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Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our cricket team for their brave efforts against Gunnedah South last Wednesday. Thanks also to Katrina King for scoring, Trent for training the team and Ms Baker for organising the game. The whole team did their best. Excellent batting from Cody Abrahams kept us in the game for a while but accurate bowling from the South boys meant that scoring opportunities were limited.

Good luck to our Zone Swimming Team on Wednesday. They will represent the whole school and we know they will do their best.

The first P&C meeting was held last Monday. There were a number of things discussed that allowed us to plan for school improvement in a number of areas. We have planned to investigate how to involve the students in more cooking and how to involve all of the students in vegetable gardens and fruit production. The improvements that the staff had planned earlier this year were also discussed. The P&C also mentioned that the school needed to communicate the great things that we had planned to the school and wider community. The P&C is one of the formal methods of communication that all schools have. Schools are strongest when everybody commits to improving how schools can do things better. Please come along to the next meeting on the 18th March for the Annual General Meeting.

On Thursday the first stage of fruit production began with the planting of two orange trees by the garden group. There are two more mandarin trees, a lemonade tree and a lemon tree that are also ready to go. Strawberry plants were also put into the concrete planters near the canteen.



Mr De Roos shows the boys how it's done.

Last Thursday we began a new initiative aimed at engaging our students in activities that involve a more hands on way of learning. Students from Years 3 to 6 will get experiences in gardening, tie dyeing, cooking, drumming, computers and pottery. The first stage of these groups is to have the students become familiar with the sorts of activities that are on offer and then be able to choose something that interests them. The goal of these activities is to have students more engaged in school and to broaden their life experiences so that it will provide them with better understanding when presented with learning opportunities in class situations.

Last week the Captains and Prefects met to discuss how the students could be involved in the school improvement process. They decided that the playground needed to have more to offer all of the students. They would like to see a vegetable garden that all students could take responsibility for and to have more cooking opportunities. They also wanted to build permanent car tracks made from concrete- it was mentioned that Better Homes and Gardens made a really good one and they wanted to see something like that out there. It was mentioned that there should be a track for The Kinder, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and one for the Year 5 and

6. They also wanted to paint the picture on the concrete again, complete the murals and repaint the tables and chairs. There were a host of ideas. We now need to make sure that these ideas are put into solid plans. If you can assist please let the school know on 6742 2266.

The leadership team has shown confidence, organisation, persistence, resilience and getting along skills to make our school a much better place. They are an inspiration to all of us and should be congratulated. They are future leaders with a You Can Do It attitude.

Have a great week. I look forward to seeing all of you at the BBQ get together on Wednesday and the Student Leaders' Induction on Thursday. Regards

Stephen de Roos



The boys getting the hole dug.

HELPERS NEEDED IN CANTEEN

The P&C offers our students delicious lunches each Monday; however, they **desperately need helpers**. It would be unfortunate to lose this great service so please consider coming in to assist.

There has been some discussion about changing the day for lunch orders to Fridays; the P&C would like to hear from parents as to their preferred day and if there are people who can volunteer on another day please let the school know.

SCHOOL BANKING

Information packs about School Banking have been issued. If you would like to participate in this, please contact the school for more information on how to begin. You only have to bank a minimum of 50 cents a week and students receive rewards after 10 deposits are made. **School Banking is held on Fridays.** Just send

the bank books to school Friday morning and hand to their classroom teacher.

Assembly

Assembly was held in the hall last Friday. The proceedings were led by Serena Silver and Helena Pease.

Mr de Roos addressed the assembly and praised the students for their wonderful efforts at the swimming carnival, the commendable behaviour of all students in the playground and the fantastic efforts of students from years 3-6 during Thursday's clubs.

Awards were presented to these hard-working students: Principal's Awards- Sharon Shoobert and Cody MacAulay, K/1- Noah Shaw and Matthew Dawe, 2B- Sharon Shoobert and Blake Kemsley, 3-6- Blake Whitfield 3/4/5- Kursty Silver and Blake Lodge, 5/6- Montana Fortier and Luke Ellis, Library- Will Milgate and Noah Shaw.

Congratulations to all recipients.

Assembly is held every Friday at 2.30 in the hall. All welcome.

Stage One award recipients



Stage 2 and 3 award recipients.



French Friday Reminder

In support of Oscar King and the Gunnedah Shire band, we will host "French Friday". This will be held on **Friday March 8**. Children are asked to make a gold coin donation and come to school wearing red, white and blue, the colours of the French Flag. Quiche and salad lunch tubs will be pre-ordered and available for lunch on this day. All proceeds will be donated to the Gunnedah Shire Band. Please give some thought to preparing red, white and blue clothes for this day.

Icy Poles

Icy poles will continue to be available in the canteen each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during lunchtime for \$1:00 each.

Easter Hat Parade

This year, our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on **Tuesday 26th March**. All children in kindergarten, year one and year two will be expected to make a hat at home and wear it in the parade. Children in years 3 – 6 are invited to make a hat and parade with it, if they would like to. We look forward to seeing the creative designs made by parents and children in partnership!

Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations go to all participants at last week's carnival which was a huge success. Students demonstrated confidence and persistence in all events.

Not everyone can be a winner but everyone who entered events gained points for their house and everyone who cheered and encouraged others contributed towards making the day successful. Thanks go to all volunteer helpers for their terrific assistance on the day.



Cody MacAulay and Sarsha Maughan were the Junior Champions.



Raymond Smith and Courtney Whitton succeeded as 11years Champions.



Oscar King and Helena Pease were the Senior Champions on the day.



Winning House for the carnival was Namoi. House Captains Vanessa Golsby and Luke Ellis proudly received the trophy.

Student Leaders will be inducted next
Thursday, February 28th in the hall at 10.30
ALL WELCOME

**BBQ Get Together WEDNESDAY
6pm.**

School Calendar Term 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 5	25/2 Canteen Chicken burger & popper	26/2 Breaky Club	27/2 Zone swimming Staff/Families BBQ Get Together 6pm	28/2 Breaky Club Student Leaders Induction 10.30 Interest groups/clubs	1/3 Clean Up Australia Assembly 2.30
Week 6	4/3 No Canteen today- please support French Friday this week.	5/3 Breaky Club	6/3	7/3 Breaky Club Interest groups/clubs	8/3 FRENCH FRIDAY Canteen Quiche/salad Assembly 2.30
Week 7	11/3 Canteen Beef/cheese burgers & popper	12/3 Breaky Club	13/3	14/3 Breaky Club Interest groups/clubs	15/3 Assembly 2.30

Knights Training Session

On Friday, eight lucky Year 6 students went with Miss Baker, Trent and Wayne to Tamworth to watch the Newcastle Knights train hard for their game against the Sharks on Saturday! All the students took items of clothing, jerseys and footballs for the Knights to sign and got plenty of photos with the players! The students were excited to meet big Knights players including Willie Mason, Kurt Gidley, Jarrod Mullens and more! Thanks to Wayne Griffiths for organising the trip for us!



Gunnedah Shire Council

Homework Centre

Tuesdays only

during school term

3.00-4.30pm

Free pick up from school

Red Chief Local Aboriginal

Land Council

26 Chandos Street

GUNNEDAH

All ages, indigenous and
non-indigenous welcome

Afternoon tea provided

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