



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter
Term 4 - Week 9
Tuesday, 30 November 2021

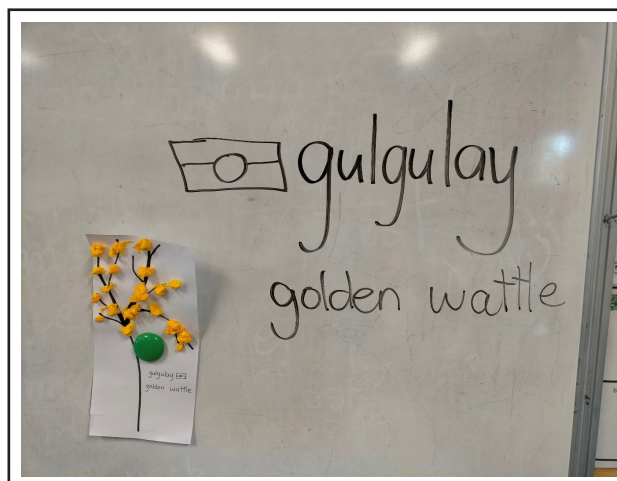
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Class Corner - 2A

This term has been a very busy one in 2A. We started off the term learning about possums and how to write an information report. Miss Renee brought in her possum skin for us to have a look at and feel, and told us about its cultural significance. We have been learning about Australian flora, particularly the wattle, and created an artwork representing this plant. Lots of fun was had at 5 for 5, where we enjoyed an ice-cream treat! In Geography, we have been learning about Australia's place on the planet, and we have been creating paper mache globes to help consolidate our learning. For our writing, we have been focussing on Oliver Jeffers' books and we have been learning how to make connections between the text and the real world. In Maths, we have been learning different strategies to help us solve addition and subtraction, fractions, number patterns, multiplication and division problems. Whilst completing end of year assessments, so many of us have moved up multiple reading levels, which is so exciting for us all! We have also been developing our throwing and catching skills with a program from Cricket Australia.



NO CANTEEN DAYS
for the rest of this Term



Class Corner - 2A



Library News

Thank you to all of the students who are returning their library books or paying for missing books.

Congratulations to Jax Cheetham and Helena Walker, who were our winners in the first of our library book return draw.

A reminder that we will be stocktaking in Week 10 so we thank you for your assistance in returning any library books that you may have at home.



Term 4

Whilst we are coming to the end of yet another amazing year at Gunnedah Public School, we still have lots of things happening here at school!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running again with COVID-safe measures in place. Students can have a piece of toast and a cup of Milo from the school canteen at 8:30am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and enjoy this breakfast in their classroom. Please remind your child/ren that they can go to the canteen before a big day of learning!

Hats

Hats are required for all children to play in open areas (such as the midfield and play equipment) and participate in physical activities. Please ensure that hats are labelled so that we can return lost hats to the correct owner!

Teacher calls and student reports

Our teachers are eagerly writing your child's Semester 2 reports which will be sent home in Week 11. Teachers will continue to contact parents and carers to discuss the learning progress and academic achievements of their students prior to Week 11.

For our families

Please continue to discuss with your child/ren ways to be respectful, safe and responsible members of Gunnedah Public School so they can earn enough value stickers to participate in the exciting activities we have planned!

P&C Christmas Raffle

TICKETS

Please return sold/unsold tickets to the school office by Monday, 6 December so they can be included in the draw on Presentation Day.

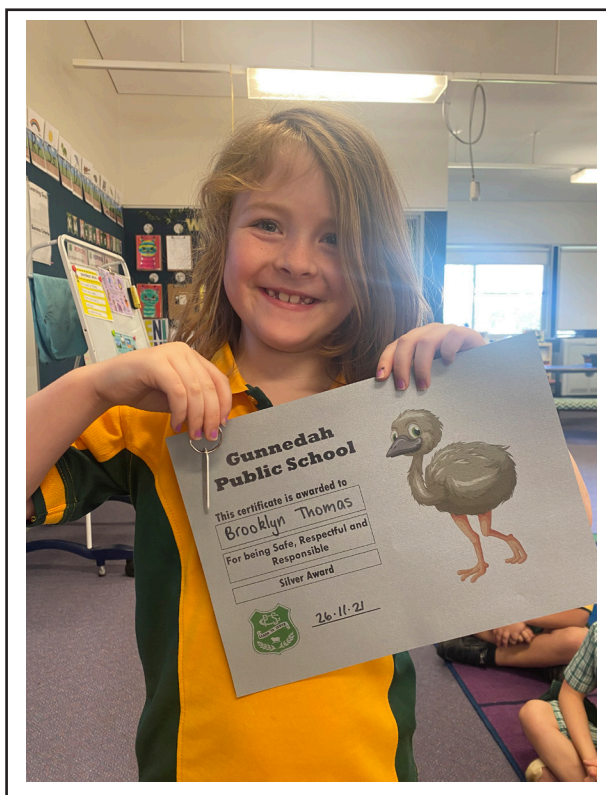
PRIZES

There are 12 hampers to be drawn. Thanks to all of our local businesses that have donated prizes in support of our school. We and our students very much appreciate your efforts!

PBL

(Positive Behaviour in Learning)

We have been spending time revising and discussing the behaviours expected of us when we attend school assemblies, before practising these skills during our Presentation Day Ceremony rehearsal last week. Our teachers were so proud of us for being such respectful and considerate audience members! We will keep revisiting and practising these skills throughout this week in preparation for our Presentation Day Ceremony next Wednesday. We are all looking forward to our 10 for 10 and Deadly Deni celebrations at the end of the term, and we are working really hard to earn enough stickers to attend.



Merit Awards



Shade Sail over Infants Play Equipment

Please note that due to the weather of late, our shade sail was damaged so has been removed for safety of our students and staff. We are looking in to replacing it but in the meantime, it will be quite warm in that area when the sunshine returns. Please ensure your child brings their hat every day.

SCHOOL MOBILE NUMBERS

For all COVID test results -

0472 620 978

For contacting the school anytime

- 0472 662 698
- 0472 620 978
- 0472 660 730
- 0472 638 567

Please feel free to save any of these numbers into your phone.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Flooding

Our thoughts go out to all our families that are affected by the flooding in Gunnedah and surrounds. Please contact the school if there is anything we can do to help.

Thank you to all families and students for the sensible drop-offs and pick-ups over the last couple of days. Please continue to be safe as the water recedes.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is next Wednesday, 8th December and unfortunately we are still unable to have all parents and community members in attendance. If your child is the recipient of a major award, you will have received an invitation to attend yesterday. Each award recipient will be able to invite two adults only. The adults will both need to show proof of double vaccination or provide a medical exemption certificate, and follow the COVID safe rules. There will unfortunately be no morning tea, as students, parents and staff need to remain 1.5mtrs from each other.

We will be videoing Presentation Day and will upload to Facebook as soon as the ceremony ends.

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 have chosen to have the Year 6 Farewell in the auditorium of the Servies Club on Monday, 13th December. Each student is able to invite two fully vaccinated adults to the event. An invitation will be sent out shortly. There will be no cost to parents for this event.

Building Work

The roofers have completed replacing the roofs on the AEO and the main building, and most of the scaffolding will be taken down by Thursday. As exciting as it is that they have finished these areas, the next building is the office block. This will happen from 17 December throughout the holidays. Further details to come.

Cathie McMaster, Principal

Do something life-changing this year

Teach ethics at your local school



For around an hour a week, you can teach an ethics class at your local school and help children develop skills for life.

Ethics classes support children to develop the skills they need to voice their opinions, consider the ideas of others and to make decisions based on evidence and reasoning rather than habit or peer pressure.

In ethics classes, children discuss ethical issues using an approved curriculum designed for each age group and include topics such as Laziness, Voting, How can we work out what's true? and Imagining how others feel.

Volunteers are needed now to teach ethics classes at a school near you. Training and support is provided.

Only about an hour a week

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Primary Ethics seeks volunteers to deliver weekly ethics classes to children across NSW. While close to 40,000 children in government primary schools currently benefit from ethics education, with more volunteers it could be made available to many more.

Primary Ethics is the not-for-profit organisation that is authorised to develop and deliver special education in ethics to children in NSW.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life.

Comprehensive training, access to lesson materials and classroom support are all provided. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Opportunities are also available for behind-the-scenes roles including coordinators and regional managers.

“In time, not very much time at all, it will be the decisions of the children we teach today that will shape the world.”

– Dr Simon Longstaff
The Ethics Centre

Do something life-changing today.

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Gunnedah Public School 2021 School Calendar Term 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9	29/11	30/11	1/12	2/12 NO CANTEEN DAY	3/12
Week 10	6/12	7/12	8/12 Presentation Day	9/12 NO CANTEEN DAY	10/12
Week 11	13/12 Year 6 Farewell	14/12	15/12	16/12 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS	17/12 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY