

Wednesday, 8th February 2017

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 3, Term 1

Access and Inclusion Working Group

The Gunnedah Shire Access Working Group is looking to reconvene in March 2017 and is seeking new members. The Working Group's aim is to challenge and remove social and physical barriers which prevent residents and visitors to the Shire from accessing and participating fully in community life including events, services and programs.

Nomination Forms can be downloaded from the council's website, or alternatively can be obtained from Council's Administration Building, 63 Elgin Street, Gunnedah or by contacting 02 6740 2100. We have included a 'Postcard to the Mayor' for any ideas or comments you may have and the specially marked 'post box' is in the office.

RDA

RDA forms have been sent home and need to be completed and returned with payment (\$80 – yearly or \$20 - term) before RDA starts in late February. Some older students who already have great balance and gross motor skills will be working at school on alternate programs at school.

Parent support group for NDIS

The NDIS is a national scheme. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is an independent agency that has been set up to deliver the NDIS. The NSW Government, the Commonwealth Government and the NDIA are working together on implementation of the NDIS.

The roll out of the NDIS in NSW will be staged over two years with full implementation due for completion by June 30 2018. Some of the schools within our directorate have begun transitioning to the NDIS in July of this year, with the remainder to commence in July 2017.

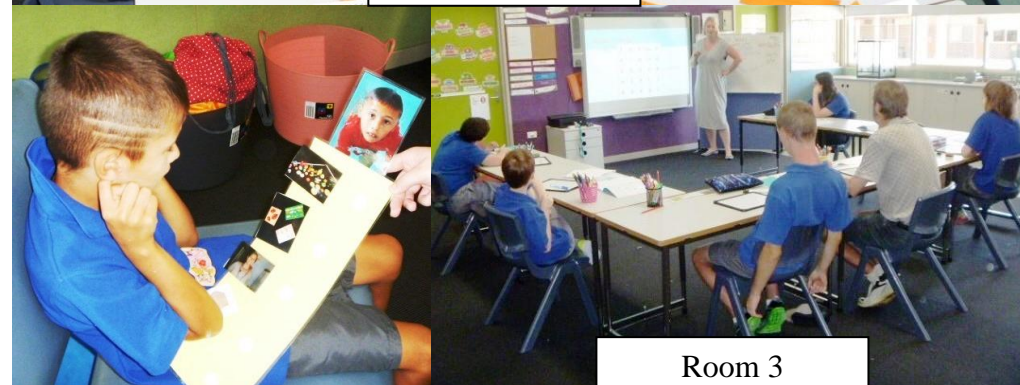
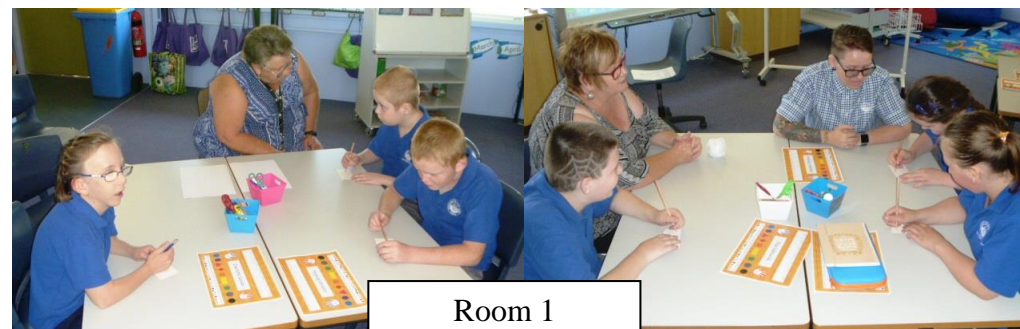
Former families and current families are invited and encouraged to discuss what disability support services should look like for children and young people in Gunnedah Shire. This meeting will be held at Sunny field (old GS Kidd School site, 121 Stock rd), 6:30pm this Thursday.

School contributions

Invoices will be sent out to families in the next few weeks. The yearly contribution to the school is \$160 (Living Skills), RDA \$80 (if applicable) and weekly pool entry to the town pool (\$2). School shirts (\$20) and jumpers (\$25) are available for purchase from the school. Please talk to Sarah Ingall for more information.

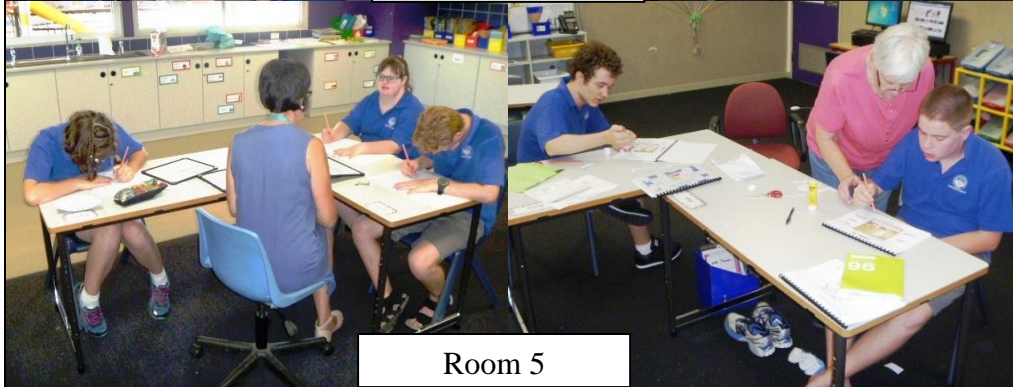
Peek in the classrooms

All students have settled in to their class routines seamlessly and it's wonderful to see the hard work happening in each room.





Room 4



Room 5

Swimming sessions

Every student will be involved in the swimming program throughout the year. This will include swimming lessons both at the school pool and the town pool (\$2 entry). All students need to bring a towel, swimmers and a sun shirt **clearly marked with their name** so that they can recognise their own property and so can staff! The school provides colour coded swimming bags for each room, sunscreen and sun hats with each child's name for use in the playground as well.

DATES

Sporting Schools (Active After School) - boot camp (under the sprinkler) – Thursday 9th February 3 – 4pm

Letter to God (musical) – Thursday 9th February, 12:30pm

GS Kidd Swimming Carnival – Thursday, 23rd February 10am – 2pm

P&C meeting – Thursday 16th February @ 3:15pm

Planning meetings – from week 2, please complete attached form or speak to your child's teacher

RDA – Friday, 24th February

WEEKLY NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Tyson Small and Brandan Harvey - showing leadership skills through mature behaviour