



# Gunnedah Public School

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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 3, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

## Upcoming events

**30<sup>th</sup> July- Murri Kulcha Performance**

**31<sup>st</sup> July- Year 6-7 Transition- GHS**

**31<sup>st</sup> July- Local Schools Education Week  
Ceremony- South School**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August- Life Ed Van**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August- Book Fair**

**6<sup>th</sup> August- Journey to Centre Performance**

**9<sup>th</sup> August- Athletics Carnival**

**14<sup>th</sup> August- Zone Athletics**

## Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to our Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students and teachers for a magical day last Friday. Our junior students celebrated National Tree Day in a very unique way. They created a fairy garden complete with places for fairies to stay and a colourful display of flowering plants. They also planted 3 apple trees in our vegetable garden and orchard. Our orchard has a collection of orange, mandarin, lemon and now apple trees growing. The enthusiasm our younger students have for their school environment and establishing a culture of engaging in all we have to offer here at our school is very satisfying for all staff.



Congratulations to the Stage 2 and 3 students and their teachers for the way in which they all had a great time in the Pilliga forest last Friday. This excursion was supposed to have taken place in NAIDOC week but due to rain had to be

postponed. The students visited the interactive centre and culturally important sites and they also listened to expert guides. Everyone had a brilliant time in an amazing place.



**Amber & Madisyn at Pilliga Discovery Centre**

A special mention must also be made about our early birds class and the way our 2014 Kindergarten students are adapting to the routines of big school. We will have an amazing Kindergarten class next year. There is always room for students in our Early Birds class so if you know of anybody thinking about Kindergarten next year please let them know about this wonderful session.



**Auntie Sue & her Early Bird friends doing number work.**

Due to the extra time that our staff put into making sure students who attend school here at Gunnedah Public have opportunities to engage in activities that are engaging and make a

difference in their lives, our students are developing into learners who are keen to try new things and have a positive attitude to learning.



**KS students hard at work**

This week the dying gum trees at the front of the school should be pruned back to a main trunk. The ironbark and redgum trunks will need to be removed at a later date. If you are able to take the trunks away and hang on to them for a while there will be quite a bit of firewood for not much effort. Please let me know if you can help out.

One of the goals we have at school this year is to improve the appearance of our school. So far we have removed the arch way and made the main entrance to the office much more noticeable and with the dying gumtrees out of the way we can start to reinvent the gardens. I would like to invite community members to be part of the process that presents Gunnedah Public in the positive way that it deserves. A school that has a great street appeal is one of the key factors that will allow Gunnedah Public to reinforce the positive programs that we are offering to all of Gunnedah. If you can help in any way to improve the appearance of our school please let me know by contacting us on 6742 2266.

Next week we will be having our Education Week celebrations. All community members are invited to attend our celebrations. There will then be an opportunity for parents and family members to visit classrooms and see the quality of learning experiences that we are using to engage our students in the learning process. There will be a morning tea afterwards where you can buy a cupcake and help raise funds to buy another camera for the school.

This week I would like to invite all of you to celebrate Public Education in Gunnedah with an Education Week assembly at Gunnedah South

Public. Our choir will be performing and we will be showing that quality education begins with choosing public education.



**Montana having a close look at these specimens at the Discovery Centre.**

Have a great week  
Stephen de Roos



**Ian, Brendan & Jordan helped to plant the apple tree**

**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  
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## Book Fair

This year the book fair will be held next week from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. 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 this week.

## National Tree Day Activities K-2

Last Friday was National Tree Day. The students from KS, K/1D and 2B enjoyed a wonderful day of activities. They started their morning by icing and decorating fairy biscuits for recess and colouring a picture for the movie Fern Gully. At around 10.15 they joined Mr de Roos in the vegetable garden to plant an apple tree for each class. The children got to look at all the plants the gardening group have planted as well as visit the chickens.



**Dylan, Cody & Azaria helping to plant an apple tree.**

Everyone then moved to the cul de sac area to help create a magical fairy garden. The children demonstrated their excellent getting along skills as they helped each other with planting many punnets of flowers including pansies, violas, delphiniums, lobelias and marigolds. The children did a wonderful job and garden looks terrific!

At recess the children ate their biscuits and later they had a special visit from a lovely fairy who sprinkled them with fairy dust. They were very excited to see a fairy in the garden so soon after it was created.

During the afternoon the classes watched Fern Gully. It was a very pleasant day.



**Tyler and Amanda working in the Fairy Garden**

## Open Day

Next Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, we will be having our Education Week open day. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to come along to the school at 10am to visit the classrooms and the book fair. An assembly will be held in the hall at 10.30. Everyone is then invited to have a lovely morning tea together in the playground. Patty cakes, tea/coffee and cordial will be on sale. It is sure to be a most enjoyable morning for all. We hope to see you there.

## Pilliga Discovery Centre Excursion

Last Friday, students from Stage Two and Stage Three travelled to Dandry Gorge in the Pilliga area on the excursion that had been postponed due to wet weather in NAIDOC Week. The sun was shining this time and everyone had an enjoyable time. The students visited the Pilliga Discovery Centre at Baradine to observe artefacts and learn about the history of the area. Then they travelled out to the gorge to observe and learn about the Sculptures in the Scrub. These amazing sculptures have been spaced out along a bushwalking track with each one telling a different story. National Parks and Wildlife guides also educated the students on the flora and fauna in the gorge as they walked. Our

thanks go to Ms Horvat, Tracey Baird and Renee Horne for organising this terrific excursion.



### STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

Thank you to all those families who have returned the updated medical forms. There are still a few more to come in, if you have lost the form or require help to fill it in please contact the front office.



## School Calendar Term 3

	<b>Monday</b> 29/7	<b>Tuesday</b> 30/7	<b>Wednesday</b> 31/7	<b>Thursday</b> 1/8	<b>Friday</b> 2/8
<b>Week 3</b>		<b>Breakfast Club</b> <b>Murri Kulcha</b> <b>Performance</b>	<b>Education</b> <b>Week</b> <b>Ceremony</b> <b>South school</b> Year 6 transition to High School visit	<b>Breakfast Club</b>  Girls Touch football @ South	<b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Chicken &amp; gravy</b> <b>roll + popper</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>5/8</b> <b>Book Fair</b>	<b>6/8</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>  <b>Book Fair</b> <b>Journey to the</b> <b>Centre of the</b> <b>Earth</b> <b>Performance</b>	<b>7/8</b> <b>Book Fair</b>  <b>Open Day</b> Classroom visits 10am Assembly 10.30 Morning Tea 11am	<b>8/8</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>  <b>Book Fair</b>	<b>9/8</b> <b>Athletics</b> <b>Carnival</b>  <b>CANTEEN at</b> <b>carnival- helpers</b> <b>required</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<b>13/8</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>14/8</b> <b>Zone Athletics</b> <b>Carnival</b>	<b>15/8</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>16/8</b> <b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Chicken burger+</b> <b>popper</b>









Pilliga Discovery Centre at  
Baradine and the Dandry  
Gorge.  
NAIDOC Week excursion  
for Stage 2&3. Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>  
July, 2013

