



# Gunnedah Public School

## Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter – Term 2 Week 9, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### Upcoming events

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – NAIDOC celebrations**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – GPS Athletics carnival**

### *Dear Parents/Carers*

Every day our teachers deliver outstanding learning opportunities for your children. We not only expect that students are Serious About Learning but also our teachers.

This term all teachers have been attending professional learning every second Wednesday, increasing their knowledge about the importance of extending the knowledge and use of vocabulary. The results for our students have been impressive. Discussions between teachers have also been very positive in just how much the students have embraced the idea of extending their knowledge of different words.

Next term, the professional learning focus will be on vocabulary again, but we will also be developing our understanding of the use of Learning Goals in our lessons.

Being Serious About Learning also means we need to think about how we can broaden the experiences of our students. Teachers do that every day by choosing interesting books for students to read, offering different learning environments outside the school and by bringing experts to the school.

*Regards*

*Stephen de Roos*

### Students shine in Sydney

Our recorder girls have had a phenomenal time in Sydney. Their performance last night was amazing. Once again the tradition of excellence in music at Gunnedah Public School is confirmed.



### Merit Awards!

Principal's Awards- Chase Hubbard & Rheyce Adams, KW- Carla Bindley-Brown & Bailey O'Neile, 1W- Tarran Donn & Nathan Dawe, 1/2B- Ben Clark & Triana Campbell, 3/4H- Mat Adams & Katelyn Wise, 3-6F- Lucas Foley & Dominic Small, 5/6J- Larna Saddler & Madi Milgate  
Other - Dominic Small  
Congratulations!



*Students who received Merit awards*

### NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2014

**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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| <b>8.30am –</b>         | breakfast provided for students in the school hall |
| <b>9.30am-11am –</b>    | Flag Raising Ceremony                              |
| <b>11am-11.30am –</b>   | Johnny cakes for morning tea                       |
| <b>11.30am-1.30pm –</b> | NAIDOC activities                                  |
| <b>1.30pm-2pm –</b>     | Hamburger lunch for all students and guests        |
| <b>2pm-3pm –</b>        | NAIDOC activities continued                        |

### **Uniforms for sale**

When our students have the right uniform they feel proud and part of a team. All of our winter uniform is available from our uniform shop at the office.

### **Attendance**

It is a fact that the students who attend school every day learn more in school than those who don't. If your child is unable to attend please inform the office or your child's teacher. If your child is unable to attend for an extended period please let the office know in advance so we can help you with legal exemptions.

### **Report meetings**

Next term meetings to discuss student reports will be held. All parents/carers will be invited to attend. More information will be available next term.

### **Thank you Mrs Robinson and Mrs Muldoon**

Thank you Mrs Robinson for all of your efforts as our Relieving AEO while Auntie Sue has been away. Mrs Robinson will be returning to her role in Kindergarten next term. Thank you Mrs Muldoon for your commitment to our students. We hope to see you in our school again.

### **3/4H Discover Gunnedah**

What a fantastic day 3/4H had last Thursday on their 'discovering Gunnedah' excursion. They completed a bushwalk from the top of Porcupine Lookout to the top of Bridge St, looked at Mullibah Lagoon, the Miners' statue, the Dorothea Mackellar statue and then went to Pensioners Hill to see the scenery, the carved stones and the carved trees. They imagined what Gunnedah looked like before it was settled and heard about the Red Chief, miners and Dorothea. It was a very enjoyable day. Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Urquhart and Miss Paff were pleased with the exemplary behaviour of the students.



### **Thank you Bunnings**

Bunnings from Tamworth provided our students with a variety of learning opportunities last week. Students enjoyed decorating a bird box each and then learnt how to create a worm farm. They also learnt more about establishing gardens and about the 'no dig' method. The team from Bunnings then cooked banana pikelets and some mini hamburgers. It was a fantastic day and we would like to thank Bunnings for their efforts. Before they left, the BBQ they used was donated to the school.

### Canteen Roster

**27 June** - Lizz Ferguson, Jenny MacAulay & Jacqui Fullgrabe



### LUNCH ORDERS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

*Please note that due to  
the sports carnival  
next Friday, lunch  
orders will need to be  
in by Thursday, 26th  
June*

## Kreative Kids Lake Keepit Holiday Camp

### Winter School Holiday Fun

**30 June to 4 July**

1st week of the  
Winter school holidays

**7 — 12 years**

**\$265.00**

Private Transport required

Participants can arrive at the  
centre from 11:00am on Monday  
and be picked up from the centre  
before 1:00pm on the Friday.

**Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre**  
**For more information**

Phone: (02) 6769 7603 or Fax: (02) 6769  
7585

Email:

[lake.keepit@communities.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lake.keepit@communities.nsw.gov.au)

Web: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

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webshop](http://workventures.com.au/webshop) or call us on  
1800 112 205

### NAIDOC WEEK DISCO

Gunnedah Red Chief Lands Council

Thursday, 10 July 2014

6pm - 10pm

for school age children only

Children under 7 to be supervised  
by parents

Light refreshments will be provided  
**FREE ENTRY**



## School Calendar Term 2

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>23/6</b> Instrumental Festival  Great Galaxies show	<b>24/6</b> Breaky Club	<b>25/6</b> NAIDOC celebrations	<b>26/6</b> Breaky Club  School Banking	<b>27/6</b> Athletics Carnival  <b>Canteen Day</b> Sausage in a roll with popper  <b>End of term</b>

## School Calendar Term 3

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>14/7</b> <b>Staff Development Day</b>	<b>15/7</b> <b>Students start back at school</b>	<b>16/7</b>	<b>17/7</b>	<b>18/7</b>

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

#### Price List

Girls Winter Uniform \$40  
Girls White Shirt \$20  
Boys Long Grey Pants \$15  
Boys Grey Shirts \$20  
Green Track Pants \$25  
Polar Fleece Jumper \$25  
Hat \$10

#### Hours

9am to 3pm daily



### CHARITY GOLF DAY SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014

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WHITEHAVEN COAL**

4 PERSONS AMBROSE  
or  
4 BALL V PAR

BUSINESS HOUSE CHALLENGE  
TEAM OF 4  
PRIZES GALORE  
MEN GOLFERS, LADY GOLFERS, NON-GOLFERS  
ALL WELCOME!  
NEAREST THE PINS-NOVELTY EVENTS

**Cost: \$20**  
(Includes BBQ Lunch)

SHOTGUN START

LEAVE YOUR NAME AT THE GOLF CLUB –  
"THE PRO SHOP" - 67421751

BOYC 67421596

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