



# Gunnedah Public School

## Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 8, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### Upcoming events

**20<sup>th</sup> March – Narrabri Rugby League**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – Harmony Day**

### Stage 2 & 3 boys step up

For the last five weeks many of our stage 3 boys have been spending their breaks practising cricketing skills. Their dedication was acknowledged with them being chosen to represent our school against Gunnedah South PS in the yearly knockout competition.

The boys from both sides played the game with great attitudes and should be congratulated. Lucas, Sebastian, Ray and Blake took wickets. The fielding was enthusiastic. The boys played well and represented their school proudly. It was a great day out for our cricket boys from GPS.

### Technology continues to be a focus for our school

Last week we introduced 30 mini iPads to the Stage 2 and 3 classes. Teachers are already planning opportunities for individual lessons using Apps suitable for each student. The school now has close to 50 iPads available for the students, which is close to one iPad for every two students.



*Ollie, the presenter, with Rheyce, examining force and movement*

### CSIRO visit a success

Last Friday all of our students attended the CSIRO travelling show. Kinder to Year 4 students learned about different types of force and movement and Years 5 and 6 investigated the human body. Once again our students showed that they are serious about learning by being respectful and engaged in the lessons. The children should be teaching you how to prove some very complex scientific principles with some very simple experiments that use household equipment.



*Mrs Wales assists Skye-Lee, Ebony & Jazmyn with an experiment during the visit*

### Students wear their uniform proudly

A school expectation is that all students wear their uniform proudly each day. Students look good and feel part of the team when they wear a uniform. Our students do this every day. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this expectation.

**THANKS!**

*Canteen Helpers  
for last week*

Jenny MacAulay  
Di Schutz

*Dear Parents/Carers*

Our school improvement plans have made learning our priority. We have been given an impressive amount of resources to achieve our targets.

The teachers have been identifying specific areas of need for our students and developing more efficient use of resources to increase students' understanding.

The teachers have also been developing new strategies to make sure that the learning of students is maximised.

Well done to our teachers for being dedicated to their students, to the students for being serious about their learning and to our parents for supporting our students, teachers and the school.

Have a great week

*Regards*

*Stephen de Roos*

### **Canteen Roster**

**21 March** – Lizz Ferguson, Jacqui Fullgrabe & Janelle Smith

**28 March** – Lizz Ferguson, Jenny MacAulay & Dianne Schutz

**4 April** – Lisa Warren & Emily

**11 April** - Lizz Ferguson, Jenny MacAulay & Rebecca Beasley

### **Easter Raffle**

Our school will once again be raising money through our Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 11 April.

If you could buy an extra Easter egg or present in your shopping, we would be grateful for all donations.

### **Elective Sport update**

Elective sport is underway with great excitement. Miss Folley is taking tennis with Craig Louis, Miss Jones is playing baseball soccer with the students and Miss Baker is enjoying bushwalking. The students have been well behaved and enjoying their sport choices.

### **P&C News**

Last night the P&C held their AGM. All positions were declared vacant and a new committee was formed as follows:

President- Lisa Warren

Vice President- Dianne Schutz

Treasurer- Jenny MacAulay

Secretary- Jenny Hewitt

The incoming committee would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the outgoing committee and thank them for their dedication.

## **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**

## **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**

## **School Banking Day Reminder.**

Don't forget that **Thursday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Gunnedah Public School.

## **Get involved in the School Banking program.**

Opening a Youthsaver account to participate in School Banking is easy.

To get started the parent/guardian can open an account:

- In person at any Commonwealth Bank branch;
- Online via NetBank (existing Commonwealth Bank customers);
- Over the phone on 13 2221;
- Through participating schools using a paper application form

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (drivers licence and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school, they will earn their first Dollarmites token and the school will also receive \$5.00 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

### **Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, **up to \$500** for educational costs including:

school uniforms and text books  
computers, laptops and tablets  
excursions and camps

sports equipment, uniforms and lessons  
music tuition and instrument hire

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

*Ask at our school's office for further details*

## **School Horse Sports**



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**Friday 4th April 2014**

**To be held at the Barraba Showground – Rodney Street**

## School Calendar Term 1

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>17/3</b> 6pm P&C meeting	<b>18/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>19/3</b>	<b>20/3</b> Breaky Club  School Banking  Narrabri Rugby League	<b>21/3</b> <b>Canteen Day</b> Chicken with Fried Rice <b>or</b> noodles and popper  <b>Harmony Day</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>24/3</b>	<b>25/3</b> Breaky Club	<b>26/3</b>	<b>27/3</b> Breaky Club  School Banking	<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  School Banking	<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 Banking  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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