

Gunnedah South Public School

PROUD OF OUR PAST, FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE

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Dates for your Diary

TERM 3

Wk9	PLP meetings all week– check your day/ time with individual classroom teachers	
	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	PLP meetings all week– check your day/ time with individual classroom teachers	
	Life Education Van all week	
	Tues 19 Sep	SRC Buddy Program <u>w</u> 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
		CAPERS rehearsal– Choir
Wk 2	Life Education Van all week	
	Mon 16– Fri 20 Oct	Year 5 SYDNEY EXCURSION
Wk 4	Mon 30 Oct- Wed 1 Nov	Year 4 LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION
	Wed 1st Nov	Year 6 Transition to GHS– full day
Wk 5	Wed 8th Nov	CAPERS– full day rehearsal
	Thurs 9th Nov	CAPERS– full day dress rehearsal Tamworth
	Fri 10th Nov– Sat 11th	CAPERS– Performances– more information coming soon
Wk 8	Wed 29th Nov	Year 6 Transition to GHS– full day
	Fri 31st Dec	JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Wk 10	Tues 12 Dec	Presentation Day
	Wed 13 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
	Fri 15th Dec	FINAL DAY OF 2023!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed some activity in the K-2 area of the school with painters busily updating the weatherboard buildings. Painting will continue throughout the school holidays and should be completed before we return for term 4.

K-2 outdoor space- Mrs Heath met this week with a working group of parents and gardening experts to discuss and decide upon the upgrade of a K-2 outdoor play space. We look forward to seeing their great ideas come to fruition in the coming weeks.

Life Ed Van- There was a buzz of excitement throughout the student population this week as they await the return of Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. If you would like your child to attend the Life Education sessions, the payment period has been extended and you can pay \$6 per student at the office, online, or send in to your child's classroom teacher by this Tuesday.

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 simple old fashioned 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.

Parents and Citizens Association- Everyone is welcome to come along to the September P&C meeting which will be held in the school meeting room next **Tuesday 12th 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.

Kindergarten Class of 2024- It is wonderful to see groups of students from our local preschools visiting South, becoming familiar with the environment and continuing to meet the senior students who will be their buddies next year. Enrolments are being 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.



Communication- The change to School Bytes has been rolling out and by the end of this term, the schoolstream app will no longer be



used for any school communication. Please make sure you are ready for this change by completing the steps outlined on the following page. If you have any concerns regarding your child's images or video being used on media platforms, please don't hesitate to contact the office and arrange to alter the '*permission to publish*' section on your child's enrolment form.

Uniform- over the next two weeks, all students may wear either full summer or winter uniform. Please remember that girls are to wear white socks with their summer uniforms and boys grey socks. Black shoes are to be worn unless it is sports day. Students should also wait until after school or the weekend to wear jewellery, nail polish and/or makeup. For Health and Safety purposes we ask that earrings be limited to sleepers or studs.

Year 6 Excursion- There were some very tired students coming off the buses yesterday afternoon when the Yr6 excursion arrived back from Canberra. By all accounts (if only fleeting) the students had a fabulous time and we can't wait to hear more on Monday.

How fitting that the six staff members and two parents pictured below are standing on Olympic podiums!



From all of us, to **all of you**; we say thank you for attending the Year 6 Canberra excursion this week and for providing our most senior students with such amazing experiences. Thank you Mrs Sams, Mrs Rayward, Mrs Small, Mrs Craig, Miss Willcocks, Mr McGuirk, Mr Kemp and Mr Crawford. To spend time away from families and work commitments for a full week is a big ask and **you all deserve a medal!**

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 for the complete change over by the end term.

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.

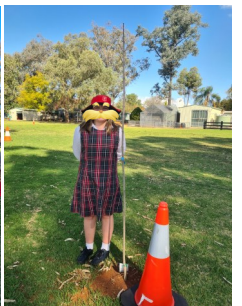
More information regarding School Bytes will become available as functions are enabled.

School Stream will be phased out at the end of Term 3, so please help us by being ready, and don't hesitate to contact the office if you require assistance with setting up.

Let it Grow, Let it Grow!

Year 5 are in their Lorax era!

Year 5 students are excited to have become the guardians of the new trees around GSPS.



To help the new trees thrive, we will be ensuring that each tree gets watered daily.

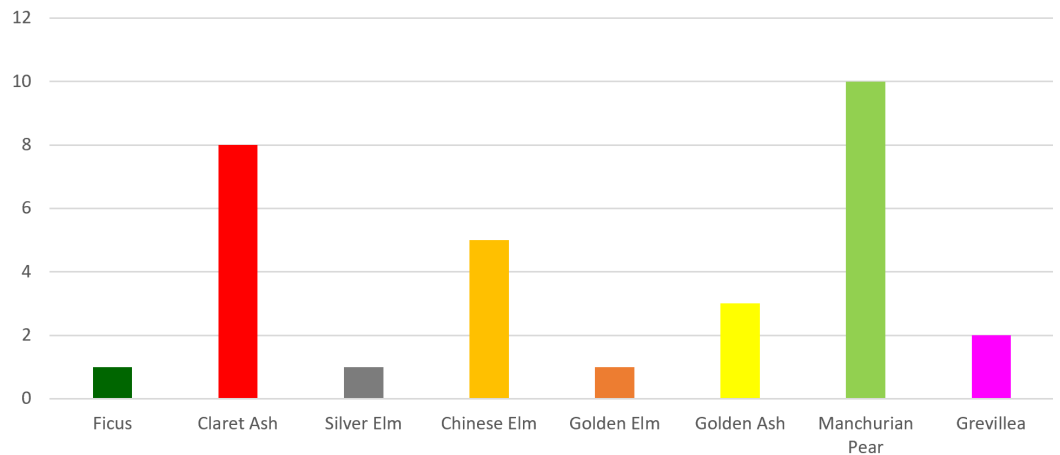
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We have given our trees names and have measured their current height.

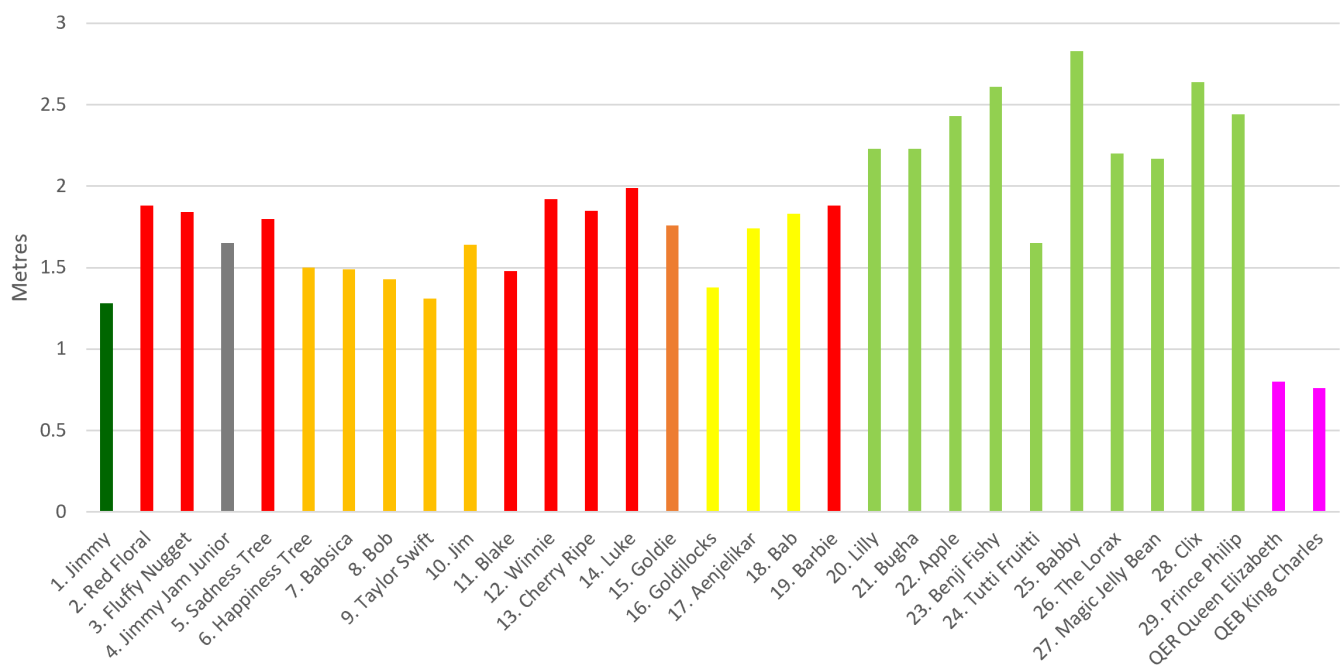
We have used excel to display our data.

Tree Varieties

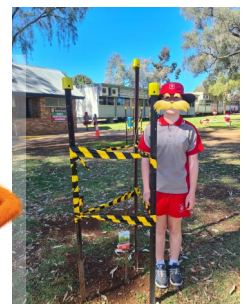
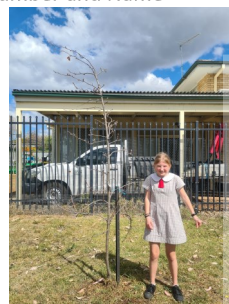


Tree Varieties

Tree Height 31.8.23



Tree Number and Name



We will be measuring the trees again at the end of Term 4 to see how much they have grown.

MERIT AWARD SUPERSTARS

Term 3

TITANIUM

6 Parrot Kayla Poss

4 Pelican Nicholas Swain

GOLD

6 Parrot Kayla Poss

5 Galah Coby Woodger, Eva Payne, Catherine Orozco, Connor Casey, Mya Hartog

5 Eagle Axxel Threadgate

4 Pelican Nicholas Swain, Nate Partridge, Kenzie Stonham

4 Brolga Tyrone Brown

3 Kookaburra Hallie Childs

2 Bilby Skye Anscombe, Liam Sevil, CJ Northey

K Snake Tommy Boxsell, Frankie Crane, Nash Wilkinson

K Ant Matilda Thompson

K Caterpillar Emily Haynes

SILVER

6 Cockatoo Sienna Swain, Oakley Kitchingman, Leo Dowling, Lila Mortimer

6 Parrot Cordelia Esther, Kayla Poss, Addison Hathway, Makayla Mitchell

6 Magpie Charlie Ellison

5 Galah Kallie Walters, Coby Woodger, Jahli Budden-Talbott, Connor Casey, Georgia Edmunds, Lucas Gallacher, Mya Hartog, Harry Langdon, Linden Miller, Catherine Orozco, Eva Payne, Chelsea Riley, Lola Scott

5 Eagle Ruby-Rose Mendham, Axxel Threadgate, Amelia Roberts

4 Pelican Nicholas Swain, Nate Partridge, Kenzie Stonham, Marsel Tikhonskiy, Reuben Wallace, Summer Maybury

4 Brolga Callie Berryman, Tyrone Brown, Penny Gilbert

4 Fish Levi Dick

3 Kookaburra Hallie Childs

2 Turtle Chelsea Shoobert, Laylah Hocking

2 Bilby Henry Payne, Skye Anscombe, Audrey Brady, Felicity Brown, CJ Northey, Maia Pettet, Liam Sevil, Remy Thomas, Jhai-Lyric Walker

2 Goanna Stella Geddes

2 Echidna Daniel Walsh-Cloake, Edith Hokin

1 Possum Maleaka Sharpley, Harper McKeowen

1 Dingo Sophie Fleming

1 Emu Cooper Lane, Amelyne Groth, Kata Te Awa, Willow Langfield, Arlo Rose

1 Kangaroo Amelia Smith

K Snake Tommy Boxsell, Frankie Crane, Ellie-May Bracken, William Laurie, Xander McIlveen, Matilda Mitchell, William Allan, Reid McDonald, Mila-Rose Toalepai, Nash Wilkinson

K Bee Quentin Hirst, Cameron Scott, Riley Evans, Adam Breen, Gina Mason, Loklan McIvor, Flinn Morris, Marlee Allen

K Ant Jaxon Clarke, Braxton Pullen, Matilda Thompson

K Caterpillar Dustyn Barwick-Leggett, Matilda Bailey, Mason Hill, Elijah Hudson, Koa Suey, Chloe Welch, Emily Haynes



P&C - Parents and Citizens Meeting

Where: South School Meeting Room

When: Tuesday 12th September

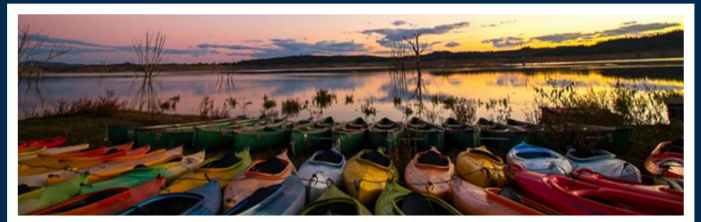
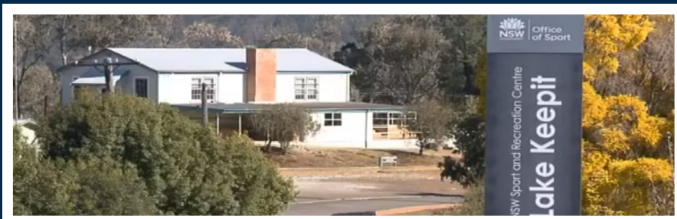
Time: 7pm

Challenge: Come along and bring a friend who has never been to one of our meetings!



Year 4 Lake Keepit Excursion

- ⇒ The Year 4 excursion organisation is almost complete.
- ⇒ Please note that if you have not paid the deposit for this excursion, then you have not secured a place for your child to attend.
- ⇒ If you would like your child to attend the Lake Keepit Excursion, then we welcome you to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 by the end of week 9 (next week).
- ⇒ Final numbers are required by Friday 15th September and we will be unable to alter them after that date.



- ⇒ Please remember to keep an eye out on School Bytes for online forms and permission notes, where a link will be provided for you to complete the Sport and Recreation registration as well.
- ⇒ This is also a gentle reminder that the final balance is to be paid by the end of Week 1 next term.



Volunteer

We are asking for volunteers from our Year 4 Dads! If you are interested in attending the excursion from Monday 30th October to Wednesday 1st November, please complete the slip below and return to your child's classroom teacher by next Friday 15th September. This will work on a ballot system and we will let you know the outcome.

I would like to be considered to attend the Year 4 excursion as a parent volunteer.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____



HAVE A BLAST!



**8 WEEK
PROGRAM AT OUR
LOCAL SCHOOLS!**



REGISTER NOW!

Get into Woolworths Blast. It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities - whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

Each week participants will build their skills through fun, game-based activities.

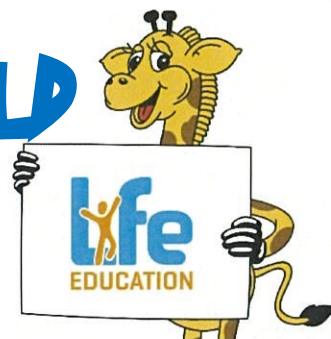
The recommended age for Blasters is 5 – 10 years.
8 Week program commences Term 4, Week 1.



**GUNNEDAH SOUTH
PUBLIC SCHOOL
WED 3:15PM – 4:30PM**

**\$6 due by
Tues 12th
September**

HEALTHY HAROLD IS HERE!



Life Education Van Visit

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Thursday 14th September to Monday 16th October. All students will have the opportunity to visit the van during this period.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	11th Sep	12th Sep	13th Sep	14th Sep
Term 3 Week 9				K-6 Koala 2 Bilby 2 Turtle
	18th Sep	19th Sep	20th Sep	21st Sep
Term 3 Week 10	K Caterpillar K Ant K Bee	1 Kangaroo 1 Dingo 1 Emu	K Butterfly K Snake 1 Possum	2 Echidna 2 Goanna 3 Frog
	9th Oct	10th Oct	11th Oct	12th Oct
Term 4 Week 1	4 Fish 3 Platypus 3 Kookaburra	4 Pelican 4 Brolga 4 Duck	5 Galah 5 Eagle 5 Owl	6 Parrott 6 Crowe 6 Cockatoo
	16th Oct	17 th Oct	18 th Oct	19 th Oct
Term 4 Week 2	6 Magpie			

The Life Education Program addresses many of the components of the NSW PDHPE Syllabus and helps children to develop skills in positive communication, problem solving and decision-making. The cost of this program is *normally* \$12 per student. However, given the financial strain of the current costs of living, the school will subsidise the entry fee this year to reduce the **cost to \$6** each.

**Please send in money to class teachers or
pay online via the school website
by Tuesday 12th September.**

Life Education merchandise will be available for students to purchase at lunchtime, once the van arrives.



**Any student who
hasn't paid by
12.00 noon Tuesday
will not be able to
attend this year.**

Healthy Harold products

Bring Healthy Harold home with you



Healthy Harold pencil case
*Pencils not included

\$8



Healthy Harold plush toy
small and large

\$8

\$15



Healthy Harold keyring

\$5



Healthy Harold
high bounce ball

\$3



Healthy Harold
temporary tattoo

50c



Healthy Harold
stikki note pad

\$1.50

Clothing apparel available online only:

Visit the Healthy Harold Online shop to purchase: www.life-education-australia.myshopify.com/



Healthy Harold beanie

\$29.50



Healthy Harold socks

\$21



Healthy Harold Vintage T-Shirt

\$49

Merchandise Order Form

Dear Parents,

Life Ed is a not for profit organisation that relies on the support of the community to assist us in reaching our fundraising goals. Every Healthy Harold product purchased helps us visit more children in NSW and ACT.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports our overall fundraising activities and helps cover the gap between the cost of delivery and what parents and schools pay for our program. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Ed session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Ed logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please DO NOT make online payments to your school. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit. You can also check out our NEW clothing apparel product range online by visiting www.life-education-australia.myshopify.com/



Name: _____ Class: _____

Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY	Product Description	Price Incl. GST	QTY
Healthy Harold hand ball	\$3.00		Healthy Harold pencil case	\$8.00	
Healthy Harold tattoo	\$0.50		SMALL Healthy Harold soft toy	\$8.00	
Healthy Harold Stikki note pad	\$1.50		LARGE Healthy Harold soft toy	\$15.00	
Healthy Harold key ring	\$5.00				

I would like to donate to Life Ed NSW/ACT.
Donations of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible

\$

Total Owing:

\$



NB Healthy Harold products are subject to availability. Life Education NSW/ACT thanks you for your support.

Help support Life Ed

- ☐ I would like to donate \$ _____ to Life Ed NSW/ACT. Donations of \$2.00 or over are tax deductible.
- ☐ I would like to hear more from Life Ed NSW/ACT

Parent/Carer

Name: _____

Email: _____

Postcode: _____



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION?



If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please ensure you have contacted the school so we have an updated Health Care Plan.

With Spring already here 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

If you have a change of circumstances throughout the day and require a student note to be delivered to your child, 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.

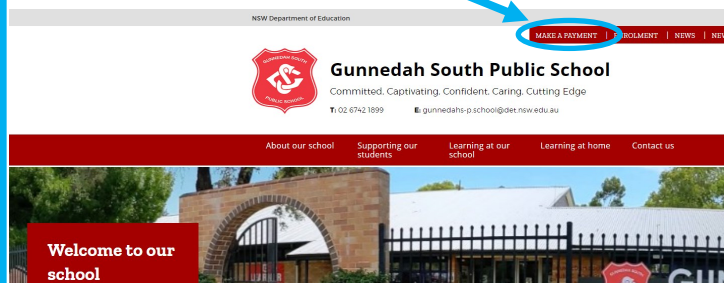
IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDER

Unfortunately, our school office does not have the ability to take any over the counter payments after 1pm.

This includes excursion payments and purchases from the uniform shop.

Payments after 1pm can be made online through our school website

<https://gunnedahs-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>,
under the "Make A Payment" tab.



PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

We love to celebrate student success and keep you updated on what is happening around the school. Images and video from school activities, special days, excursions and sporting events are included in the school newsletter, our local newspaper, as well as the school's website and Facebook page.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's inclusion in this method of communication, please don't hesitate to contact the office and arrange to alter the 'permission to publish' section on your child's initial enrolment form.



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School



P&C CUPCAKE DAY

THURSDAY 21st September – Week 10

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

Cupcakes available for \$1

Please contribute to this P&C fundraiser by donating cupcakes to be sold.

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

Deliver to school from 3pm on Wednesday 20th or on the morning of Thursday 21st.

Did you know...when you create your account on the NSW



Education Parent App , your Munch Monitor account will link automatically?

To check that you're all set to go, login to the NSW Education Parent App, tap "My Schools" where you should see School Bytes and Munch Monitor with the linked symbol. You can then click on either link to navigate.

You can also view your child's School Reports

In the School Bytes App, from the Quick Links page tap the Menu icon, tap Documents and then select which of your children 's reports you wish to view. Currently, Semester 1 of 2023 is available. Past school reports will also become available, over time.

