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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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Whooping Cough
In Gunnedah recently there have been confirmed cases of whooping cough. Whooping cough can affect people of all ages but can be especially serious in babies and young children. The symptoms usually begin like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough. The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop.

Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough can be infectious in the first three weeks of their illness. Vaccinations do reduce the risk of infection but if you are concerned about a member of your family please see a doctor as soon as possible. Please see the fact sheet included in this newsletter for more detailed information.

Not the ‘Silly’ season?
As the end of the school year approaches we have a number of grades and groups involved in fun activities as a reward for all the hard work that has gone in during the year. History tells me that this is also a time when students can drop their usually high standards of behaviour and manners. I would be very distressed to see situations arise where students are not able to join in some of the great activities planned because they are not able to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. Many of these events will take place outside of our school. Students must keep in mind that they are representatives of our school. Gunnedah South is a respected school, not just in the local community but around the region. I’m sure we would all like to see this continue. I would encourage parents to talk with their children about this so we can avoid those difficult situations. Please enjoy yourself but don’t be ‘silly’.

Hot, Real Hot!
Recently, as I’m sure you would all be aware, we have experienced some very hot weather. Thankfully we have had some cooler days in between the hot spells. We are encouraging students to wear their hats, drink plenty of water and avoid intense activity during the heat of the day. Children become dehydrated very quickly and a more susceptible to heat stroke in these conditions. Please remind the kids to wear their hat, drink water regularly and save the running games for mornings and late afternoon on days when the mercury is bursting out of the thermometer. As I have moved around the school I have seen some very red faces. Thankfully, we have had a break in the heat in the last few days. Now we just need some rain to go with it!

Christmas Concert
Don’t forget to mark in your diary the school Christmas concert. This is a lovely festive concert with all students performing an item. The students have been learning and rehearsing items for the concert and I’m sure you will see some outstanding performances. Thanks must go to all those who are putting a tremendous effort to have these items fine-tuned ready for show time. This Christmas concert will follow with the Kindergarten graduation in our school hall. Parents are invited to attend both of these wonderful events.

Date: Friday 4th December.

Gunnedah Carols by Candlelight
A reminder to the school community that this local community event is being held on the evening of Friday 4th December at Wolseley Park. It is sure to be a fantastic evening celebrating the festive season. I imagine Santa will be making an appearance although I’m sure he will be hoping for a cool evening. He has mentioned to me in the past that hot summer nights in Australia are quite tough in his suit. I suggested a red singlet might be more comfortable but I can confirm Santa is a traditionalist and will not compromise on the Santa Suit.

Presentation Day
Another important event not to be missed is Presentation Day. A reminder to all families that this special event will be held at the Town Hall in Connadilly Street.

Date: Tuesday 8th December @ 9:30am.

Have an excellent week!

Mr Graham Conn
Deputy Principal
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.
Gunnedah High School invites all Students in Year 6 and Parents or Carers to the Year 6 Orientation Day

**WHEN:** Thursday 3rd December, 2015
12.30pm BBQ Lunch in Senior Area
1pm–2.30pm INFORMATION SESSION IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FOR PARENTS & CARERS
3:30pm to 3:25pm Activity Sessions for Parents & Students

Any enquiries, please don’t hesitate to call. Ms Shelley Small or Mr Wayne Woods on 67420155

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children will be dismissed from Gunnedah High School at 3.25pm. Please ensure that your child is aware of a safe route home. Buses will be stopping at GHS for children if necessary. Please contact Miss Flannery if there are any issues regarding this.

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**Stage 3 Rotations 2015 Term 4**

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Year 5 Excursion

Last week, sixty three students from our school took part in an educational tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education Rebate. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of approximately $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Education Rebate program towards the costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school within the next few weeks.

A big thank you to Hawkins Coach Lines, Mr Gavin Rennick and the Gunnedah South staff who accompanied the year five students on this awesome excursion.
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