



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 10, 1st April 2014

Upcoming events

10th April – School ANZAC Service

11th April – Easter Hat Parade

Eggstravaganza

Dear Parents/Carers

All successful schools are serious about making sure that their students are learning. We have in 2014 developed a set of six expectations for staff, students and parents that ensure Gunnedah Public School is Serious About Learning. This partnership in learning means we have the same language and goals.

Students showing that they are achieving in their learning and social interactions as well as being good citizens of Gunnedah Public School, are invited to our end of term rewards day. These invitations will be brought home very soon.

It is important that everyone recognises the efforts children make to improve their learning. We do this at school by giving feedback about learning, behaviour and attitude. Parents/carers can give advice to their children in the same way. Here at school we always give feedback in a positive way. As a result we find that students also respond positively.

Have a great week

Regards

Stephen de Roos

ANZAC Day service

ANZAC Day is during the holidays this year so our school service will be held on the 10th April. Our school leaders will conduct the service. All parents, carers and family members are invited to attend. The service starts at 10:40am and will finish approximately 11:00am.

ANZAC Day

Traditionally our school participates in the Gunnedah Shire's ANZAC March each year. **It would be wonderful to see a large gathering of students on Friday, April 25th to walk with the school in the march. Students are to gather at Mitre 10 at 10.00, dressed in their full winter school uniform.**

Many families from our school community line the main street to watch the march and see the local diggers walk or drive by so it would be great to see a few more students join in and parade with their school. Participating in the march allows students to demonstrate their respect for those who have given their lives for Australia and those whose lives were forever changed by the great wars of the past. It also shows our support for those who are currently engaged in serving our country. The ANZAC Day service is a highly regarded Australian tradition which is always well supported by locals so please consider allowing your children to walk with the school in 2014.

This will be on the **last Friday of the holidays**. Teachers return to school on the Monday, 28th April, students on the Tuesday, 29th.

Merit Awards!

KW- Ally Stead & Willow Ferguson,
1W- Amanda O'Dell & Brandon Sheumack, 1/2B- Triana Campbell & Sky Fortier, 3/4H- Luisa Lysaght & Cameron McCutcheon, 3-6F- Reece Davies & Dylan Peters, 5/6J- Debbie Stead & Ben Robinson
Sport - Lucas Foley, Noah Taylor & Ebony Beasley

Multilit - Blake Kemsley-O'Connor
Congratulations!





Sports Award Recipients

Free the principal

Our principal, Stephen de Roos has volunteered to help the Gunnedah PCYC raise funds for their 2014 programs. They are going to lock him up until he comes up with either bail money or a bribe to keep him locked up. The office has two money boxes to accept donations for either of these options. If you want to donate, the PCYC would be appreciative.

More Canteen helpers needed please

If any parents or carers have a couple of hours spare on a Friday, it would be great to get extra help in preparing and serving the weekly canteen lunches. No cooking skills are required, you can pack the lunch bags if you prefer.

Canteen Roster

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.

Easter “Egg”stravaganza

Students from Stage 2 & 3 are asked to decorate a blown egg to go on display at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April. We have had some very creative eggs over the last few years and look forward to seeing just how wonderful the 2014 eggs will be.

Year 5 & 6 students are asked to create a protective ‘case’ for an egg, which will save it from breaking when dropped from a height in

our great Egg Drop challenge. The Egg Drop will take place after the hat parade.

We hope to see lots of family and friends in attendance on the day.

Free passes to the Gunnedah Show

The school has been given two children’s passes to the show. To win one of these passes, students are invited to fill in the slip in this newsletter and place it in the special box located in the office. The winners will be drawn at the Hat Parade, Eggstravaganza day, April 11. Only one entry per family is permitted.

Cricket Workshop

On Thursday this week, there was supposed to be a Cricket Blitz day held at Donnelly Fields, but thanks to all the wonderful rain, it was cancelled.

Fortunately for us, the cricket coordinators were still able to come to our school and conduct a cricket skills workshop for 3/6F and 5/6J. The two classes spent about an hour and a half practising batting and bowling skills with help from the coordinators and Carly Ryan, who plays cricket for Tasmania. She was quite impressed with the skills of many students, particularly their bowling skills. All the students were lucky enough to receive a sample bag at the end with a few goodies as well. It was great to see all students participating and having fun!



2014 NAIDOC Week

A meeting will be held to organise NAIDOC activities at school in early Term 2. Any parents/carers that would like to be involved are more than welcome to attend. Details will be in the newsletter next term.

Free Child's Pass to Gunnedah Show

May 2, 3 & 4

Name _____

Signed _____ parent/carer

SQUARING THE WHEEL

On Wednesday, 23 April 2014, the Gunnedah Civic Theatre will proudly present "Squaring the Wheel", a production of wacky contraptions, gutsy clowning, eccentric circus and puppetry delivered in a quirky story of finding one's place.

In conjunction with the "Squaring the Wheel" performance, the Two Rivers Arts Council's Gunnedah Circus School will undertake a workshop for all school aged children prior to the "Squaring the Wheel" performance. The workshop commences at 11.30am in the Gunnedah Town Hall, and will finish at 12.30pm with a lunch break, before the participating children head to the Civic Theatre to enjoy the "Squaring the Wheel" performance from 1.00pm to 2.30pm.

Tickets are \$5.00 for the Circus School Workshop and \$12.00 to attend the "Squaring the Wheel" Performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Gunnedah Town Hall Office between 8.30am to 12.00pm Monday and Tuesdays and 3.00pm to 5.00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Children are asked to bring their lunch and a drink.

For further information contact Council's Customer Relations staff on 6740 2100.

School Banking Day
Don't forget that **Thursday** is
School Banking day and
students should bring in their
weekly deposit.
Further details available from
the office

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

School Calendar Term 1

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 10	31/3	1/4 Breaky Club	2/4	3/4 Breaky Club School Banking	4/4 Canteen Day Spaghetti Bolognese with popper
Week 11	7/4	8/4 Breaky Club	9/4	10/4 Breaky Club School Banking School ANZAC Service	11/4 Canteen Day Sausage in a roll with popper Easter Hat Parade and Eggstravaganza End of term reward

School Calendar Term 2

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 1	28/4 Staff Development Day	29/4 Students return to school	30/4	1/5 School Banking	2/5 Canteen Day
Week 2	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5 School Banking	9/5 Canteen Day GPS Cross Country

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
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