

Wednesday, 14th March 2018

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 7, Term 1

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 16th March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and in 2018, schools are called to imagine a world free from bullying.

Australian schools define bullying as an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

What works?

- Explicit teaching of values and positive behaviour
- Fostering a positive climate
- Integration of social-emotional learning
- Proactive support and teaching of practical strategies
- Whole school and family multifaceted approaches
- Involving students and families in bullying prevention and policy
- Teaching bystander strategies
- Being prepared with effective responses
- Shared understanding of bullying

School contributions

Invoices have been sent out to families. 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.

Rainbow Ball

We will be having a rehearsal at Gunnedah South PS on Friday 23rd March from 2pm in preparation for the ball. We will hold practise sessions for partners during Sporting Schools from 3pm – 4pm on Thursdays starting this week.

Buggalugs Photography

Buggalugs will be visiting our school on the 27th and 28th March to take school photos. If you would like the ladies to take photos of students with their siblings, please contact Carly or Justine on 0401 247 002.

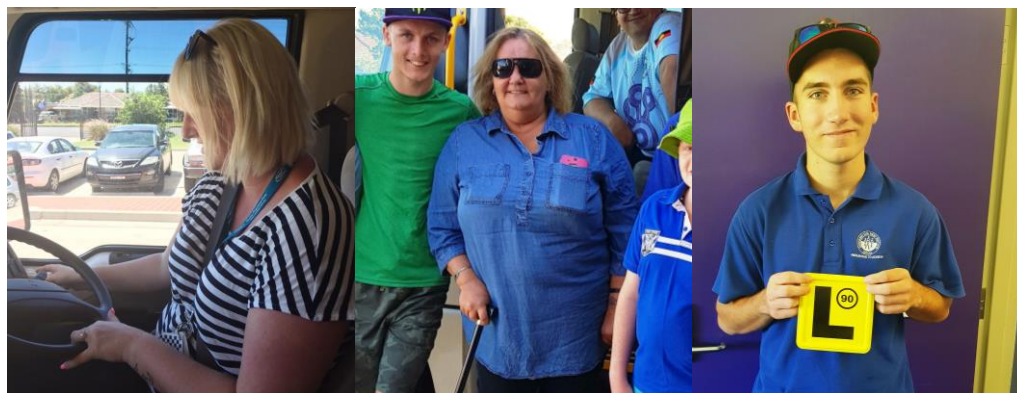
Meals on Wheels

Last week Heather Welch and Val Ingall escorted Ethan Leader and CJ Willis to deliver meals to our elderly community members as shown below. Heather and Val are called on as needed and our students are always great ambassadors of the school.



Congratulations

Well done to Emma Christie (shown below left) for obtaining your bus driver's licence! Congratulations to Darcy Gosper (below right) who now has his 'Ls' to learn how to drive. We continue to appreciate the time and skills of Karen Fox (middle) who volunteers to drive our bus on a daily basis.



Looking in Room 2

The students from Room 2 are shown below engaging in a variety of activities to support their learning.



Lucy on the touch-board

Braith with shaving cream & pouring



Ayden practising fine motor skills

Ava counting

DATES

P&C Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 22nd March from 5pm at GS Kidd School

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

RDA – Friday, 23rd March

P&C Golf Day – Sunday, June 10th, \$25 per person \$100 per team
Hole Sponsorship package including team fees \$200

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Ava Mizzi – welcome to your new school!