**Special points of interest:**
- Easter Hat Parade 2nd April
- Term 2 Starts Tuesday 21st April
- Cross Country 1st May

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**Gunnedah South Public School**

**“With oar and sail”**

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**Happy Holidays**

**Term 2**

- **20** Pupil Free Day  
- **21** First Day Back Term 2  
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Supporting & caring for your children.
Dear Parents and Carers

Grandparents Day
Tomorrow is our celebration assembly for our Grandparents. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents by putting on a performance for their special grandparents.
There will be a sausage sizzle following the assembly. The assembly begins @11:30am.

Easter Activities
It is that yummy time of year again when we have loads of fun with Easter activities. Next Thursday the Infants department have been busily preparing a range of exciting activities for the students to try. I know classroom teachers have been sending home notes advising of activities and programs. This year looks again to be a lot of fun ~ unless you are of course the egg being entered into the EGG DROP!!! I wonder if our fury friend will again visit the students of South school?

School Development Day ~ Cultural Awareness Training
Aboriginal Education is a key priority for the Department of Education and Communities to ensure better outcomes for Aboriginal students and better partnerships with communities. The staff spent Saturday here at school being guided through Aboriginal cultural education and awareness by Regional office staff ~ Mrs Stella Lamb and Mrs Trish Sharpe. This was an inspiring day focused around building knowledge and understandings and reviewing the schools current processes and practices.

Titanium Awards
At today’s whole school assembly several students received special awards. Congratulations to Trent White and Josie Gallagher who have gained Titanium awards. Congratulations to these students who have achieved this award. It is always a pleasure to see students reaching Titanium. I hope that this inspires all students to strive to reach this level in the future.

From the Sporting field
There has been plenty of action on various sporting grounds around Gunnedah in the last week or two. Our girls hosted a cricket match against Narrabri which ended up being a very close affair. It was great to see the girls enjoying the game and I am informed that we will see Lucy Jackson’s catch on Channel 9 next summer in a segment of classic catches. I’m sure that in the coming years Gunnedah South will once again become a powerhouse in girls’ cricket.

Continuing our tradition of success on the tennis court Sophie Mackay, Chloe Dorrington and Aaron Osmond will be heading to Rockdale early next term to compete in the NSW PSSA State Tennis Championships as part of the North West team. I wish them well and know they will represent their school and region with distinction.

Some of our boys have been selected in the North West Rugby League teams. Congratulations to Jackson Crowe who was selected in the opens team and also to Trent White and Bastian Short who were selected in the 11’s team. Jackson will make his way to Woolooware on June 15th to compete in the state carnival. Bastian and Trent will have a much shorter Road trip to Tamworth with their state carnival commencing on June 2nd. Good luck lads. I know you will be great ambassadors of our school and the North West Region.
A few words from our Principal...

**Road Safety**
Recently I had the pleasure of doing a duty on Bridge Street (Western gate). It was great to see parents picking up their children and saying “Hello” as they were heading home. I was quite concerned though about some cars failing to stop when I was escorting children across the road. I was dismayed when the cars ignored my signals to stop so the students could safely cross the road. I couldn't help but be concerned that a serious accident could occur. I would like to ask the school community to take extra care on the roads around the school during drop off and pick up times. A few seconds waiting is a small price to pay for the safety of all our students. Those who sailed through the intersection may have no association with our school but I would ask everyone to be vigilant in regards to the safety of our students when they are crossing the various roads around the school.

**Winter Uniform**
The transition period for winter uniform begins from week 1 next term. During this time students are able to wear either winter or summer uniform. The official date all students must be wearing winter uniform is Monday 11th May.

**P&C meeting**
The next P&C meeting is on next Tuesday 12th May @ 7pm in our kitchen. All parents and carers are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

**AECG Meeting**
The next AECG meeting is on Thursday 7th May @ 4pm and will be held at Curlewis Public School. These meetings are rotated around schools and is a great way to see the wonderful opportunities and innovative programs on offer to the students in the Gunnedah district into the draw.

Thank you for supporting our school.

**Canteen**
Thank you to all our volunteers who offer their time to help our canteen manager Mrs Tydd in our school canteen. Many schools are forced to close canteens or only open on selected days due to lack of volunteer help. Mrs Tydd is now preparing the volunteer roster for Term 2 – so if you have any spare time between Monday to Friday please contact her on ph 6742 0729. Let's keep this valuable service.

Kindest Regards
Emma Jeffery
Principal
Canteen Roster

Monday 30th Mar: Keirra Tindall
Tuesday 31st Mar: -
Wednesday 1st Apr: Ebony Cope
Thursday 2nd Apr: -

If you are interested in helping in the Canteen please contact Sharon Tydd or leave a message with the office.

Please note that the canteen will not be operating on Friday 27th March

Stage 3 Rotations

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Silver

Gold
Ashton Wortley, Eliza Winsor, Melissa Bartlett, Trent White, Jayden Winsor

Titanium
Trent White

Sports Awards
Boys Cricket team
Zac Griffin, Trent White, Jayden Winsor, Rhys Conn, Braithen Winsor, Zac Clarke, Kurt Fisher, Eli Rankmore, Jaycob Price, Joshua Langdon, Rory Thomas, Kade Garrett

PSSA Rugby League Representatives
1M have been looking at Celebrations as part of our HSIE curriculum. We have explored celebrations that happen all over the world. When learning about Chinese New Year 1M created a lucky dragon. This took us many lessons and was done as a whole class creation. Students worked hard to build each part of the dragon and then finally bring him together. 1M proudly took the lucky dragon to thru the office and also to the assembly last Thursday to share with the whole school and share good luck with Gunnedah South.

**Learning to Play a Musical Instrument at Gunnedah South**

Students interested in learning to play a musical instrument are given this wonderful opportunity at our school. We have a number of musical instruments and these are loaned to students. Free lessons are given at school. Some children progress to more advanced lessons with Mr Rowe, once again at no cost.

Students from Year 2 to Year 5 interested in learning to play an instrument, and perhaps joining our school band, need to bring a note with parent contact details, and indicating parent support, to Mrs Sommerlad or the office. Parents/Carers wishing to find out more information please also contact Mrs Sommerlad.
Returning books

As the end of term is nearing, now is the time to return all library books. At the end of each term students are asked to bring all their library books back. This allows me to see which books are still outstanding. If you could you please have a look to see if there are any book floating around and have them returned to the library by the end of term that would be great. Overdue notices will be handed out at the beginning of Term 2 so parent and students are aware of what books they still have on loan.

Introducing Mr Riley!

What better way of getting students interested in reading then with one of them actually reading to the class. Over the last couple of weeks I have taken a step back from 2W and have let Riley run our story-time. The whole class have been enjoying this time listening to their peer read to them. This week Mr Riley will be choosing another student from his class to follow in his footstep and take over the reading.

Boggle winners

This week both Lewis Donaldson and Lachlan Moore found over 100 words in this weeks Boggle Tournament earning both of them the title of Boggle Champion for this week. An unbelievable effort boys!

Miss Hudson
Annual Egg Drop

Your mission is to design a container that will protect an egg from a plunge off a two metre ladder. Your design needs to follow these guidelines:

1. The egg needs to be raw!
2. You cannot attach material around the centre of the egg.

Some suggestions for your egg drop -

- Balloons or a parachute to slow the egg down.
- Soft, crushable packing that encloses a lot of air is best. Foam rubber, feathers, cotton or synthetic padding might help.

An egg-cellent activity for everyone and it’s amazing how many ways an egg can be packed in order to survive!

The Egg Drop will be held after recess on Thursday 2nd April.

Good luck!!!
Gunnedah South students have raised $609.65 to support Kennisha Francis & Emily Hunt for the Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser. Well done to Kennisha, Emily and all the students who came with crazy hair for their efforts.
IS in the kitchen and garden!

IS made fried rice in the kitchen. We were so lucky to have so many helpful volunteers!

IS enjoyed digging up 3/4M's garden bed. We also planted some onion seeds.
Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents day will be held on **Friday 27th March**.

**Time:** 11:30-12:45  
**Place:** School hall

We would love to see all those granny’s and poppy’s out there come along to see what the students have been working on for this special occasion. There will be complimentary tea, coffee and sweet treats after the concert for those grandparents wishing to stay around for a while. Students will pre-order their sausage sizzles and poppers whilst visitors will be able to purchase sausages or steak sandwiches from the serving area on the day.

- **$2 Sausage**
- **$1 Popper**
- **$5 Steak sandwich with onion & coleslaw**
Gunnedah South School
Cross Country

When: Friday, 1st May, 2015 (Week 2)

Start: 12.45pm on the netball courts
Finish: Primary Oval
Wear: Sports uniform.
Distances:
5/6/7 Year Old Boys and Girls– 500mts
8/9/10 Year Old Boys and Girls – 2000mts
11/12/13 Year Old Girls and Boys- 3000mts

Cross Country training has been a big effort for some little legs!

Any parents wishing to help please leave a message for Miss Hickey at the front office and I will get back to you. Thanks in advance for your support!