From The Principal’s Desk

We are at the end of another busy and enjoyable school term!

**Combined Gunnedah Schools Assembly**
I was so very proud to be involved in the Special Assembly at the High School last week, celebrating Public Education. Our public schools shone, with a variety of quality performances and a professionally run assembly by the HS captains and executive staff. The students in our sign language choir represented Gunnedah Public School with pride. We have received many compliments from the wider community about our children’s performance, dress and behaviour. Congratulations to all involved!

**Thank you**
I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Gunnedah Public School and sincerely thank the staff, parents/carers, community and of course, the amazing GPS students for allowing me to have such a positive experience here.
I am certain that Mr de Roos has enjoyed his break and is looking forward to coming back to work – fourth term is always very active. I wish you all a very safe and happy spring holiday. Students are expected to return on Tuesday, 6th October.

*Mrs Merydyth Raue*, (Relieving Principal)

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**Speakfest**
On Tuesday 8th September, ten students from 4/5/6F represented Gunnedah Public at the region’s annual Speakfest, a public speaking competition. Each student worked hard to produce and practice their prepared speech and enjoyed getting ready for the impromptu speeches. The children should be commended on their exceptional behaviour; it was a long day that required patience and our students did Gunnedah Public School proud. Out of the large number of students competing on the day, Lilliarna Ferguson received a third place in the Stage 3 prepared speeches for her topic on ‘Why?’, and Angus Smith received a second place and a trophy for his fantastic Stage 2 impromptu speech on ‘The best day of my life’. Well done to all involved, what a fantastic day!

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**Upcoming Events**
15th & 16th September – School Photos
18th September – last day of term

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Angus Smith with his 2nd place trophy
On Wednesday at lunch time, Mrs Palmer will be hosting a Teddy Bear’s Picnic in the library. Please feel free to join us and bring along your favourite teddy bear so we can read some great teddy bear books and enjoy a picnic together.

End of Term
Wow the weeks have gone quickly! Just a friendly reminder for everyone to check at home to see if they have any library books that can be returned before the school holidays start, so we can start fresh with borrowing next term.

Special Education Week Assembly at GHS
Lilli Ferguson - Outstanding student achievement award
The Grace Christian Church & Presbyterian Church of Gunnedah – Outstanding contribution to a school by a community member
Lizz Ferguson – Outstanding contribution to a school by a member of the school community
Allison West – Outstanding contribution to a school by a staff member

Congratulations to all award winners!

Library News

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Canteen Roster
18th September – Lizz, Granny & Shanni

Happy, healthy children learn better and are more settled at school
Remember to have breakfast and pack enough food and drinks for your day at school

Merit Awards!
1W - Bailey Hartwig & Danikah Ellery
2B - Amanda O’Dell, Chase Hubbard, Jayden Adams & Breanna McNamara
3/4H - Chloe Ellery & Serenity Mill
4/5/6F - Angus Smith & Tanisha Perrett
Library - Noah Taylor & Carla Bindley-Brown
Other - Shona Sawyer, Brady Herbert, Charles Bindley & Emily Smolders
Congratulations!

Winners of the colouring-in competition

The riders spoke to the students about bike safety

Merit Award recipients

Speakfest participants

Sports Awards recipients
### Gunnedah Public School 2015 School Calendar Term 3

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Year 6 eagerly await their commemorative shirts which have been organized and now kindly donated by Karen Baker. If they are not handed out this Friday, they should be given to the students on the first day of term 4.

School Photos are due back early term 4!

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### Winanga-Li Aboriginal Support Play Group

**Creativity** is inventing, experimenting, **growing**, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun!

**Cost is: A Gold Coin Donation**

**Morning Tea is provided!**

**Every Tuesday from 10 to 12**

**Where:** Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, 12 Hunter Street, Gunnedah

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- Accommodation  
- Meals  
- Supervised transport  

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- Meals  
- Accommodation  
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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