



Term 1, Week 8

Thursday, March 20, 2025

DOROTHEA MACKELLAR COIN LAUNCH

Year 6 students were invited to attend the Royal Australian Mint unvieling of the new series of 50 cent coins. The coins celebrate the poetry of Dorothea Mackellar's love letters to the land. This beautiful event was a national launch for the coins with information about Dorethea Mackellar's connection to Gunnedah.











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YEAR 3 & 5 NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 participated in annual NAPLAN testing. They were so resilient, patient and cooperative with staff changes and technical issues that occurred.

They all tried their best, which is all we ask. Well done!









The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

The optional theme for 2025 is "All the Beautiful Things".

Students are encouraged to write about topics and experiences that spark their poetic genius.

- Entries open Saturday 1 March 2025.
 - Close Monday 30 June 2025.
 - Winners announced 10am on Friday 5
 September 2025.

For more information regarding entries visit: https://dorothea.com.au/entry-information/





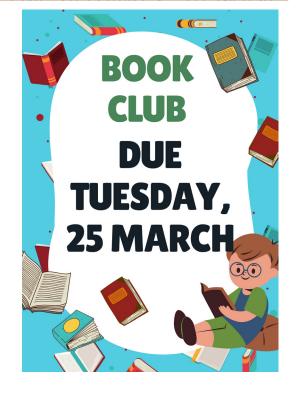
BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were handed out to students last week.

Orders for Issue 2 are due on Tuesday, 25 March.

We accept cash through the school or orders can be placed with the Loop App online.

Thank you for supporting our school library.



Harmony Day

Friday 21st March is Harmony Day, a part of Harmony Week, which celebrates Australia's amazing cultural diversity. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As such, students at Gunnedah Public School are invited to **wear something orange** to show their support on **Friday 21st March**. (*Students will still need to be in sun safe clothing, no singlets or strappy shirts).







STAY CURIOUS AND OPEN WITH YOUR KIDS

Raising children today means more than just teaching them right from wrong - it's about understanding the world they're growing up in and being active participants in guiding them through it.

With the rise of social media, digital platforms, and shifting ideas of identity and respect, it's crucial to stay connected and remain curious about the influences affecting both our sons and daughters.

Try this: Make a habit of asking open-ended questions about what your child is experiencing online.

Ask about the shows they're watching, the people they follow, and the messages they're receiving. This helps create an open dialogue where you can guide them toward healthy values, self-respect, and respect for others.

For boys, it's about building their sense of self-worth and questioning outdated ideas of masculinity. For girls, it's about empowering them to stand strong in their identity, teaching them to navigate societal pressures, and reinforcing the importance of self-respect in the face of often harmful online narratives.

By staying curious and engaged, you can help ensure children feel supported and affirmed as they navigate an ever-changing world.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	17 MARCH	18 MARCH	19 MARCH	20 MARCH	21 MARCH
8 WEEK	Stage 2 swimming (Years 3 & 4)		NAPLAN	Pop-Up Restaurant (Stage 1C)	CANTEEN DAY Meatball Subs (with popper or water) Harmony Day - wear orange 11.30am Walaaybaa Room opening 2pm Aspirational Learning
	24 MARCH	25 MARCH	HARMONY WEEK 26 MARCH	27 MARCH	28 MARCH
WEEK 9	Stage 2 swimming (Years 3 & 4)	BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE WHEELIE SAFE KIDS BIKE Ed	10am STEPS Vision Screening	Pop-Up Restaurant 12pm (Stage 2a)	CANTEEN DAY Chicken & Ham Pasta Bake (with popper or water) Coal Miners Cup (Yrs 3-6 boys & Yrs 5&6 girls)
					2pm Assembly
	31 MARCH	1 APRIL	2 APRIL	3 APRIL	4 APRIL
WEEK 10	•	▼ P.	LEADERSHIP CAMP ——ARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS		CANTEEN DAY Nachos (with popper or water) 2pm Aspirational Learning
	7 APRIL	8 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL
week 11	4		PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS	10am Easter Hat Parade	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
	7 APRIL	8 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL
WEEK			TERM 2 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR STUDENTS		







STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING OPTIONS **SINCE 1931**

Charity Drive Envelopes

- Students and staff are invited to enter
- Entry is \$2. Prize is a \$4,000 travel voucher
- Cashless entry available via a QR code Drawn at noon, Friday, 23 May 2025



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