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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 7, 27th August, 2013

Upcoming events

PLP Meetings all week

28th August- K-2 Athletics Carnival

28th August-Year 6-7 Transition GHS

29th August- Hands-On Maths activities

30th August- Fathers Day Stall

4th Sept- Chess Competition- GPS Hall

4th Sept- Year 6-7 Transition GHS

5th Sept- Teddy Bear Picnic Wolesley Oval

Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all of our students for their imaginative costumes at our Book Week Parade last week. Thanks go to Mrs Ward for organising everything and to all teachers, families, students and other helpers for their support in making the day so enjoyable.



Last night at the P&C meeting I began the planning process for our 2014 School Plan. I asked for extra ideas that would allow the school to build upon; the ways we get our preschoolers ready for Kindergarten, the Personal Learning Plans, and also our plans for developing teacher skills. The next stage is to offer parent meetings, where every parent is invited to give their ideas in support of how we can continue to improve the way in which the school improves the quality of education offered to our students. I will be advertising these meetings very soon.

I would like to welcome 7 new students who have enrolled over the last couple of weeks. Welcome to Matthew and Louisa Lyasght and their parents, Lauralee, Dylan and Brendan Peters and their parents and Hayley and Ebony Calton-Mills and their parents. All students have settled in well, welcome to GPS.

We have organised our PLP meetings for this week. These meetings are an important part of the educational partnership all schools must have. If you can't make the meeting please let your teacher know and we can make another appointment.

The redevelopment of our gardens has begun. The first garden is just in front of the office. We are planning to make it a colourful and shady area. If you have some time to help out please let us know.

The school veggie gardens are really starting to take off. We have strawberries, beetroot, lettuce, peas, carrots, onions and leeks growing nicely. We are planning to have corn planted soon and they should be ready by Christmas. The orange, mandarin and lemon trees are starting to produce flowers. Kindergarten have also got their own special garden started with marigolds to be companions with their tomato plants.



Chase & Azaria, from KS, with the tomato plants

Have a great week
Stephen de Roos

Book Character Parade.

A big thank you goes out to all who dressed up for the Book Parade last week. There were quite a few superheroes, Harry Potter, princesses, toys and pirates. Everyone looked fantastic and enjoyed seeing the variety of costumes. A delicious sausage sizzle lunch was also enjoyed by many.



Fathers Day Stall

On Friday, 30th August there will be a Fathers Day Stall run by the P&C. A variety of gifts, including keyrings, BBQ tools & coffee mugs, will be available for either \$2.00, \$3.00 or \$4.00. All money raised goes to our P&C which then assists the school in the purchase of resources for all students.



Lucas, Chelsie & Kaitlyn with some of the great Fathers Day Stall gifts.

Thank You P&C

At last night's P&C meeting the members agreed to contribute just over \$4,000.00 towards the purchase of ipads. These will become a valued educational resource for all students. The staff would like to thank the P&C for their generous contribution.

Stage 1 Athletics Carnival.

Tomorrow, 28th August, the Stage 1 classes will compete in their Athletics Carnival on the school outfield. Action begins at 11.30 and family and friends are invited to come along to see the students compete in races and novelty events. A canteen will be in operation selling sausage sandwiches, drinks, lollies, tea/coffee and cakes. We hope to see a huge roll up to cheer on and support the students.

Junior Chess League.

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



Jack, Issack & Rheyce enjoying their chess matches

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Next Thursday, 5th September, the Early Birds, KS & K/1D will be walking to Wolseley Oval to join in the fun of the Teddy Bear's Picnic. This event is supported by Gunnedah Family Support group for Child Protection Week. Parents and carers are asked to sign and return the permission note before next week.

Regional Awards Choir

The Department of Education will be holding their Regional Excellence Awards at Gunnedah High on September 12th. A choir, comprising of 10 students from each local school, will be performing at this event. Students involved will receive a permission note to attend both practices and the event.

Assembly

Last Friday we held our weekly assembly in the hall. Awards were presented to these worthy recipients: Principal's awards- Maddison Bower & Shantaya Connolly, Library awards- Chelsie-Ann Squires & Matthew Adams, KS- Brendon Hunt, Harmony Fortier, Triana Campbell & Nathan Dawe, K/1D- Matthew Lysaght & Serenity Taylor, 2B- Zoe King & Brittany Sheumack, 3/4/5C- Louisa Lysaght & Ebony Calton-Mills, 3-6F- Blake Squires & Tara O'Dell, 5/6S- Madisyn Rumbel, Serena Silver & Jack Randall.

Sport awards were presented to Rheyce Adams, Lucas Foley & Raymond Smith.



Congratulations go to all recipients and thanks go to our student leaders for their smooth running of proceedings.



Hands- On Maths Activities.

On Thursday, 29th August, between recess and lunch, all students will be participating in hands-on maths activities. These will operate as small K-2 & 3-6 groups on a rotational basis with the students participating in activities such as 3D shape making, graphing, timing and World Record setting. It is sure to be fun and educational. Parents/carers, friends & family are welcome to come along and join in with the groups.

5/6S Dubbo Zoo & AGQUIP Excursions

5/6S have been learning about 'A change for the better - Inheritance and the Environment' in science this term. As part of the unit we have had two exciting excursions. On Wednesday the 14th August we made our way to Dubbo to visit the Western Plains Zoo. We visited the Education Centre and had the opportunity to have a 'hands on' experience with a koala, snake, crocodile, possum and a bearded dragon.



After visiting the Education Centre, we walked through the Western Plains Zoo where we observed a large range of zoo animals from the playful Lemur monkey to giant African elephant.

On the way home we enjoyed sundaes from McDonalds.

5/6S would like to thank Bill King for donating his time and driving the bus for us. We would also like to thank Christine Pease for her kind contribution towards our 'treat' at the end of the day.



On Wednesday 21st August we made our way to AgQuip to gain knowledge of the agricultural enterprises within our area. We had the opportunity to learn about cotton production and

beef production with presenters from the Australian Cotton Industry and Landmark.

We even experienced a fast paced auctioneer selling and an Australian Wood Cutting Champion in action. We were lucky to receive bags of free samples even including footballs.



The girls were impressed by the woodchopping champion

Thanks go to Ms Secombe and Miss Townsend for organising such educational and exciting excursions.

School Calendar Term 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7	26/8 P&C Meeting 6pm PLP meetings this week	27/8 Breakfast Club	28/8 Stage 1 Athletics Carnival 6-7 High School transition	29/8 Breakfast Club Early Birds Hands-On Maths Activities	30/8 CANTEEN Hot dog+ popper FATHERS DAY STALL
Week 8	2/9 PLP meetings this week	3/9 Breakfast Club	4/9 JCL Chess Day GPS Hall 6-7 High School transition Regional Awards Choir Practice	5/9 Breakfast Club Early Birds Teddy Bear's Picnic	6/9 CANTEEN Pie or sausage roll +popper
Week 9	9/9	10/9 Breakfast Club	11/9 Regional Awards Choir Practice	12/9 Breakfast Club Early Birds Regional Awards Choir Performing	13/9 CANTEEN Pizza+popper





**5/6S students enjoying
Dubbo Zoo & AGQUIP**

Fathers Day Stall Friday, 30th August

Great gifts for just
\$2.00, \$3.00 or \$4.00



Wishing all dads, step-
dads, pops and great
grandpas a wonderful
Fathers Day this



Sunday.