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Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

Wednesday 13th March debating workshop at Gunnedah South. Parents of students involved have been notified.

Sunday 17th March- teachers attending information day on engaging all students in the learning process.

Monday 18th March- P&C meeting. AGM 6.30pm staffroom. All welcome

Principal's message

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all students for their enthusiasm last Friday in order to help the school support the Gunnedah Shire Band's concert program in France. Oscar King, a Year 6 student, plays the tuba in the band and will be going to France. Thanks also to Mrs Horvat for her organisational and cooking skills and to all staff for supporting this very important occasion for Oscar. Many lunches were sold and all proceeds will be sent to the band.



Back from left- Jack Randall, Camilla Brett, Madi Milgate, Shakira Cooper, Vanessa Golsby.

Front from left- Cody MacAulay, Will Milgate, Nathan Dawe, Ben Clark, Shona

Thanks go to the Year 5/6 boys on behalf of the Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 students for the construction of the car track last week. Trent and the boys planned and designed the track. It looks great and I know our younger students will

certainly enjoy having more to do in the playground. The 5/6 construction team have plans to build two more tracks and are already talking about how to improve the one they have just made.

Occasions like this show that we have great kids who care about their school and how we can all make a difference when we work together.

This last week I have been in classes working on developing greater understanding of place value in two and three digit numbers. Assessments have been completed, which have assisted teachers to determine what students need to learn. We have also designed learning opportunities that develop the skills of students in clear and precise ways, allowing them to be successful.

Last Thursday the student leaders and I worked on ways we could develop our YOU CAN DO IT initiative to allow all students to meet expectations. They added their ideas to the staff expectations. The next stage is to make a list of everything we have gathered and then ask all of the students to add anything that may have been missed. Parents will also be asked to make contributions. The last stage is to communicate this to all of the students in the playground. By involving everyone in the process we are giving ownership to the whole community.

The P&C AGM is next Monday the 18th of March. I always use P&C meetings as an opportunity to find out how we are improving the school. Attending meetings provides parents and carers with the opportunity to contribute to their child's school. Please come along and find out what you can do.

Thank you to Shannon Clark, Ben's mum, from Maryann Florist and Nursery for the donation of two vines that we will plant in the front garden.

The gardening group has planted the last of six citrus trees at the rear of the school. There are

now a couple of garden beds that are nearly ready for some vegetables to be planted. As more of our vege gardens are developed we will need more garden tools, so if you have any that are not being used please donate them to our gardeners.

Have a great week

Stephen de Roos

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in the hall. Proceedings were led by Izaiah and Amber and we were entertained by 3/4/5's percussion item; 'I'm a Believer' conducted by Mrs Simpson. We also listened to Oscar play his tuba accompanied by Mr Jamie Brown. Both items were very entertaining.



Awards were presented to these wonderful students: Principal's awards- Sarsha Maughan and Rheyce Adams, KH-Azaria Murray and William Murray-Smith, K/1D- Shantaya Connolly and Deikan Dixon, 2B-Tanika Herbert and Taleiah Donnelly, 3/4/5C- Brayden Sands and Connor King, 3-6F- Shakira Cooper and Blake Whitfield, 5/6S Ben Fitzroy and Serena Silver, Library- Monica Foley.

Congratulations go to all recipients.



French Friday

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising effort for the Gunnedah Shire Band. A total of \$250 was raised to support Oscar King with his upcoming trip to France. Students looked wonderful in their red, white and blue and 50 quiche lunches were enjoyed. Oscar wowed the whole school audience when he played a solo on his tuba for the assembly. It was an outstanding performance which easily demonstrated why Oscar is currently 2nd Nationally for his age with this instrument. We are sure he will wow the French audiences with the Gunnedah Shire band and we are proud of his efforts!

Thank You

The staff and students would like to extend thanks to Mr Jamie Brown who has volunteered to play the piano for us at two recent special events. He very kindly played as an accompaniment for Oscar King at the assembly last week and was also on hand to play the National Anthem for our Leaders and Prefects Induction. We are fortunate to have such good community support. Thank you Jamie.

Easter Hat Parade

Please mark your calendar – Tuesday 26th March will be the Easter Hat Parade. We will begin at 10:15am in the school hall. Hats will need to be made at home so we look forward to the creativity of families. We encourage you to bring your preschool age children along to participate. Stage One children will also wow the audience with a special Easter performance and the Easter raffle will be drawn.

"Egg"stravaganza

Students from stage 2 & 3 are asked to decorate a blown egg to go on display at the Easter Hat Parade. We have had some very creative eggs over the last few years and look forward to seeing just how wonderful the 2013 eggs will be. Stage 3 students are also asked to create a protective 'case' for an egg, which will save it from breaking when dropped from a height in our great Egg Drop challenge. The Egg Drop will take place after the hat parade.

We hope to see lots of family and friends in attendance on the day.

Bookclub

Order forms will go home this week. Bookclub contains a wide variety of very reasonably priced

books. Please place your order by Tuesday 19th March.



Fantastic books from book club- Kaitlyn, Chris & Sarsha

Easter Raffle

Each family is asked to please send in some Easter egg donations for the P&C Easter Raffle. Tickets will go home this week and the raffle will be drawn prior to the completion of the Easter Hat Parade.



Lydia, Amber, Raymond and Serena

Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

All classes commendably demonstrated their social responsibility last Friday by cleaning up in and around our school area. Well done everyone!

Premier's Debating Workshop

Tomorrow, Helena, Rita, Lydia and Amber from 5/6S, will be heading to Gunnedah South to participate in the Premier's debating workshop. It's going to be a fantastic day for the girls, and we are certain they will return to our school with improved public speaking skills and some fun stories from the day. Mrs Frend will be accompanying the students to this all day event. We wish them the best of luck.



K/1D ready to clean up!

Class news

K/1D- There was great excitement among the girls of K/1D this week with the enrolment of another girl. We welcome Shantaya to Gunnedah Public and K/1D; we know that you will enjoy your time here with us.

We have been busy learning some new songs in the Stage One choir to perform at the Eisteddfod later this year as well as practising our song for the Easter Hat Parade. Don't forget to start designing your masterpieces for the parade!

It has been great to see so many children earning keys for the You Can Do It skills. The students of K/1D earn a prize when they collect ten keys, so if your child comes home with a prize, you will know that they have been doing the right thing.

KH-Another lovely week in kindergarten! The children are getting good at listening to stories and have enjoyed listening to Helena Pease, Raymond Smith and Ebony Beasley reading a story each using the Smart Board. Buddy reading with year 5/6S is going well. Home reading begins this week. There will be a book for families to read to students as well as a short reader for kinder children to read to someone at home. I am impressed with how well the children are trying to read with crisp finger pointing to match the words as they read

3/6F – Our class is continuing their hard work on Lester and Clyde this week, with some fantastic and creative sentences being made to elaborate on the frog story. We are studying good nutrition, with the kids focusing on what is good for us to eat, and what is bad.

In Maths, we are furthering our knowledge of 'friends of ten', and working out place value. It has been a busy week indeed in 3/6F!

3/4/5C have been learning about percussion, reading music and playing instruments. They worked very hard to put a performance together for last Friday's assembly. In Science they have been learning about flight. Students have investigated how different aircraft fly and have made a number of paper models which they have tested and modified to improve their designs.

**Easter Hat Parade and our
"Egg"Stravaganza- Tuesday 26th
March**

School Calendar Term 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Week 7</i>	11/3 <i>Canteen</i> <i>Beef/cheese</i> <i>burgers &</i> <i>popper</i>	12/3 <i>Breaky Club</i>	13/3 <i>Debating</i> <i>Workshop</i>	14/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest</i> <i>groups/clubs</i>	15/3 <i>Assembly 2.30</i>
<i>Week 8</i>	18/3 <i>Pizza & jelly</i> <i>cup</i> <i>P&C Meeting</i> <i>AGM</i> <i>6.30-staffroom</i>	19/3 <i>Breaky Club</i>	20/3	21/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest</i> <i>groups/clubs</i>	22/3 <i>Assembly 2.30</i>
<i>Week 9</i>	25/3 <i>Canteen</i> <i>Hot cross bun-</i> <i>recess</i> <i>Hot dog,</i> <i>popper &</i> <i>Easter egg</i> <i>lunch</i> <i>\$5.00</i>	26/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Easter</i> <i>Eggstravaganza</i> <i>Hat Parade</i>	27/3	28/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest</i> <i>groups/clubs</i>	29/3 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>



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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