



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 10, 10th December, 2013

Upcoming events

10th December- Year 6 Farewell

12th December- Stage 1 Assembly

13th December- End of Year Pool Reward

18th December- Last day for students

Final full week!

This is the final full week of the year. Next week will consist of only 3 days for students, with the last day being Wednesday, 18th December.

It is still very busy at our school though, with the Year 6 farewell tonight, the Year 6 breaky tomorrow, class parties, Stage 1 Christmas assembly and the pool reward still to come.

It has been a successful and productive year for the students of Gunnedah Public and the staff would like to thank them for their diligence, resilience and persistence throughout the year.

Presentation Day: a resounding success

Congratulations go to all students who received awards at last Thursday's Presentation Day assembly. Not everyone can receive an award so congratulations must also go to the students who formed the very receptive and attentive audience. The proceedings were led by our outgoing student leaders: Amber Sands, Izaiah Talbott Hatch, Serena Silver, Cody Abrahams, Helena Pease, Liam Ireland, Rita Gillard and Jack Randall. We thank them for the terrific job they did on the day and at all other assemblies.

Award recipients on the day were:

Leadership awards- Izaiah Talbott-Hatch Amber Sands

Stage 3 Citizenship- Jack Randall Helena Pease

Stage 2 Citizenship- Sarsha Maughan

Stage 1 Citizenship- Noah Taylor

Encouragement award- Lochlan Carter

Persistence award- Izaack Foran

English award- Amber Sands

Maths award- Jack Randall

HSIE award - Jasmine Carter

Science & Tech award- Luke Ellis

CAPA award- Courtney Whitton

Public Speaking- Rita-Lee Gillard

Library award- Camilla Brett

Scripture award- Jasmine Hunt

McDonald Family Dux of the Year

Amber Sands



Amber, Mr Shane Kelly Principal Gunnedah High & Brayden Sands

Sports person of the year- Oscar King

Sportsmanship - Liam Ireland

PSSA Blues- Cody Abrahams Oscar King



Oscar receiving his award from Trent Hilton

Class Academic Awards

5/6S English book prize Lydia McInnes **Maths book prize** Luke Ellis **Most improved medallion** Izaiah Talbott Hatch **Most consistent medallion** Jack Randall **Certificate for consistent application**– Montana Fortier **Certificate for outstanding effort & application**– Madisyn Rumbel

3-6F English book prize Vanessa Golsby **Maths book prize** Tara O'Dell **Most improved medallion** Reece Davies **Most consistent medallion** Blake Whitfield **Certificate for exceptional citizenship in the classroom**– Dylan Peters **Certificate for outstanding bookwork**– Shakeem Bartman

3/4/5C English book prize Ebony Beasley **Maths book prize** Rheyce Adams **Most improved medallion** Kaitlyn MacAulay **Most consistent medallion** Madi Milgate **Certificate for confidence & persistence**– Jayden Hunt **Certificate for always trying her best**– Breanna Ellery

2B English book prize Cameron McCutcheon **Maths book prize** Jordan Holley **Most improved medallion** Jaymie Dawe **Most consistent medallion** Cody MacAulay **Certificate for showing maturity & enthusiasm**– Zoe King **Certificate for persistence & enthusiasm**– Kerri-Ann Murray

K/1D English book prize Ben Clark **Maths book prize** Clinton Johnson **Most improved medallion** Shantaya Connolly **Most consistent medallion** Peter Shoobert **Certificate for consistent application**– Sky Fortier **Certificate for outstanding achievement; reading & writing**– Noah Shaw

KS English book prize Azaria Murray **Maths book prize** Chelsie Whitfield **Most improved medallion** Triana Campbell **Most consistent medallion** Harmony Fortier **Certificate for consistent effort**– Millie Rumbel **Certificate for effort in mathematics**– William Murray Smith



2014 Leaders announced

Congratulations go to the newly elected leaders for next year- School captains: Lydia McInnes & Raymond Smith. Vice captains: Reece Davies, Blake Whitfield, Montana Fortier & Madi Milgate.

Congratulations go to all of them and it is expected that they will do as fine a job as this year's leaders have.



Proud dad, Stephen McInnes, pins the School Captain badge onto his daughter Lydia's uniform.



Proud brothers, Hayden and Ivan, were on hand to congratulate Raymond Smith on his election to School Captain.

Year 7 transition

All Year 6 students, enrolled to attend Gunnedah High, will be attending another session on Thursday 12th. The more opportunities our students have to attend these transitions the more successful the move into High School will be. Thanks go to Gunnedah High School for helping our students be more confident in making the change to High School.



Lochlan & Lynden at the High School orientation session with students from other feeder schools

Dear Parents/Carers

The Forum held last week was a chance for the entire parent body to discuss the strategies we are using to continue improving our school. The topics for discussion included our school plan for 2014, the literacy program, interest groups, ground improvements, Personal Learning Plans, staff professional learning, technology, sport, communication and the New English Syllabus. All parents, carers & community members were invited to comment on these important initiatives and offer suggestions as to how they could better reflect the needs of students.

Next year our school will be adopting many Positive Behaviour for Learning Strategies. The main requirement for this to happen will be a set of values that staff, students and parents must commit to. Many other schools have adopted an acronym like Care (Care, Act Safely, Respect and Excel) or SRA (Safety, Respect, Achievement). These values will be decided on by a committee which includes a parent representative, students and staff. The school will also be developing clear expectations for staff and students. These expectations will be sent home, so that you are aware of what will be expected at school. They will also be posted on our website and on our school app (available for free for smartphones from the app store).

Have a great week, Christmas, New Year, and holiday. I look forward to seeing all the students in 2014 and hearing about what they got up to over the holidays

Regards
Stephen de Roos

Talent on show!

Congratulations goes to all the confident and talented students who participated in last Friday's X Factor.

It was so pleasing to see so many entrants who were capable of entertaining the whole school.

**'I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through fire
Cause I am a champion and you're gonna hear me ROAR!!'**

School Calendar Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	9/12	10/12 Year 6 Farewell	11/12 Year 6 Breakfast	12/12 Stage 1 Xmas Assembly & Class Parties	13/12 End of Term Reward POOL FUN
Week 11	16/12	17/12	18/12 Last day for students	19/12 School Development day	20/12

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Year 6 farewelled

Tonight we send our Year 6 students off with a dinner and dancing in the hall.

Farewell goes to Year 6 2013:

Rita Gillard, Cody Abrahams, Vanessa Golsby, Courtney Whitton, Camilla Brett, Liam Ireland, Izaiah Talbott Hatch, Jasmine Carter, Serena Silver, Ben Fitzroy, Amber Sands, Lochlan Carter, Lynden Keating, Luke Ellis, Jack Randall, Oscar King and Helena Pease.

From the staff of Gunnedah Public School to our departing Year 6: congratulations on completing your primary education, we wish you all the best for high school. Remember to make the most of every opportunity and don't forget to say hello to us when you see us out and about! Thanks for the memories.

This year, as with previous years, we will lose some families as their last family member finishes Year 6. We would like to thank them for their contribution to our school, big or small. We wish them well in the next phase of their child's education. Goodbye to the **Pease** family (Helena), **Talbott Hatch** family (Izaiah), **Randall** family (Jack) , **Brett** family (Camilla), **Golsby** (Griffiths) family (Vanessa), **King** family (Oscar), **Ireland** family (Liam), **Whitton** family (Courtney), and **Gillard** family (Rita).