

Wednesday, 31st January 2018

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 1 Term 1

Welcome back

We were all pleased to welcome back students after such a long holiday break. We were happy everyone came back with huge smiles on their faces!

Students and staff

Please see the text boxes below which outline classroom configurations and when your child's teacher has release from face to face teaching (RFF).

CLASSES for 2017

Room 1 (6)

Paul Williams –

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Karen Hobson –

Tuesday

Kerry O'Shea

Damian Bindley
Max Edmunds
Charlotte Gander
Owen Hubbard
Dyoaka Morris
Murri Priestley

Room 2 (6)

Sarah Dando –

Mon – Thurs

**Sandy Cavanagh
& Di Cawthray**

KE
Lucy Enks
Warragul Hicks
Braith Mirow
Ayden Riley
KP

Room 3 (8)

Emma Christie –

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Deb Picken –

Friday

Dale Wallis

Lissy Fox
Darcy Gosper
Jayden Rose
Tyson Small
Cameron Tighe
Dave Watson
Ally Whelan
CJ Willis

Room 4 (7)

Vic Urquhart –

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri

Margy Amos –

Thursday

Fiona Blake

Seamus Dridan
Aidan Ellery
Heath King
Ethan Leader
Danielle Richardson
Conor Roberts
Rebekah Thomson

Room 5 (8)

Karen Hobson –

Mon, Wed,

Kim Gibson –

Tues, Thurs, Fri

Kath Lord & Deb H

Nicola Benson
Dyllan Eames
Alyssa Ferguson
Brandan Harvey
Mackenna Hedley
Dakoda Nean
Alex Rodstrom
Shayne Williams

RFF

Vic Urquhart –

Thursday, 9 – 3pm

Emma Christie –

Tuesday, 1 – 3pm

Sarah Dando –

Tuesday, 10:45–1:15pm

Kim Gibson –

Tuesday, 1:30 – 3pm

Karen Hobson –

Tuesday, 11:15–12:45pm

Paul Williams –

Tuesday, 8:45–11:15am

Living skills

All classes prepare nutritious lunches one day per week and only need to bring fruit or a healthy snack and a drink for recess on their lunch making day. Students will be travelling by the school or town bus to the CBD to purchase their grocery items. The living skills program facilitates independence, travel training, money handling social and communication skills.

On **Mondays** the **Room 1** students shop for and prepare their lunches, **Room 2** students on **Fridays**, **Room 3** students on **Wednesdays**, **Room 4** on **Thursdays** and **Room 5** on **Tuesdays**. The cost is \$4 per week which covers bus travel and purchasing of food. All meals will be simple and nutritious to encourage good eating habits and independence. The \$4 per child doesn't cover the entire shopping bill and the rest is subsidised by the school to provide nutritious meals for the students.

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.

School times

Students may come to school **from 8.30am** when there is a teacher on duty. Bell times are as follows;

8:30 - 9am	Students arrive
9 – 10:45am	Academic session 1
10:45 – 11:15am	Recess 1
11:15 – 12:45pm	Academic session 2
12:45 – 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15 – 2pm	Academic session 3
2pm – 2:20pm	Recess 2
2:20pm – 3pm	Academic session 4

Please note that all students will be staying with their home room teacher until lunchtime. Class notes will be sent home at the beginning of each term, mid-term and the end of term so all families know what their child is learning about.

Swimming program

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.

RDA

RDA forms have been sent home today – these need to be completed and returned with payment (\$80) 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.

GS Kidd School P&C Movie Night Premiere

Our P&C have organised a movie night at the Civic Theatre on Thursday 8th February from 6:30pm. "Wonder" is a heart-warming movie following the life of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences (Treacher Collins syndrome) as he enters mainstream school for the first time. Tickets can be purchased through www.trybooking.com/345637 or at the door for \$25 each.

Rainbow Ball

We are organising another ball for our students and former students who are 16 years and over. We have chosen the theme of rainbow colours as white is not able to be worn often and we want our night to be colourful! We have set a date to use wheelchair friendly, Gunnedah South PS hall on Friday 6th April from 6pm. Dance lessons will start in week 2 on Friday afternoons.

DATES

AECG meeting – Thursday 8th February, 4pm @ Gunnedah PS

GS Kidd Swimming Carnival – to be confirmed

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

RDA – Friday, 23rd February

WEEKLY NEWS

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Lucy Enks – welcome to your new school!