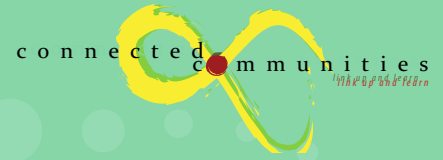




Gunnedah Public School NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 7

Thursday, August 31 2023

Principal's Message

With Mrs Mac



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Last Saturday, staff spent the day at Borah Crossing learning all about the significance of the area from Emma Costello. The day was incredible and the information that Emma shared and the sites we saw not only increased the personal knowledge of our staff but will also add to the Aboriginal perspectives throughout our curriculum. I would like to sincerely thank Emma Costello for not only giving up her time on a Saturday, but for the work she is doing to preserve our Aboriginal history.



FATHERS DAY BBQ

Due to an extremely busy week and students being absent on excursions and sporting events, we have decided to celebrate our fathers and father figures at a breakfast BBQ on Monday 4th September at 8:15am. Please come if you're available to celebrate the wonderful father figures in our lives.

FREE MEDICAL HEALTH CHECKS

Just a reminder to return the free health check forms to the office within the next couple of weeks. If you did not receive a form please contact the office and we will send one home with your child.

COMPASS TEXT MESSAGING

As some would be aware, we have now set up a text messaging system through the school for unexplained absences. If your child is not present at school and we have not heard from you, you will receive a text message stating they are absent and asking why. This system is very easy, all that is needed is a return message with the reason they are away. We realise that everyone's lives are busy and at times things slip our minds and the idea is just a quick and easy way for parents to explain absences.



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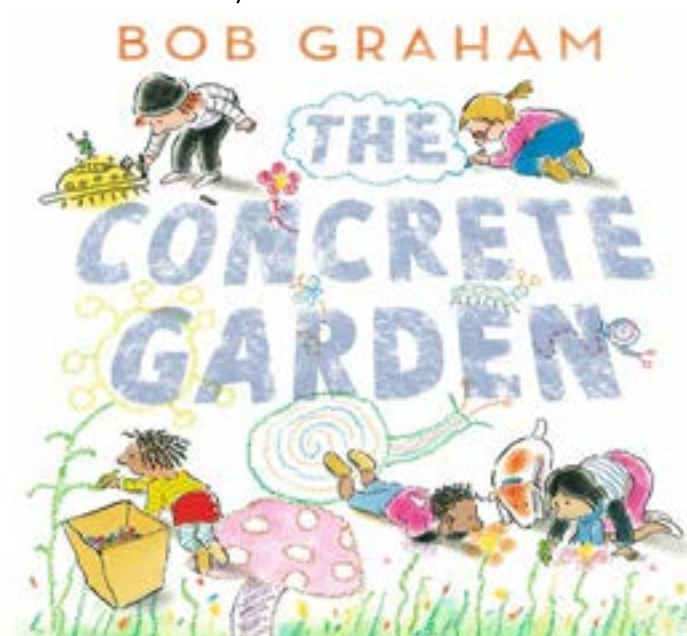
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Library corner



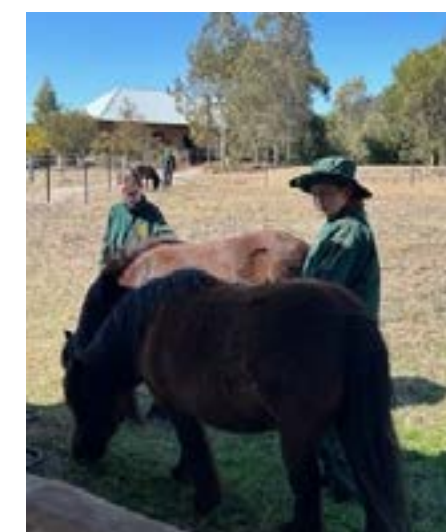
Book Fair

Thank you to all who purchased books from the Book Fair. Our sales were phenomenal, and this has enabled us to purchase more new and exciting books throughout the year. We are still waiting on re-orders to arrive and these will be sent home as soon as they arrive at the school.



The Concrete Garden is a wonderful new addition to our library. It's a story of finding optimism during the COVID pandemic and the creativity of children living and being isolated in high rise buildings at the time. Children came together and were given crayons to create their own exotic gardens across the cement. The book is written by the Australian author Bob Graham.

A reminder that you can purchase one of our fabulous library bags from the front office for \$12.00.



GULGONG EXCURSION - STAGE 2



NSW TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA

On Tuesday, Gunnedah Public School took six teams to the Touch gala day - three Year 3/4 teams and three Year 5/6 teams. There were teams from all the other primary schools in town including Christian schools and some teams from Carroll, Curlewis, Mullaley and Boggabri. Each team played at least four games over the day. The Year 3/4 teams only played on half size fields. Our kids learnt a lot more about touch footy and represented the school famously.

A huge thanks to Mrs Cameron, Mrs Hempstead and Fletcher for coaching and supervising teams. It was hot and sweaty work. Also thanks to the parents that popped down and supported their kids.

Each player will have received a \$10 discount off the upcoming Junior Touch Football competition that kicks off in Term 4. Players can register individually or create their own team (8-10 players). They play on Monday nights at around 5.45pm.



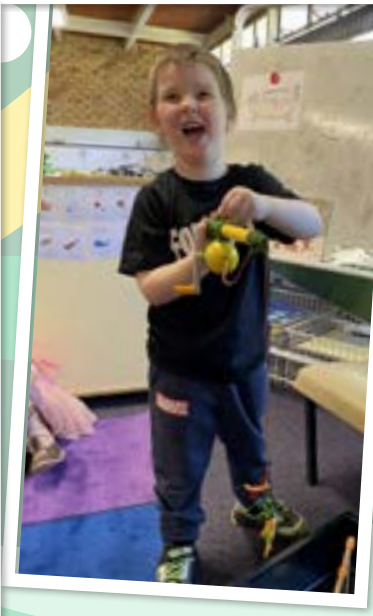
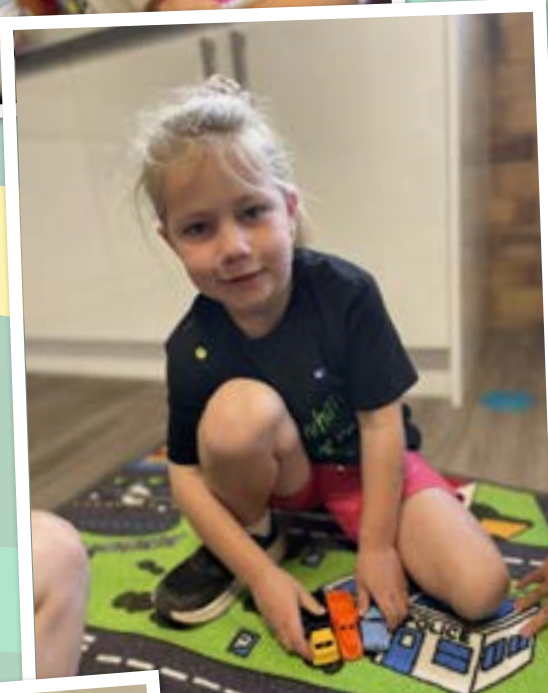
EARLY BIRDS

We have had another fun-filled week at Early Birds. This week, our students enjoyed reading 'Mr Achimedes' Bath' by Pamela Allen. We then explored the concept of displacement through water play. As always, we enjoyed playing a variety of games with our new friends.

It is not too late to enrol your child at GPS for Kindergarten 2024. All students who are enrolled are welcome to take part in our fantastic transition program.



EARLY BIRDS



Information Day.

Services available on the day:

- Dr Sue Amarasena
- Sue Elms OT
- Rachel Peake Stroke Coordinator plus Heart
- Youth Insearch
- Healthwise
- Police
- Centrecare
- Salvation Army
- Headspace
- NDIS

Come to our ONE STOP Shop on Saturday 9/9 2023 11AM - 2PM in the playground at GPS. Food and drinks will be provided and games for the kids to play. Come and speak with one or many of the services on offer.



Youth Insearch - provides assistance for troubled youth aged 14 years and above

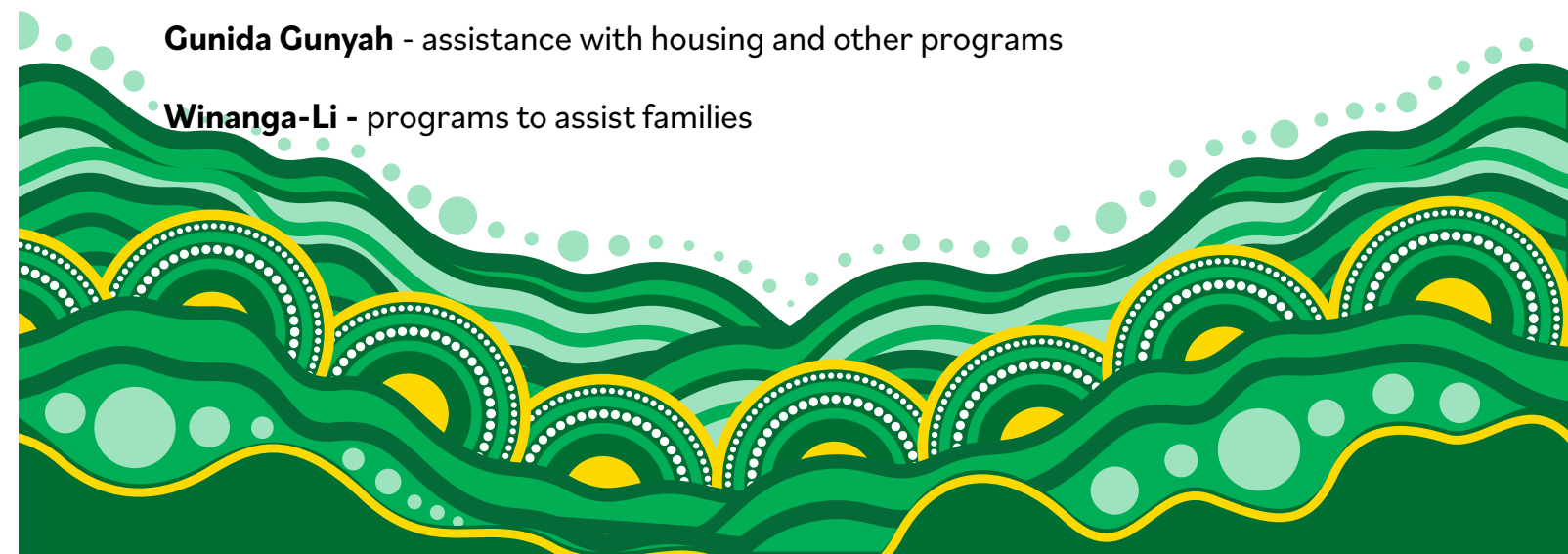
Headspace - provides counselling services for young people

NDIS - assistance with applying for a package

Dr Sue Amarasena - assistance with Mental health issues

Gunida Gunyah - assistance with housing and other programs

Winanga-Li - programs to assist families





Gunnedah Public School

Calendar

TERM 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29	AUGUST 30	AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 1
WEEK 7	12pm-2.30pm Gunnedah High School Year 7 2024 Transition Day	Touch Football Gala Day		HOMEWORK CLUB CANTEEN: Bacon & Cheese Pasta STAGE 2 EXCURSION	ASSEMBLY featuring Stage 3L
	SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 5	SEPTEMBER 6	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 8
WEEK 8	8.15AM FATHER'S DAY BBQ			HOMEWORK CLUB CANTEEN: Roast Chicken & Gravy roll	
	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 14	SEPTEMBER 15
WEEK 9		6.30pm-8.00pm Resilience Project Parents Online Session		RU OK? Day HOMEWORK CLUB CANTEEN: Meat Pie & sauce	
	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 19	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 22
WEEK 10				HOMEWORK CLUB NO CANTEEN	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 8

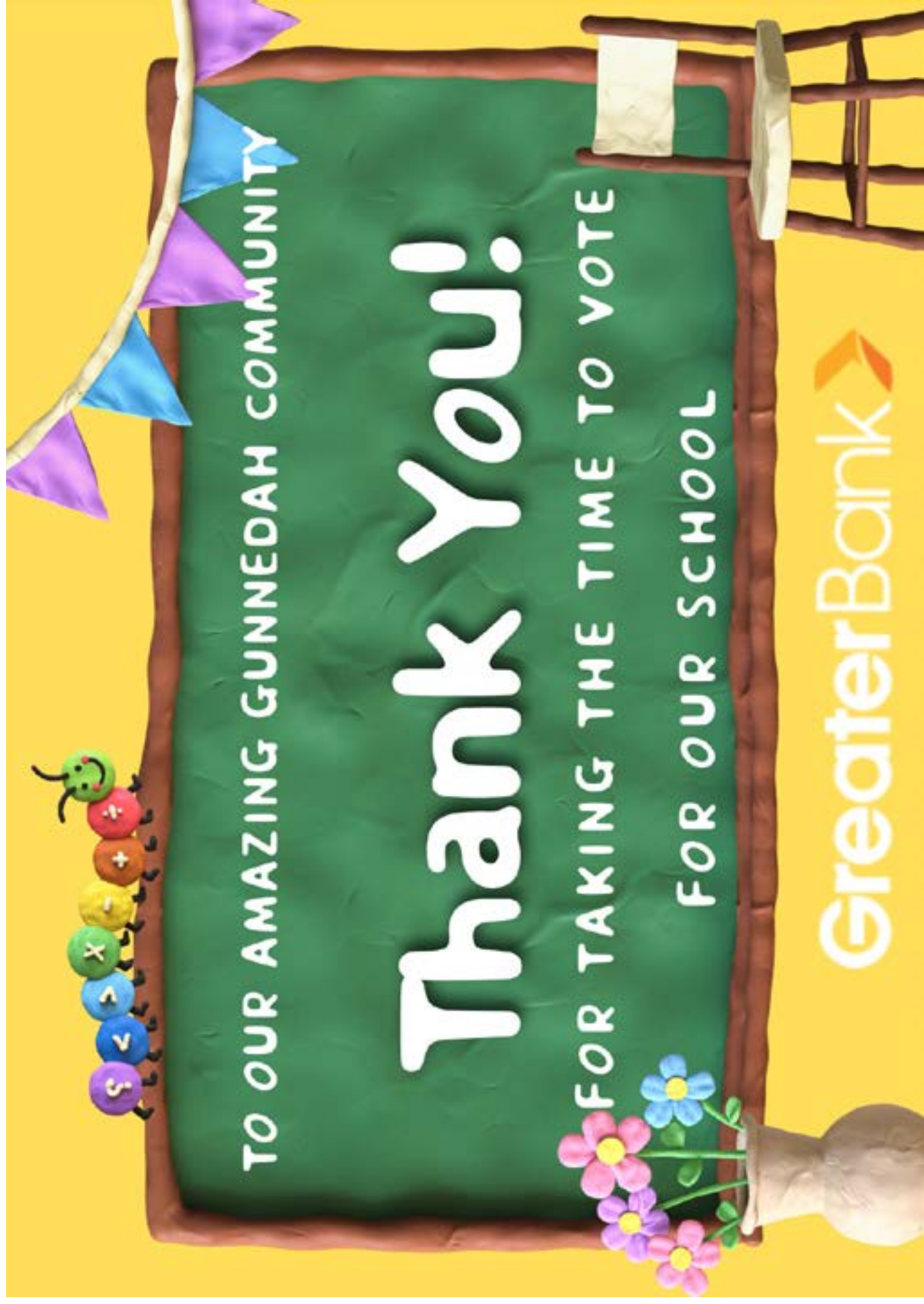


GUNNEDAH PUBLIC SCHOOL Early Birds Transition Program



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 are still open!

Families who have already enrolled their child at GPS should have received an information letter via mail about our transition program. Please contact the school on 6742 2266 if you have not received this information.



TO OUR AMAZING GUNNEDAH COMMUNITY

Thank You!

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VOTE
FOR OUR SCHOOL

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