

Wednesday, 4th July 2018

Dear Families,

NEWSLETTER – Week 10, Term 2

NDIS and supported school transport

Supported school transport (taxi/mini-bus) is provided to some children and young people with disability so that they can travel to and from school. Currently, supported school transport is funded and delivered by state and territory governments and arrangements are different in each jurisdiction. Under the NDIS, participants (students) could get funding to pay for supported school transport.

The funding might include:

- travel to and from school
- a support person or carer to travel with them
- travel training so they can learn how to get to and from school on their own
- changes to a car or van so they can be driven to school by their parents or a carer

Participants and their families would have choice and control over their travel to and from school. You can visit the website to find out when and where workshops will be held: www.engage.dss.gov.au

Centacare Family Fun Day

Last Tuesday many of our students joined community members at Wolseley Park for an afternoon of face painting, petting zoo and food stalls. This was a great way to celebrate the counselling services available to people in our community.



Gunnedah Community Choir

This is a choir for everyone and we are working with service providers to increase accessibility. If you love to sing this choir is for you - you can SING, SIGN, STAND, SIT or SMILE. It is anticipated that the choir will join with similar choirs in the region under the banner of 'We Are One' to perform at community events. The choir is free and held every Sunday from 2 – 3pm in the Smithurst Theatre, but bring some coins for tea/coffee.

Lake Keepit Excursion

On Monday students from Rooms 1, 2 and 5 visited Lake Keepit Dam as they are learning about the 'World of Water'. The students learned that the main purpose of the dam is to supply irrigation, stock and household needs in the Namoi Valley.



Mobile Dental Van

Smiles Onsite will take the trouble of visiting the dentist by bringing our dentists to your local school in a van similar to Healthy Harold! Under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) This Scheme is administered by the Department of Human Services under Medicare. The van is scheduled to visit Gunnedah HS during the first week of Term 3 and our students will be transported as needed. Please complete the application form attached to this newsletter.

Basketball presentation

Thank you to Shirley Ferguson and the families who assisted during the Sporting Schools Program for basketball. Unfortunately we missed the cut off date for tennis in Term 3; however we will apply again for Term 4.



DATES

Book Fair – ‘Paws for Books’, 28th May – June our library

End of term – Friday 6th July

Term 3 - commences for students on Tuesday 24th July

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Alyssa Ferguson – mature behaviour at school and in the community, even though she was reluctant to cuddle a seal at Coffs Harbour, she did it with pride!