



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter
Term 2 - Week 1
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EASTER RAFFLE

A very big thank you to all of our school community who bought and sold Easter Raffle tickets!

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

1st - Tamalee Robbins
2nd - Aiden Flannery
3rd - Marley Redfern

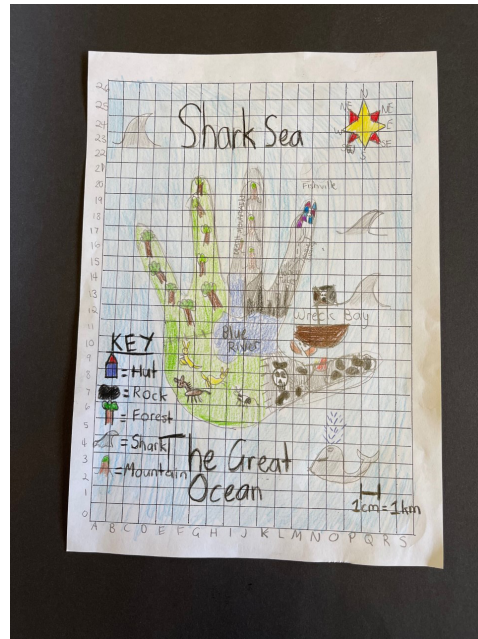
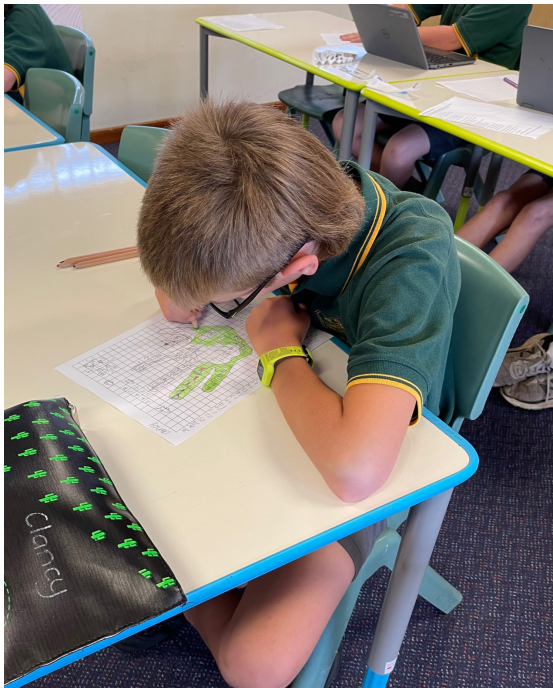
ANZAC Day

Thank you to the numerous students and their families who joined us at the ANZAC Day commemorative march. We were so pleased to see so many students representing our school with such pride and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Clancy and Nevaeh for leading our school in the march and laying the wreath on behalf of our school community.



'Shark Island' in 5/6F

At the end of Term 1, the students in 5/6F consolidated their knowledge of grid references, plotting and directional language. They had to follow a specific set of steps to create their own version of Shark Island. This also allowed them to demonstrate their ability to interpret written instructions. The students found it very interesting when comparing their maps, noting any similarities and differences.





Top tips to for sharing time with your children

1. Plan ahead to keep organised. Keep a diary or calendar of dates and times with your children. Keep your former partner up to date with any changes that may occur.

2. Help children anticipate change. Remind kids they'll be leaving for the other parent's house a day or two before the visit.

3. Be active and involved in your child's school/community.

Take up opportunities to engage with your child's school activities by attending school events and meetings with your child's teachers to keep lines of communication open.

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

COVID reminders

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

RAT tests and masks will continue to be available to students.

In Term 2 2022, school will operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW Health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

These key measures include:

- rapid antigen testing (RAT) of students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms or are identified as close contacts
- vaccinations
- maximising ventilation
- encouraging regular hand washing and continuing enhanced cleaning of schools
- assessing risk and applying appropriate safeguards across activities and events
- learning from home where face-to-face learning is not possible.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines

- They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our students and families, we hope that you had a wonderful Easter break. We have another busy term ahead with NALPAN, cross country, NADOC celebrations, eisteddfod and a number of external sporting events. As always please contact the school if you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your children.

Uniforms

Students will need to official be wearing their winter uniforms from week 4 (May 16th). Please ensure that ALL items are clearly marked with your child's name. If you need to purchase winter uniforms do not hesitate to contact the office.

School Entry

The new office block is well underway, but unfortunately we will still be in the temporary office for most of this term. Please continue to enter the school via hall gate. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cathie McMaster, Principal

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.

****Industrial Action****

There will be minimal supervision at the school on Wednesday 4th May, due to industrial action.

- The school leaders will still be able to attend the Leadership Camp.
- We will still be sending Year 5 and 6 students nominated to attend the talent identification day for Indigenous athletes.
- All other students will be at school with minimal supervision.

NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school and will occur in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day and not to panic about the tests.

Your child's school is your first point of contact for questions about NAPLAN.

School Photos

Our School Photos will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May. Envelopes will be handed out this week, so please check your child's bag. Students can return the envelopes to the office if you wish to purchase photos.

Alternatively, you can order online by following the link at the bottom of the flyer or using the QR code reader and following the link.

Students will be expected to be in full school WINTER uniform for both days. Please see the office for your uniform needs.



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Class Only - \$25



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Keyrings



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Platinum Sibling - \$30



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2022

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Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023

Once you complete and submit your application you can change details, send and receive messages through your application dashboard.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application website opens:
Tuesday 26 April 2022

Application website closes:
5pm, Friday 13 May 2022
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Thursday 14 July 2022

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Thursday 28 July 2022

Placement outcome information released overnight on:
Friday 7 October 2022

Please read this document carefully before applying.

Parents* monitor the Department's website regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team¹.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050>

Please Note:

¹In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.

*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



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2022 School Calendar Term 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	25/4 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26/4 Students return to school	27/4	28/4 NO CANTEEN DAY	29/4
Week 2	2/5 1.30pm Gunnedah netball trials	3/5	4/5 **Industrial Action** Indigenous athlete day Leadership Camp	5/5 Leadership Camp	6/5 Leadership Camp
Week 3	9/5	10/5 NAPLAN Writing	11/5 NAPLAN Reading & Language	12/5	13/5
Week 4	16/5 NAPLAN Numeracy	17/5	18/5 School Photos	19/5 School Photos	20/5
Week 5 Gunnedah Music Eisteddfod	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5
Week 6 Gunnedah Speech & Drama Eisteddfod	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6
Week 7	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6
Week 8	13/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6
Week 9	20/6	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6
Week 10	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7 LAST DAY OF TERM 2