



# Gunnedah Public School

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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013

## Upcoming events

**PLP Meetings Tuesday & Wednesday**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept- Chess Competition- GPS Hall**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept- Year 6-7 Transition GHS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sept- Regional Awards Choir Practice**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sept- Teddy Bear Picnic Wolesley Oval**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept- Regional Awards Choir Practice**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept- Regional Awards- Gunnedah High**

## Principal's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all of our students for the great attitude displayed during our maths day last Thursday. The students engaged in a number of short activities that extended their knowledge of problem solving, 3D shapes, measurement and number. The feedback to us showed that students appreciated being able to apply their mathematical skills in this different format.



Tangram work completed with Mr Williams

The PLP meetings that we are currently conducting have been very well supported by all. Thank you for your attendance. These meetings are vital to maintaining the lines of communication between school and home. If you have been unable to make the meetings please let us know and we will arrange more times.

Many of you have been to the office recently and commented on the changes being made to the gardens. The next stage in the front garden is to

plant colourful plants. If you have any irises, agapanthus, daisies and ground covers that you can spare please bring them in to the office.

If you require items of summer uniform they will soon be available at the front office. There will be a new polo shirt for the boys and the girls' summer tunics are also available. We will be restocking with all new items and we have made every effort to keep prices similar to what they have been in the past.

The weather is starting to warm up very quickly which means that jumpers come off and are often left in the playground. If you have names on all items of uniform it will make it easier for them to be returned. Students can begin wearing the summer uniform, including their wide brimmed green school hat, to suit the weather conditions. Students look great in full school uniform and by wearing them, they are showing a commitment to the culture of the school and a readiness to engage in learning.



Shantaya & Skye wearing their hats proudly.

Have a great week

Stephen de Roos

## Hands-On Maths

Last Thursday, all students participated in group rotations where Stage 1 and Stage 2&3 students moved from one maths activity to another



between recess and lunchtime. The activities included making and drawing 3D shapes, measuring ingredients in cooking, tangrams, Smarties maths and bingo. The students thoroughly enjoyed these educational yet fun, hands-on activities and some even asked for them to be a weekly occurrence!



**Emily & Monica carefully measuring butter.**



**Kerri-Ann, Bailey & Serenity are a picture of concentration with their Smarties.**

### **Stage One Athletics Carnival.**

Last Wednesday, Gunnedah Public School held its first Stage One only Athletics Carnival. It was a great success, with maximum participation and a very impressive turnout of family and friends to help support and cheer on the Stage One students.

We ran our 50 metre age races to begin with and then broke into mixed aged groups to complete a rotation of fun athletics activities including: high jump, potato sack races, parachute fun, bean bag relay and a fun game of Rob the Nest.



All the students were well behaved and had a fun day in the beautiful sunny weather. After the carnival the entire school was able to take advantage of the delicious treats at the canteen, kindly supplied by the P&C.



**Age races winners**

A big thank you goes to all the enthusiastic students, the supporters and cheer squads and to Miss Baker for organising the carnival.



**Sack races were lots of fun!**



### **Junior Chess League.**

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



### **Teddy Bears Picnic**

On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday.

### **Regional Awards Choir**

The Department of Education will be holding their Regional Excellence Awards at Gunnedah High on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A choir, comprising of 10 students from each local school, will be performing at this event. Everyone is welcome to attend the awards ceremony.

### **Assembly**

Last Friday we held our weekly assembly in the hall. Awards were presented to these worthy recipients: Principal's awards- Jayden Hunt & Amber Sands, K/1D- Noah Shaw & Ben Clark, 2B- Tanika Herbert & Cameron McCutcheon, 3/4/5C- Connor King & Larna Saddler, 3-6F- Dylan Peters & Brady Herbert, 5/6S- Helena Pease & Izaack Foran.

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**

### **Year 6-7 Transition**

**Please note that the High School has cancelled tomorrow's transition session. Year 6 will remain at school for the afternoon.**

### **Ann Singleton Cup- Netball**

Last Friday afternoon, Miss Baker and some eager girls and boys went to Longmuir to play in the Ann Singleton Cup netball competition.

There were three schools in the Cup: St Xaviers, South and our mixed Gunnedah Public team. It was a great afternoon in the sun, especially teaching the boys the ropes of netball; a lot of fun was had.

We kept it up to South School in the first game but they got around us in the second half and St Xaviers also got past us in the final game.

The team received a Gunnedah Netball water bottle for participating and had a great end to their week!

Thanks go to Mrs Katrina King for her assistance with the team.

### **Basketball**

Nominations are called for the short summer competition which will run for eight weeks commencing the 8th of October 2013.

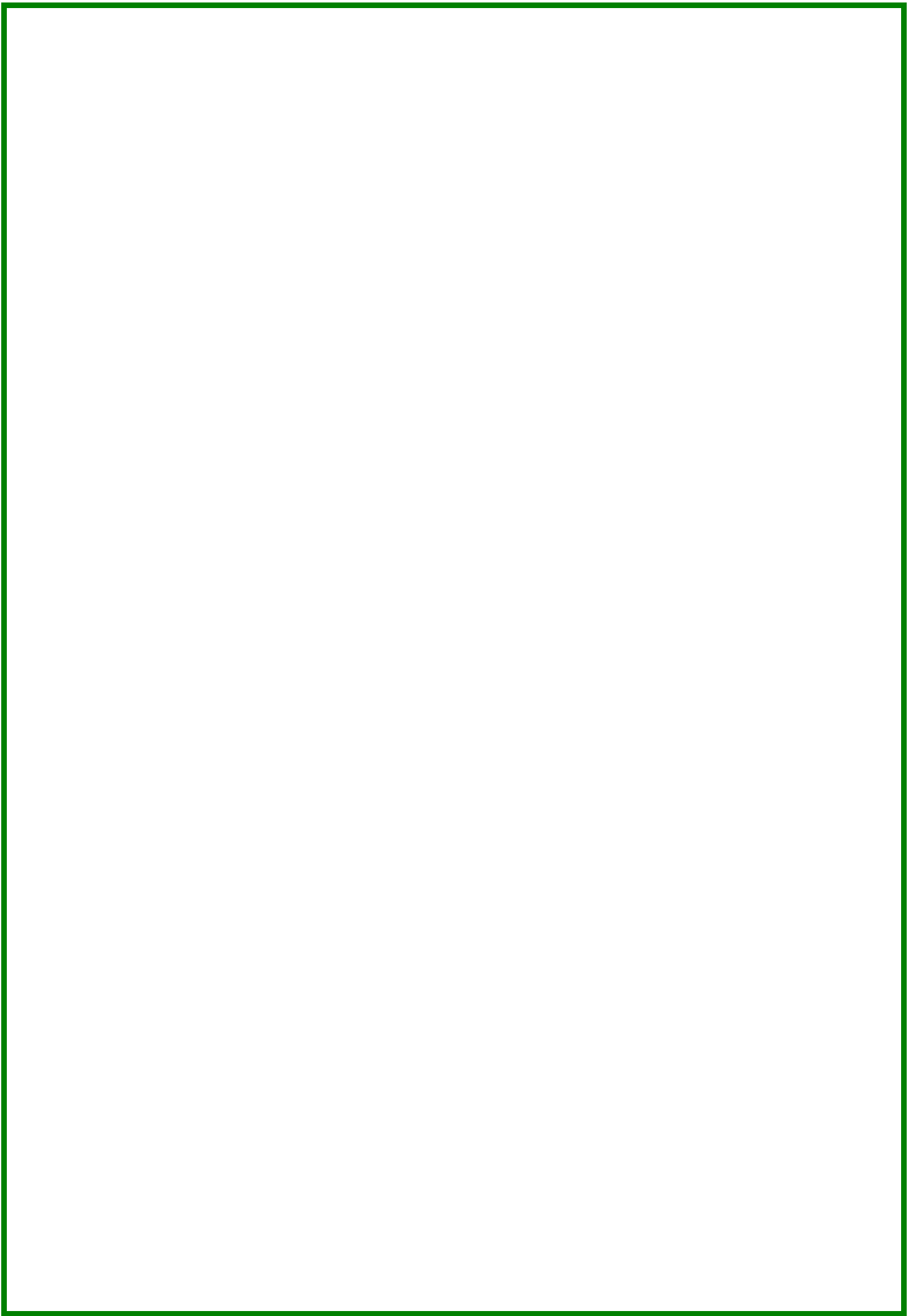
Nomination nights will be the 10th and 17th of September at The Judi Guest stadium between 5.30pm and 6.30pm

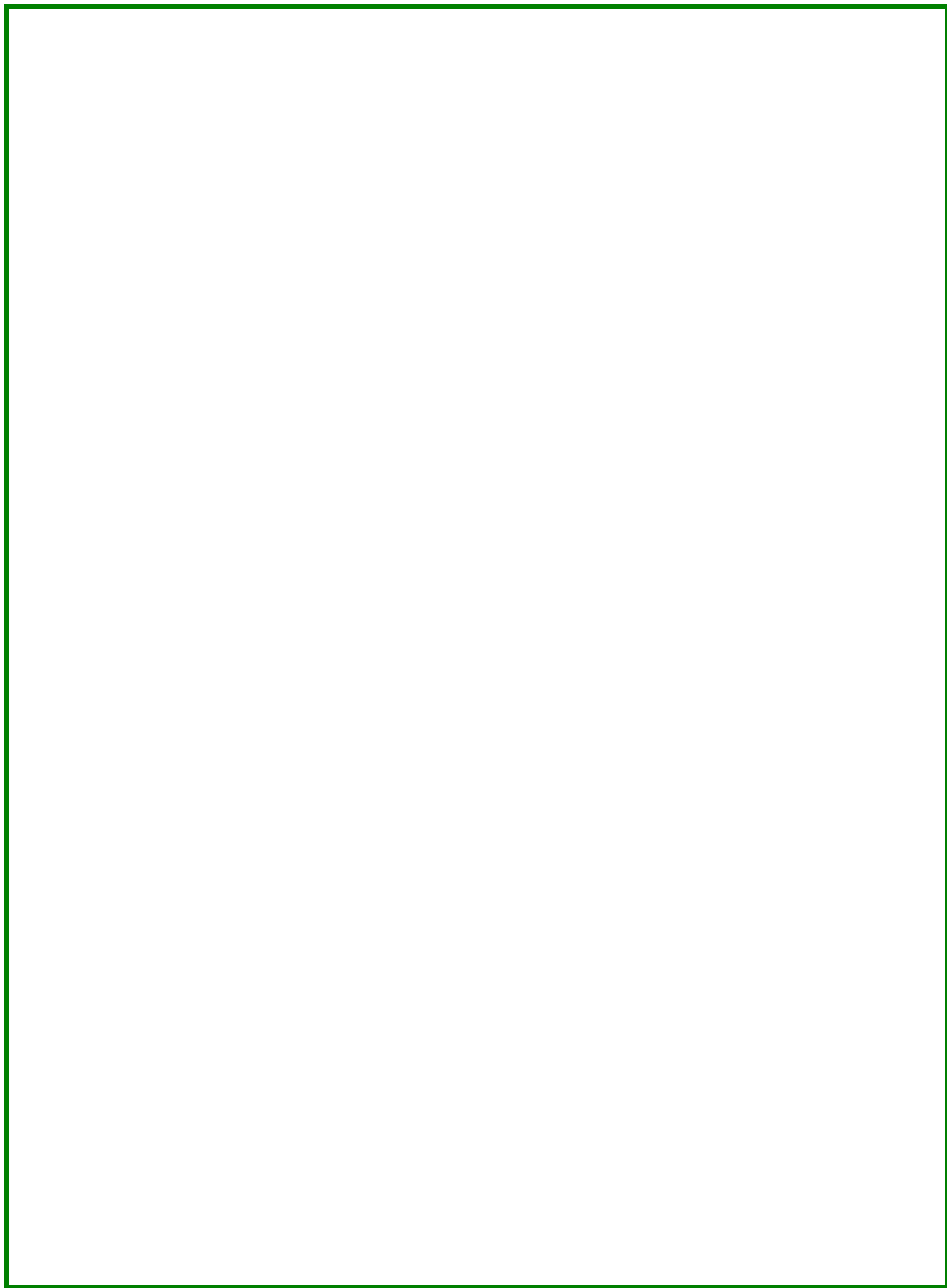
Miniball (kindergarten to year 8) will be played on Tuesday nights.

## School Calendar Term 3

	<b>Monday</b> <b>2/9</b> <b>PLP meetings</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3/9</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>  <i>School Experience Visit Mary Ranken</i>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>4/9</b> <b>JCL Chess Day</b> <b>GPS Hall</b>  <b>Regional Awards</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>5/9</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> <i>Early Birds School Experience Visit Mary Ranken</i>  <i>Teddy Bears Picnic</i>	<b>Friday</b> <b>6/9</b> <b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Pie or sausage roll +popper</b>
<b>Week 8</b>					
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>10/9</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>11/9</b> <b>Regional Awards</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>12/9</b> <b>Breakfast Club</b> <i>Early Birds</i>  <b>Regional Awards</b> <b>Choir Performing</b>	<b>13/9</b> <b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Pizza+popper</b>  <b>Mineworkers</b> <b>Cup</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>16/9</b>  <b>P&amp;C meeting</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>17/9</b> <b>Stage 2&amp;3</b> <b>Cricket Clinic</b>	<b>18/9</b>	<b>19/9</b> <b>Reward</b> <b>Activity</b>	<b>20/9</b> <b>CANTEEN</b> <b>Sausage sizzle</b>  <i>Public Speaking</i> <i>Boggabri</i>  <b>Last day of Term</b>









# Fathers Day Stall Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.