Dear Parents/Carers

The school strategic plan for 2015 - 2017 will soon be finalised. A major part of this is to continue the development of the school appearance that we’ve been doing over the last couple of years. We know that when students have a welcoming school environment, they have a much more positive attitude. The development of the school's appearance is mirrored by the development of innovative teaching practice.

Freaky Friday success

Congratulations to all of our students, parents and staff for the success of our Freaky Friday Disco last week. The students put an incredible amount of effort into making their costumes to look exceptionally freaky. The students were there to have fun and they did. The disco was held as a fundraiser for Jenny Shorter, a dear friend of our school. Our school community should be very proud of their efforts.

Smoothie success

Our 4/5/6 class have done a great job selling smoothies at lunch. They are raising funds towards their excursion to Sydney later this year. It is a great example of how we can develop organisation skills, commitment and achieving goals in our students.

Staff Development Day change

Thursday, 2nd April is proposed to be a Staff Development Day which will mean a pupil free day. The proposed change will mean the scheduled Staff Development Day for Monday 20th April will be a normal school day. Confirmation of these arrangements will be available soon.

Student Absences

Thank you to parents who are arranging exemption certificates when they know their child will be away from school for three days or longer. It is important that all students are at school on time everyday. If you are late you must bring your child to the office for a late note and if your child is sick please ensure the office knows. It is a requirement by law that all school age children attend school.

Students proudly wear uniforms

We have a good looking school uniform and our students look good when they wear it. Congratulations to parents/carers in keeping the proud tradition of students being in uniform. We have all items for sale in the admin office.

Scooters and bikes

Students have always ridden bikes and scooters to school. We support this healthy activity and ask that every child who rides a scooter or bike also wear a helmet. We also ask that each scooter or bike be chained up so they can always be safe. There is a bike rack placed near the hall so that students who ride to school can secure the bike or scooter there. A bike rack is also available at the front to the school.

P&C supports you and your child

The P&C AGM was held on Monday. Congratulations to our new executive. The P&C is there for you and is the main forum for engaging with the school.

Have a great week.

Kind regards

Stephen de Roos

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**SCHOOL HOURS**

_PLEASE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8.30AM_  
as no supervision is provided
**BOOK CLUB**
Orders due back by 18 March 2015 please

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**Merit Awards!**
KW - Taj Abercrombie & Luis Hartigan
1W - Ally Stead & Brayden Fitzroy
2B - Brandon Sheumack & Reagan Gold Colbran
3/4H - Isaac Griffen & Jaala Priddle
3-6F - Tara O’Dell & Shakeem Bartman
4/5/6F - Jazmyn Rumbel & Maddie Bower
Other Awards - Darcy Bell, Bianca Sheumack & Peter Shoobert

**Congratulations!**

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**YEAR 7 IN 2016?**
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FORMS WERE GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS LAST FRIDAY. THESE FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL BY 16 MARCH 2015**

**Small School, Big Heart**
Many thanks go to all who attended our Freaky Friday disco. The outfits were very creative and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. The proceeds from this disco are being donated to Jen Shorter, who is experiencing some medical issues. We have received a call from her husband Brett, our GA, and we are happy to hear that Jen’s operation was a success and she is now on the long journey of recovery. We are very proud to announce that after adding all the generous donations, from staff and some school community members, to the disco takings we are able to donate $1000 to the Shorters! What a caring school community we have! Jenny and Brett are most appreciative of our support and we are very happy to help in this small way during this time of need.

We have lots of fun pictures in this newsletter.

**Captains Cup**
Miss Baker and Luke took a girls OzTag team and a boys league team to Narrabri for the Year 3 & 4 Captains Cup. A very hot but fun day was had. The students enjoyed themselves and even celebrated a few wins!
**Waterfun Day**
Unfortunately there were some unavoidable changes to the Stage 1 Water Fun Day. There were issues at the pool, which we not informed about. However, we enjoyed our Water Fun Day at school with sprinklers, soaker hoses, buckets and plenty of fun in the sun. Money for pool entry was refunded last Friday.

**Home Reading Packs**
Last Week students from K-2 took home their new Home Reading Packs. This follows on from our successful Summertime Reading Program where we encouraged the students to continue their reading over the long summer holiday to make sure their reading skills were maintained. Home Reading Packs have a selection of texts that students have read with their teacher in class so your child will be very familiar with the story and most of the words. Please find a time to sit and listen to your child read each night. Recording sheets are in a folder in the pack. We ask that you date and tick each book read. Books can be read more than once during the week. It is important that Home Reading Packs are returned every Friday so books can be changed. Students will receive rewards for completing reading at home. We hope you enjoy being a part of your child's reading journey.

**Canteen Roster**
20th March – Lisa, Emily & Sue
27th March – Lizz, Shantelle & Dianne
3rd April – Good Friday, no canteen

**Horse Sports**
Lillian Sharpe representing GPS at Moonbi Horse Sports day recently
## 2015 School Calendar Term 1

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### HOMEWORK CENTRE

**Red Chief LALC**  
Chandos Street, Gunnedah  
**FREE**  
Supervision provided by staff and tutors  
Transport available  
Structured homework/activities  
Light refreshments  
Every Tuesday and Thursday  
From 3pm to 4.15pm  
Contact: Natalie on 6740 2275 or 0427 103 415

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