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Newsletter - Term 2 Week 5, 28th May, 2013

Upcoming events

Thursday clubs

30th May- League Knockout- Tamworth

30th May- School Experience Visit- Goodstart

Early Learning Preschool

4th June- Eisteddfod Items Concert

Principal's message

Dear Parents

The students in classes 3/4/5C, 2B, K/1D and the choir need to be congratulated for the way they represented their school at the Eisteddfod last week. The two second place awards and the highly commended are reward for the hard work. Their teachers and Ms Tammy Lynch also need to be acknowledged for their work in making sure that our students are confident in their skills when they present to a very large audience and perform.

There will be an encore performance by our Eisteddfod team next Tuesday, 4th June at 10.15. I invite everyone to come along and see what our students can do. You will be thoroughly entertained.

At the P&C meeting last week there were a number of issues discussed. One of the issues was our school's appearance. I would like to move the archway at the front of the school to the vegetable gardens at the rear of the school. I am aware of the significance of this structure to the history of the school and therefore will treat it accordingly. The plaque commemorating the achievements of the choir in 1997 will be reinstalled at the Amos Croft music room in our hall. Please let me know if you have any questions about the archway.

One of the Assistant Principal's offices has undergone a change in purpose. It will now be a meeting room and will need to be redecorated. If you are able to help with painting this room please let me know.

Yesterday we commenced using new ways of transitioning our students from classrooms to home. From now on, students will be lining up in the Thunderdome before being escorted by teachers to either the Hall gate, Cul de sac gate,

front gate or bus lines. Parents who would normally pick up their children under the Thunderdome will need to wait outside at one of those gates. We would also ask parents to remember to come into the office when they need to pick up their children at odd times during the day to sign an entry book so that we know who is on the school grounds at all times. These changes are in response to safety issues recently recognised by teachers and are designed to keep students safer at school. Thank you for your cooperation with these new procedures.

Have a great week

Stephen de Roos



Taleiah, bright and sunny, at the Eisteddfod

NEW HOME TIME PROCEDURES

To ensure for a safe and smooth dismissal time for all students, **new procedures ARE NOW BEING implemented.**

All gates will remain LOCKED until 3pm. Family members are asked to WAIT OUTSIDE the school grounds.

All students will line up in the Thunderdome as follows:

Bus lines & Bloomfield St exits

Sandpit (Cul de sac) exit

Hall gate exit (this will include Homework centre on Tuesdays)

Staff will then walk students to the exits and unlock the gates.

These new arrangements **will allow staff to ensure that students are safe at all times.**

We would appreciate your cooperation with these new procedures.

If you need to be on school premises, PLEASE ENTER AT MAIN GATE AND CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE.

Gunnedah Eisteddfod Update.

3/4/5C

Last Thursday 3/4/5C performed twice at the Gunnedah Eisteddfod. Their first item was 'Consider Yourself' from the musical 'Oliver' which they performed in the Musical Entertainment Section. The students looked fantastic in their costumes and impressed both the audience and adjudicator with their performance. They beat some tough competition to be awarded second place. Their second performance was in the Percussion Section to the song 'I'm a Believer'. The students were impressive again and received another second place award. We are extremely proud of the efforts of these students and the way they represented their school. Mr Clark and the students would like to thank Mrs Simpson and Tammy Lynch for all their efforts with these performances. It was great to see so many parents in the audience supporting the school.



Choir

Last week was an exciting one for our Choir, who after months of hard work finally got to

perform their two songs, 'Magic', and 'We go Together' on stage. They all looked immaculate in their school uniforms, and were impeccably behaved as they represented our school at the Town Hall. The adjudicator was impressed also, and despite the tough competition from Tamworth South Public School, Gunnedah Public Choir received a Highly Commended in their section. Well done to all the students involved. Our choir now looks forward to upcoming community performances throughout the remainder of the year.

Stage One

Last Friday, 24th May, the students of K/1D and 2B performed in the non-competitive Musical Entertainment section of the Gunnedah Eisteddfod. All the children performed well and were a credit to themselves and their school. Mrs Delamotte, Miss Baker and Mrs Duncan were all very proud of everyone.

All the students and the teachers would like to thank Mrs MacAulay for making all the fantastic costumes. They looked amazing!



National Simultaneous Storytime

This year National Simultaneous StoryTime was held on Wednesday 22nd May. Children Australia wide enjoyed the story "The Wrong Book" by Nick Bland. The aim is to promote Australian authors and a love of reading books. This aim was well achieved at Gunnedah Public School when Mrs Dunn, our former librarian and the current TAFE librarian, came to read to the students. Dressed as the main character "Nicholas Ickle" from the story, Mrs Dunn delivered a very entertaining reading of the book. Every child was engaged and now loves the story "The Wrong Book" by Nick Bland.



'Nicholas Ickle', Mrs Fran Dunn with Serenity, Peter, Cameron, Matthew & Brandon.

30 Years of Teaching Award

It was fortunate to have Mrs Dunn visit on Wednesday because a special award arrived in the mail for her earlier in the week! Mr de Roos had the pleasure of presenting Mrs Dunn with a certificate from the Department of Education and Training to acknowledge and celebrate her 30 year commitment to teaching children. Congratulations Mrs Dunn!



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.**



School Experience Visits

Last Tuesday preschoolers from GoodStart Early Learning Centre participated in our first "School Experience Visit" for 2013. They had a wonderful time here and another group of children from the Centre will return this Thursday. Ms Horvat, supported by student leaders Amber Sands, Jack Randall, Lydia McInnes and Helena Pease rotated the children through four "mini" literacy lessons based around the story "The Wrong Book" by Nick Bland. Preschool children from Mary Rankin, Gunnedah Preschool and Winangli will also visit this year as part of our Transition to School 2014 program.



Zone Cross Country.

Last Wednesday, Miss Baker and 29 qualifying students travelled to Mullaley in the freezing cold and rainy conditions to participate in Zone Cross Country.

The eager students didn't complain about the conditions. We were lucky enough to get Raymond Smith and Takita Shooobert through to Area in Coolah next month! We also had many

students make it in the top ten to receive the title of reserve. Congratulations goes to all runners.

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday the 24th May was 'Walk Safely to School Day'. Due to the Eisteddfod, our school decided to recognise this important day on Thursday.

All stage 1 students gathered to discuss the importance of walking to school safely and road safety issues. Many important ideas were presented by children from Kinder, Year One



Liam, Ben, Azaria, Oscar, Chelsie & Amber

and Year Two, such as: holding an adult's hand and looking both ways before crossing the street. After our talk some Year 5 and 6 students took some 'buddies' from stage one and we all walked around the school SAFELY to the crossing, where Stage 3 demonstrated safe road crossing procedures with some Kindergarten students.

We then enjoyed some yummy healthy fruit salad, donated by the teachers, for fruit break.

Student Banking Helper Needed!!

Can you spare some time on a Friday morning to assist with student banking?

Please contact the office if you can help out with this easy task.

Thank you for attending the PLP meetings last week. These meetings allow for improved communication between the school and home.

We invite everyone to a 'Thank you' BBQ on June 4th, following the concert.

School Calendar Term 2

	Monday 27/5	Tuesday 28/5 <i>Breaky Club</i>	Wednesday 29/5 <i>NAIDOC excursion fundraiser Jelly+custard cups \$1.00</i>	Thursday 30/5 <i>Breaky Club League KO Tamworth GoodStart Preschool visit</i>	Friday 31/5 <i>CANTEEN Chicken & gravy roll+ popper Mrs Delamotte's PLP meetings Assembly 2.30</i>
Week 5					
Week 6	3/6	4/6 <i>Breaky Club Eisteddfod Items Concert PLP Thank You BBQ</i>	5/6 <i>NAIDOC excursion fundraiser Jelly+custard cups \$1.00</i>	6/6 <i>Breaky Club</i>	7/6 <i>CANTEEN Beef&cheese burger+jelly cup Assembly 2.30</i>
Week 7	10/6	11/6 <i>Breaky Club</i>	12/6 <i>NAIDOC excursion fundraiser Jelly+custard cups \$1.00</i>	13/6 <i>Breaky Club AECG Meeting South School</i>	14/6 <i>CANTEEN Nuggets+garlic bread+popper Assembly 2.30</i>