

# Gunnedah South Public School

*PROUD OF OUR PAST, FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE*

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## Dates for your Diary

### TERM 3

Wk 7	Mon 28th August	Year 6 transition to Gunnedah High School - 11:30 – 2:45
	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
		Year 5 Preschool Buddy Visit (small group)
	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	Year 5 Preschool Buddy Visit (small group)
		P&C Meeting
		Todd Woodbridge Cup Final– 9am Town Courts
	Wed 13th Sept	Year 1 Excursion to Tamworth
		Kitchen Cook off FINAL
	Thurs 14 Sept	Life Education Van arrives
Wk 10	Life Education Van all week	
	Tues 19 Sep	SRC Buddy Program w GHS
	Thurs 21 Sept	Cupcake DAY— P&C fundraiser
	Fri 22 Sept	FINAL DAY of term 3

### TERM 4

Wk 1	Life Education Van all week	
	Mon 9 Oct	First Day of TERM 4
Wk 2	Mon 16– Fri 20 Oct	Year 5 SYDNEY EXCURSION
Wk 4	Mon 30 Oct- Wed 1 Nov	Year 4 LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all our families and members of staff who went above and beyond to organise costumes for this year's Book Week Parade. What a great occasion this is and I must have heard a dozen times on Thursday that Book Parade is the best day of the year! Mrs Smith did a great job organising the parade and the Book Fair which has been running in the library all week.

**Father's Day "DUGS Breakfast"** - A reminder that our annual Father's Day "DUGS Breakfast" will be held on Tuesday 29th August, beginning at 7:30am. Dads, Uncles, Grand Fathers and special people are all invited to attend and we ask that you RSVP via the link provided on our Face Book page.

**Father's Day stall.** We will continue to celebrate our "DUGS" on Wednesday when the P&C will hold the Father's Day stall. Each gift can be purchased for \$5 and any student who is on an excursion or competing in sporting teams on the day will have a chance to purchase a gift on Thursday and/or Friday.

**Communication-** Over the coming weeks, you will notice a change to the photo galleries on our school website as well as the school FaceBook page. The change over to School Bytes has been rolling out and by the end of this term, the schoolstream app will no longer be used for any communication. Please make sure you are ready for this change by completing the steps outlined on the following page.



**Kindergarten Class of 2024-** It is wonderful to see so many enrolments completed for our 2024 Kindergarten class and individual tours have begun. If you haven't already enrolled your child for next year, please do so as soon as possible so they can be included in the *South Transition to Kindergarten* program. If you have any questions or you would like an individual tour of our school, please call the office on 67421899 and ask for Lynda Heath, K-2 Deputy Principal or Mrs Sally Hathway Kindergarten Assistant Principal, to arrange a suitable time.

Mrs Heath and groups from our Year 5 classes have been visiting the local preschools as part of our transition to Kindergarten program. Yr 5 students will continue to visit early learning centres to meet, play and read with the students who will be their 2024 *Kindy Buddies*.



**Year 6 transition to Gunnedah High School-** The transition program will commence this coming Monday. Those students attending will be walking to the high school after lunch at 11:30am and return to South by 2:45pm in time for regular home time routines.

**Excursions-** Please see the front page of this newsletter for dates of annual excursions. All payment and permission notes are required to be completed prior to the students attending their excursion. If you require assistance or have a concern, please call and ask to speak with Mrs Heath for Yr 1- 2 excursions, or Mrs Walters for Yr 4-6 excursions.

**Student Absences-** Please remember to inform your child's classroom teacher if they have been away from school. This can be done via text message, a phone call or a written note to your child's teacher. It is a legal requirement that parents/carers of students contact the school and provide an explanation when their child is absent.

**North West Athletics Carnival-** next Wednesday students will attend the North West Athletics Carnival in Tamworth. There will be 34 students from South competing in individual events, as well as our four relay teams; senior and junior boys and girls. We wish them all success in their endeavour to move through to the next level to compete at the state PSSA carnival. Good luck to you all!

**Uniform-** as the weather is warming up, your daughters may swap their stockings for white socks and your sons, their long winter pants for shorts. For boys, grey socks and black shoes are to be worn.

**Grand final excitement-** Students in Miss Foster's and Miss Em's classes donned red, blue and white face paint today as they got into 'footy grand final' spirit. Both teachers will run onto the field on Saturday in the AFL women's grand final against the Inverell Saints in the 2023 North West women's premiership. GOOD LUCK, we will all be cheering you on!



Wishing all our South families a happy and relaxing weekend.

With kind regards,

Nicki Walsh  
Principal

## 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.**



# MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 3

## TITANIUM

6 Cockatoo Jye Dundas, Eden Morgan

6 Crow Aria Brown

5 Eagle Kassidy Campbell-Jacobs, Florence Wright

## GOLD

6 Crow Aria Brown

6 Cockatoo Jye Dundas, Eden Morgan, Rylee Roberts

6 Magpie Keith Sichter, Jacobi Morris

5 Galah Josh Herd

5 Eagle Kassidy Campbell-Jacobs, Florence Wright, Hayden Towe

5 Owl Alex Sawyer, Nella Newman, Jarvis Winsor, Harmony Hunt

4 Brolga Deeza Jain

3 Platypus Adalie Muddle

3 Frog Alley Allen, Ki-Lari Bartman, Mason Stevens

2 Goanna Montana Weston, Amelia Mutton, Kelsey Manks, Mathius Murray, Huxley Sheridan

1 Dingo Fletcher Lennox

1 Emu Bailey Irwin

1 Kangaroo Arjun Jayaraman, Rivah McDonald



## SILVER

6 Crow Kate Mitchell, Aria Brown, Anya Weerasinghe, Jaquan Bartman

6 Cockatoo Charlize Fouracre, Jye Dundas, Eden Morgan, Danielle McGregor, Indie Beasley

6 Parrot Addison Hathway, Lara Formann, Bailey Hoare, Isaac Vallada, Ellie Beasley, Eli Maybury, Archie Ryman

6 Magpie Keith Borradaile, Eloise Hector, Jed McLoughlin, Keith Sichter, Phoenix Wild, Jacobi Morris, Ekam Sahota, Stella-Maree Syphers, Chaise Meredith

5 Galah Josh Herd, Tyler Small, Sophie Williams

5 Eagle Kassidy Campbell-Jacobs, Florence Wright, Evanna Louis, Sophie Lane, Charlie Evans, Charli Wyllie, Hayden Towe, Sophia Wilkinson

5 Owl Alex Sawyer, Balin Muddle, Nella Newman, Jarvis Winsor, Harmony Hunt, Harper Costello

4 Duck Henry Allan, Jax Suey, Cameron Yianakis, Charlotte Morris, Tyson Cleal, Georgina Stuart

4 Brolga Deeza Jain, Carter Mackay, Jamahl Sharpley

3 Platypus Cohen McDonald, Adalie Muddle, Esther Maher, Alayah Te Awa, Phoebe Neilsen, Cooper Cannon, Cohen McDonald

3 Frog Alley Allen, Ki-Lari Bartman, Mason Stevens, Arlie Campbell, Hayden Dagge, London-Grace Jolliffe, Henry Pope

3 Kookaburra Noah Weston

2 Turtle Imogen Whitby, Evelyn Pepper, Cooper Metcalfe, Kinley Higgins, Bobbie Crane

2 Bilby Sophia McLachlan, Skye Anscombe, Shelby Trembath, Zara Hartog, Mahli Stonham

2 Goanna Montana Weston, Amelia Mutton, Theo May, Ella Mackay, Otis Johnston, Bronik Wicks, Kelsey Manks, Mathius Murray, Cj Gardner, Huxley Sheridan, Henry Avard

2 Echidna Madisyn Beasley, Benji Hoare, Marlee Fitzroy, Maddison Hill, Alumita Riatala, Aiden Scott

1 Possum Austin Goodall

1 Dingo Fletcher Lennox

1 Emu Charlee Childs, Bailey Irwin, Aubrey Matthews

1 Kangaroo Arjun Jayaraman, Lucas Nies, Rogan Powell, Rivah McDonald

K Snake Liam Pepper, Bronte Fleming

K Butterfly Bella Ryan, Willow Voysey, Harper Morris, Emma Short

K Bee Sadie Peterson, Logan Endicott, Lily Berryman

K Ant Briley Spackman

K Caterpillar Joshia Tighe, Blaze Meredith, Ashton Bruyn, James Formann





# P&C CUPCAKE DAY

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September – Week 10**

**Selling at lunch and recess** (or until sold out).

**Cupcakes available for \$1**



**South families are asked to contribute to this P&C fundraiser by donating cupcakes to be sold.**

**No nuts please and we would love some gluten free options.**

**Your contributions can be delivered from 3pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> or on the morning of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Thank you in advance for your assistance and generosity.**

**Funds raised will go toward the upgrade of outdoor play and learning spaces in our school.**

**Everyone is welcome at our next P&C meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Come along and support your school. It's a great opportunity to give feedback, offer your ideas, keep up to date with school decision making and be part of our fabulous parent and citizen group.**

# INVITING ALL **DUGS**

Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers  
To celebrate **FATHER'S DAY AT Gunnedah South**

7:30- 8:45am

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Come and enjoy breakfast with your children

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 9am via the link on our Face Book page

Keep an eye out for **UPCOMING** information **BECAUSE...**

**HEALTHY**

**HAROLD IS ON**

**HIS WAY BACK**

**TO SOUTH!**

**Life**  
EDUCATION







# YEAR 5 GO BACK TO PRESCHOOL ...

Groups of Year 5 students will continue to visit preschools and early learning centres as part of South's kindergarten transition program.

The visits ensure that the Kindergarten students of 2024 are already familiar with our senior students who will become their Yr 6 buddies in the coming year...

**AND, its difficult to tell who is having the most fun!**





# 2023 Leadership Cook-Offs

Being part of the leadership team at Gunnedah South, gets busy and at times exhausting. So as a special treat and a reason for some healthy competition, we hold a cook-off, where each member of the team chooses a staff member to help them in their quest to be crowned cook-off champions of 2023.

The 12 leadership students were split into 2 groups making 6 teams who verse each other in each round. The top 3 teams in each round make it to the grand final. We have now held both rounds of the leadership cook-offs and boy they were amazing!

## Cook-Off- Round #1

Charlie & Mr Gleeson



Jai & Mr McGuirk



Sienna & Miss Lennon



Addison & Miss Willcocks



Oakley & Mrs Craig



Indy & Mrs Stanger







# **Gunnedah Zone P.S.S.A.**

Congratulations to all of the athletes who competed at the zone athletics carnival. Many students did exceptionally well with 34 gaining a position on the zone athletics team who will be competing at the North West Athletics Carnival next week. Good luck!!

## **Congratulations Zone Champions**

**Kelly Briggs– Senior Girl Champion**

**Lenni Frey– 11 Year Girl Champion**

**Hannah Neale– Junior Girl Champion**

**Peter Morgan– 11 year Boy Runner Up Champion**

**Allie Neilson- 11 year Girl Runner Up Champion**

**Harper Costello– Junior Girl Runner Up Champion**



# DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION?



If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition that could 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 the most recent copy on our system. Please make sure that your child has their Ventolin or Asmol puffer with them in their school bag. Health care plans that you have already supplied the school should be kept up to date so our staff are fully aware of students' medical conditions and can ensure your child is given the care required. If you are unsure which medical conditions the school should 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 PAYMENT REMINDER!

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

To make a payment after 1pm, payments can be made online through our school website <https://gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>, under the *make a payment* banner.

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