From the Principal’s Desk

Attendance
Please remember that attendance at school is mandatory and can only be excused in certain circumstances. There has been an increase in the number of students who are regularly arriving at school after the bell for no justifiable reason. These absences will be recorded as unjustified. Any students falling below 85% attendance rate (unjustified absences) will not be allowed to represent the school in any sporting and/or cultural events.

Swimming

Wednesday - Kinder/1/2/3
Friday - 4/5/6

Smoking
Smoking is totally prohibited in all NSW Department of School Education premises and also within 4 metres of the school boundary. Visitors to the school are therefore required to refrain from smoking whilst in the school buildings, on school grounds and within the school boundaries especially out the front of the school. Please use common sense and be considerate to our children and other adults.

Sporting Schools Swimming K-3
This term we will be in the utilising the Sporting Schools program by participating in water confidence, swimming lessons and stroke correction. Due to the pools opening times only K-3 students will be able to attend on Wednesday, the older students will continue to swim on Friday. Entry to the pool is covered by the sporting school program for all students.
Kindergarten – 2.00 – 2.30pm
Year 3 – 12.00 – 12.30pm
Year 1/2 P – 12.30 – 1.00pm
Year 1/2 C – 1.30 – 2.00pm
Students are to bring their swimmers, rash shirt, towel and sunscreen. Students do not need money.

Swimming for Sport
Swimming for sport is each Friday for students in Year 4, 5 and 6. Students are to bring their swimmers, rash shirt, towel and sunscreen. Entry to the pool will be covered by the sporting school program.

Only the Smart Chef Menu is available on Wednesdays
NO NORMAL MENU
Up Coming Events

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PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Dr Seuss Books
Thank you to John Sturgess of the Gunnedah Newsagency who donated a Dr Seuss Book to each of our infant students. The students will get a lot of enjoyment from the book.

Homework Club
We will begin homework club today Monday 7th March. If you have indicated that your child will be attending homework club they will need to bring extra food for afternoon tea and their homework. Homework club will begin straight after school and students will need to be collected by 4pm. Mrs Wood will be running the homework club.

Year 6 Expression of Interest
Year 6 students have been given expression of interest forms last week for moving into year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2016. These forms need to be returned to the school office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016.

School Excursion Expression of Interest
We are asking for expression of interest for students in Years 4/5/6 to attend an excursion to the Gold Coast. Notes need to be returned to school by Friday 18th March.

Student School Banking
Every Wednesday Student School Banking is held. New account forms are available from the school office.
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.

School Stream
This year we will be again using School Stream. School stream is a mobile app that sends information, such as newsletters, permission notes and important updates directly to your phone. The app also allows you to send through absent notes and permission notes. We will still have paper notes, however, once the system is up and running please let us know if you no longer require the paper version. Please see the attached form on how to download the FREE School Stream app on your phone. You will require a password to complete the installation process. This password is 1276. If your need help installing the app please see Miss Jones for iphone/ipod and Mrs Wood for Android.

PSSA Trials
Gunnedah PSSA will hold trials for different sports during the year. If your child would like to attend these trials please write a permission note and hand it into the school office. Parents will need to provide transport and students are to be 8 years or older to attend.

School Photographs
The photographers from Advance Life will be visiting the school on Monday 21st March to take this year’s school photos. Please return the order envelope and payment to the front office before photo day if not ordering online. Sibling order envelopes are available from the office. Students need to wear the red polo shirt or school dress for class photos and if parents would like their son to be in the blue shirt for the individual photos they can change into them after the class photo.

Uniform
Thank you to all those students who were in the correct uniform today. The percentage of students in uniform was 97%. We would really like to make it to 100% so we can have our school party.

Please remember that school shoes need to be plain black and socks plain navy or white. Notes will be sent home if students are not in uniform, requesting an explanation and offering assistance if required. If your child is not in school uniform for any reason please contact Mrs Wood or your class teacher.

Monday – Thursday
Girls
- School polo shirt with navy skorts (no bike pants visible), black shoes with white or navy socks
- School Dress with black shoes and white or navy socks, navy bike pants underneath (optional)

Boys
- School polo shirt with navy cargo shorts, black shoes with navy socks
- Blue short sleeve shirt with navy cargo shorts, black shoes with navy socks

Friday
Girls and Boys
- School polo shirt and navy mesh sport shorts with joggers and white or navy socks.

Please remember that students are expected to wear black school shoes Monday to Thursday and joggers of any colour on Friday.

All uniforms, except the shoes and socks can be purchased from the school office. We do run a very limited clothing pool where items are available for a small donation. If you require a copy of the school uniform policy please see the front office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
Thank you to all the parents and community members for collecting the Earn & Learn stickers. Today we received our rewards which I’m sure the children will put to good use in the sand pit.
Our school photos will be taken on Monday the 21st March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- [ZKV 4CZ 6QQ]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.

EASTER DISCO & EGG HUNT

The P&C will be holding an Easter Disco and Egg Hunt for all enrolled children (Smarties to Year 6) on Wednesday 23rd March. Siblings are welcome to attend as long as they are accompanied by a supervising adult. The night will begin with a sausage sizzle ($2) dinner at 6.30pm followed by the disco from 7pm to 8.15pm. The egg hunt ($4/child) will be carried out in year groups throughout the night and children are encouraged to bring a torch along. Costumes and hats are more than welcome but we have decided to forgo the usual parade and prizes this year and just focus on a fun night!! Drinks and snacks will be available from the canteen during the disco. As per usual, the doors to the hall will be locked during the disco and no children will be allowed to enter or leave. Any and all help would be appreciated, either on the night with supervision or in the form of donations of ‘easter themed’ goodies to sell or small hunting eggs to add to the hunt. More information and BBQ order forms will be included in a newsletter closer to the date. 😊

Smart Chef

Smart Chef is available with lovely home-made morning teas and delicious homemade lunches on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please remember that only the Smart Chef menu is available on Wednesdays. Students will be offered a Smart Chef replacement if they order from the normal canteen menu on this day.

P&C

P&C AGM meeting

The P&C AGM meeting will be held Tuesday 15th March commencing at 3.15pm. Everyone most welcome to attend.

Canteen Roster for this week

Tuesday 8th March – Tara Lancaster
Wednesday 9th March – Smart Chef Menu Only
Thursday 10th March – Kate Bomford
Friday 11th March – Bec McMillan & Tammy Hodge
Monday 14th March – Jade Shoobert
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 8th March at 10.00am-12noon in the Smart Start room. You can always check dates & times on Facebook – Busy Little Hands at Play. For more information Phone Kate 67923562 Tue & Fridays or email playgroup@ndcas.com

Boggabri Community Church
Kid’s Church is held at the Boggabri Community Church every Sunday at 9.00am during the school term. Children of all ages and their families are welcome. Each week we learn about God through games, stories, craft and song. The Community Church can be found at the corner of Dalton and Laidlaw Streets. For more information please call: Sarah Cooper 6743 4337.

Boggabri Girl Guides
Girl Guides is held each Tuesday afternoon in the Tennis Club Hall.
5 years – 9 years    3.30pm – 4.30pm
10 years – 14 years  4.45pm – 6.00pm
For more information please contact Stephanie Hancock 0402 539 031.

What’s on in the SMART Chef kitchen this week……

WEDNESDAY 09/03/2016

Morning Tea
Pikelets with Strawberry Jam and Cream - $1.00 ea

LUNCH
Tasty Chicken and Tomato Casserole - $3.50

THURSDAY 10/03/2016

Morning Tea
Cupcakes with Orange icing - $1.00 ea

LUNCH
Chinese Sweet and Sour Chicken - $3.50
Boggabri Public School
UNIFORM

POLICY

Rationale:
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
- After consultation with the school community we have developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn when outside. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The school will operate a uniform shop where all items of uniform required can be purchased.
- The school will operate a second hand uniform shop for the current uniform only.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The principal will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms through student assistance for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal for consideration.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.