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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 2, 23rd July, 2013

Upcoming events

26th July- Pilliga Excursion

27th July-- AECG Meeting GS Kidd School

30th July- Murri Kulture Performance

31st July- Year 6-7 Transition- GHS

31st July- Local Schools Education Week

Ceremony- GS Kidd School

2nd to 8th August- Life Ed Van

5th to 8th August- Book Fair

6th August- Journey to Centre Performance

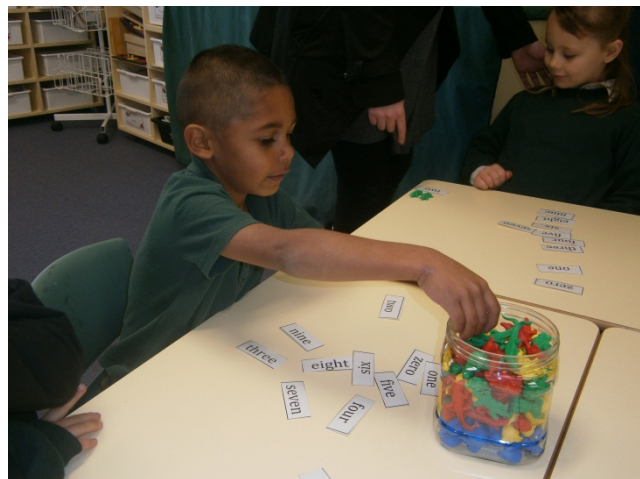
9th August- Athletics Carnival

14th August- Zone Athletics

Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all of our students for the pride they have in their school by wearing school uniform. They look good and feel good when they have their uniform on.



Dominic doing number work in KS

Thank you to the garden group for the way they represented their school with pride today. The garden group accepted an invitation to complete the planting of the community garden at the Town hall today. The students put a lot of plants in the ground and hopefully they will do well. It will be a sense of achievement for the students to watch everything grow. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to contribute to the community and I would like to thank Lisa Warren and the Gunnedah Council for inviting us to be part of the project.



Will enjoying some healthy fruit at the wildlife Park in term 2.

This week our Stage 3 students travel to the Pilliga for the Naidoc week excursion. Hopefully it won't rain this time.

The transition to school for next years Kindergarten students started last Thursday. We have a very switched on group of enthusiastic starters under the guidance of Mrs Duncan and Aunty Sue. They were engaged in their lessons and looked to be a great bunch of kids. If you know of anybody wanting to start Kinder next year please remind them to get in touch with us so that they can have a smooth start to Kindergarten here at Gunnedah Public School.

Have a great week
Stephen de Roos

Welcome Early Birds!

Once again our Early Birds transition to school program has begun and we're off to a flying start! We are basing our activities around a colour theme this term and last week we focused on the colour red. We enjoyed learning about red ladybirds, eating some red, juicy watermelon and role playing a fireman with his red hat and truck of course! The children also had the opportunity to tour the library, use the Smart Board and begin to become familiar with the school and its facilities. It has been lovely to see some of the children forming friendships with each other already!

We look forward to seeing everyone again this week!

Mrs Duncan and Aunty Sue.

Early Birds will be held every Thursday of Term 3 & 4 this year from 9am to 2:30pm and is available for any children wishing to attend Kindergarten at Gunnedah Public School in 2014.

Please contact the school for further information 67422266.



Year 6 modelling their new shirts.

Library News

Last week students were very happy to receive the library bags that were made during Naidoc Week activities. Many thanks to Aunty Sue and her willing band of volunteers for helping the students make their bags. Library bags should be used to store the books at home and when borrowing and returning from the library.

Borrowing Days

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Kindergarten 345C 56S	K1D 2B	3-6F

Book Fair

This year the book fair will be held from the 5th to the 8th of August (Week 4). There will be lots of great books to purchase during the fair and students will have the opportunity to make a 'wish list' of books they would like to buy. Details regarding times for purchasing and items for sale will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Book Week Celebrations

Each year since 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia has hosted Children's Book Week to honour and celebrate the work of Australian authors and illustrators. This year it will be celebrated at our school from **August 19-23** (Week 6). Celebrations will focus on the announcement of the *Book of the Year* and the theme *Read Across the Universe*. We plan on having a Book Week Parade and details about this event will also be sent home in the coming weeks.

Liz Ward



Early Birds enjoying the library

Assembly

Last Friday we held our assembly in Ms Secombe's room due to the heavy rain. It was much cosier in there than in the hall.

Miss Baker and Mr de Roos addressed the assembly and awards were presented to some valued members of our student body.



Principal's awards-Kaitlyn MacAulay & Holly Hayes, KS-Millie Rumbel & Tyler Hicks, K/1D- Ebony Herbert & Jayden Adams, 2B- Kerri-Ann Murray & Josh Rumbel, 3/4/5C- Kursty Silver & Brock Abrahams, 3-6F- Blake Whitfield & William O'Dell, 5/6S- Oscar King & Liam Ireland.

Congratulations to all.

Head Lice Heads Up!

Those critters are around again! Please check your student's, and all other family member's hair and if you spot any lice or eggs PLEASE TREAT THEM! It is frustrating for families who try hard to eradicate the critters only to have a reinfestation because someone else is not doing so. There are a variety of treatment options available for purchase as well as other 'home' remedies including a thick coverage of conditioner left in overnight and thoroughly combed through before washing out. The combing out is very important as it gets the eggs off the hair, as they latch on and stick tight. Washing bedding in hot water and drying it in the sun is also recommended. We would like the support of all families so that we can stamp out head lice.

Art Project

Local artist Jack Conlan worked with Stage 3 children during NAIDOC week to complete a portrait for a Tamworth Regional Art Gallery

Project. The portrait is made up of 40 individual canvases, one each painted by the students. The small canvases we placed together to form a portrait of Brett Griffen, a past student of Gunnedah Public School. The finished project is fantastic and all the children involved should be very pleased with their efforts. We thank Jack for sharing his talents with our students.



Pilliga Discovery Centre Excursion

The Stage 2/3 excursion to Pilliga for the Discovery Centre Tour and Sculpture Walk will be this Friday 26th July. Children are reminded to wear sensible walking shoes, sports clothes and a school hat. A packed lunch will be needed, including a water bottle. The bus will leave school at 8am and return to school at 4pm. We look forward to a great day and hope the weather is on our side this week!

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

A copy of the new medical form has been sent home with each student. **Forms need to be returned to the school by Friday 26th July 2013.** Many thanks go to those who have already returned these important forms. If you have any questions please call the school on 6742 2266.

School Calendar Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	22/7 P&C Meeting	23/7 Breakfast Club	24/7	25/7 Breakfast Club AECG Meeting 3.45pm GS Kidd	26/7 Pilliga Excursion Stage 2&3 Stage 1 Tree Day Activities Medical Forms due
Week 3	29/7	30/7 Breakfast Club Murri Kulture Performance	31/7 Education Week Ceremony GS Kidd Year 6 transition to High School visit	1/8 Breakfast Club	2/8 CANTEEN Chicken & gravy roll + popper
Week 4	5/8 Book Fair	6/8 Breakfast Club Book Fair Journey to the Centre of the Earth Performance	7/8 Book Fair Open Day (details next week)	8/8 Breakfast Club Book Fair	9/8 Athletics Carnival CANTEEN at carnival- helpers required