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Newsletter - Term 2 Week 3, 14th May, 2013

Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

14th, 15th, 16th May- NAPLAN Years 3&5

16th May- NAIDOC Committee cake stall

16th May-AECG meeting @Gunnedah Public

17th May- Cross Country

20th May P&C Meeting 6.30pm staffroom

20th- 24th May- PLP meetings

22nd May- Simultaneous Storytime

22nd May- Zone Cross Country

Principal's message

Dear Parents

Our senior boys and girls Oz tag and Rugby League teams travelled to Narrabri last week to compete in the legends of league carnival. Once again they need to be congratulated for their high standards of commitment, sportsmanship and behaviour. It is a pleasure to hear that everyone who went showed that they are able to deliver on the high expectations every one of us knows they are capable of displaying. Thanks also to Ms Baker, Trent Hilton and every parent who went along to support their child and their school.

Jasmine Carter is the latest sports star to be discovered at Gunnedah public School. Last week she played Oztag with the girls, Rugby League with the boys and on Friday she made the girls cricket team. Congratulations Jasmine.

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing the 2013 NAPLAN tests. It is very important that all students attend school every day during the testing program.

Last Thursday there was a meeting to discuss the extra funds we have been given to assist in the development of our quality teaching and learning strategies in literacy and numeracy. At the AECG meeting on Thursday 16th May here at the school there will be an opportunity to learn more about our initiatives and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

We all hope all mums had an enjoyable and relaxing day last Sunday and that their mother's day presents were well received. Thanks to our P and C for the commitment to our students and

their dedication to our school by organising the mother's day stall so all students had the opportunity to make mum's day. The P and C meeting next week is another opportunity to contribute to the students and our school

The P and C meeting on the 20th will also be an opportunity to learn more about the initiatives discussed at the community meeting last week. At the P and C meeting I will be outlining our School Plan for 2013 and look forward to discussing more ideas as to how we can all work together to continue to provide quality education here at Gunnedah Public School. The vegetable gardens and kitchen redevelopment in particular will be an area where we will need as much help as we can get. The garden initiative has the potential to establish our school as an icon of the community.

P and C meetings are open to all members of the community. These meetings are where you can provide good ideas and give feedback to the school about where we can move the quality of education offered at the school your children attend.

Have a great week

Stephen de Roos



Cody doing number work

Every week the students here at Gunnedah Public continue to show everyone that they are confident, organised, persistent, resilient and that they get along with everyone. We look forward to a productive, happy and successful term 2.

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in the hall. we were entertained by K/1D and their delightful rendition of 'Catch a Falling Star'. It was wonderful to see so many family members in the audience to watch this performance. Awards were presented to many worthy, hardworking students.

Congratulations go to all recipients.

All family and friends are invited to attend our assemblies, held each Friday at 2.30 in the hall.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Next Wednesday 22nd May, is National Simultaneous Storytime. Children all around Australia will be listening to the story "The Wrong Book" by Nick Bland. By participating in National Simultaneous Storytime we aim to promote reading and literacy and demonstrate the value and fun of books. **Families are welcome to bring their preschoolers along to enjoy the story in the school hall. Times will be decided closer to the day and a note sent home.**

Starting School 2014?

Early Birds, our transition to school program, will begin in Term 3. This year Early Birds will be held every Thursday. **Please come along to an information morning tea on Wednesday 12 June at 10:30am if you have a child starting school in 2014.**

Uniform

Colder weather is creeping up on us. Please be advised that all students should be wearing their full winter uniforms by week 3, May 13th. 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.

NAIDOC Cake Stall

The NAIDOC Week committee will be holding a cake stall this Thursday, May 16th. Donations of cakes and slices would be appreciated. These will be on sale at recess from 50c each.

Stewart House

Students have been given Stewart House Envelopes. Families who wish to make a donation need to fill in their name and address and school details, insert a donation in the envelope and return it to the school. All donations of \$2 or more will go into the draw for a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday.

All envelopes need to be returned to the school by 17th May to be included in the holiday draw.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

The school is again taking part in the Earn and Learn promotion. Collection of these stickers allows us to use them to redeem educational items for free. Please help your school by bringing in the stickers to the front office or by placing them in the box at the supermarket.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3&5 will be completing the NAPLAN today, Tuesday 14th, tomorrow, Wednesday 15th and on Thursday 16th May. These tests are completed by all Year 3&5 students across the country. We know these students involved will do their best.

Mothers Day Stall

Many thanks go to the school community for supporting the P&C's Mothers Day stall. The students were very excited about buying these lovely gifts. We hope all families had a lovely day last Sunday.

P&C Meeting

The P&C is made up of a dedicated band of volunteers who get together to benefit the students of our great school. They participate in discussions about what is going on in and around the school, contribute towards school decisions and assist with fundraising initiatives which help the staff and students alike. **The regular P&C meeting is to be held this coming Monday, 20th May at 6.30 in the staffroom.** If you would like to 'have a voice' within the school, please come along. All new members welcome.

Canteen

Please be reminded that canteen day this term is a Friday. This week we have delicious hot dogs on the menu. **If you are able to come along on a Friday to assist with providing a delicious lunch for the students of Gunnedah Public please contact the office.** All lunches are scrumptious and just \$4.00. Please support our school through the purchase of a canteen lunch.

Legends of League Gala Day

Last Thursday Miss Baker, Trent, Mr Ireland and 24 eager Year 5 and 6 students travelled by bus to Narrabri to enjoy a day of league and oz-tag. It was a big day with over 30 teams entered in the gala day. We had two boys teams, one each coached by Trent and Mr Ireland and Miss Baker coaching the girls. We all played 5 games each! The girls were undefeated all day until the final, then unfortunately, they got knocked out by Narrabri. The boys teams had a few wins during the day. Mr Ireland's team also made the final but we unfortunately had to catch the bus home so had to miss out! We were lucky enough to get invited to the next round! Congratulations go to all the participants for their great teamwork and sportsmanship on the day.

Leadership Conference



Izaiah, Cody, Amber, Rita, Helena, Jack, Serena & Liam

Last Tuesday the leaders of Gunnedah Public School and Miss Secombe attended a GRIP (Growth, Relationship, Integrity, People) conference in Tamworth.

Amber Sands, Jack Randall, Helena Pease, Liam Ireland, Cody Abrahams, Serena Silver, Izaiah Talbott-Hatch and Rita Gillard learnt about the important role they have as leaders of our school. Our leaders developed the skills and knowledge to make a positive impact on our school. They are now even more excited about continuing to move forward and to have a positive impact each and every day at Gunnedah Public School.

School Shoes

The NAIDOC Committee has a small collection of new leather shoes for sale at \$10 each. Sizes are small 9 – 11, suiting preschool age, kindergarten and year one children. Please see Aunty Sue if you are interested.

AECG meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday May 16th at Gunnedah Public School at 3.45. All welcome.

School Calendar Term 2

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 3	13/5 <i>Winter Uniform please</i>	14/5 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>NAPLAN years 3&5</i>	15/5 <i>NAPLAN years 3&5</i>	16/5 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>NAPLAN years 3&5</i> <i>NAIDOC cake stall</i> <i>Interest groups/clubs</i> <i>AECG Meeting GPS</i>	17/5 CANTEEN <i>Hot dog+popper</i> <i>Assembly 2.30</i>
Week 4	20/5 <i>PLP Meetings all week</i>	21/5 <i>Breaky Club</i>	22/5 <i>Simultaneous Storytime</i> <i>Zone Cross Country</i>	23/5 <i>Breaky Club</i> <i>Interest groups/clubs</i>	24/5 CANTEEN <i>Party pie/ sausage roll+popper</i> <i>Assembly 2.30</i>
Week 5	27/5	28/5 <i>Breaky Club</i>	29/5	30/5 <i>Breaky Club</i>	31/5 CANTEEN <i>Chicken & gravy roll+ popper</i> <i>Assembly 2.30</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

Lisa Warren

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