this situation continues to evolve, and I thought it was important that you have the same up-to-date advice I am receiving from the NSW Department of Education and NSW Ministry of Health.

Consistent with current guidelines, children, students and staff who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

In accordance with our current practice if any student becomes unwell, our infection control guidelines will be implemented and the Department will follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Our school already has hand sanitizer dispensers in every room and we ask all visitors and students to utilise these as entering and exiting our school.



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Term 1 2020 is certainly whizzing by with much vigour and excitement for our students, staff, families and school communities. When you look at the variety of opportunities that are available to our students you would be amazed to learn that students have access to over 40 optional activities each week during student break times. What is most exciting to share is we are noticing a significant reduction in negative student behaviours at school from the same period in 2018 and 2019, but an increase in kindness to others. Perhaps the question we should encourage all students and everyone who walks through our school gates a simple question: "How have I really made someone else's day better?"

This week I had the pleasure of catching up with 4 students who through kindness, common sense and responsible actions that assisted a student who was accidentally hurt. Words can simply not acknowledge or thank them enough for what they did for a peer.

Leadership Excursion

This week our school leadership team travelled to Sydney to represent our school at the National Young Leaders Day. It certainly was a pleasure to see our students developing plans together on how to embrace their important roles as student leaders. Go South kids!



Happenings behind the scenes at Gunnedah South

Did you know school staff actually contribute many hours (unpaid) in a voluntary capacity to ensure our students have the best opportunities available? Did you know that teacher working hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm? Did you know our school has many key teams to ensure our school is always continually improving and supporting students?

Some of these teams are:

- Curriculum Team
- Aboriginal Education Team
- Positive Behaviour for Learning Team
- WH&S Team
- Learning Support Team
- Kitchen / Garden Team
- Executive Team
- Stage Teams

This week I would like to share some of the fantastic work that is happening in relation to teaching and learning team lead by our DP Curriculum Mrs Heath. Currently this team is focusing on improving the delivery of English, science, history, geography and technology teaching and learning at school.

Additionally, the team has been undertaking a review of classroom timetables and subject times at school to ensure we are getting the time a student spends learning in each area at school right. One thing that has been identified is the amount of time we are spending in daily organisation needs to be reduced.

We are currently seeking student, teacher and parent feedback on the value of afternoon musters. Did you know your child currently spends 10 minutes a day, 50 minutes a week, 2000 minutes (or 7 school days) a year during learning time simply getting organised to go home at muster? The question I have for parents is simple – can we utilise this time better and do you support changing our end of day procedures?

Finally, many parents will have noticed a parking officer randomly observing and taking photographs of traffic conditions and behaviours around our school over the past fortnight. When I had the opportunity to speak with the gentleman, he indicated that he would be making several recommendations to improve the road conditions around our school.

Have a great weekend,

Pete (aka Mr B)



SNAPSHOTS

This is a new section of general information from across our school. We hope you find this useful.

Permission Notes

Thank you to all parents who have completed and successfully returned permission notes to school. We do this each year to ensure your preferences and contact information is current. Over the past fortnight our school office staff have been contacting parents directly to finalise your preference or request notes to be completed (it is very easy to miss items). We kindly ask if parents could please support your children by completing notes.

Baringa Magazine

Thank you for indicating you would like a copy of the professionally printed Baringa magazine for 2020. An invoice for each family will be sent home prior to the end of term. Payment will need to be made by Week 5 of Term 3 to ensure we order the required number of copies.

Scripture – Important Update

As a result of the reduced number of scripture teachers available to take groups in 2020 the structure of delivery has changed. Students in several grades will find that they have one scripture teacher in some cases for 50+ students (teachers accompany and support – but do not teach scripture lessons).

Parents in Year 1 and 2 who requested Catholic scripture should of received a note advising that unfortunately there are no catholic scripture teachers available for these year groups and kindly asked to make an alternative choice of general scripture or no scripture. Please remember we offer three options where possible which are: General Scripture or Catholic Scripture or No Scripture. Parents are welcome to change their preference at any time by simply dropping into our school office and updating the preferences you have for your child.

Newsletter Update

The school newsletter remains one of the key sources of communication from the school to parents and community members of the current and future happenings at Gunnedah South. We are currently reviewing the content and look of our newsletter to ensure it is useful and relevant to parents and the wider community. We would appreciate your feedback, new ideas and invite parents, grandparents and the wider community to share your thoughts on what you would like included.

Development of closed Year Facebook pages

Thank you for your feedback and parental desire to have class / year group pages. We are in the process of developing member only Facebook pages for parents of each alumni year groups to support sharing of student photos / ideas in a closed forum. This idea is to provide parents with connecting with each other for missing items / simple questions like when are notes due back. If you would like to contribute to the design of these pages, contribute to page rules etc, please come along to our next P&C meeting.

Social Media – Supporting parents to be ahead of the game

Social media and the internet provide students with amazing access to our world. Our school P&C has organised a parent evening with free childcare for students who attend Gunnedah South PS. The focus is on assisting parents to be equipped for our every changing world and try to be one step in front of their kids. Please consider coming along and catching up with other interestedparents.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

TITANIUM

6T Maya Gray

GOLD

6T Maya Gray



SILVER

6Z Deekirah Rowlands

6T Maya Gray, Corinne Wise

5/6PH Olivia Semmler, Elsa Sparkes,
Lucas McKeowen

5S Jaylen Gaudie

1M Cameron Yianakis, Isaac Morgan

1L Cameron Sills

1C Zaine Crawford, Pearl Meredith

BRONZE

6Z Braidyn Delaney, Ella Mutton, Deekirah Rowlands, Clayton Friend, Harry Thomson

6T Lincoln Turner, Shaylah Doolan, Emmy Torrens, Charlotte McDonald, Jack Bridge,
Domanic Winsor

6F Tyler Scott, Tyrone Winsor, Sybella Simson, Noah Kelly, Ebony Sullivan

5/6PH Milla Petersen, Liam Duff, Steven Hopwood, Keaton Walters, Elsa Sparkes

5S Lachie Ellison, Leila Harris, Lane O'Donnell, Kaiden Hunt, Jaylen Gaudie

5B Erin Mitchell, Sara Pike, Jono Barton-Collins

3W Bill Scott, Benjamin Marshall, Jai Holmes, Cyrrah Moore-Duff, Layla Budden, Jye Dundas,
Jacobi Morris, Ava McInnes, Kayla Poss, Melody-Rose Knight

3M Evan Thomas, Stevie Borthistle, Aria Brown, Lila Mortimer, Jai Wilson,
Oakley Kitchingman, Charlie Ellison, Kelly Briggs, Sienna Swain, Jase Lihou

3G Chelsea Williams, Anya Weerasinghe, Isaac Vallada, Summer-Rose Jolliffe, Noah Haley,
Maddison Craig, Addison Hathway, Charli Hobden, Eva Kelly, Ekam Sahota

4W Jacob Martin, Aleah Brady, Henry Hoppe, Marnee Walters, Harvey Stockes, Zali Beasley,
Chantelle Burge, Mea Woolaston, Dylan Emmerson, Lachlan Young

4H Chelsea Morgan, Clancy Heath, Sara Raheem, Lukas Ridley, Blaire Costello, Nate Jaeger,
Liam Jaeger, Ruby Newman, Eloise O'Donnell, Byron Jolliffe

4C Cooper Hicks, Ella Pringle, Logan Matthews, Lilee Gray, Dallas Kitchingman, Riley Sutton,
Imagen Jolliffe, Samuel Dew, Shaylee Barton, Logan Anderson

2R Tyler Small, Lola Brady, Charlotte Pharoah-Whitby, Bray Jones-Stuart, Chance Higgs,
Zoe Baillie, Azalya Roberts

2J Lol Scott, Jett Baker, Harry Langdon, Kane Laws, Jordan Duff, Violet Grace,
Charlie Young, Florence Wright, Amelia Anscombe, Nella Newman

2L Tyler Bridge Quinn Eyre, Charlotte Clark, Harmony Hunt, Scarlett Berryman,
Hayden Towe, Xander Howes, Lucy Semmler

1M Arley Winner, Jack Richards, Isabella Pung, Isaac Morgan, Ayden Monks, Harry Tudgey

1L Abby Wilson, Riley Mutton, Mason Sutherland, Tyler Gallacher, Nicholas Swain,
Elena Simson, Alaska Rowlands, Cameron Sills, Oscar Blomfield

1H Tom Hathway, Annabelle Mitchell, Alex Budden, James Perrett, Dakota Matthews,
Camden Many

1C Flynn Locke, Nate Partridge, Rogue Higgs, Zaine Crawford, Jacek Gilchrist,
Pearl Meredith, Callie Berryman, Leighton Knight

K/1H Mason Colbran



Yarn Up With 6T

Starting the story



Yaama! During Term 1, 6T has been busy creating our acknowledgement of country for our classroom. Our students took it upon themselves to create a checklist of what was important to them and also the different information they could include. Students worked in groups and then all the ideas were added into our design.

6T students also wanted to use some of the Aboriginal symbols that we have learnt about in class to tell a story on one of the native animals that inhabit this land. Students used the symbols to tell stories that they had created, creating meaning and a narrative.

Oliver Irwin (Kangaroo/ Bandaar) Yaama! My story is about the weapons that were used to hunt the Kangaroo or Bandaar.

Rochelle Costello (Gallah/ Gala) We did these to show that we can identify the different symbols and use them in our artworks to tell a story. Mine has a lot of stars and a Galah because I have a connection with stars and the Galah reminds me of a special person.

Charlette Keeler (Koala/ Guda) We did this to show others how to use Aboriginal symbols to tell a story, I used the Guda to tell my story.

Wyatt Dorrington (Kookaburra/ Goo Goo Ga Ga) This artwork was done to show we can draw Aboriginal symbols to accurately tell a story!



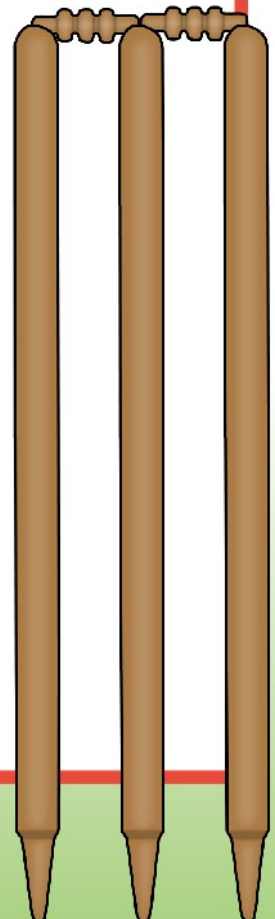
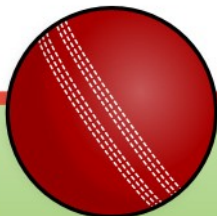
PSSA Girls Cricket



On Friday 28th February, our girls cricket team defeated Tamworth South Public School during round 2 of the PSSA Girls Cricket Knockout.

Throughout the match all of our students displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field.

Mrs Walters & Mrs Fleming



Gunnedah South primary students and staff were very lucky to hear ex- GSPS student, **Mr Dean West** speak on Monday afternoon. They were glued to the slideshow of some of Dean's most iconic pieces and listened intently to his memories of South and growing up in Gunnedah.

He attended GSPS from approximately 1988-1995. Dean spoke very highly of GSPS, has fond memories of playing football and T-Ball here, and enjoyed seeing the many changes.

Dean is now a renowned international photographer, based in New York. He started his love of photography when his parents gave him a little box camera for Christmas at the age of 7.

Dean commented about the photography class he took at Gunnedah High School and is very grateful for the wonderful start he received at both Gunnedah schools.

It was so amazing to hear this young man speak, he was wonderful to the students, answering 1000 questions and happily posed in a few photos for us! I apologised to him, that the photos I took, wouldn't be up to his standards.

The main message that Dean emphasised to the students was, that you can do anything you set your mind to, if you have a dream, the passion and work hard.



In Pieces - Dean West - Blog - Stitch





SAFE

RESPECTFUL

LEARNER



EVERYONE EVERYWHERE EVERY TIME

VALUES

SAFE



Walk, Walk, Walk
Safe Hands and Feet
Right place, Right time
Follow Instructions

RESPECTFUL

Care, Care, Care
Use Manners
Actively Listen
Be Cooperative
Be Proud



LEARNER

Try, Try, Try
Stay Motivated
Show Confidence
Be Reflective



EXPECTATIONS



“I can do it! I know I can” - Tyson

During Week 5 our PBL focus was Learner Qualities. Here are some examples of IL being positive learners during maths.

TRY, TRY, TRY

Keep going
Don't give up
Try new things
Learn from mistakes



Everyone, Everywhere, Every time

“I made a mistake, but I tired again” - Miley



SHOW CONFIDENCE

Have a go
Know your goals
Believe in yourself
Own your mistakes



Everyone, Everywhere, Every time



“I give myself a thumbs up” - Claire



STAY MOTIVATED

Be positive
Keep focused
Don't be distracted
Reach for your goals



Everyone, Everywhere, Every time



BE REFLECTIVE



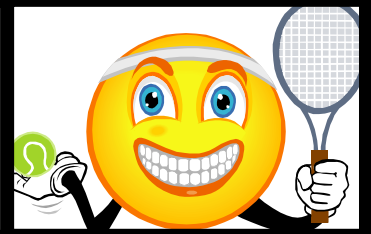
Use feedback
Make changes
Have discussions
Assess your learning

Everyone, Everywhere, Every time

“I focus on my learning, by ignoring distractions” - Nicholas



AT THE NET



Gunnedah Zone PSSA Representatives

Sophie Neilsen, Clare Robinson, Amarni Louis,
Charlie Barnes and Matthew McInnes.



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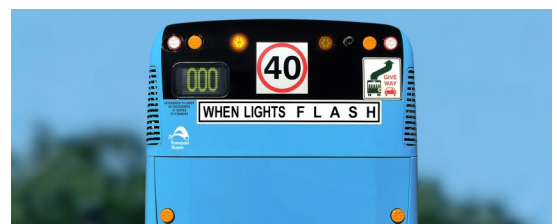
Members of the Gunnedah South Tennis team travelled to Tamworth on Monday to represent the Zone in North West Area PSSA Tennis Trials. All players acquitted themselves well in their early Pool matches. However, rain became a factor as the day wore on and play was abandoned for the Final rounds. Amarni Louis was selected in the North West Area team. She will travel to the State Tennis Championships in Newcastle during Term 2. Sophie Neilsen will play off for the 5th girls spot. Matthew McInnes missed out on selection through a close countback. Both Clare and Charlie gained some valuable experience and enjoyed the day immensely.

Congratulations on such a wonderful achievement for all players.



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Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash



Help keep our kids safe

Cheesy vegetable and bacon pasta



Equipment

Knives
Chopping Boards
Mezzaluna
Large and medium saucepans
Mixing spoons
Colander

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove of garlic, minced finely
- 1 spring onion, chopped
- 1 rasher of bacon, diced
- 3 silver beet leaves, stalks removed, finely sliced
- Parsley, chopped on mezzaluna
- 1/3 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup of white sauce (made with the other recipe at your bench)
- 125g pasta
- 1 teaspoon chicken stock powder
- Pinch of pepper

Method

1. Make the white sauce in the small saucepan - see other recipe.
2. In another saucepan cook the pasta.
3. Prepare the garlic, onion, silver beet and bacon.
4. Heat olive oil in the pan on heat 6.
5. Add the garlic and onion and sauté for 2 minutes.
6. Add the bacon and cook for another 2 minutes.
7. Add the silver beet and put the lid on. Turn down the heat to 4.
8. Cook until silver beet is soft, stirring occasionally.
9. Add the white sauce, chicken stock powder and pepper to the silver beet pan and stir.
10. Carefully drain the hot pasta and add to the silver beet pan.
11. Remove the pan from the heat and add the cheese and mix until combined.
12. Serve, garnish with parsley and enjoy.

Equipment

Small Saucepan
1 tablespoon measure
1 cup measure
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup measure
Wooden spoon

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons of butter or dairy free spread
- 2 tablespoons of plain flour
- 1 cup of milk or dairy free
- Pinch of salt
- White or black pepper
- Parsley, chopped - optional

White Sauce



Method

1. Melt the butter in the saucepan on heat 6.
2. Stir in the flour and cook for 2 minutes. Do not brown.
3. Gradually stir in milk and stir until smooth.
4. Cook over low heat 4, stirring until the sauce begins to thicken.
5. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
6. Add chopped parsley if using.
7. Stir and serve.