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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 6, 20th August, 2013

Upcoming events

21st August- 5/6S AGQUIP excursion

22nd August-School Experience visit,

Goodstart

22nd August- Book Parade

28th August-Year 6-7 Transition GHS

Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to our zone competitors. The sportsmanship displayed once again showed that quality students attend Gunnedah Public School. Good luck to all students who have qualified for the region carnival coming up in Tamworth soon.



Our carnival's parents race was a big success, however, none of the participants qualified for zone.

Last week, Ms Baker, Mrs Hewitt and I attended professional learning that was focused on how to develop our students to become Visible Learners. All teachers will have opportunities to become part of this process. The implications for the learning of our students are enormous. All schools that have embarked on the philosophy of Visible Learning have made huge improvements for their students. This will be an opportunity to develop a partnership of learning with Gunnedah South that will have huge benefits for public education in Gunnedah.

Personal Learning Plan meetings will

be arranged with all parents very soon. These meetings provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's learning with their teachers. They also allow you to be part of their educational journey.



Emily & Madi

Early next term all parents will have a series of opportunities to become part of the process of change here at Gunnedah Public School. I need to have your opinions about where we need to improve and how all of the Gunnedah PS school community can be involved. These meetings will be advertised and held at different times so all parents can be involved.



The next P&C meeting on Monday, 26th August, at 6pm will be an opportunity to find out where we are planning our school's

improvement for 2013 and beyond. I will be setting the agenda for change at this meeting and will be looking for advice about the direction you want your school to move towards. Have a great week
Stephen de Roos

Zone Athletics

Last Wednesday, a large number of students from our school competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Wolseley Oval. The students did extremely well and were successful in helping our school to win the Handicap Shield. There were two other big highlights for Gunnedah Public School on the day. The first was Jasmine Carter who was crowned the 11 Years Girls Champion on the day after a number of outstanding results.



The other highlight went to Cody Abrahams who broke a school record and his own personal best in high jump with a height of 1 metre 48 centimetres.



A number of our students will now travel to Tamworth to compete at the next stage on the 6th of September.

Congratulations go to all participants for their great sportsmanship, efforts and behaviour on the day.

Library News

Don't forget our **Book Week Parade** this **Thursday at 12:30** in the hall. Students can either dress as their favourite book character or wear something in line with this year's Book Week theme which is 'Read Across the Universe'.

A sausage sizzle will be held at the conclusion of the parade. Each sausage sandwich will cost \$2.00.

I am pleased to report that our Book Fair this year raised \$350.00 which will be used to purchase new books for our library.

Liz Ward

Zone Chess Day Tamworth South Public

Last Wednesday 14th August, Jack Randall, Izaack Foran, Rheyce Adams and Chris Morton attended a Zone Chess day at Tamworth South Public School. The day was well organised and the boys had a wonderful time playing chess against a variety of opponents. All students were great sports and were excellent representatives of our school.



Jack & Isaack concentrating hard

The next chess competition is the New South Wales Junior Chess League Day at Gunnedah Public School on the 4th September.



Rheyce & Christian enjoying their chess matches

Cinderella at the Disco

Last Thursday a group of Stage One children were lucky enough to attend “Cinderella at the Disco”, an interactive play based on the traditional fairy tale of Cinderella. This was a very entertaining performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The students were able to watch a quality play performed by talented actors and they also became involved in the disco, dancing to modern songs.



Farewell and Thank You, Mrs Hayne

It was with fond memories that we bid farewell to Jodi Hayne last week. Mrs Hayne has been part of the school for many years as the parent of former students, Zac & Bonnie, and also as a dedicated Quicksmart tutor. Over a period of 7 years, many of our year 5&6 students achieved numeracy success with the guidance of Mrs Hayne. Last Wednesday, the staff thanked her for her commitment and the students held a small party to bid her farewell last Friday. Our loss is Gunnedah High School's gain as Mrs Hayne will be increasing her working hours up there.

Thank you Mrs Hayne, farewell and best wishes from the GPS community.

Gunnedah Public School's P&C

Our school has a very dedicated P&C group which meets monthly. The P&C provides parents & carers with the opportunity to meet with others in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere to discuss school matters. The P&C gives parents and carers a voice within the school and allows them to actively contribute towards their child's education at GPS. Our P&C has raised funds which have provided computers, books, and other much needed resources.

You are warmly invited to attend this month's P&C meeting on Monday, 26th August in the staffroom at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

School Calendar Term 3

	Monday 19/8	Tuesday 20/8 Goodstart pre-school visit	Wednesday 21/8 5/6S AGQUIP Excursion	Thursday 22/8 Goodstart pre-school visit Early Birds	Friday 23/8 CANTEEN Chicken nuggets + garlic bread
Week 6					
Week 7	26/8 P&C Meeting 6pm PLP meetings this week	27/8 Breakfast Club	28/8 6-7 High School transition	29/8 Breakfast Club Early Birds	30/8 CANTEEN Hot dog+ popper
Week 8	2/9	3/9 Breakfast Club	4/9	5/9 Breakfast Club Early Birds	6/9 CANTEEN Pie or sausage roll +popper





