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Newsletter - Term 1 Week 8, 19 March, 2013

Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

19th March – Football teams in Narrabri

19th and 20th March – Live life well @school workshop in Gunnedah. Ms Baker will be attending. The quality of our school PDHPE program will be improved.

21st & 22nd March- New England Region Principal's Conference

21st March- Harmony Day-wear something ORANGE

26th March- Easter Eggstravaganza & Hat Parade

Principal's message

Thank you to 5/6S for the positive feedback about their sleepover last Thursday. Trent and Ms Secombe both said that it was a pleasure to spend the evening with a group of young adults who showed they can work together as a team and genuinely respect each other. Parents of the students involved have also said it was a great experience. It shows that we have quality students who will rise to meet expectations. Well done to all and thanks to Trent, Ms Secombe, parent supervisors and the creators of the potato bake and salads.

We are now in the second round of our Thursday Interest groups. The enthusiasm the students show towards these groups is proof that as teachers we are always looking for ways to engage our students in meaningful activities that allow for individual strengths of students to be developed.

This week we celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a chance for all of us to reflect on our individual cultural backgrounds and how we value these contributions to make our community as good as it is.



Courtney & Mrs Frend demonstrating drumming

Staff are developing Learning Goals for some of their learning activities. Learning Goals are a proven way of engaging students in the learning process. They are one way of communicating what the lesson will be about so that students know what they will be expected to have learnt by the time the lesson is over. It allows for more discussion about the topic and the strategies needed to achieve the goal to take place between students and teachers.



Sharon, Tanika & Noah, from 2B, singing along.

A huge thank you to Mr Les Baker and 'Butch' for the cutting of concrete at the front of the school. There will be two gardens near the stairwells where we can plant creepers to soften the brick walls. There is still a fair bit of work to

be done so if you can help to shift broken concrete next Friday it would be appreciated.

I would also like to ask if anybody knows of how to get a Bobcat or Dingo into the vege gardens at the back of the school and near the council car park. What we need is a trench dug so we can lay poly pipe and have watering points so that when our garden group has prepared enough garden beds we can easily water them. Please let me know if you can help with this.

Every week the kids here at Gunnedah Public continue to show everyone that they are confident, organised, persistent, resilient and that they get along with everyone.



The happy students from 3-6F.

Have a great week, we certainly will.

Regards
Stephen de Roos

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in the hall. Proceedings were led by Izaiah and Cody and Lydia led everyone in the reciting of the school prayer.

The audience was presented with an outline of each of the Thursday groups, including a slideshow from computers, a drumming demonstration, tie-dyed shirts and pottery monsters.

Everyone has been enjoying these activities and the results have been very pleasing.

Mr de Roos addressed the assembly and praised all the wonderful, enthusiastic students of our school.



Proud award recipients.

Awards were presented to these wonderful students: Principal's awards- Luke Ellis and Jordan Doolan , K/1D- Jasmine Hunt and Chloe Ellery, 3/4/5C- Brock Abrahams and Rheyce Adams, 3-6F- Vanessa Golsby and William O'Dell, 5/6S Raymond Smith and Lochlan Carter, Library- Nathan Dawe and Bella Gold, Reading Recovery-Serenity Taylor
Congratulations go to all recipients.



Jasmine, Lydia & Serena describing how pottery monsters are created.

Easter Hat Parade

We are looking forward to the creative Easter hat designs that will be ready for display at the Easter Hat Parade next Tuesday. The parade will begin at 10:15am. Family and friends are very welcome.

“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.

Uniform

The days are getting chilly, particularly in the mornings. **Please be reminded that jumpers and jackets must be green.** If you are having trouble in obtaining appropriate uniform please contact the office or Auntie Sue.

Green school hats are still required during the colder terms.



Brayden & Rheyce always wear their uniforms, including their green school hats.

Harmony Day

This Thursday is **Harmony Day** when cultural difference in Australia is recognized and celebrated. The message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia. Teachers will provide some fun ways for students to learn about the importance of cultural diversity. Because the international colour of harmony is orange, **children are invited to wear something orange this Thursday.**

Congratulations Ms Horvat

Ms Horvat has accepted a position as the "Language and Literacy Development Officer" supporting focus schools in this region, for the remainder of this year. Fortunately Gunnedah Public School is a focus school and Ms Horvat will remain a familiar face around here. Mrs Lizzie Stove will replace Ms Horvat as the kindergarten teacher and will begin in Term 2. We welcome Mrs Stove and wish Ms Horvat success with her new role.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those families who have donated chocolate and are busy selling tickets for the Easter raffle. Donations can be brought in to school until this Friday afternoon. Tickets will need to be returned by Monday 25th March. Last minute tickets can be purchased at the door of the hall on Tuesday prior to the Easter Hat Parade.

Class news

K/1D- The students of K/1D are really excited about the points that they are achieving on the Class Dojo merit scheme, and, of course, the prizes that they can choose from when they earn enough points. Everyone is working hard and trying to behave well at all times. Well done, K/1D!

We have received some new puzzles, paints, painting tools, pencils and colourful craft paper thanks to the Woolworths coupon promotion. There should be some very creative art work coming up in the near future.

2B- Another busy week in 2B!

We have been reading and getting to know the Dr Seuss book 'Cat in the Hat'. We are all clever detectives when it comes to recognising rhyming words! We designed our own cat in the hat- hat and wrote out descriptions so that the rest of the class could guess which hat belonged to which class mate! No one could be fooled! We are ending our 'Cat in the Hat' fortnight by watching the movie on Friday after lunch! We can't wait!

Zone soccer trials

Miss Baker took an eager group of soccer players to South School last Thursday after school to trial for the Zone Soccer Team.

Gunnedah Public students were well behaved and out of the 12 boys selected, 4 were from GPS: Oscar King, Blake Whitfield, Raymond Smith and Cody Abrahams and of the 6 girls selected two are from our school: Courtney Whitton and Takita Shoober! Takita was mentioned as being a stand out player on the day, which is a huge credit to her amazing soccer skills! Congratulations to all students.

High School 2014

Just a reminder to year 6 students and parents, the Expression of Interest forms for students attending high school in 2014 need to be returned to the school by Wednesday this week.

Contact Details A reminder to all parents, if you have moved house please let the office know

your new address. It is also very important to let the school know when you change your phone number so the school is able to contact you in an emergency.

Harmony day- this Thursday- wear something orange.

**Easter Hat Parade and our
“Egg’Stravaganza- Tuesday 26th Marc**

School Calendar Term 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 8	18/3 <i>Pizza & jelly cup</i> <i>P&C Meeting AGM</i> <i>6.30-staffroom</i>	19/3 <i>Breaky Club</i>	20/3	21/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Harmony Day wear Orange</i> <i>Interest groups/clubs</i>	22/3 <i>Assembly 2.30</i>
Week 9	25/3 <i>Canteen</i> <i>Hot cross bun-recess</i> <i>Hot dog, popper & Easter egg lunch</i> <i>\$5.00</i>	26/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Easter Eggstravaganza Hat Parade</i>	27/3	28/3 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest groups/clubs</i>	29/3 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>
Week 10	1/4 <i>Public Holiday</i>	2/4 <i>Breaky Club</i>	3/4	4/4 <i>Breaky Club</i>	5/4



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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