



# Gunnedah Public School

## Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 5, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### **Upcoming events**

**24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3<sup>th</sup> March – PLP interviews**

**4<sup>th</sup> March – NRL Bully Blitz**

Dear Parents

This week we are actively encouraging all parents to be part of their child's academic future by attending Personal learning Plan meetings.

All successful schools actively encourage strong participation from their parent body. This participation includes the P&C, volunteering at school events and attending parent forums. At Gunnedah Public School we also have Personal Learning Plans for all students where parent involvement must happen.

Personal Learning Plans allow us to find out more about how to help students to learn more. They are held in a non-confronting way with a format that allows for plenty of input from parents to help our teachers.

If you haven't already confirmed your meeting time, make sure you do as soon as possible so that you can be part of this important process.

*Regards*

*Stephen de Roos*

### **Students maintaining excellent attendance**

When students attend school every day they show they are serious about learning. Our school offers a quality education in a caring environment and our students and their families take advantage of this by attending school on time and every day.



### **Merit Awards!**

KW- Willow Ferguson & Marni Thorley, 1W- Carly Thurston-Murray & Harmony Fortier, 1/2B Millie Rumbel & Matthew Lysaght, 3/4H- Matthew Adams & Brittany Sheumack, 3-6F- Dominic Small & Tara O'Dell, 5/6J- Emily Adams & Breanna Ellery

### **Sports awards**

Angus Smith, Noah Taylor, Thomas Eldridge, Zoe King, Lilli Ferguson  
Congratulations!



### **Students achieve uniform excellence**

Our students continue the tradition of pride in their school by wearing their uniform every day. When our students wear their uniform they are showing the Gunnedah community that they are dedicated to the traditions of the school.

### **Breakfast Club**

Each Tuesday and Thursday the Grace Christian Church provide a quick and nutritious breakfast for our students. This service is open to all students and allows them to begin their day in the best way possible. Thank you to the volunteers for giving up their time.

### **Tuesday groups**

Each Tuesday all Stage 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to participate in high interest activities that encourage learning in different situations. Small numbers in each group means they get individual attention. Activities range from gardening to cooking and technology.

### **Lunch orders**

Last Friday our P&C volunteers made lunches for nearly three quarters of our students. By ordering lunches on a Friday you are contributing to the success of the school with all profits being used to purchase books, technology and school resources in the past. Volunteers are always welcome to help out. Let the school know when you are able to help.

### **P&C**

On the third Monday of each month the Gunnedah Public School P&C meets at 6pm for about an hour and a half. P&C meetings are there for you to have your say about the future of the school, find out what is going on and to contribute to the success of the school. New faces are always welcome.

### **Head Lice Heads Up!**

Those critters are around again! Please check your student's and all other family member's hair and if you spot any lice or eggs PLEASE TREAT THEM! It is frustrating for families who try hard to eradicate the critters only to have a reinfestation because someone else is not doing so. There are a variety of treatment options available for purchase as well as other 'home' remedies including a thick coverage of conditioner left in overnight and thoroughly combed through before washing out. The combing out is very important as it gets the eggs off the hair, as they latch on and stick tight. Washing bedding in hot water and drying it in the sun is also recommended. We would like the support of all families so that we can stamp out head lice.

### **Earn and Learn Goodies!**

Our Earn and Learn goodies have arrived. Thanks to our school community collecting stickers during the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn campaign, our students have received some terrific resources and supplies.



### **NRL Bully Blitz**

Next Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March the NRL Bully Blitz is in our school hall from 12.30pm until lunch time.

### **Zone Swimming**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Zone swimming carnival last Wednesday. Although no students from GPS made it through to the next level it was a fantastic day! Trent and Miss Jones were extremely impressed with your efforts both in and out of the pool. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and made the carnival such a success. Well done everyone, you should be really proud of yourselves.



**Moonbi Public School  
Horse Sports Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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**MANILLA CENTRAL SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS**

**MANILLA SHOWGROUND**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014**

**Entry Fee - \$20 per rider**

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Further details available from  
our school office in need

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

**Price List**

Girls Summer Uniform \$42

Girls Winter Uniform \$40

Boys Bottle Polo Shirt \$15

Boys Grey Shorts \$10

White Sports t-shirt \$11

Hat \$10

**Hours**

9am to 3pm daily

**Canteen**

**Do you have some hours on a  
Friday to help out your school and  
our students?**

**It's fun and it gives you a chance  
to meet more people from your  
school community**

**If so, please contact the school  
office to leave your name and  
contact numbers**

**Ph. 6742 2266**

**Homework Centre**

**Tuesdays 3pm - 4.30pm**

**Permission notes and further  
information are at  
our school office**

**Afternoon tea provided and  
transport home afterwards  
is available**

**Contact Person is**

**Vicki Devine**

**Ph. 6740 2182**

**Shire of**

**Gunnedah**

**Land of Opportunity**

**Council Commences Consultations on Crime Prevention Plan**

Gunnedah Shire Council is developing its three (3) year Crime Prevention Plan and is calling on the local community to get involved. The Gunnedah Crime Prevention Plan 2014-2017 will articulate the key crime prevention priorities and set out an action plan for how Council, in partnership with other government and community organisations will address local concerns about crime.

A brief online community safety perceptions survey has been launched on Council's website, which residents are encouraged to complete by **Friday 07 March**. Simply click on the 'have their say' link. Over 200 residents have already provided feedback! Hard copies of the resident survey are also available at the Customer Service Centre at the Gunnedah Council administration building, Town Hall and the Library.

Local businesses have been canvassed to obtain their views, and residents will have the opportunity to attend a community forum in the next few weeks. For more information on how to get involved, contact

Debra Hilton, Council's Community Planning Coordinator on [02 6740 2399](tel:0267402399) or via email

[debrahilton@infogunnedah.com.au](mailto:debrahilton@infogunnedah.com.au)

## School Calendar Term 1

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 5</b> <b>PLPs this week</b>	<b>24/2</b> PLPs Mrs Hewitt 3/4H	<b>25/2</b> Breaky Club  PLPs Ms Folley 3-6F	<b>26/2</b> PLPs Miss West KW	<b>27/2</b> Breaky Club  PLPs Mrs Ward 1W	<b>28/2</b> PLPs Ms Jones 5/6J  <b>Canteen Day</b> Chicken & Gravy Roll with popper
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>3/3</b> PLPs Miss Baker 1/2B	<b>4/3</b> Breaky Club  NRL Bully Blitz	<b>5/3</b>	<b>6/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>7/3</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Chicken salad wrap with popper
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>10/3</b>	<b>11/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>12/3</b>	<b>13/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>14/3</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Beef Stroganoff with macaroni and popper
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>17/3</b>	<b>18/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>19/3</b>	<b>20/3</b> Breaky Club  <b>Harmony Day</b>	<b>21/3</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Chicken with Fried Rice <b>or</b> noodles and popper
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>24/3</b>	<b>25/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>26/3</b>	<b>27/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>28/3</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Nachos with popper
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>31/3</b>	<b>1/4</b> Breaky Club	<b>2/4</b>	<b>3/4</b> Breaky Club	<b>4/4</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Spaghetti Bolognese with popper
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>7/4</b>	<b>8/4</b> Breaky Club	<b>9/4</b>	<b>10/4</b> Breaky Club  School ANZAC Service	<b>11/4</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Sausage in a roll with popper  Easter Hat Parade  End of term reward

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