### Special points of interest:

- Yr 2 Intensive Swimming
- Crazy Sock Day Friday 27th November
- Yr 4 Excursion Lake Keepit
- Presentation Day 8th December
- Yr 6 Farewell

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**G Benedah South Public School**  
Proud supporters of the  
“You Can Do It” Program

**CONFIDENCE**  
Supporting & caring  
for your children.
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The year is getting away

I had a friend tell me recently that there are only 5 Fridays until Christmas. This means a couple of things. The first is that 2015 has gone past in what seems like the blink of an eye. The second is that end of year reports are being completed and all the wonderful end of year activities are almost upon us. The Year 6 farewell, Year 2 swimming and the Christmas concert just to name a few. Year 5 are also busy touring the nation’s capital. We look forward to seeing them back on Friday afternoon with stories of what I’m sure will be an awesome week.

Student reports
Speaking of reports, classroom teachers are busily writing student end of year reports. These comprehensive reports outline students’ progress across all Key Learning Areas, giving valuable information regarding student achievement and areas for development. In addition, teachers also comment on a student’s participation in school activities, merit level achieved and social skills. Student reports are due to go home on Monday 7th December.

Hats
The Australian sun is harsh. Please ensure your child brings their broad brim hat to school every day. It is a school requirement that all students bring the red broad brim hat to school every day. Gunnedah South is a “Sun Smart School” meeting the requirements of the Cancer Council and NSW Department of Education and Communities. The Sun Smart Primary School Program is designed to protect children from skin cancer. It supports schools across NSW to develop and implement a best-practice sun protection policy.

This year, Cancer Council Australia and the Australasian College of Dermatologists are, once again, coming together for National Skin Cancer Action Week. The campaign runs from 15-21 November. With two in three Australians diagnosed with skin cancer by age 70, this year’s theme of ‘UV. It all adds up.' will be a reminder to all Australians that sun protection saves lives. Individuals are encouraged to share their skin cancer stories and how it has impacted their lives.

Hot Weather
While we are on the subject, things are about to heat up for us at Gunnedah South. Hot weather is synonymous with Australian summers and this year looks to be no different. Please make sure your children are drinking enough water and avoiding intense physical activity during the hottest parts of the day. It’s very easy for children to become dehydrated or suffer heat stroke. We are taking precautions to avoid this becoming an issue at school by having sport in the morning during periods of hot weather.

Presentation Day
Another important event not to be missed is our Presentation Day. This year Presentation Day will be held at the Gunnedah Town Hall. Once again students will be catching buses to the venue. This was a sensational day in 2014 and had a tremendous sense of occasion. Look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the awesome achievements of our students during the 2015 school year.
Date: Tuesday 8th December @ 9:30am.

Maths at Home
If you have time the website below is worth a look. Kids’ early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Have a great week,

Mr Graham Conn
Living the dream.
SCHOOL NEWS...

Merit Certificates

Silver
Ashton Harris, Sophie Mackay, Stephanie McArthur, Nate Harris, Cameron Griffin, Heidi Tull, Kodee Bendall, Harry Mason, Madilyn Jessup-Little, Jake Jamieson, Chelsea Storey, Abigail Dwyer, Hadyn Forrester, Amelia Woolaston, Amity Cleal, Aidan Luzuragia, Connor Anderson, Tarren Beasley, Zachary Griffin, Moira Morgan, Chloe Waugh, Kye Ruttlely, Kyrah Trengrouse, Emmy Barr, Rhys Conn, Thomas Friend, Sienna Miller, Chance Moore-Duff, Laiken Boal, Isaac Jeffery, Chantele Pike, Ashton Selfe, Dakota Milne, Wyatt Dorrington, Ryley Chaffey, Myah Goman, Emily Williams, Deakyn Laws, Emily McKenzie

Gold
Ashton Harris, Sophie Mackay, Stephanie McArthur, Nate Harris, Cameron Griffin, Heidi Tull, Kodee Bendall, Jake Jamieson, Hadyn Forrester, Amelia Woolaston, Kyrah Trengrouse, Rhys Conn, Chance Moore-Duff, Emily Williams

Parents and Friends are invited to the Gunnedah South Public School Presentation and Award Ceremony
The ceremony will begin at 9.30am in the Gunnedah Town Hall on Tuesday, 8th December 2015.
Please wear your craziest socks to school

**Friday 27th November**

To raise money for Ava Luke and her family.
Ava has bravely been fighting leukaemia in John Hunter Hospital since September.

**Show your support and bring a gold coin donation with your craziest, zaniest, loopy socks.**

[https://www.gofundme.com/5b6h2xts](https://www.gofundme.com/5b6h2xts)

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**Stage 3 Rotations 2015  Term 4**

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On Remembrance Day, we will take time to honour the memory of the people who fought for our freedom. We will pause for 1 minute to remember.

What will you think of during your 1 minute of silence?

I will think about:

All the people in world war 1 and 2, that gave their lives to help save our country, I will remember.

My great great great grandad who died in war for us.

Rhegan

I will think about:

how they died and fought for us and died to save us and how they loved us and we loved them, they made mistakes to save us.

Tom

Heidi

I will think about my great great uncle because he went to World War two and my other uncle.

Riley
Our classes have been dancing together to develop their sporting skills and improve their fitness. It has been interesting for the students to assess their breathing after the dances such as, ‘Heel Toe Polka’ and the students were very surprised to find the dances to be very strenuous and lots of fun. All the dances certainly increased the heart rates of all students, including the teachers.

During the 5 week ‘Dance Program’ the students have built positive relationships with their peers, increased their stamina, improved their fitness levels and developed specific coordination skills used across a range of other sports.

Miss Zerner and Mrs Worley are extremely proud of the students, as they were all successful in mastering the 7 dances. They were also very pleased in the way in which the students conducted themselves in selecting partners displaying an increased maturity. Miss Zerner and Mrs Worley know these students are ready for the Year 2/3 social later in the year.

Next week we are moving onto Modified Tennis.