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Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

26th March- Easter Eggstravaganza & Hat Parade

29th March & 1st April- Easter break, no school

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all staff and students for the celebration of Harmony Day last Thursday. Unfortunately I was at a Principal's meeting so I was unable to be there but I did hear that it went really well and the kids at school have a greater understanding about the diversity of all cultures that make Australia a great place to live. Thanks also to 5/6S for painting our poles near the canteen. They have painted the poles a range of colours that reflect the diversity of cultural backgrounds we have at our school.

Last week Ms Baker spent two days at a Live Life Well @ School workshop. Our school Personal Development Health and Physical Education practices have been updated to reflect our commitment to teaching healthy lifestyle strategies. Our garden and orchard are a part of this and the fruit break in class, Active After School initiatives, the opportunity to participate in PSSA sport and our regular school sport sessions all show a commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles.

Matthew loves playing in the sandpit.



P&C representatives and I had an inspiring visit to Boggabri PS last Thursday. We were there to see how they were using their school vegetable garden and student cooking lessons to improve the engagement in the learning process. It was really inspiring and the P&C will be working with the school to see how we can do something similar that will engage our students and community in the delivery of greater student outcomes. If you can help please let me know. I will be asking for a meeting to discuss options very soon.

Our Easter Hat Parade and Eggstravaganza was on today. It was my first time to be part of this. The wonderful atmosphere around the day showed that we have great kids who know how to have a good time. Thanks to Ms Secombe, Trent, Mrs Horvat and all staff for their commitment to making this day a success.

It has been a great week and we all look forward to the next.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

Regards

Stephen de Roos

Healthy eating- Lisa Warren attended the healthy eating, nutrition and behaviour workshop for parents at Gunnedah South PS last week. She has kindly given me a copy of the handouts and asked if we could distribute them to all. Thanks Lisa. A copy is in this newsletter. If you want any more information please let me know.

Healthy recipes for kids can be found at www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/

Uniforms

Our students look confident and organised when they wear the right uniform everyday. We give YOU CAN DO IT tokens for wearing the school hat, school uniform and sports uniform on the correct day.

School Jumpers

With the cool mornings and warm days students always have trouble remembering where they leave jumpers that are taken off during the day.

Could you please check that there is a name written clearly on all clothing including jumpers so that all lost items can be returned quickly to your child?

Attendance

Thank you for your commitment to making sure that your children are at school everyday. Research shows that when kids attend school everyday improvement in learning occurs.

Sometimes students can not be at school for a variety of reasons. We need notes explaining absences whenever your child is away. If for any reason you can't provide a note please give us a call and we can help out in other ways.



Creative tie-dyeing by Kaitlyn and Rita.

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in the hall. Proceedings were led by Serena and Helena and we were entertained by 3-6F with their wonderful retelling of 'Where the Wild Things Are'.



Proud award recipients.

Awards were presented to these wonderful students: Principal's awards- Jasmine Carter and Montana Fortier, KH- Triana Campbell and Harmony Fortier, K/1D- Peter Shoobert and Clinton Johnson, 2B- Brittany Sheumack and Cameron McCutcheon, 3/4/5C- Emily Adams and Jayden Hunt, 3-6F- Brady Herbert, 5/6S -

Jasmine Carter, Library- Oscar King and Chucky Bindley, Mrs White- Brady Herbert and Blake Whitfield.

Congratulations go to all recipients.

Transition to High School.

On Wednesday 20th March, Year 6 students attended a 'Building Links Day' at Gunnedah High School. The day involved team building activities and an interactive tour. Students were exposed to High School routines and met year 6 students from other schools. The transition to High School program prepares students for a successful settlement into secondary school. All students enjoyed the visit and look forward to more next term.

String Contingent

Last Tuesday 5/6S went to the Civic Theatre to watch 'The String Contingent' preform. Students learnt about the key aspects of music and enjoyed listening to soothing and intriguing music. 'The String Contingent' presented Gunnedah Public School with three of their CDs and commented on the outstanding behaviour of our students. It was an enjoyable excursion.

Soccer Update

Congratulations go to Oscar King for his selection in the Zone soccer team. Oscar was the only Gunnedah boy selected on the day.



Takita Shoobert makes a break at Narrabri.

Captains Cup- Narrabri

Last Tuesday, Mr Clark and Trent took a boys league team and a girls oz-tag team to Narrabri to compete in the Narrabri Cup. Both teams were outstanding, winning a number of matches and scoring numerous tries. There was no score kept on the day as the aim was to have fun and to develop and refine the students' skills and knowledge of the game. All students represented

their school proudly and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Blake Whitfield had the opposition in hot pursuit.

P&C

Last week was the P&C Annual General Meeting. Returned to office was Christine Pease as President, Lisa Warren, Vice President, Jenny Randall, Treasurer and Alana Hatch, Secretary. We thank these tireless volunteers for all the wonderful work they carry out for the students and staff of Gunnedah Public School.

NAIDOC Committee

A number of parents are interested in forming the 2013 NAIDOC committee. Ideas for NAIDOC week activities and fundraising suggestions will be on the agenda. All interested parents and community members are welcome. Please see Tracey Baird or just come along on Friday 5th April at 2:00 in Auntie Sue's Office.



It is lovely to have Mrs Maree Ellison back doing casual teaching in the school. Mrs Ellison has a long association with Gunnedah Public school and we welcome her return to work after maternity leave.

Harmony Day

KH- Last Thursday each class celebrated Harmony Day in a variety of different ways. A highlight was a "round the world" dress-up

parade by Kindergarten. The children paraded their costumes to the Aussie tune "G'day G'day" and Ms Horvat said hello in greetings from around the world as she introduced each student. Kindergarten enjoyed this opportunity to dress-up and perform for an audience.



K/1D- If you walked into K/1D's classroom during the week, you may have seen something very weird. There were eggs sitting in vinegar. While the eggs were sitting in the vinegar, something strange happened. The shells seemed to disappear and the eggs ended up feeling like rubber balls! No-one wanted to eat these eggs; I wonder why.

2B- With the term fast coming to an end, 2B have become so efficient with their day to day routines, that they are always ready for each activity before Miss Baker suggests it!

Our class had a great day last Thursday for Harmony Day. We discussed different cultures and how to display respect for other cultures; our 'You Can Do It' skill GETTING ALONG came up a lot! We wrapped up the harmonious day by making friendship bracelets to give to someone that we care about!

5/6- We had a busy week 8. Our class watched a performance by the String Contingent on Tuesday at the Civic, which was terrific. The following day, Year 6 had the first of their transition lessons. Miss Secombe has been very impressed by the mature behaviour demonstrated by the class when out and about.

The 5/6S girls painting the poles in our BBQ area.



The students in 5/6S enjoy 'Boys' Club' and 'Girls' Club' each week as reward for doing their best. Last Friday the girls and Miss Secombe painted the totem poles around the BBQ area and the boys enjoyed some martial arts with Trent and Chris De Groot.



5/6S boys practicing their breathing with Chris.

Meet Our GPS Masterchefs!

The students have had a great time cooking some delicious dishes over the past few weeks during our Thursday interest groups! As well as getting to eat our yummy food the students are also learning how to read a recipe, prepare and cook a variety of easy, fresh and healthy dishes (and some yummy treats as well!). It would be

appreciated if your child could bring \$2 along each week to cover the costs of the ingredients. Mrs Duncan.



Easter Break and School Holidays

We have had a number of enquiries about the holidays.

Here are some holiday dates for your calendar.

Good Friday 29th March

Easter Monday 1st April

Last Day Term 1 Friday 12th April

The 29th and 30th April are School Development days. The first day of term 2 for students is Wednesday 3rd May.

School Calendar Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	25/3	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 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10	1/4 Public Holiday	2/4 <i>Breaky Club</i>	3/4	4/4 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest</i> <i>groups/clubs</i>	5/4 NAIDOC Meeting 2.00 Assembly 2.30
Week 11	8/4 <i>Party pie or</i> <i>sausage roll &</i> <i>popper</i>	9/4 <i>Breaky Club</i>	10/4	11/4 <i>Breaky Club</i> ANZAC DAY at school	12/4 Assembly 2.30 Last day- Term 1

