

Wednesday, 7th February 2018

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 2 Term 1

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. Please check below for changes.

On **Mondays** the **Room 1** students shop for and prepare their lunches, **Room 2** students on **Tuesdays**, **Room 3** students on **Wednesdays**, **Room 4** on **Thursdays** and **Room 5** on **Fridays**. 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.

Swimming program and carnival

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.

We have tentatively booked Boggabri Pool to hold our swimming carnival on **Thursday 15th February from 10am – 2pm.**

RDA

RDA forms have been sent home – these need to be completed and returned with payment (\$80) before RDA starts in late February. Some of our students who already have great balance and social skills have the choice to participate in RDA or work at school on alternate programs. If you haven't received a form, please contact office.

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 at 2:30pm.

Birthday wishes

During the holidays Nicola celebrated her 14th birthday and Darcy celebrated his 16th birthday. Happy 14th birthday to Cameron too!



Sporting Schools

Term 1:

Basic gymnastics at school, on Thursdays starting this week with Mark Single and Sharne Turpin from 3 – 4pm.

Term 2:

Basketball with Shirley Ferguson at the basketball courts, Thursdays 4:15 – 5:15pm with more information at a later date.

Queen's Baton Relay

Queensland's Gold Coast will host the XXI Commonwealth Games. The GC2018 will be the largest sporting event in Australia this decade and more than 6,600 athletes and team officials will come to Australia to share in the excitement. The QBR is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come.

Our school was selected to be the 'school stop' which the students were very excited about as they were able to pass the baton along to each other. The students are shown with Kath McGuirk and Marg Amos who were selected to be the official community baton bearers.



Challenge Swimming Carnival

Our students who are aged 16 years and over have been entered into this year's carnival on Thursday 1st March at the town pool from 9am – 1pm. A BBQ lunch and drinks will be provided but our students will need to pack extra food and water for recess.

DATES

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

GS Kidd Swimming Carnival – 15th February @ Boggabri Pool

Planning meetings – from Week 2, please contact the office or speak to your child's teacher to arrange an appointment

RDA – Friday, 23rd February

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STAR OF THE WEEK



**Lissy Fox – great participation during work experience at
'N&K Hair by Kristina'**