



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter
Term 1 - Week 11
Tuesday, 5 April 2022

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Pop-Up Restaurant - Bunny Lunch with 3S

Last Wednesday, 3S held the first sit-down pop-up restaurant for the year!

We were so excited that COVID restrictions eased, and parents and carers were able to join us at school.

We planned, prepared and served a lovely meal to our families following an Easter theme. Using tomatoes and peppers from our garden; lilly pilly from the bush tucker garden and eggs from our school chickens. We prepared Mini Pizzas with a home-made Pizza Sauce, Cheesy Garlic Bread and for dessert Chocolate Brownies served inside a Chocolate Dome with a warm Lilly Pilly drizzle.

Some of our favourite moments...

Jack: Dipping balloons in chocolate to make the chocolate domes!

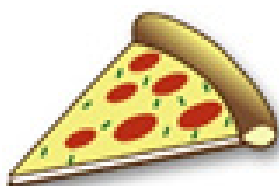
Marley: I loved making the lilly pilly syrup with Miss Renee!

Violet: I loved eating the chocolate!

Frankee: Our families got to come!

Harper: I loved greeting all our guests as they arrived!

Jaxon: I liked making the pizza, we all had fun and I loved it!



Music

Our wonderful music teachers from Gunnedah Conservatorium come in each week to develop the musical skills of willing students in guitar and woodwind.



Gunnedah Zone Rugby League trials

Six of our students represented GPS at the Gunnedah Zone Rugby League trials last Friday at Gunnedah South.

Four of them were successful in making a team. Ryder Crowley, Flynn and Noah Neil will be in the Gunnedah Zone Under 12s team, and Xavier Silver was selected in the Under 11s team. They will be travelling to Tamworth next term, Wednesday 27th April, to play in the North West trials.

All the best boys!



TERM 2
STARTS
Tuesday,
26 April

P&C Meeting
was postponed.
It will now be held
today @ 6pm
in the staff room

Water Tower Museum Excursion - 1/2

Yesterday Stage 1 visited the Water Tower Museum as part of their history unit. They have been studying objects that are from the past that still exist today.

Students were very excited to see items such as wedding dresses, televisions, naval uniforms, bicycles, toys and tools from the past and compare them to what they have in their own homes.

We were very excited to have one of the volunteers, Marie Hobson, congratulate us on being the most respectful and delightful groups she has seen.

We highly recommend you visiting the museum in the school holidays.



10 for 10

this Thursday!

Congratulations to all of the students who have qualified for 10 for 10 and continue to be safe, responsible and respectful students of Gunnedah Public School!

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

**please return any sold
or unsold raffle tickets
and money to school by
Thursday, 7 April.**

COVID reminder

Please remember to continue to contact the school to advise of any positive results, close contacts or with any questions you might have.

THIS THURSDAY CANTEEN DAY

(Butter Chicken with popper or
water)

*Remember that the canteen is run by our
dedicated P&C supporting your child's education
here at GPS in lots of ways!*

WINTER UNIFORMS

With the cooler weather, your child might be looking for a jumper or long pants. All of these are available for purchase at our school office.

Skorts

We have received most of our new green skorts however Size 6 hasn't arrived yet. These are available for purchase from the office for \$22.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL
ALL UNIFORM ITEMS SO THAT
THEY CAN BE RETURNED TO
YOUR CHILD IF LEFT AROUND
THE SCHOOL.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff Development Day reminder

A reminder to all parents that students are returning to school on Tuesday 26th of April, as the Staff Development Day has been moved to the end of the year.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC day falls on the last day of the holidays, but we are encouraging as many students as possible to meet us at 10am at Mitre 10 on Monday the 25th to participate in the ANZAC March with the school. Students will need to be in full school summer uniform.

Uniform purchases

Please think about your child's winter uniform, and if you need any items contact the school and we can make arrangements for pick up and purchase.

Excursion Payments

Please remember that excursion payments can be accepted at the office from now onwards to make it easier than paying the whole amount at once.

COVID Intervention

Mrs Lizz Denovan has accepted a position in our school, for the remainder of the year for 5/6, meaning that Mrs Belinda Foran will be able to return to the COVID Intervention program.

Covid intervention will start again next term, with selected students working with Mrs Foran at various times throughout the day. If your student is part of this program you will be contacted early next term.

COVID Reminders

Reminder for those who are close or household contacts

If a person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, they must self-isolate away from everyone else in the house for 7 days from the date of their positive test. They must follow the advice for [people testing positive to COVID-19](#), which includes how to self-isolate effectively. If the person is unable to safely self-isolate by themselves (e.g. due to their young age), a parent or carer should self-isolate with them.

The entire household must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive person's test. They should follow the advice for [people exposed to COVID-19](#) and [take a test](#) as soon as possible, have another test on Day 6, and at any time COVID-19 symptoms appear.

If another person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, that person must restart their 7 day self-isolation period from the date of their positive test, even if they don't have any symptoms.

Other household members who test negative do not need to re-start their 7 day self-isolation period.

They also do not have to self-isolate again anytime in the following 14 days unless they test positive.

People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period do not have to test or self-isolate as any type of contact for 12 weeks after their release.

Self-isolation means staying at home or at your accommodation. This means you cannot drive your children to school or day care; you must ask someone else to do this. You must only leave self-isolation to get medical care or in an emergency. For more information, read the [self-isolation rules](#).

End of Term

What a huge start to the year. As the term comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank students, families and staff for their resilience and understanding. Students have worked extremely hard either at home, with different teachers, or in class as normal, throughout this term and should be extremely proud of themselves. Although it has been difficult at times, with staff and students away, we have managed to achieve a great deal this term. We have had students involved in; representing the school and the zone in swimming, various PSSA trail days, pop up restaurants, Equine Therapy, Swim School and various community-based excursions, all the while working hard in the classroom. Well done to all.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter.

Cathie McMaster, Principal

Top Tips on Being a Father Figure

1. Be positive and intentional with your communication.

Intentionally make your interactions with nephews, nieces or your children's friends encouraging.

2. Seek out other father figures for your own children.

It's always good for your child to have other positive male role models in their life. Whether it's your mate, a sports coach or teacher.

3. Be a role model.

Children look up to positive male role models, each having a different impact on girls and boys.

4. Take other children along with your own children and take part in activities together like football, camping, dinner or movies

5. Where possible, encourage sole-parent mothers to consider appropriate father figures for their children, or, consider being one yourself.

Perhaps your partner has a friend who is the sole-parent. Being a positive male role model in a child's life makes a big difference.

If you or someone you know is struggling, there is support available. Call Lifeline 13 11 14, Beyond blue 1300 22 4636 or kids helpline 1800 55 180

Dads Meeting

TODAY @ 5.30pm

Please park out the front of the school in Bloomfield St and a gate will be open.

Library News

Thank you to all students who have returned their overdue library books. We do, however still have quite a few books outstanding. We would appreciate it if these can be returned to the school before the end of the term or the repayment fee be sent to the office.

Thanking you and wishing you all a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.

Happy Easter!



Make friends, have fun and get active with Netball!

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| WHAT | Gunnedah NetSetGO School Holiday Clinic (for 5-10 year olds) | |
| DATE | Monday 11 April 2022 | TIME 10:00am-12:00pm |
| WHERE | Gunnedah Netball Association, Longmuir Playing Fields, View Street, Gunnedah | |
| DETAILS | To book your spot, head to https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/b9d56f and select the Gunnedah Netball Association clinic. | |
| CONTACT | Ash on 0420 550 642 or gbirch@netballnsw.com | |

Easter Hat Parade

Friday 8th April
2pm
Gunnedah Public Thunderdome

*All Easter Hats are to be made at home.
School sports uniform to be worn to school, including green
school hat for playtimes.
Parents are welcome to attend. Please enter via Hall Gate.*

*~For those parents attending the parade, you are welcome to bring your
child's hat with you as Easter Hats will not be required until 2pm. ~*





Gunnedah Public School 2022 School Calendar Term 1

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--------|---|-----------|--|--|
| Week 11 Parent/ Teacher meetings | 4/4 | 5/4 5.30pm Fathering Project meeting 6pm P&C meeting | 6/4 | 7/4 CANTEEN DAY <i>(meat pie & sauce with popper or water)</i> 10 for 10 Rewards | 8/4 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 2pm Easter Hat Parade |

2022

ANZAC DAY

Gunnedah Public School will be participating in the 2022 Gunnedah ANZAC Day march and ceremony.

Students are to assemble near Mitre 10 at 10am on 25th April. The march will begin at 10.30am.

Students are to wear full summer uniform. Please ensure students wear their green school hat and bring a water bottle.

Students who march will be seated with our school at the entrance to McDonalds. Parents can collect their child from this location at the conclusion of the ceremony.

