



Gunnedah Public School NEWSLETTER



Term 2, Week 5

Friday May 30, 2025

From the Deputy Desk

with Mr Dowe



Sport:

Cross Country representatives :

GPS is sending around 34 runners to Mullaley on Friday to represent our school at the Gunnedah Zone Cross Country. We wish these students all the best as it is a tough course out there!

Athletics Carnival: ALL students will be heading to Gunnedah High School for our Athletics Carnival on Friday 27th June (end Week 9) for our annual Athletics Carnival.

Touch football KO: We will play Gunnedah South Public School on Monday in a knockout round of touch football.

Phonics demonstration lesson: A special mention to Nic Robinson and Emily Pickles who presented a phonics lesson in front of our 70 visitors from other Connected Communities schools around the state. We received many accolades from our visiting colleagues about the wonderful programs that we run at our amazing



NORTH WEST AND NEW ENGLAND HUB

On Wednesday 28 May, Gunnedah Public School hosted an inspiring event for the New England North West Hub, welcoming 70 visitors from 14 schools across New South Wales. This gathering not only showcased the remarkable talents of our students but also highlighted the collaborative spirit of our educational community.

The event featured an array of engaging presentations and the students at Gunnedah Public School truly captivated the audience. Their enthusiasm and dedication shone through, reflecting the high-quality education and support they receive.

Visitors were highly impressed by the professionalism and confidence exhibited by the presenters and of course the lunch! Many couldn't stop talking about how the students articulated their ideas and shared their learning experiences. "I was blown away by the depth of knowledge and passion the students demonstrated," one visitor commented. Another remarked, "The quality of the presentations was exceptional; it's evident that these students are thriving in a supportive learning environment."

This event not only celebrated the accomplishments of our students but also fostered meaningful connections among the participating schools. Attendees engaged in fruitful discussions about best practices, teaching strategies, and future collaborations, strengthening the bonds within our educational community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a success, especially the dedicated staff and students at Gunnedah Public School. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vibrant learning environment within the New England North West Hub.



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THE HUMMING HUB COOKING

We are excited to share that our Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives recently had a fantastic cooking session with Mrs. Mac. The team came together to prepare delicious treats in anticipation of our upcoming Hub visitors.

During the session, students not only honed their cooking skills but also learned about teamwork, collaboration and the importance of making our guests feel welcome. The SRC representatives showcased their creativity and enthusiasm, whipping up a variety of tasty snacks that sure impressed our visitors.

We were very happy to share these delicious creations and the spirit of our school community with everyone at the Hub.



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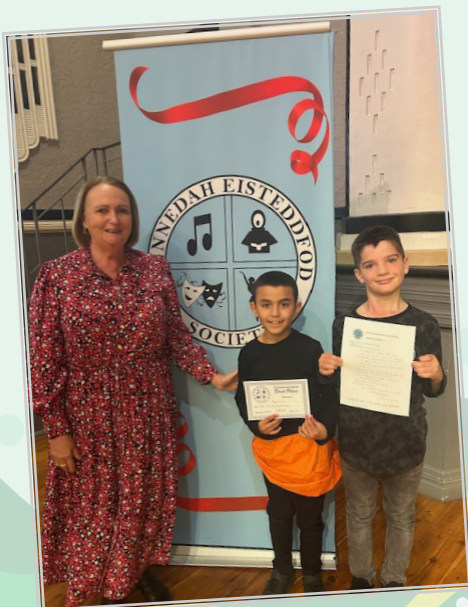
On Friday 23rd May, the Early Stage 1P students showcased their incredible talent at the Eisteddfod, and we couldn't be prouder! They delivered a fabulous performance of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," capturing the hearts of the audience and earning a well-deserved third place.

The students sang with enthusiasm, using their big voices, bold actions and beautiful smiles to create a memorable experience for everyone present. Congratulations to all the performers! You should be extremely proud of your efforts and the joy you brought to the stage. Keep shining bright, KP.



We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from our recent Speech and Drama competition! Our Stage 2 students excelled in their performance of Indigenous storytelling, earning first place in the event.

The adjudicator praised the students for their "creative interpretation by actors as they bring the story to life," highlighting the depth of their engagement and the vibrant energy they infused into the storytelling.



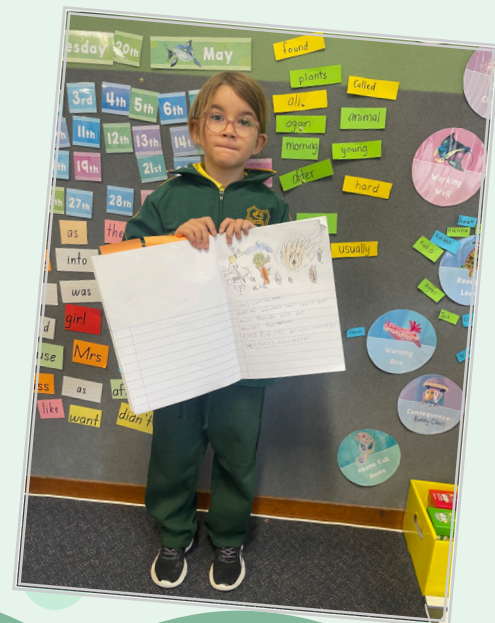
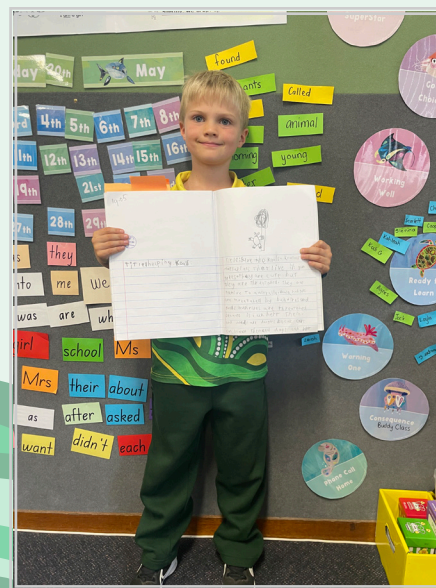
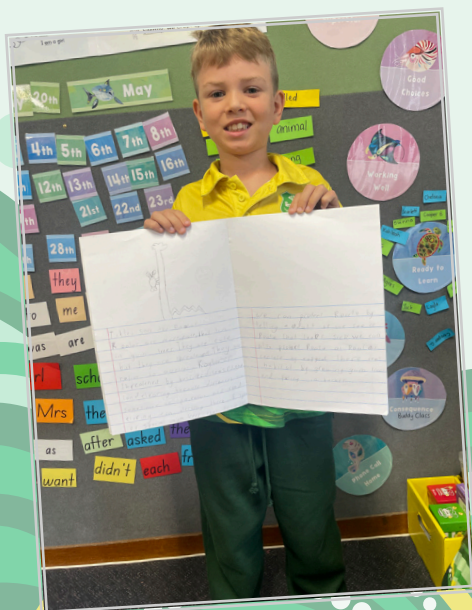
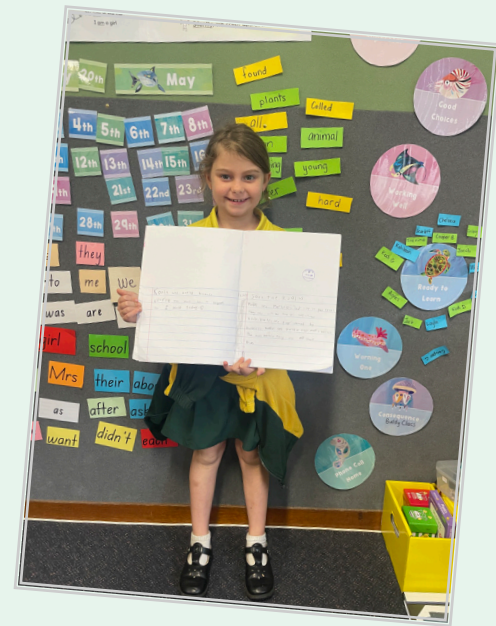
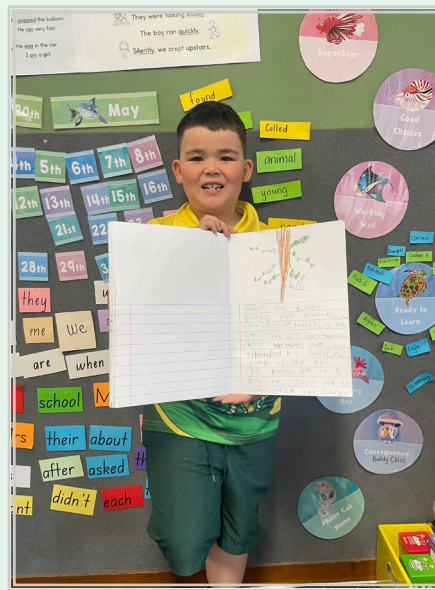
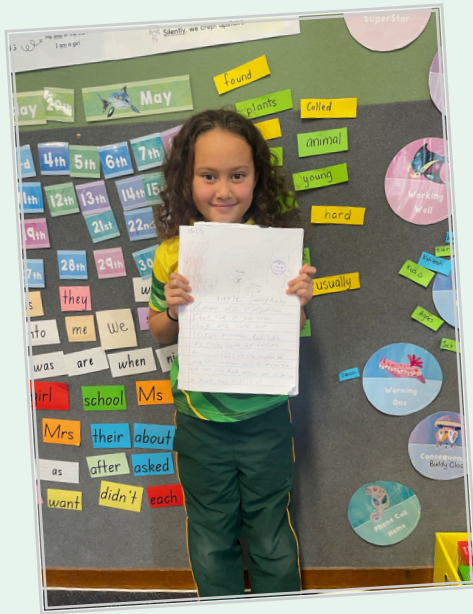
IN CLASS WITH STAGE 1S

This term, Stage 1S has been looking at the text 'Koala Ark' by Stephen Michael King in English. This book looks at the 2019/2020 bushfires and the impact they have had on koala population and other native animals in the affected areas.

We looked at information about koalas and other native animals and the threats that they experience from natural disasters (like bushfires) and from man-made threats such as land clearing.

Students then created a persuasive text about why it is important to protect koalas and the steps to take in order to do this.

Stage 1S learnt a lot about what makes koalas so special and why we need to protect them.



KNOCKOUT NETBALL

Last week, Gunnedah Public School faced off against Quirindi Public School in an exciting day of competition. While we didn't secure the win this time, the true highlight was witnessing our students give their absolute best on the field.

The spirit of sportsmanship was alive and well, with both teams demonstrating teamwork, determination and resilience. Our students showcased their skills and sportsmanship, making us proud regardless of the final score.

A big thank you to all the parents, staff and supporters who came out to cheer on our teams. Your encouragement means the world to our students and helps foster a love of sport and community spirit.





Whole Day Attendance Be at School Everyday



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week students enjoyed participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. Over 2 million children took part in the event which was livestreamed throughout Australia. The book selected this year was *The Truck Cat*. It is an Australian story following the adventures of Tinka the cat with her truck driver owner Yacoub. Students enjoyed listening to the story read by the author, Deborah Frenkel. Following on, the illustrator, Danny Snell then demonstrated drawing a simple cat. Students then had time to draw their own.



LIBRARY



MAKE FAMILY TIME A NON-NEGOTIABLE PART OF YOUR WEEK



Some of the most powerful moments in family life come from the simple rituals we repeat. Whether it's a regular Sunday breakfast, a weekly walk, or Friday movie night, these traditions help your child feel safe, connected and loved.

Children thrive on predictability, and regular family time can become a source of comfort and joy, no matter what else is going on in their lives. It doesn't need to be fancy or expensive. What matters most is showing up, together

Try this:: Choose one time in your weekly calendar to dedicate to family time and protect it like an important meeting! Let everyone in the family take turns choosing the activity. It could be baking together, playing a board game, or a simple walk after dinner.



Gunnedah Public School Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	26 MAY	27 MAY	28 MAY	29 MAY	30 MAY
WEEK 5		Chess Tournament North West Girls soccer	North West boys soccer (Tamworth) North West + New England Hub		Yr 6 Koala & others project day ZONE CROSS COUNTRY Assembly CANTEEN PUMPKIN SOUP
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	2 JUNE	3 JUNE	4 JUNE	5 JUNE	6 JUNE
WEEK 6	Knock Out Touch game (mixed)				S3A POP UP RESTURANT CANTEEN CREAMY HAM & CHICKEN PASTA Aspirational learning
	9 JUNE	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE	13 JUNE
WEEK 7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		Gunnedah Zone Touch Trials		CANTEEN MINI PIZZAS Assembly
	16 JUNE	17 JUNE	18 JUNE	19 JUNE	20 JUNE
WEEK 8		Upstage Creative Arts Workshop K-6			CANTEEN MEATBALL SUBS
	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE	27 JUNE
WEEK 9			North West Touch Trials		CANTEEN CURRIED SAUSAGES GPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Excursions

We are pleased to inform you that the costs for the upcoming excursions for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students have been finalised. The excursion prices have climbed due to having to get buses from Singleton.

Stage 3 Excursion: \$450 per student

Stage 2 Excursion: \$200 per student

These prices reflect a 50% of the actual fee per student, thanks to the substantial subsidies provided by the school. To facilitate participation, we have been encouraging families to begin making payments in smaller amounts each week. The alternative option is becoming involved in the P&C to receive \$50 P&C money that can be used with anything inside the school including excursions.

Please be advised that a non-refundable deposit will be required early in Term 3 to confirm your child's participation in the excursion. It is imperative that all payments are completed prior to the excursion date, as students who have not finalised their payments will not be able to attend.

We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring that our students benefit from these educational experiences. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.