



# Gunnedah Public School

## Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 7, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

### **Upcoming events**

**11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November- Swimming School**

**20<sup>th</sup> November- Evening of Movement**

**28<sup>th</sup> November- Volunteers Morning Tea**

**28<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 Leadership Speeches & Voting**

**28<sup>th</sup> November- Kinder Orientation**

### **Students raving about excursion**

Stage 2&3 students returned from Lake Keepit last Thursday excited, happy and tired. All agreed it was one of the best excursions they had been on. Staff agreed that the students had a great time and enjoyed all of the activities.

Well done to all of the supervisors, Ms Secombe, Trent Hilton & Nikkea Reynolds, for making sure that all of our students were safe and happy.



**Lydia & Helena having fun.**

Ms Secombe commented that everyone enjoyed sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, archery, geocaching and rogaining. They also participated in evening mini Olympics and games nights.

A fantastic time was had, with other school supervisors commenting on how amazing our students were. Well done everyone!



### **Year 5 students preparing for election speeches**

Year 5 students who have consistently demonstrated good behaviour have been given plenty of ideas about the sorts of things good leaders do all of the time. Elections are on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Students in Years 2 to 6 will be given the opportunity to vote after all speeches have been heard. Parents and carers are invited to come along and hear the speeches at 11.30, following the Volunteers Morning Tea.

### **Let the Music Move You**

Last Friday several students attended a very entertaining musical performance in the school hall. They learnt about some different music genres and were able to become involved in some lively activities. A great time was had by all.



**Plenty of colour, movement & audience participation made for a great show.**

### **Gymnastic superstars**

Tomorrow, students will travel to the Gunnedah Gymnastic Centre to watch the matinee performance of The Evening of Movement. This annual gymnastics display is always a wonderful showcase of local gymnasts, including our own Rita Gillard.

### **Reports home soon**

All students will be given their final report of achievement for 2014 soon. Reports are an indicator of how well your child has performed in school for the second semester. Reports give an evaluation of effort and achievement and should be read carefully. You are always welcome to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

### **Vege garden officially named**

5/6S has finished the sign for Tracker's Garden. The student leaders decided to honour the memory of Tracker by naming the vege garden after him. Tracker worked for the police many years ago and lived in an area near to where the garden is now.



Triana, Serenity, Shantaya & Breanna with the new sign

### **Early Birds ready for big school**

New Kinder parents & carers are invited to our Kinder Orientation morning on November 28th. This is a great opportunity for parents of our newest students to be given the information necessary for their children to make a smooth start to school. Parents of students who have not already contacted the school about Kindergarten in 2014 are always welcome to come along.



### **Donations needed for Christmas hamper raffle**

The P&C would like families to donate non-perishable goodies to go into hampers for the Christmas raffle. Items like canned goods, lollies, cordial, bon bons, chips, salsa and all the other delicious foods enjoyed at Christmas time would be much appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Day on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please send in items as soon as possible to the office.

### **Thank you to our volunteers.**

There are many people who help to contribute to the education of our students and the smooth running of our school each week. By way of thanks we would like to invite these terrific helpers to a special morning tea to held in their honour on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.00 am in the hall. Hope to see you there!

### **Students learning to swim**

Swimming school is continuing for our students. Water safety is an important part of growing up in Gunnedah. The lessons finish up on Friday. The swimming teachers are impressed by the progress being made by all participants.

### **School Banking Co-ordinator 2014**

The school is seeking a volunteer to take on the role of School Banking Co-ordinator for next year. For further information about this role please contact the office.

### **Staff news**

Aunty Sue will be on leave for the rest of the term due to family commitments. Trent Hilton will fill in as the AEO in her absence.



Mrs Frend and her little boy have now been transferred to Tamworth hospital and should be discharged very soon.  
We wish both ladies all the best.

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Our excursion last week proves the extraordinary efforts that teachers at our school go to. We will never really see the amount of preparation and time spent on making sure that every student in every class is given the opportunity to be successful every day.

The quality of our current school leaders will be hard to match. They have come to school with a great attitude and provided positive role models to all of our students. The maturity with which they contribute to discussions about school improvement shows the pride they have in their school and are a great reflection of their parents efforts. We all hope that next years student leaders will build on this impressive legacy.

Have a great week,  
Stephen de Roos

## Lake Keepit Excursion Fun!



Go Jazmyn!



Hang on Raymond!



## School Calendar Term 4

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Week 7</b> <b>Swimming</b> <b>School</b> all week	18/11 <b>P&amp;C Meeting</b> 6:30pm staffroom	19/11 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	20/11 Evening of Movement Matinee	21/11 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Early Birds	22/11 <b>CANTEEN</b> Pizza+popper
<b>Week 8</b>	25/11	26/11 <b>Breakfast Club</b>	27/11	28/11 <b>Breakfast Club</b>  <b>Volunteers</b> <b>Morning Tea</b>  <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Orientation</b> Early Birds  <b>Year 5</b> <b>Leadership</b> Speeches+Voting	29/11 <b>CANTEEN</b> Chicken noodles +popper  Stage 1 Splash, Squirt, Sizzle, Sparkle 6pm
<b>Week 9</b>	2/12 <b>Donations for</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>hampers</b> <b>needed by</b> <b>today!</b>	3/12	4/12 <b>Orientation</b> <b>Day Gunnedah</b> <b>High School</b>	5/12 <b>Presentation</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Raffle drawn</b> Final day for Early Birds	6/12 <b>CANTEEN</b> Hot dog+popper+ candy cane  Scripture Christmas Assembly
<b>Week 10</b>	9/12	10/12 <b>Year 6 Farewell</b>	11/12 <b>Year 6</b> <b>Breakfast</b>	12/12	13/12 <b>End of Term</b> <b>Reward</b> <b>POOL FUN</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	16/12	17/12	18/12 <b>Last day for</b> <b>students</b>	19/12 <b>School</b> <b>Development</b> <b>day</b>	20/12

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Gunnedah Public School's  
 Annual Presentation Day  
 Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December  
 9.30 in the hall  
 All welcome

Note this important event on your calendar now!