

Wednesday, 28th March 2018

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 9, Term 1

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning known as PBL is an evidence based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful;
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling;
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student;
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community;
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

When implemented well:

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them;
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour;
- students feel safe and cared for at school. Their parents, family and community are more involved in their school;
- unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.

Families are critical members of the school's community.

- When schools and families work together toward a common goal of helping all children and young people to be successful, it is much more likely to happen.
- Families have valuable insights and information about how their children learn best and what help they need.
- PBL schools find various ways to update families on a regular basis about their activities, lessons, projects and celebrations. Schools actively communicate with families so they understand and support the PBL process.
- Families benefit from learning how to use similar strategies at home for teaching and supporting their children's social and behaviour skills.

Our mission statement: GS Kidd Memorial School provides a quality education in a caring environment where we strive to achieve and value SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE learners. Our aim is to inspire students to succeed, foster high expectations and prepare them for positive participation within society. We are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible

The pictures below show the draft copies of posters that will be made into signs and placed around the school. We will be adding visuals to these posters to support our younger students who are learning to read. Please feel free to discuss to the school about suggestions or ideas you may have to assist in the implementation of PBL.



When we finalise our posters families will be given a copy to reinforce behavioural expectations at home too. Defining and responding to appropriate and inappropriate behaviour will ensure consistency amongst staff and families.

Rainbow Ball

Participants should arrive at Gunnedah South PS at 5pm to have their photos taken. We will be setting up and decorating from 3pm on Friday the 6th April and families need to bring food to share with their table. The tickets are \$20 each and the event is open to all ages.

P&C Meeting

Last Thursday the P&C held their Annual General Meeting to nominate office bearers. Congratulations to Bec Gander – President, Vice President – Beck Dridan, Secretary – Karen Mainey, Treasurer – Amy Elton, Publicity Officer – Carrie Leader.

In the garden

Thank you to Kim Gibson for her ongoing dedication and commitment to our beautiful vegetable/sensory garden. The students enjoy harvesting and cooking their produce for lunch making. Below from left shows Danielle, CJ and Ethan working on different aspects in the garden.



DATES

Easter break – Friday 30th March – Monday 2nd April

RDA – Friday, 6th April

P&C Golf Day – Sunday, June 10th, \$25 per person \$100 per team

Hole Sponsorship package including team fees \$200

Permission Notes/Photos/RDA & School Fees – a reminder to parents to return these ASAP

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Cameron Tighe – increasing maturity across the school 😊