From the Principal’s Desk

School Assembly
Congratulations to the award winners at last Friday’s school assembly. The following students received their bronze awards.


Silver: Alex Bomford, Shelby-Ann Lord, Jorja Kemp, Olivia Slade, Eloise Chandler.

Gunnedah District Zone Cross Country
Congratulations to all those students that participated in the Gunnedah Zone Cross Country last Wednesday in Mullaley, from all reports, all students performed very well. The following students were successful in advancing to the next stage.

Results:
BJ Nelson - 1st - 8/9yr Boys
Hamish Wood - 2nd - 8/9 yr Boys
Nadia Phillis - 6th - 8/9 yr Girls
Brianna Williams - 6th - 12 yr Girls.
The North West PSSA Regional Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Friday 13th June.

**School Athletics Carnival**

The school’s Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 26th June in the school grounds commencing at 9.30am. Due to the PSSA Athletics Carnival being held earlier this year we have had to move our date forward as well. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**Outback Scripture Patrol**

Last Friday we had Jack and Gwen Cowen from the Outback Scripture Patrol visit our school to conduct scripture lessons with our students. Students enjoyed Mr & Mrs Cowen’s story telling using puppets and Mrs Cowen’s amazing drawings.

**Veggie Garden Shade Structure**

Last Thursday, a group of workers from the Downer Group visited our school and constructed a shade shelter over our vegetable garden. This shelter will protect the new vegetables that the group and Kinder students also planted on the day. I would like to thank the Downer Group for their continued support of our vegetable garden.
**Green Aid Fundraiser**

We are very excited about our current fundraising venture which will raise funds for worthwhile charities locally, nationally and internationally.

We hope that families will really get behind this fundraiser which involves selling something very useful and something that all families with young children especially will need and use. The bandaid is likely to sell well in workplaces where it is always handy to have a small packet of bandaid available.

The following information will be of interest to our community.

Green Aid Relief is an Australian aid and development organisation.

The slogan of the organisation is "Making Life Better" - making life better for children, families and communities.

"There are many families within our local community and communities around the world who struggle with extreme circumstances and we want to help bring hope and raise their quality of life. Many families battle for their basic needs such as food, water, shelter and medical attention. They are desperate and the children are the young innocent victims. In developing countries many people are forced to drink contaminated water, are unable to receive medical support or education and are malnourished. Social justice and basic human rights are non-existent with many people homeless and living in disease ridden slums."

This fundraiser is a healthy alternative to the 'Chocolate Drive' and the sterile strips are something that every family will use.

**Working With Children Declaration**

Due to the new changes with the Working With Children Check, we are now required to have new forms completed by volunteers’ in our school. Attached to the newsletter today, you will find the new Declaration Form and the Proof of Identity requirements. If you help at school in the classroom, at sport or in the canteen you are required to complete the new declaration. Once completed please return to the school office with the relevant 100 point check documentation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**A Taste of High School**

A couple of weeks ago, the Year 6 students were given an invitation to the Gunnedah High School “A Taste of High School”. This invitation was to the parents, carers and students of Year Six students. The aim of the night is to give you a sense of the content of subjects studied at high school. The night is arranged as a friendly and open atmosphere to make parents and students feel positive and excited about their future at Gunnedah High School. Supper will be provided. The night will commence at 7pm on Thursday 29th of May, with parents, students and staff meeting in the school gymnasium.

Have a wonderful week.

Charna Wood

**Up Coming Events**

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**Pie Drive Orders**

The annual P& C Lamington and Pie Drive order forms were sent home earlier this term. This is a reminder that they are required back at school before **Monday 16th June**. If you have misplaced your order form and would like to place an order, extra forms are at the school office.
Community News

St Barnabas Community Church Holiday Kids Club
Games, craft and puppet show. Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th July, 9am to 12pm. In the Boggabri Public School Hall. For more details please contact John Cooper on 6743 4337. Registration form attached.

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play will be held on Tuesday 3rd and 17th June at 9.45am – 11.45am in the Smart Start room. For further enquires please phone 67923299.

Depression in the aged – Would you like more information?
Boggabri HACC invites community members to a morning tea and information session on Depression in the Aged. The morning tea will be held in the Boggabri HACC Rooms on Wednesday 18th June at 10am. There is no cost but a donation for morning tea would be accepted and passed onto “Cuppa for Cause” a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. RSVP to 67434640 or the HACC office by 6th June. Topics covered include: Signs of depression, types of depression, causes of depression, treatment of depression, how can it be prevented in old age, where to seek help, key points to remember and where to get more information.