



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter
Term 2 - Week 2
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Merit Awards



**MINIMAL SUPERVISION
THIS WEDNESDAY**
due to industrial action
(please refer to Department letter in this
newsletter for further details)

Breakfast Club



Deshawn & Koah Adams enjoying Breakfast Club this morning

Netball Trials

Yesterday, five of our senior girls attended the Gunnedah Zone netball trials.

Kirby was selected to play in the Gunnedah Zone team who will represent Gunnedah at the North West Area trials in Tamworth on Thursday 26th May.

Congratulations Kirby, and well done to all girls who attended and represented GPS with pride.



Culture

Our students have been learning a lot of Gamilaraay language this term already with Gamilaraay songs being the focus. Our Kindergarten students have been counting using Gamilaraay language too.

The flag



Ngarranmal bindamay
Ngarranmal bindaymay

Giirr buluuy yulay (black for skin)
Giirr buluuy yulay

Gigjirrgidjjirr yaraay (yellow for sun)
Gigjirrgidjjirr yaraay

Guwaymbarra dhawun (red for earth)
Guwaymbarra dhawun

Giirr gayaa ngiyani we are proud
Ngarranmal bindamay we raise the flag



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 for close contacts and masks will continue to be available to students.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

this Thursday
Price range \$1 - \$5

AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH

As part of the School Dental Initiative, Gunnedah Public School will have an Australian Dental Health Visit Week 2 of Term 3. This is a free service for every student to have a full dental check-up, preventative and general dental care.

Permission notes were sent home last week. Please return completed notes to the school by Friday 6th May 2022.

Library Corner....

We welcome back all students to the Library this term.

A reminder of your child's borrowing days

Mondays *Kindergarten and MC*

Tuesday *Years 3,4 5,6*

Wednesday *Years 1 and 2*

Your child must have their library bag with them on their day. In order for your child to borrow, any outstanding books must be returned.

Book Club catalogues have been sent home and orders are to be returned by Monday 9th May. By supporting Book Club, the school gains valuable points that enable us to purchase new and exciting books for our Library.

Thank you for your support.

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

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB

every Tuesday and
Thursday in the
school hall from
8.30am

Unfortunately we are unable to have Breakfast Club on Mondays due to a lack of volunteers

Raising Boys

World famous author, activist, and psychologist Steve Biddulph will be talking about how to raise open hearted, kind and strong men.

FREE ONLINE EVENT

Tuesday 10 May | From 6pm

STEVE BIDDULPH
**RAISING
BOYS**
in the Twenty-first Century



TFSS

REGISTER HERE



Reconnect



Top tips to help your child through a separation/divorce

Beforehand:-

1. **Plan ahead.** If possible, plan what you want to say ahead of time. This helps to communicate the same message together.
2. **Be prepared** for questions and have solutions for the future arrangements already thought out.
3. **Avoid blame** and present a united front that focusses entirely on your child/children.

During:-

1. **Provide comfort** and time to talk about their fears and concerns with you.
2. **Reassure them** that they won't have to choose between you and the other parent.
3. **Give lots of closeness**, hugs and cuddles if they look for it (and even when they don't!)

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

28 April 2022

The NSW Teachers Federation has directed its membership to take industrial action in the form of a 24-hour strike on Wednesday 4 May 2022. As a result of the strike, we will still be open but will be providing minimal student supervision on this date. Minimal supervision means onsite teaching and learning continues however temporary class structures and a modified timetable are required to meet safety and supervision requirements.

The department has been negotiating with the NSW Teachers Federation since October last year to reach an agreement on the new Teachers Award.

The department is seeking a resolution for a new 3-year Teachers Award through arbitration in the Industrial Relations Commission in early May. The department is committed to securing the maximum remuneration increase allowed under the Industrial Relations Act. This includes a 2.5% increase in remuneration for all teachers and related employees which was implemented in January this year.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this short period of disruption.





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2022 School Calendar Term 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	2/5 1.30pm Gunnedah netball trials	3/5	4/5 **Industrial Action** Indigenous athlete day Leadership Camp	5/5 CANTEEN DAY <i>(pies with popper or water)</i> 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

School Photos

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th May.

Envelopes have been sent home.

Students will be expected to be in full school WINTER uniform for both days.

Please see the office for your uniform needs.

Prospective students and their families are invited to join us for a personal tour of our school to learn more about the wonderful things we have on offer at Gunnedah Public School.

Enrolment packs for Kinder 2023 can be collected on the day also.

We can't wait to see you there.



GUNNEDAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Personal School Tours

Prospective parents, carers
and students are invited to
join us for a personal tour of
our school.



Wednesday 18th May

**Tours available from
12.30pm–4pm.**

No appointment needed.

**Entry via Hall Gate (corner Lt
Conadilly and Elgin St)**



Come and meet our friendly staff and see our fantastic facilities.