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Newsletter - Term 2 Week 4, 23rd May, 2013

Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

20th - 24th May- PLP meetings

22nd May- Simultaneous Storytime- Library

22nd May- Zone Cross Country

23rd May- Eisteddfod: Stage 2&3 Choir & 3/4/5C

23rd May- Walk Safely to School Activities

24th May- Eisteddfod: Stage 1

Principal's message

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts in the cross country last Friday. All of the comments about the day were about how well organised the event was and how well it ran.

Students who qualified for the Zone Carnival in Mullaley on Wednesday 22nd have been given their permission notes. Good luck to everyone who is attending.

The cold weather arrived yesterday. Please make sure that all jumpers have a name in them so if they are misplaced we can get them back to their owners as quickly as possible.

This week we welcome back Mrs Liz Ward to our school. Mrs Ward will be in the library and doing the Release from Face to Face teaching which was previously done by Mrs Hewitt. Mrs Hewitt will be teaching in a new role that will focus on delivering quality literacy strategies for our students and staff.

This week teachers are starting the Personal Learning Plan meetings for all students. This is an opportunity for you to become more involved in your child's learning and is a great opportunity for you to understand how the teacher is addressing the learning needs of your child.

On Wednesday Mrs Dunn will be coming back to school to read a story to the children. This is our contribution the Simultaneous Storytime initiative. Thank you to Ms Horvat for organising our guest reader.

Last night at the P&C meeting, we discussed our School Plan for 2013. The plan details how we are meeting our targets and improving the quality of education here at school. P&C meetings are open to all and are a great opportunity to find out how you can contribute to the success of our school.

Good luck goes to our students who are participating in the Eisteddfod this week. I have seen these performances and the students and teachers must be very proud of their efforts. Enjoy the day and thank you for your wonderful representation of our school.

Have a great week

Stephen de Roos



Cooking is one of the popular Thursday interest groups.

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 another productive, happy and successful term.

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in the hall. The Stage 2&3 choir performed for everyone and put on a most entertaining item.

Awards were presented to many worthy, hardworking students.

Principal's awards- Lochlan Carter & Helena Pease, KS- Tyler Herbert & Chelsea Whitfield, K/1D- Callum Davis & Bailey Richardson, 2B- Zoe King & Jordan Holley, 3/4/5C- Sarsha Maughan & Brayden Sands, 5/6S- Raymond Smith & Madisyn Rumbel, 3-6F- Vanessa Golsby.

Congratulations to all recipients.

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

Gunnedah Eisteddfod

After nearly three months of hard work and diligent practice, **Gunnedah Public will be demonstrating their talent at the 2013 Gunnedah Eisteddfod.** We are competing in a number of sections this year; the **Choir** will perform in the choral section, while **Mr Clark's class** will entertain in the Musical Entertainment section. Both **these performances will be held on Thursday morning, starting with Musical Entertainment at 9:30am, and the Choir following.**

Stage 1 students have had a wonderful time putting together their piece for the **Infants Musical Entertainment section, which will be held on Friday morning, starting at 9:30am.**

All are welcome and encouraged to come along and cheer on our students. If you have **any questions regarding the Eisteddfod, please contact Mrs Frend at the school.** The Choir students are reminded that full winter school uniform is required, with the boys wearing their white performance shirts. If you need assistance with any area of uniform, please let Mrs Frend know in writing before Thursday. The children are very proud of their hard work and are excited to show off their skills to the Gunnedah community!

3/6F Review Meetings

A reminder that 3/6F will be holding their annual Review Meetings this Wednesday. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to have a say in their child's schooling, working with Mrs Frend to make school life as enjoyable as possible for all students. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend this important 10 minute meeting. For any questions, please contact Mrs Frend.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Tomorrow, 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 at 12:45am in the school library.** Guest reader will be Mrs Fran Dunn who is currently working at Gunnedah TAFE library.



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.**

Mrs Delamotte's PLP Meetings

Please note that due to Eisteddfod commitments, Mrs Delamotte's K/1D PLP meetings will now be held on Friday, 31st May.

Cross Country Results.

Fortunately the weather held out for our annual Cross Country last Friday which was held at the river flats. Congratulations go to all participants for demonstrating persistence and endurance. The seniors complete a 3km course and the juniors cover 2km.

Congratulations go to: Tanika Herbert, Zoe King & Amy Keating- 8/9 year girls, Ian Brown, Cody MacAulay & Kristian Dixon- 8/9 years boys, Sarsha Maughan, Kursty Silver & Monica Foley- 10 years girls, Brock Abrahams, Shakeem Bartman & Connor King- 10 years boys, Ebony Beasley, Serena Silver & Courtney Whitton (equal 2nd) & Montana Fortier- 11 years girls, Blake Whitfield, Reece Davies & Lucas Foley- 11 years boys, Vanessa Golsby, Amber Sands & Helena Pease- 12 years girls, Cody Abrahams, Izaiah Talbott-Hatch & Ben Fitzroy- 12 years boys.

These students will contest the Zone Cross Country tomorrow at Mullaley. Good luck to all.

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.

School Calendar Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	20/5 PLP Meetings all week	21/5 Breaky Club	22/5 Simultaneous Storytime Zone Cross Country	23/5 Breaky Club Eisteddfod- Stage 2&3 Walk Safely to School activities	24/5 CANTEEN Party pie/ sausage roll+popper Eisteddfod- Stage 1 Assembly 2.30
Week 5	27/5	28/5 Breaky Club	29/5	30/5 Breaky Club	31/5 CANTEEN Chicken & gravy roll+ popper Mrs Delamotte's PLP meetings Assembly 2.30
Week 6	3/6	4/6 Breaky Club	5/6	6/6 Breaky Club	7/6 CANTEEN Beef&cheese burger+jelly cup Assembly 2.30