From the Principal’s Desk

High School Visit – 3rd September
This Wednesday we will have visitors from Gunnedah High School. This will allow our students to ask any questions they may have about high school. It will also give me a chance to talk to the Year Advisor, Support Teacher and Principal for next year, to highlight any concerns I may have, and enable us to form a plan to ensure our students transition to high school as smoothly as possible.

Regional Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the regional carnival in Tamworth on Friday. Our students performed well with many personal best results being achieved. Lilly Dredge and Kalab McMillan will now go onto represent the North West at the state carnival held in Sydney next term. Lilly will compete in the 100m and Kalab in the discus. Well done to both of you.

Father’s Day Stall
Year 6 will once again run a Father’s Day Stall this year. We will hold the stall this Thursday 4th September. Gifts will range in price from $2 - $10. If you would like to send your child/ren’s money in an envelope before this date, please send it to the front office.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp
Permission notes to the Great Aussie Bush Camp were sent home recently. Please return these notes as soon as possible with your $20 deposit. If your child is interested in attending and didn’t receive a note please contact the school office. If you would like more information about the camp it is available by looking up the following website: www.bushcamp.com.au or googling The Great Aussie Bush Camp, we are attending the camp in Tea Gardens. An information afternoon will be held next term.

Science Fair
Our annual Science Fair will be held on Thursday the 18th of September starting at 11:30. Our Kindergarten class is preparing a class experiment and other students will prepare their project at home.

Football Ban
All footballs and football games have been banned at school until further notice. Competitive teams will continue to train with their coaches.

Steam Train
Our students had a fantastic ride on the steam train. The carriages where set out like the train in Harry Potter, making the ride even more exciting. It was great to have some of our smarties and younger siblings join us. Thank you to all our students, who on the whole were well behaved and made the most of this opportunity.
Mobile Phone
There has been a white mobile phone with a sticker of a fairy on the back left in the school office for about 4 weeks. If this phone belongs to you please contact the school office.

SpeakFest 2014
The Gunnedah and District Public Schools will be holding the inaugural ‘SpeakFest’ at Gunnedah Public School on Friday 5th September, 2014. Cost is $3.00 per student. Our students will be working on their speeches at school and may use these or write another speech at home. At this stage transport will be the responsibility of parents and carers.
If you would like your child to compete in this event please send the $3 entry fee into the front office.

Gunnedah Schools on Stage
We have 20 students who will be participating in the Schools on Stage production in Gunnedah. Mrs Bird has kindly volunteered her time to coach our students with their dance and song. There will be a matinee performance on Wednesday 10th September commencing at 12.30pm and the evening performance will be held on Thursday from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets are available from the Second Edition Bookshop at 276 Conadilly Street Gunnedah. Cost is $2.00 for students and $8.00 per adults.

Building Links Day
Our year 5 students have been invited to participate in a building links day at Gunnedah High School. The aim of this day is to begin the transition process earlier than the current year 6 program. I would encourage all students to participate even if they are not certain of which high school they will attend as yet. Visiting any high school environment will assist students with the transition process.
Further information will be sent home shortly.

Fruit and Veg Month Sculptures
Fruit and veg Month begins on 25th August until the 19th September, 2014.
Once again this year, we will be highlighting the importance of healthy eating. This will be looked at in more detail during Pd/H lessons.

To promote the variety of fruits and vegetables available, we are holding a, ‘Fruit and vegetable sculpture’ competition. Students are asked to use a variety of different fruits and vegetables to construct a sculpture and bring it to school on Friday 12th September. These will be displayed at our assembly held that morning. There will also be certificates and prizes awarded.
Join in the fun and enter our ‘Fruit and vegetable sculpture’ competition.

Have a great week.
Charna Wood
Principal
**Up Coming Events**

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Building links Day at Gunnedah High School
Year 5 students
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**Stewart House Hand Balls**

Stewart House Hand balls are available for purchase for $3.00 from the front office. This is a wonderful opportunity that students from our school access every year. By purchasing these balls you are assisting the continuation of this very worthwhile program.

**CANTENEEN is now opened every day.**
Community News

**Kids’s Church Picnic**
St Barnabas Community Church – Corner of Laidlaw and Dalton Streets.
Sunday 14th September
Thinking about bringing the family to church? This Sunday is a good one to come.
We begin at church with a special family friendly service. Then we will move to the park for an old fashioned Sunday School Picnic. There will be plenty of games and an awesome treasure hunt.
Bring your own lunch, drinks and nibbles, a fold out chair or picnic rug.
9am church.
10:30am picnic in the park.
Join us for church or just come to the picnic.

**Busy Little Hands at Play**
Busy Little Hands at Play will be held on 2nd & 16th September at 9.45am – 11.45am in the Smart Start room. For further enquires please phone 67923299.

**BreastScreen**
BreastScreen NSW Hunter New England’s mobile breast cancer screening unit is scheduled to commence screening in Boggabri, in the grounds of the Boggabri MPS, Oakham Street on Monday 8th September 2014.
While the target group is women aged 50 to 74, appointments will also be available for women aged 40-49 and 75 years and over.
Book your free breast screening mammogram.
Call 13 20 50.

**THE BEST HOLIDAYS - HAPPEN AT CAMP**
Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays.

Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love.

**Kids’ Camps from $45 per day**

**Gunnedah and Surrounding Schools Proudly Invite You To**

**SCHOOLS ON STAGE**
**Matinee**
Wednesday 10th September, 2014.
12.30pm – 2pm.
Gunnedah Town Hall
Tickets: Students $2.00
Adults $8.00

**Evening Performance**
Thursday 11th September, 2014
6.00pm to 9.00pm
Tickets: Students $5
Adults $10
Family $25

Tickets available either at the door or the Second Edition Bookshop, 276 Conadilly Street, Gunnedah

**Boggabri Junior League**
Boggabri Junior League Presentation is on Sunday 14th September at 2:00pm at Jubilee Oval.

All families welcome.

**Gunnedah Basketball Association**
A short summer competition will be held for eight weeks from 7th October. Nomination nights are 9th & 16th September at the Judi Guest Stadium between 5.30 and 6.30pm. Fees are Juniors (5-18) $25, Senior Registered Play $35 and Senior New Player $55.

Gunnedah Basketball can be found at [http://gunnedahahbasketball.com.au](http://gunnedahahbasketball.com.au) or on Facebook

Gunnedah Basketball Association Inc