

# G.S.KIDD MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10 3rd April, 2019



As this is our last newsletter for the Term we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and restful holiday. We have had a great start to 2019 with a very busy Term 1, and we look forward to a very productive Term 2.

**Staff only** return on Monday 29th April for Professional Development.

**All students** return **Tuesday 30th April.**

We would also like to wish you all a very happy Easter.



## P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent P & C Annual General Meeting. It is wonderful to see so many people so passionate about our students and our school.

To the outgoing committee.....

**President** Bec Gander, **Vice President** Rebecca Dridan, **Secretary** Karen Mainey, **Treasurer** Amy Elton..... A huge **“Thank You”**. Your tireless efforts and ongoing support of our amazing school have not gone unnoticed and are certainly very much appreciated by all staff and students. We thank you for your dedication and commitment and we will be forever grateful for the many generous contributions made to our school during your time as a committee.

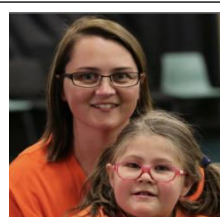
We would like to welcome and congratulate our incoming committee. We wish them well as we work together to achieve great things for our school. For all P & C enquiries our new President Rebecca Dridan can be contacted on 0428 377137.



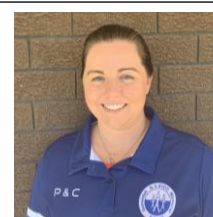
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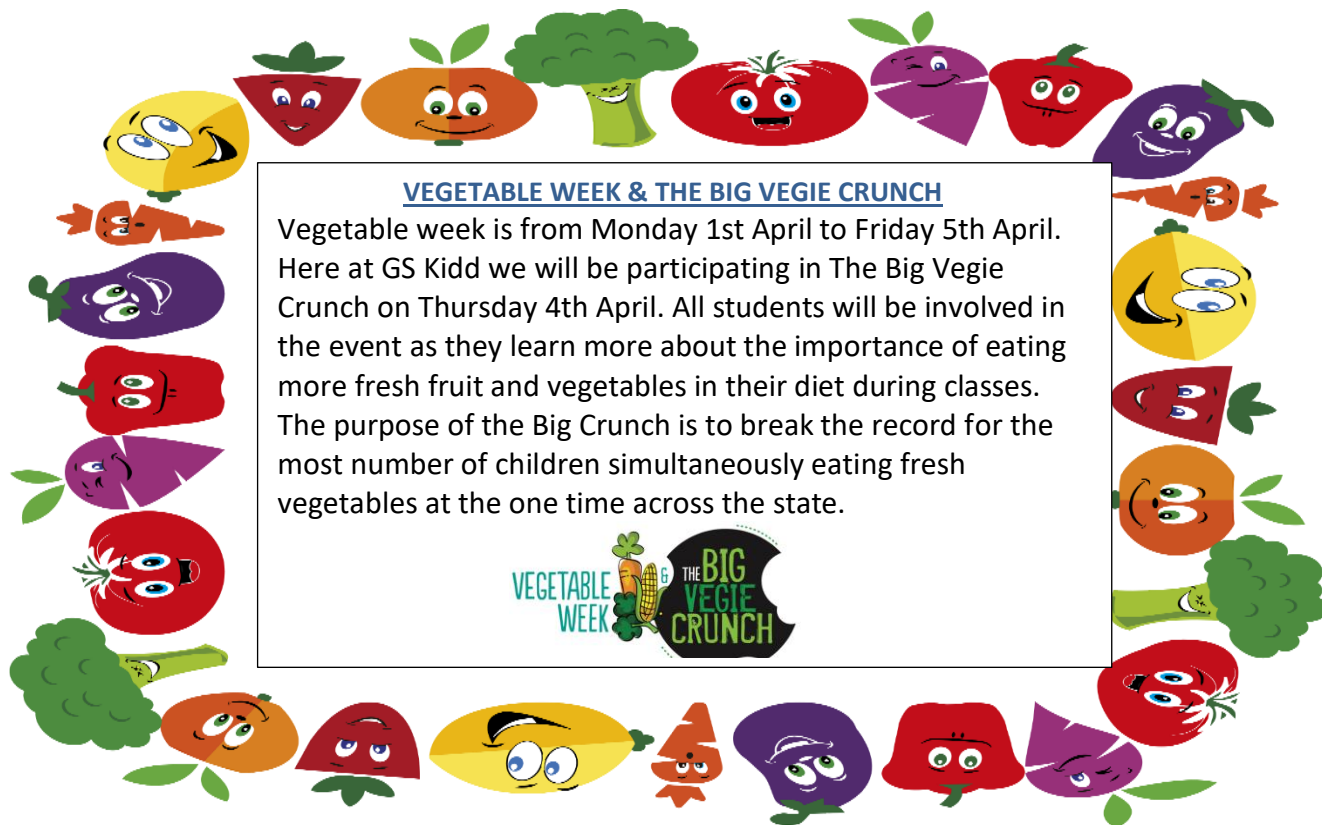
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**Treasurer:**  
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### VEGETABLE WEEK & THE BIG VEGIE CRUNCH

Vegetable week is from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April. Here at GS Kidd we will be participating in The Big Vegie Crunch on Thursday 4th April. All students will be involved in the event as they learn more about the importance of eating more fresh fruit and vegetables in their diet during classes. The purpose of the Big Crunch is to break the record for the most number of children simultaneously eating fresh vegetables at the one time across the state.



## ***Friday Fun***

Students have been really enjoying our new Friday afternoon activities. The activities include Yoga/dance, Culture, Arts/Crafts and Board Games. The students chose the activity they preferred and join with students from other rooms. We are seeing some very creative results.



## Community Based Learning



Community Based Learning is in full swing and with the support of our local businesses involved and the children here at GS Kidd school, it's off to an impressive start, allowing our students to get involved and try some new and exciting experiences. We feel it will be beneficial to both the students and also the community, with a couple of students already being offered work experience, which is an amazing achievement so early in our program.

None of this would be possible without the support of our local businesses and the staff and parents here at school.

We would like to especially thank Chatterchinos, Landcare, Brown's Tyre Service, The Hair Studio, Coles, Mitre 10, Gunnedah Golf Club, N&K Hairdressing, Supercheap Auto, Gunnedah Preschool, Gunnedah Family Daycare/Playgroup and Etcetera Salon. Thank you for taking time out of your busy days to help our students achieve their goals and gain valuable experience.

We would like to congratulate all students involved for all their hard work and efforts and also a big thank you to Mrs Renee Hatch our Community Based Learning Mentor.







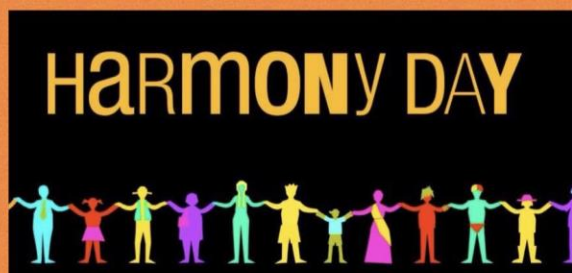
On Tuesday 26th March, GS Kidd school hosted some special visitors – **Deadly Ninja Warrior Jack Wilson** and **Parramatta Eels star Will Smith**. There were over 100 students from GS Kidd, Curlewis, Mullaley and Carroll schools. Both Jack and Will gave the students an inspirational and motivational speech, answered lots of questions and spent hours completing an obstacle course that Jack created within the school grounds. Both Jack and Will are young, proud Aboriginal men who enjoy sharing their stories and culture. The visit was organised by the Gunnedah local AECG who have just completed a Connecting to Country program with approximately two hundred staff from across the nine local public schools. The program was about local Aboriginal culture, history and social experience.

"Jack is a great Aboriginal role model and spoke to the students about the benefits of leading a healthy and active lifestyle. The students had the biggest smiles on their faces and will remember this for years to come". Bianca Small (Teacher at GS Kidd, Secretary of Gunnedah AECG)

"If you have a healthy mind you have a healthy life so if you can master that mental strength all the other strengths fall into place." (Jack Wilson)







Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed our recent celebrations for Harmony Day. We all dressed in orange and spoke about the continuing message of Harmony Day... 'Everyone Belongs'.....community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging. A special thank you to the staff and students who prepared delicious fruit boxes and orange jellies for everyone.



### **National Remembrance Service**

New Zealand held a National Remembrance Service last Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March for the victims of Christchurch terrorist attack. We at GS Kidd joined fellow Australians and flew our flags at half-mast, as a mark of mourning and respect.





# Art With Guya



The students from Room Guya have been appreciating their art lessons this term. This was the Fairy Tale Drawings lessons. The students imagined their favourite fairy tale or nursery rhyme and drew a picture of the story. Simple drawing lessons are important during the beginning stages of artistic development because they give children a chance to practice using materials and it allows them to make different kinds of marks. As students grow older they will fine-tune their drawing technique.



# S P O R T

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Over the last two weeks students have had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities as well as their classroom learning. Students from Curlewis, Mullaley and Carroll Public Schools joined our students to hear about healthy lifestyles from our special guests Australian Ninja Warrior Jack Wilson and Parramatta Eels player Will Smith and to take part in a fun obstacle course.

Students and staff participated in Harmony Day, providing an opportunity to develop understanding diversity while also having some fun dressed in orange for the day!

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the P&C Annual General Meeting. Thank you to the outgoing P&C committee members and congratulations to the new committee. I look forward to working with everyone to further support the students of G S Kidd School.

This term staff have participated in a number of professional learning opportunities. Many of these have been after school hours and once again staff have shown their dedication to further learning to support the students of our school.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1 I would like to thank the students, families, staff and the wider community for supporting a positive first term of 2019. I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter break.

Bec Maybury

### CALENDAR:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
03/04/2019	Wednesday	<b>Newsletter</b>	
04/04/2019	Thursday	<b>The Big Vegie Crunch</b>	GS Kidd
05/04/2019	Friday	<b>RDA</b>	Showground
12/04/2019	Friday	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>	
25/04/2019	Thursday	<b>Anzac Day March</b>	CBD
29/04/2019	Monday	<b>Staff return to school</b>	GS Kidd
30/04/2019	Tuesday	<b>Students return to school</b>	GS Kidd

### TODAY'S THOUGHT:

*"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Lao Tzu*

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**Our whole school Assembly now takes place every Monday afternoon. During this time we present our weekly PBL Awards.**

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[gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au](http://gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au)  
or follow us on Facebook.

Through the power of community, the aunties of our student Lucy Enks, are raising money to assist their sister, Amy, purchase a modified vehicle capable of accommodating a wheel-chair for Lucy, their much-loved niece.

Your donation will help Amy continue to do the great work she does with Lucy and assist the family for years into the future.

To donate please go to the link below....

<https://www.gofundme.com/hands-up-for-lucy>



## ANZAC DAY MARCH

We would like to thank the students who have returned their notes indicating their availability to represent our school in the Anzac Day March. We understand it is difficult to commit when Anzac Day falls in the school holidays, so we are very grateful to the families of the students that can attend. The march commences at 10:30am. Please wear full school uniform and assemble in Marquis Street near Mitre 10 by 10:15am

