Dear Parents/Carers

Science in the Bush

Congratulations to our budding scientists for their participation in the Science in the Bush excursion on Friday. All reports said that it was a fun day with lots of learning, even though it was a very long day. Thanks to Mrs Wales for helping out and Mrs Frend for this very worthwhile educational excursion.

WHS

The school has very strict processes that ensure the safety of students and staff. We expect all visitors to respect the rights of our students and staff to work in an environment that is positive and friendly. All visitors have to sign the visitors book where they will also commit to our Work Health & Safety (WHS) protocols. All visitors should be committed to the safety of our students and staff.

When you come to our school you must commit to the following:

1. announce yourself to the office staff and state your purpose for visiting
2. read and acknowledge our WHS and working with children guidelines
3. put on the visitors badge
4. sign the visitors register
5. when leaving sign out and return the visitors badge

Have a great week
Stephen de Roos, Principal

Upcoming Events

16th November - P&C meeting at 5.30pm
20th November - GPS fete
16th - 27th November - Swim School
Science in the Bush
On Friday, our Year 5 & 6 students arrived at school bright and early to head to the University of New England in Armidale. We were excited to be participating in ‘Science in the Bush’, a hands-on day full of science activities demonstrating how science is used in everyday life. We started in the Nursing Department and were able to experience a mock hospital room. The students could see how germy their hands are, got to listen to their heartbeats with a stethoscope and checked temperatures using a thermometer. We moved on to an amazing chemistry demonstration, where students saw chemical reactions and how exciting hands-on experiments are. The children followed this by heading into a science lab to conduct their own experiments. They made fireworks with different metals over a Bunsen burner, created a disappearing rainbow through mixing different chemicals, made hot and cold packs and slime and ate frozen snake lollies that had been frozen solid in liquid nitrogen. The hands-on chemistry lab was a favourite for all the students. During our lunch break, the students worked hard on completing a science general knowledge quiz that was to be marked that afternoon and a presentation was held before we left to go home. This was followed by our last session in the sports science lab. Students got to use jump pads to determine whether leg length or leg strength was most important when it comes to jump height. There were a lot of weary students after this session! We headed back to the hall for the presentation at the end of the day. Low and behold, out of the 300 Year 5 and 6 students present on the day, it was our very own Rheyce Adams that won the prize for the Science Quiz! We couldn’t have been more proud! Rheyce won an Ipad mini, a UNE hat, a ‘Science in the Bush’ t-shirt, a USB and lollipops and a pen. Well done Rheyce! It was a wonderful day and the children now have a renewed enthusiasm for Science and university life. It was a long trip home, but the memories were certainly worth it!

Library News
Princess Party!
This Friday, Mrs Palmer will be holding a Princess Party in the library at lunch time. Students are welcome to bring their favourite princess book or toy to the library to enjoy some fun activities and games. Can’t wait to see you there!

Later this term, Mrs Palmer will be doing a stocktake in the library. For this reason, all classes and individual students will have their last borrowing opportunities in Week 8. After this time, no student will be able to borrow books from the library until next year. Please also make sure ALL books are returned to the library by Week 8. This ensures the stocktake can be done as accurately as possible. Some students may receive a reminder note about overdue library books - please note this is just to remind them to look for the books at home. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sports Awards!
Christian Morton, Amy Keating, Ben Clark, Mathew Adams & Ashlee McCutcheon
Congratulations!

Principal’s Award
Getting along is one of our core values at school. Getting along means that we are able to listen to people when they talk to us. It means we can respect other people’s ideas and actions. It means we can talk to others respectfully. The principal’s award for getting along goes to Sarah McInerney. This week Sarah has been noticed listening to her friends and teachers, respecting the rights of everyone to be safe and happy and talking to friends and teachers in a respectful way. This means Sarah is able to get along with everyone. Congratulations Sarah!

My Gunnedah
Gunnedah Public School has been featured recently on My Gunnedah’s facebook page. There are more upcoming features so feel free to check out your school on there

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER
13th November 2015 - Lisa, Emily & Sue
20th November 2015 - Lizz, Dianne & Michelle
27th November 2015 - Lizz & Michelle
4th December 2015 - Lizz, Dianne & Jenny
11th December 2015 - Lizz & Michelle
A big thanks to our canteen volunteers!

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
If you have any small household items, books or games you would like to donate to the fete, please send them in or drop them to our office.

THANK YOU!!
Gunnedah Public School
2015 School Calendar Term 4

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**P&C CHRISTMAS HAMPER**
Donations of food or Christmas things would be appreciated<br>Hamper tickets will be on sale in the near future