

Gunnedah South Public School

PROUD OF OUR PAST, FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

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Dates for your Diary

Wk 5	Tues 15 August	Tennis—Todd Woodbridge Cup—Stage 3
	Thurs 17 August	Kindergarten Walking Excursion
Wk 6	Mon 21-Fri 25 Aug	BOOK WEEK—Book Fair in our school library
	Tues 22 Aug	Year 6 Canberra Excursion Parent Information Session—4:45pm - 5:30pm
	Wed 23 August	Student Free Day —School development day
	Thurs 24 August	Annual BOOKWEEK PARADE
Wk 7	Tues 29 August	DUGS Breakfast 7:30—8:30 (Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers and special people)
		NSW Touch football Gala Day—Boys & Girls Stage 2
	Wed 30 August	North West Athletics Carnival
		P&C Annual Fathers Day stall—all gifts \$5
	Thurs 31 August	Year 2 Warrumbungles (Excursion Group 1)
	Fri 1 Sept	Year 2 Warrumbungles (Excursion Group 2)
Wk 8	Mon 4-Fri 8 Sept	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Wk 9	Tuesday 12 Sept	P&C Meeting
	Thurs 14 Sept	Life Education Van arrives
Wk 10	Wed 20 Sept	Kitchen Cookoff FINAL
	Thurs 21 Sept	Cupcake DAY—P&C fundraiser
	Fri 22 Sept	FINAL DAY of term 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There are many events coming up this term and I encourage families to keep the front of each newsletter so they can keep up with what is happening each week.

BOOK WEEK PARADE is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 24th August, so I hope everyone is getting prepared to come along dressed as their favourite character.

Fathers Day DUGS breakfast will be held Tuesday 29th August, more details will be provided closer to the day.

SCHOOL BYTES: There is a big change to the way the school communicates with parents digitally this term. South is phasing out our use of schoolstream and adopting a new platform for communication and finance. The platform is called 'School Bytes' and will simplify all communication, permission notes, forms, payments, etc. You will only receive information applicable to your children rather than having to scroll through a long list of notifications to find what you are looking for. Staff are already using 'School Bytes' for roll marking and attendance and by the beginning of term 4, schoolstream will no longer be used by our school. [Please ensure you read the information on the following page and download the NSW Education parent app so you are ready for this transition.](#)



Congratulations

This week Annabelle Mitchell, travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Regional Finals of the Multi cultural perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Annabelle received a runners up place and we are all very impressed by her effort and ability to represent our school with such maturity and confidence. Well done!



Congratulations also to Danielle McGregor and Georgina Stuart who competed in the regional finals of the Premiers Spelling this week. It was tough going, and the girls did well under pressure.



The second round of the leadership cookoff was held on Wednesday and was keenly contested to see who would progress into the Grand Final on Wednesday 20th Sept.

Finalists include: Addison Hathway and Miss Willcocks, Sienna Swain and Miss Lennon, Indie Beasley and Mrs Stanger, Claire Howes and Mrs Walsh, Ellie Beasley and Mrs Gallagher, and Noah Haley and Mr McGuirk.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sams and Mrs Hicks for their organisation of this event.

Winter Uniform: the weather has become warm very quickly and as such, we have seen an increase in students reverting back to shorts or wearing socks rather than stockings. This is totally understandable as we have so much going on at play times out in the sunshine; volleyball, netball, soccer, skipping club etc. I am more than happy for parents to make the decision as to whether your boys wear their shorts or girls wear socks rather than stockings. We will aim to stay in winter uniform until the end of the term, with these modifications and will transfer back into summer uniform at the beginning of term 4.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards,

Nicki Walsh, Principal



Today is Miss Doherty's last day at Gunnedah South. Yesterday the students from yrs 3-6 combined in a farewell dance, tunnel and of course... the ringing of the bell. Miss Doherty is moving on to Narromine Public School and will be well remembered

for her 'can do' attitude and the wonderful connections she has made with the students, staff and parents of South.

IMPORTANT NEWS

SOUTH SCHOOL is transitioning to a new communication platform!

During term 3 & 4 our school will be transitioning to a new communication platform to align us with updated finance systems. This requires parents and carers to add an app to their smartphone or preferred device. →

We ask that parents and carers take the time to be set up and ready for this new system. The school will continue to update everyone as the transition progresses.



Here is how you can get ready in the next few weeks.

Firstly, download the **NSW Education Parent App** to your smart phone.

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nsw-school-updates/id1494658146>

or

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.nsw.education.nswschoolsafetyupdates>

When you first launch the app, you will be prompted to add a school. You will then be presented with a number of onboarding screens to educate you about the app's functions. The sections are:

- News and Newsletters: Get the latest activity and newsletters from the school(s) you are following.
- Calendar: View a calendar of past and future events (weekly or monthly).
- School essentials: Access the latest apps for your school, contact the school and make payments.

Stay notified: Let school(s) notify you of news and events by tapping the 'Okay' button.

School Bytes

Once the NSW Education Parent App has been downloaded and you open the details for Gunnedah South School. There will be a section called "MORE LINKS" which is where School Bytes will appear. The first use will require you to create a new account. Simply follow the prompts.

More information regarding School Bytes will become available as functions are enabled.

**School Stream will be phased out at the end of term 3,
so please help us by being ready.**

**Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you require assistance
with this set up.**



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION?

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition that can occur at school, we need to know.

With Spring just around the corner, Asthma can be tricky. If your Doctor has provided an Asthma plan, it is important that we have a recent copy on our system. If your child presents to our sick bay, our staff need to ensure your child is given the appropriate care needed. Please make sure that your child has their Ventolin or Asmol puffer with them in their school bag. Any health care plans that you have already supplied the school, please make sure that they are up to date. If you are unsure which medical conditions the school needs to be aware of, please contact our friendly office staff on 6742 1899.



Afternoon Student Messages

Please ensure that your child knows how they will be going home each afternoon. If you have a change of circumstances throughout the day and require a student note to be delivered, **please let our office know no later than 2.15pm**. This will allow enough time to have messages delivered to your child prior to the end of day.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

Unfortunately, our school office can not take any over the counter payments after 1pm. This includes excursion and uniforms.

If you require to make a payment after this time, payments can be made through our school website <https://gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>, under the *make a payment* banner.

NSW Department of Education

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Welcome to our school

Proud of our past, focused on our future.

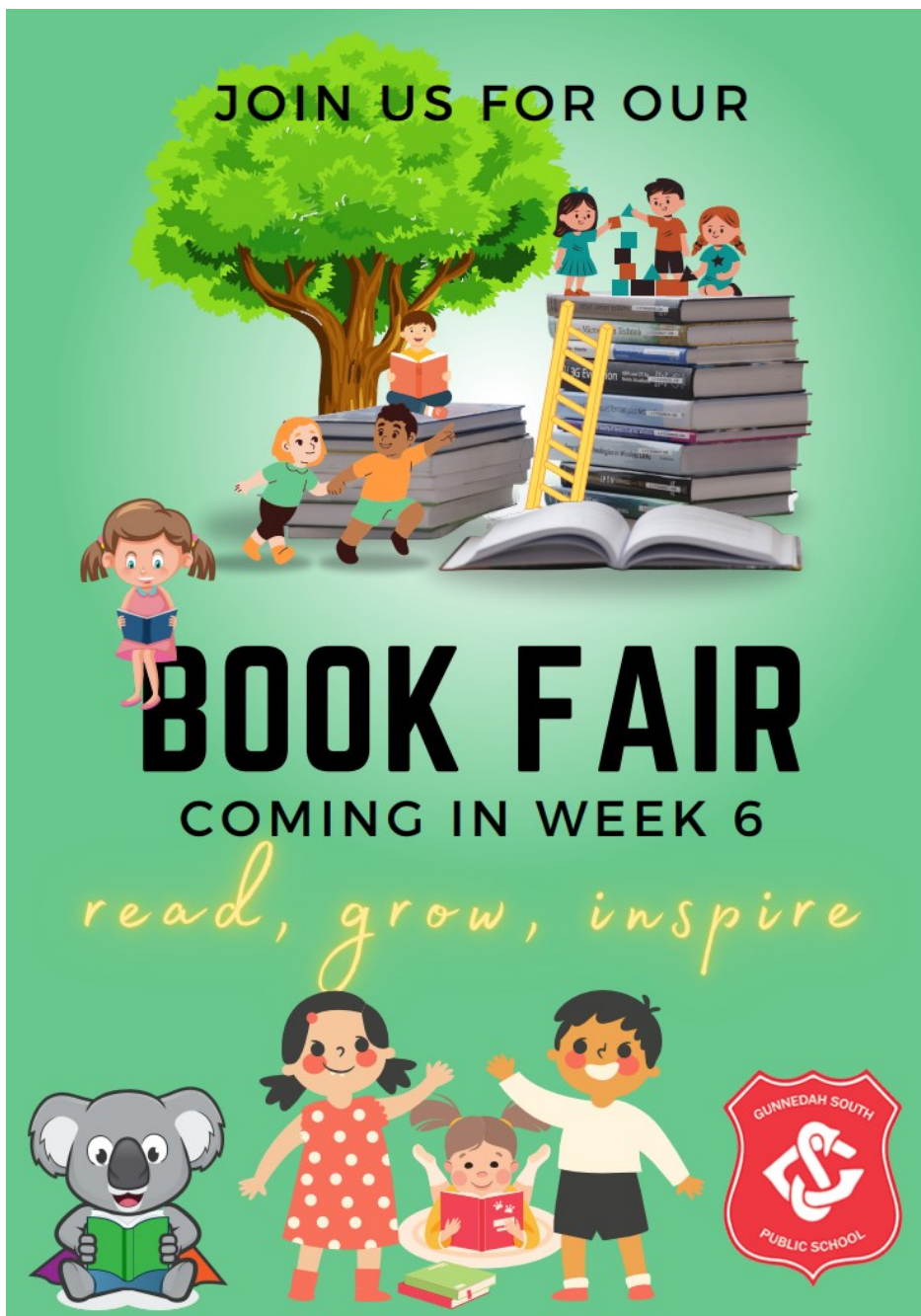


School Bytes



While we are still using Schoolstream for now, we are encouraging our parents to download our new School Bytes app. Student Absences can be put through on School Bytes and go straight to your child's classroom teacher.

Semester 1 school reports have now been uploaded to the app. If you are having trouble with linking your child/ren, please call the school office and staff can help with the process. Please make sure that we have your correct email address as all permission notes will now come through via the School Bytes app.



Voluntary Contributions or 'school fees' have now been attached to student accounts. Fees are \$40 for the eldest child, \$20 for the second and \$10 for any additional siblings. Voluntary contributions go toward classroom supplies including books, pencils, kitchen supplies for class cooking lessons etc. Fees can be paid through the school office or via the School Bytes app.

School
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MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 3

TITANIUM

6 Magpie Lenni Frey, Zayden Kleinschafer

GOLD

6 Magpie Lenni Frey, Zayden Kleinschafer, Stella-Maree Syphers

5 Galah Ruby Shields

4 Pelican Annabelle Mitchell

4 Fish Harry Tudgey

3 Platypus Ava Reid

3 Frog William Foley, Chase Herbert, London-Grace Jolliffe, Logan Langfield

3 Kookaburra Kash Baker

2 Turtle Myles Young

2 Bilby Mahli Stonham, Milah-Rose Higgins

2 Goanna Evie Formann

1 Possum Connor Woodger



SILVER

6 Crow Rebecca Partridge

6 Cockatoo Charlize Fouracre, Sienna Swain, Kaidyn Maguire, Nate Wise

6 Parrot Maddison Craig, Bill Scott, Makayla Michell

6 Magpie Lenni Frey, Addison Morris, Ally Mutton, Zayden Kleinschafer, Stella-Maree Syphers

5 Galah Ruby Shields

5 Eagle Florence Wright, Claire McIvor, Georgina Bartlett

5 Owl Zialine Swanepoel, Jett Baker, Mia Stevens, Lola Brady, Charlie Young

4 Duck Claire Ellison, Liam Wise, Keanu Petriaton, Camden Many, Rosie Keating, Trey Donaldson, James Perrett

4 Pelican Mia West, Annabelle Mitchell

4 Fish Harry Tudgey, Ella Bower, Ruby Rayward, Tylor Dagge, Beau Wortley

3 Platypus Esther Maher, Nate Suey, Phoebe Neilsen, Dustin Crawford, Lilah Hector, Joshua Pooley, Ava Reid, Maddie Lihou, Cyril De Guzman, Tariq Brown, Cruz Roberts

3 Frog Alley Allen, Evie Bradshaw, William Foley, Dallas Gard, Chase Herbert, Logan Langfield, George Melick, Henry Pope, Amelia Scott, Aaron Wilkinson, London-Grace Jolliffe, Viyana Weerasinghe

3 Kookaburra Charlie Opie, Oliver Heath, Lilah Edmunds, Kash Baker, Marley Murray, Isaiah West

2 Turtle Miley Mitchell, Taylor Morris, Myles Young, Alex Formann

2 Bilby Mahli Stonham, Shaun Reeves, Maia Pettet, Theo Nies, Katey Muggleton, Felicity Brown, Lila Evans, Emmett Hirst, Milton Mowle, Charles Orchard, Milah-Rose Higgins

2 Goanna Bella Adams, Stella Geddes, Henry Avar, Bodie Ley, Evie Formann

2 Echidna Lilly Steele

1 Possum Connor Woodger, Charvi Gold, Annabelle Goldrick, Ava Herbert

1 Dingo Matisse Walters

1 Emu Jade Cooper, Jackson Marsh, Leo Brennan

1 Kangaroo Willow Mackellar, Hayley Montgomery, Amelia Smith, Kaiden Talbott-Fletcher

K Snake Elsie Hathway, Colby Gard

K Butterfly Olivia Steele, Lennox Sheridan, Noah Chedzey

K Bee Tyrone Price

K Ant Stellah Welsh, Bonnie Marsh, Mia Taylor, Carter O'Hearn