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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 9, 10th September, 2013

Upcoming events

11th Sept- Regional Awards Choir Practice

11th Sept- Basketball Gala Day

12th Sept- Regional Awards- Gunnedah High

13th Sept- Mineworkers Cup League

18th Sept- Reward Day

20th Sept- Last day of Term 3

Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to our chess team for their very credible second place in the one day tournament last Wednesday. All students who participated had a mighty day. All of our teams had some good results and maintained the high standard of play and great reputation that Gunnedah Public School has developed over many years of chess competition. Thanks to Mrs Simpson for her organisation and coaching and also to Trent for helping on the day.

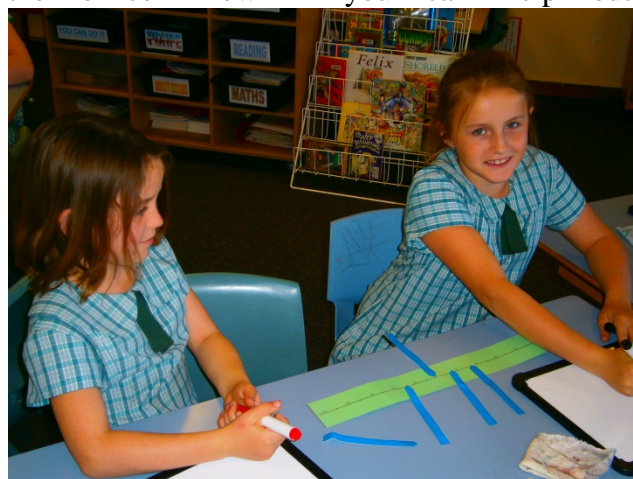


Jack, Izaiah & Liam, a competitive combination.

The school will be able to sell new items of uniform from the office as of next term. We have grey shorts, green shorts, white sports shirts and the green boys shirt. The green and the white shirts need to have some embroidery done on them before they can be sold. The green shirt is the new style that was approved by the P&C and offers a more visibly striking design than the previous style. These

shirts will only be available at the school.

Thank you to our canteen helpers this past week and every other week. Our canteen can only run if volunteers are able to help. The canteen is the main fundraiser for the school. Funds raised through the canteen have been used to purchase books for the library, develop the school vege gardens, purchase the chooks and their portable coop and the school's iPad resources. All of the students are able to use all of these resources. If we had more canteen days it would mean we could afford more resources. Please let the office know if you can help out.



Holly & Breanna working cooperatively.

Next term there will be a number of meetings to find out what we have planned for School Improvement in 2014. These meetings will be important for us to find out what you think about our plans and also to find out how you can contribute so that we can continue to improve the learning outcomes for all students at Gunnedah Public School.

A number of our students have had to go home sick this past week. If your child is sick, please keep them at home and let us know with either a phone call or a note upon their return to school.

Unfortunately headlice continues to be an issue at school. Regular checking of hair, combined

with treatments, will help keep this under more control.

Have a great week
Stephen de Roos



Izaack & Christian deep in thought during their chess matches

Junior Chess League.

Last Wednesday Gunnedah Public School participated in the NSW Junior Chess League Competition Day run by Mr Gastineau-Hills from Sydney. Teams from Coonabarabran, Werris Creek, Moree, Manilla and Gunnedah attended the day.

Our school entered five teams consisting of Izaiah Talbott-Hatch, Liam Ireland, Jack Randall, Rheyce Adams, Jayden Hunt, Izaack Foran, Ebony Beasley, Sarsha Maughan, Emily Adams, Tyson Bower, Christian Morton, Jazmyn Rumbel, Luke Ellis, Lochlan Carter and Cody Abrahams. Brock Abrahams very kindly offered to play for a Coonabarabran team as they had one player sick on the day.



Ebony, Sarsha & Emily concentrating hard.

Everyone had a great time meeting new friends and playing some excellent games of chess. All students showed fantastic sportsmanship and were great representatives of our school. Izaiah, Liam and Jack just missed out on winning the day!

A big thank you to Trent Hilton for setting up the hall and to Chris Pease and Alanah Hatch for organising a canteen for the players on the day.



Parachute fun with the Teddies.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Last Thursday there was an influx of “new students” to the school to accompany the Early Birds, Kindergarten and Year One students to the Teddy Bears Picnic at Wolseley Park. There was a huge range of Teddy Bears and other soft toys, including tigers, snakes and dogs. There were many varied activities at the picnic and the students had a wonderful time. Many thanks go to Gunnedah Family Support for organising this great day. Thanks also go to Mr Tim O’Dell for his assistance at the picnic.



KS students at the picnic

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. Everyone is welcome to attend the awards ceremony.

Reward Day

At Gunnedah Public School, the staff encourage and reward socially acceptable and responsible behaviour as well as demonstrations of the keys to success: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience and Getting Along with others.

To reward those who have consistently demonstrated these behaviours there will be a picnic fun excursion for stage one students and a fishing fun excursion for stage 2&3 students, to be held on Wednesday, 18th September. Notes will be given to eligible students this week. These need to be signed and returned before next Wednesday.

Family and friends are welcome to join us on the day.

Assembly

Last Friday we held our weekly assembly in the hall. Awards were presented to these worthy recipients: Principal's awards- Tyson Bower & Skye-Lee Matthews, KS- Imigen Hayes & Dominic McGrady, K/1D- Isaac Griffen & Bailey Richardson, 2B- Taleiah Donnelly & Blake Kemsley, 3/4/5C- Matilda Burns & Jayden Hunt, 3-6F- Vanessa Golsby, 5/6S- Haley Calton-Mills & Izaiah Talbott Hatch, Library- Serenity Taylor & Noah Taylor.

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

Assemblies are held every Friday at 12.45 in the hall and parents, carers, family and friends are invited to join us.



Award recipients

Junior Cricket Competition

Do you enjoy playing cricket? The Gunnedah Junior Cricket Season for 2013/14 is starting

soon. The first game of the season will start on Saturday 12 October 2013. The fee for this season is \$70 Single or \$120 for a Family.

Registration days will be held at the PCYC between 10am to 11am
Saturday 21 September
Tuesday 24 September
Thursday 26 September
Saturday 28 September
Monday 30 September

If you are unable to register at the above dates please contact the Secretary on 0428 113519 or by email tracey.mcilveen@bigpond.com for a registration form to be emailed to you.

School Experience Visits – Transition to School Program

This year we have again been hosting “School Experience” visits for preschool children in our community. This is a component of our “Transition to School” program with the main aim of developing community partnerships. Children visit for an hour and a half to experience a sample of the activities and structures they may expect to see in Kindergarten. Last week children from Mary Rankin Preschool and Goodstart Early Learning Centre visited our school for numeracy lessons with Ms Horvat. Our school leaders help Ms Horvat deliver mini-lessons for groups of preschool children when they visit. We always receive compliments on the great way our student leaders interact with the preschoolers. Ms Horvat would like to thank the following children for their leadership support with Transition to School this year –Amber Sands, Helena Pease, Luke Ellis, Jack Randall, Lydia McInnes, Rita Gillard and Lachlan Carter.



Jack and some visitors

Photo Book Workshop

A photo book workshop was offered to parents/carers as an Indigenous Literacy Day activity last week. Ms Horvat worked with a group of interested people to show the process of making a photo book for their child. Each participant was successful in creating their own book to be published and it is hoped that this is just the start of many books to come for those families. A second photo book workshop will be held in Term 4 for those who are interested.



Keen participants at the computers making photo books

School Calendar Term 3

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Week 9</i>	<i>9/9</i>	<i>10/9</i> <i>Breakfast Club</i> <i>Hearing Screening</i>	<i>11/9</i> <i>Regional Awards</i> <i>Choir Practice</i> <i>Basketball Gala Day</i>	<i>12/9</i> <i>Breakfast Club</i> <i>Early Birds</i> <i>Regional Awards</i> <i>Choir Performing</i>	<i>13/9</i> <i>CANTEEN</i> <i>Pizza+popper</i> <i>Mineworkers</i> <i>Cup</i>
<i>Week 10</i>	<i>16/9</i> <i>P&C meeting</i> <i>6pm</i>	<i>17/9</i> <i>Stage 2&3</i> <i>Cricket Clinic</i>	<i>18/9</i> <i>Reward</i> <i>Activity</i>	<i>19/9</i>	<i>20/9</i> <i>CANTEEN</i> <i>Sausage sizzle</i> <i>Public Speaking</i> <i>Boggabri</i> <i>Last day of Term</i>

School resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday,
8th October.