



Gunnedah Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Newsletter
Term 3 - Week 9
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Excursion to Mullibah Lagoon - 4/5R

On Wednesday last week, students from 4/5R went on an excursion to the Mullibah Lagoon, a significant Aboriginal site in Gunnedah. Students used trundle wheels to measure the perimeter of the lagoon in groups and discussed the accuracy of their measurement. They then learned about song lines, which is the method that Aboriginal people used to measure distances. Clap sticks were used to create song lines and step out the perimeter using the different method of measurement. Students were shocked to notice the similarities when comparing the western and Gamilaraay methods of measurement.

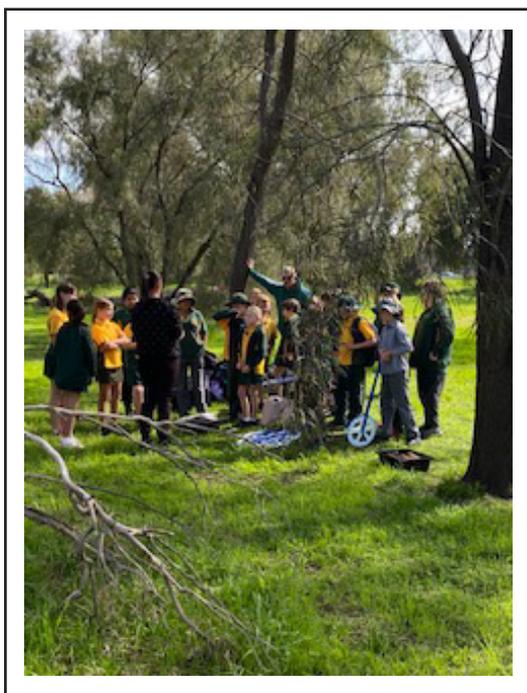
Miss Renee engaged the students in yarn about culture and Aboriginal history, pointing out the sap on the trees and what it is used for, the parts of the tree that would be used to construct a boomerang and a didgeridoo. The cultural immersion continued with students harvesting a small amount of bulrush and demonstrating how it would be used to weave mats and baskets by her Indigenous ancestors. The excursion was finished off by some morning tea and a game of soccer with Mr Richard. What a brilliant day, learning and connecting on country!



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Term 4, Weeks 1 & 2

Keep an eye out for notes coming home to book a convenient time.



3/4D Update

We've had another busy term in 3/4D. We've been learning about the different types of informative texts and how to follow a set of instructions to make food items. We have been working on our striking, fielding and targeting skills in PE by playing a range of games. On Friday, we celebrated Dot Day where we designed our own t-shirts and bookmarks by turning 'dots' into new and exciting pictures. Earlier in the term, we visited Healthy Harold and learned about the safe use and storage of medications. We're looking forward to many more exciting adventures in Term 4!



Horse Wisdom



Gomeri Dancers

Yaama Gomeri dancers!

This morning the Gomeri dance group visited our school.

Kayleb, Laura and Grace shared dreaming stories, song and dance with Stages 1 & 2. Even our Eary Birds were joining in!

Kayleb yarned about the ceremony of corroboree, how singing, dancing, music and costume brings people together.

The students were taught three dances as Kayleb sang in Gamilaraay language and clapped his dance boomerangs.

Laura and Grace danced a special “emu in sky dance” and shared with us how emu jumped up in the sky at the end of the dance to go home. The students then encouraged the staff to dance as they cheered and clapped.

Yaluu!





Mr Shorter's New Mower



Mr Shorter took delivery of his new lawn mower today!

MOWER FOR TENDER John Deere Z235 Zero Turn (617 hours)

Please place your name, contact number and price (from \$1500 up) in a sealed envelope and drop into school office.

The successful tender will be contacted on 23/9. No tenders will be opened until this date.



Library Corner...

We welcomed back Mrs Dunn to our Library last Wednesday to help with covering our new books. Mrs Dunn is a familiar face at GPS as she was our Librarian before her retirement. Thank you Mrs Dunn and I'm sure we will see you again very soon.

Please make sure you return any library books next week as it will be the last borrowing week before the end of term.



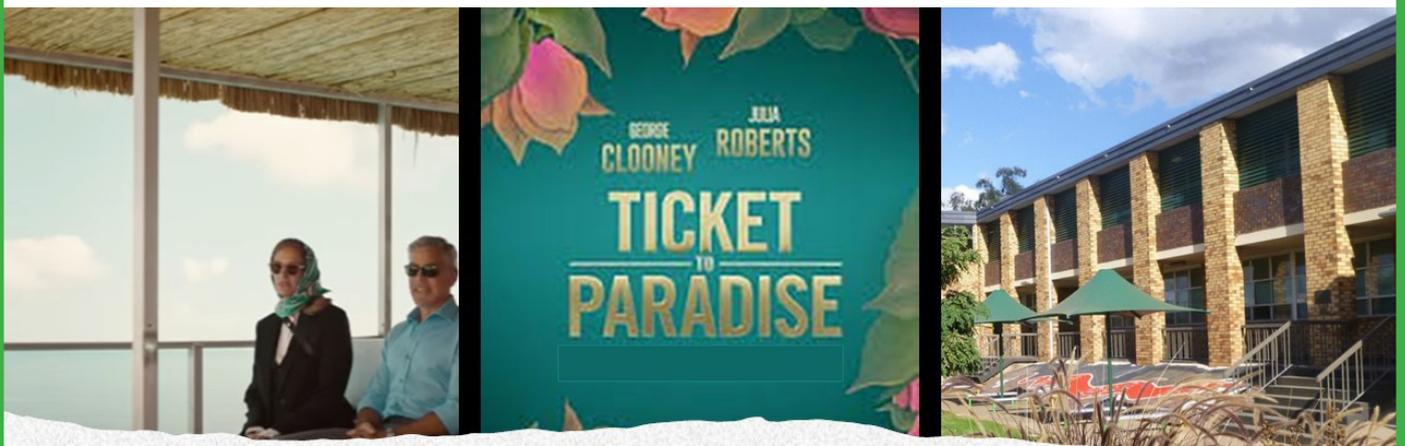
Sentence Writing - KP

It was a pleasing sight on Friday, to have KP students come and share their sentence writing with Mr Dowe.

We are so proud of our Kinders that are already writing a sentence using the conjunction "because".



**PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NEXT THURSDAY
22 September 2022
(school will not be open)**



Gunnedah Public P & C Movie Fundraiser

When: Sunday 9th October 2022 at 2pm

Where: Gunnedah Civic Theatre

Cost: \$20

Movie: Ticket to Paradise





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2022 School Calendar Term 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9	12/9	13/9	14/9	15/9 CANTEEN DAY <i>(meat pies with popper or water)</i>	16/9 2.15pm Assembly
Week 10	19/9	20/9	21/9 PBL 10 for 10 rewards	22/9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY <u>no school</u>	23/9 LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4 DATES FOR 2022
Students and staff due back at school on
10 October 2022

Check-In Assessment for Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

During Week 9, Year 6 students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-In assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during Week 9.
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing task.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school.



Child Protection week and what dads can do

Last week was child protection week. As fathers and father figures, our first and foremost role is to protect children in every way possible.

- 1. Talk to your child about personal space and body boundaries.** What is ok, and what isn't.
- 2. Try 'what if' scenarios.** Make "What if someone gives you a big hug and you don't like it?" "What if someone is hurting you when you are playing?"
- 3. Teach them to trust their feelings.** If it doesn't feel right to them, they have the power to say 'no' or 'stop' and tell you about it as soon as they can.

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



EXCURSION REMINDERS

Years 5 & 6

Cascade Environmental Education Centre

Years 3 & 4

Echidna Gully

Don't forget full payments are due by the end of this term (next week). Further information regarding what to pack and what is required for camp will be sent home later this term.



Look at some of the fun things we will get to do on our excursions!

PCYC | OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
REOPENING
 AS OF MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, OUR OOSH SERVICE WILL BE OPEN AND RUNNING AS NORMAL

Woolworths CRICKET BLAST
HAVE A BLAST!
 OUTDOORS NON-CONTACT

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES - WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Gunnedah Public School Incl. Other Namoi Partnership Schools	Gunnedah South Public School	Gunnedah Carinya Christian School	Gunnedah St Xaviers Primary School
Wednesday 3:20 PM - 4:30 PM Starts 19 Oct 2022	Wednesday 3:20 PM - 4:30 PM Starts 19 Oct 2022	Thursday 3:20 PM - 4:30 PM Starts 13 Oct 2022	Friday 3:20 PM - 4:30 PM Starts 21 Oct 2022
Mr Hatley	Mr McGuirk & Mrs Walters	Mr Pass	Mrs Gander

This is an exciting 8-week program. Each week participants will build their skills through fun, game-based activities. The recommended age for Master Blasters is 5 - 10 years.

FREE when using \$100 Active Kids voucher!

To register please go to: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/55cd26>

For more information, please contact Gunnedah Junior Cricket Association on Facebook or

Blast Coordinator Bee Gander on 0408 250 830



PCYC | OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
GUNNEDAH
VACATION CARE

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
<p>Monday 26th September BUILD YOUR OWN UKULELE Learn basic woodworking skills to build and paint your own ukuleles then sing up a storm for the educators.</p> <p>Tuesday 27th September COLOUR RUN Wear light coloured clothing and prepare to get messy as we launch our way through a colour filled maze</p> <p>Wednesday 28th September CREATE A SLAP BAND Choose a cute character to create and wear it on your wrist</p> <p>Thursday 29th September KIDS IN THE KITCHEN Pop on an apron and get ready to cook up a storm. We will be making a variety of sweet treats.</p> <p>Friday 30th September SCIENCE DAY Prepare for an entertainment overload! Be immersed within the amazing and mind blowing world of science!</p>	<p>Monday 3rd October PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLOSED PCYC is closed! We hope you all have a fun and safe long weekend.</p> <p>Tuesday 4th October LETS FLY A KITE The children will spend the morning making their own kites to fly in the afternoon.</p> <p>Wednesday 5th October ABSOLUTE TOM FOOLERY PCYC OOSH has teamed up with Fun Day Out to bring us a blend of magic and circus in this laugh-a-minute show.</p> <p>Thursday 6th October MOTOR INVENTIONS We will be creating our own motorised inventions using some fantastic kits.</p> <p>Friday 7th October DANCE PARTY We will be finishing off the holidays with a fun dance party and party food.</p>

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