Dear Parents/Carers

It is very much a pleasure to be the Principal of Gunnedah Public School. I get to see the very best of our students every day. I witness the complete joy that our students feel when they master what was previously a difficult challenge. I see every day how our students are growing socially and emotionally and I see the dedication of our staff who strive every day to be the difference in a young person’s life. It is very much a pleasure to come to school every day and work with outstanding teachers and outstanding young people. The three way planning meetings that we hold every year will be coming up soon. Three way planning allows both students and parents to fully engage in the educational process. Students will be given the opportunity to lead the discussion about where they feel their learning is heading. Parents will be given time to learn more about the learning needs of their child and how to be an active partner in this learning. Teachers will be part of the discussion using their knowledge of where students can improve their educational journey. These meetings will provide invaluable opportunities for a successful partnership in learning, improving the relationships between students, parents, teachers and increasing the level of communication between school and home. When the three way planning meetings are scheduled please confirm your attendance as soon as possible. Our P&C is always looking for new members. If you are able to be part of this very important organisation, please let the office know and we will pass on your details.

Have a great week
Stephen de Roos, Principal

MERIT AWARDS

William Griffith & Noah McDougall

Carla Bindley-Brown & L-Jay Darlington

Upcoming Events
11th March - Chess comp in Library
15th March - GHS Year 7 information session
21st March - P&C meeting
CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER

11th March 2016 - Lisa
18th March 2016 - Lizz, Jenny & Michelle
25th March 2016 - GOOD FRIDAY, NO CANTEEN
1st April 2016 - Lizz & Michelle
8th April 2016 - Lizz & Dianne

A big thanks to our canteen volunteers!

Library News

Book Club
Book club catalogues have gone out to students again this week. All orders are due back to Mrs Palmer by Friday, 18 March 2016. Don’t forget you can also place your book club order online - check the catalogue for details or visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Please note all purchases earn rewards for the school to purchase new resources for the library.

IMPORTANT - Change of Library Days
Due to a change of timetables, some classes have changed their library days. We apologise for the confusion. Below are the new library days for each class. Students are asked to bring their library bags to school on these days in order to borrow library books to take home.

Monday
3/4B
3-6F
K/1B

Tuesday
5/6B
2C

Wednesday
KD
K/1M
3B

‘Bug Bash’ Success
Thank you to everyone who participated in the ‘Bug Bash’ last Friday in the library. We had a great time reading about The Very Hungry Caterpillar, making paper caterpillars, and joining in the fun! Stay tuned for our next theme day to be held next week!

Chess Competition
In preparation for the upcoming NSW Junior Chess Tournament, Mrs Palmer is holding a chess competition to determine teams for the event. The chess competition will be held on Friday at lunch time in the library. Students from Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the event, with the view to being part of the Gunnedah Public School team. We look forward to seeing you there for the fun competition!

Tell Them From Me Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 18 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Chips & Chat
‘Chips & Chat’ is held every Thursday at lunch time with Mrs Robinson
One person from each class is chosen to participate
A note goes home on Fridays to be returned by Wednesday each week so you will know if your student is involved

Hockey Competition
Come & Try Hockey Days 2016
Come & try days are FREE and you can borrow sticks and shin pads.
TUDOR WESTS will be on site to take registrations and answer any questions you might have.

When: Term 1
Tuesday 22 March; Wednesday 23 March; and Thursday 24 March.

Where: Tamworth hockey fields near the ALEC and will include coaching sessions and mini games for all involved.
No need to book in - just come down to any of the sessions and have a go.

Enquiries
Andrea Smith 0422 034 184
Brad Hall 0419 477 420
Jake Sheppard 0448 497 005
Find TUDOR WESTS HOCKEY CLUB on Facebook.
Find Tudor Hockey Club on Facebook.

Email: TudorWestsHockeyClub@gmail.com

Congratulations!
Brayden Sands, Aiden Donn-Chapman and Mathew Adams

Merit Awards!
KD - Jacob Bennett
K/1M - Noah McDougall & Alex Prider
K/1B - Larah Redgrove & William Griffiths
2C – L-Jay Darlington & CarlaBindley-Brown
3B – Bailey Redgrove & Emily Davis
3/4B – Deamon Johnson & Matthew Dawe
3-6F - Aiden Donn-Chapman
5/6B - Mathew Adams & Brayden Sands

‘You Got Caught’ Prizes
Jedd, Ryder, Mason, Ally, Chase Tyler, Layton, Amanda, Ebony & Jaala

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TENNIS NOTICE
Due to low numbers for tennis, we have had to cancel tennis at Gunnedah Tennis Courts. The students will be completing mini tennis activities at school instead. They will not need a permission note or money. Craig Louis will come to Gunnedah Public School at the end of Term 1 to encourage students to play tennis. They will also have the opportunity to complete some tennis activities free of charge. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding.

Heather Fillery, Stage 2/3 sport coordinator

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**Moonbi Public School P&C** will be presenting the annual Moonbi Public School Horsesports day in Spring 16th September, 2016

Entry forms and further information will be made available upon receipt of verification from the Department (Information will also be available on the school website).