From the Principal’s Desk

Gunnedah High School Information Evening
REMINDER - Parents and Year 6 students are invited to the Gunnedah High School tomorrow Tuesday 27th October 5.30-6.30pm. Parents and students will meet Mr Shane Kelly, Principal and participate in a tour of the school.

Gunnedah High School Transition Day
Year 6 transition day at Gunnedah High School is on Monday 2nd November, 2015. Students will travel on Haire’s regular high school bus at 7.45am from the usual pick up spots in Boggabri. The students will be met at Gunnedah High by Miss Small, who will be the Yr 7 Year Advisor in 2016. At the end of the day, Miss Small will put the students back on the bus for the return trip back to Boggabri.

Homework Club
Homework Club will be held each Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Please notify the school office if your child is attending as numbers are limited. Children will need to bring afternoon tea. Volunteers would be appreciated, to listen to children read.

School Assembly
Last Friday, Kinder/Year 1 entertained us at the assembly. Congratulations to the following students who received Awards at the assembly.


Melbourne Cup Day
On Tuesday 3rd November is Melbourne Cup Day and students are able to wear “a day at the race course outfit” to school instead of their school uniform. We will have a fashion’s in the field parade at 9.00am so the children can display their outfits. Parents and guardians are very welcome to attend the parade.

School Captains Speeches
It is that time of the year again where we have to choose our leaders for 2016. Notes have been handed out to those students who are interested in running for school captain for next year. There are some very strict guidelines outlined in these letters that students and parents will have to consider before they are signed and sent back to me.

Candidates will present their speeches to the school at the assembly on Friday 13th November.

School Fees Smarties to Year 6
School fees are now being received at the front office. They are voluntary but are greatly appreciated to assist the school in paying for supplies. Fees are $40 for the first child (smarties to year 6) and $10 for any additional children. Invoices have recently been sent home as a gentle reminder to those families who have overlooked this voluntary payment.

Enrolments for 2016
The front office is currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Smart Start for 2016. If your child is attending kindergarten in 2016 at BPS, please complete and return an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Year 6 Photos
Year 6 students need to bring about six baby photos in so they can be included in the slide show at the Year 6 farewell.

Kindergarten Orientation Day
We will be having our Kindergarten Information Afternoon for parents and carers of children wishing to start Kindergarten in 2016 on Thursday 12th November starting at 2.00pm in the kindergarten room. Children will be able to join in with our Smartie students while parents and carers enjoy afternoon tea and receive information about Kindergarten for next year.

Smart Start 2016
Smart Start is a transition program designed to prepare children for Kindergarten the following year. Smart Start is held on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the school terms. An information afternoon will be held on Thursday 19th November from 2pm to 2.30pm in the Smart Start room.
School Party
To reward those classes who have had 100% of students in uniform, we will be having a special class party. There are a few classes who only have 2 or 3 students who are out of uniform, please ensure that your child is in uniform. If they are wearing the blue shirt it needs to be buttoned up with the tie. The overall school percent is at 95% of students in school uniform. Once we reach 100% we will have a school party. If your child is not in full school uniform for any reason, please let us know so that they can be exempt for that day.

We have changed over to summer uniform.
A big thank you to everyone for your continued support with the school uniform.

Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues
This year's toy catalogues from Modern Teaching Aids have arrived at the front office. These catalogues are a fun and easy way of fundraising to purchase much needed resources for our classrooms. By ordering through the Chalk & Parent Direct Toy fundraising catalogues you are helping our school. For every dollar you spend, 20 cents will be donated back to our school in the form of a voucher. If we collect enough parent orders, we will receive an additional $400 to purchase useful learning resources and equipment. If you would like to order from these catalogues please pick one up from the front office and simply complete the order forms in the middle of the catalogues and return to us with your payment or order online. We will consolidate your orders and send them to Chalk and Parent Direct. Your orders will then be individually packaged and labelled and sent to us for you to collect. Please return your orders to the school office by 13th November. Orders will then be delivered to the school before the end of term for those wishing to purchase Christmas gifts.

Charka Wood
Principal

P&C News

Recipe Book
Time seems to have gotten away from us with this and it was decided at the last P&C meeting to put it on hold until next year. Thank you so much to those of you who have sent in recipes for it, we will put them all in a folder to be included when we revisit it again in 2016.

Halloween Disco

The P&C will be holding a Halloween themed disco on Friday the 30th October for all enrolled students (as always, other siblings are welcome with parent supervision). This is intended to be a fun night suitable for all ages with a BBQ dinner followed by games, music and dancing. While dressing up is welcomed, we ask that there are no form of weapons brought along and that costumes are kept 'G' rated. Any help with supervision would be greatly appreciated and we would love donations of 'halloween' goodies (cup cakes, etc.) to sell in the canteen on the night. See below for the timetable......

6pm - Family BBQ dinner (Sausage on bread - $2, Water - $1, Juice - $1.40)
6.30pm - Costume Parade
6.45pm - Disco begins (Doors to the hall will be locked at this time and no children will be allowed in or out until home time - bring a water bottle!)
8.15pm - End of night (Please ensure your children are picked up promptly.)

Attached is an order form for the sausage sizzle. Please return these to school by Wednesday to assist us with catering numbers. Payment can be either returned with the order form or made at the canteen on the night.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Canteen News
We are introducing Rich Lamington Balls to go beside our apricot balls, They are super rich and very tasty and a huge thank you to Mrs Vowels for continuing to make them! We have had great feedback from the new summer menu and will be ready to pass it through the next P&C meeting! If there is anything you would like to discuss with me please see me or call me. We have a new condiment dispenser that has been donated to the canteen by a
parent, coming in the next two weeks that will help with organising the ingredients for sandwiches and salads as they have been a huge hit! Our hens are a little slow with the eggs at the moment so we would love any donations from parents. Also if anyone has any excess salad items, we are very happy for donations. It is exciting for the children to be able to eat food produced by people they know.

Canteen Roster for this week
Tuesday 27th October – Jacqui or Jenny McInerney
Thursday 28th October – Tara Lancaster
Friday 29th October – Charmaine Waters
Monday 2nd November – Kylie Grace

If you are unable to make your allocated time please try to find someone to take your place. Do not ring the front office. If there is no one found then students who have ordered for the day will be provided with a vegemite sandwich, and the money from the order returned home.

Community News

Busy Little Hands at Play
Busy Little Hands at Play is held every second Tuesday of the month. Next session will be held tomorrow Tuesday 27th October at 10.00am-12noon in the Smart Start room. You can always check dates & times on Facebook – Narrabri Neighbourhood Centre or Busy Little Hands at Play. For more information Phone Kate 67923562 Tues-Thurs or email kate@ndcas.com

Sport & Recreations Swim and Survive Lessons
Sport and Recreations Swim and Survive classes for pre-schoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.
The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make the program affordable for all the children in the family. Sport & Rec runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW and their instructions are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children. Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school aged children and $49 for preschools (prices excluded pool entry fee). For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

Boggabri Swimming Club
Swimming Lessons will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Boggabri Pool commencing on Monday 2nd November. For further information or to book please contact Simon Andren on 0429 133 376.

Swimming Club will be commencing on Monday 26th October at 5.30pm. We are a family friendly club that caters for all ability levels and are focused on encouraging participation and making swimming fun. We welcome any new members. For further information you can contact Jeaniece Turner on 0427434024 or for membership enquiries you can contact Jacqui McInerney on 67434146.

Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017
Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015. All applications are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Legal Aid
A solicitor from Legal Aid will be attending Narrabri and Gunnedah on Wednesday 28th October 2015, to provide Family Law advice and assistance. Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting Legal Aid on 6766 6322.
What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week....... 

**WEDNESDAY 28/10/2015**

**Morning Tea**
Orange Crepes - $1.00

**LUNCH**
Pizza – Ham and Pineapple or Chicken and Vegetable - $2 per slice

**THURSDAY 15/10/2015**

**Morning Tea**
Gingernut biscuits - $1.00

**LUNCH**
Chicken and Vegetable Stir-fry - $3.50