

# G.S.KIDD MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4 20th February 2019



**As this is our first Newsletter for the year we would like to welcome back all our students and families after the Christmas holidays.  
It is great to see the students all settling in so well to their school routine.**



The students are all enjoying learning the new names for each of their classrooms.

***Mr Williams' class is Fish (Guya)***

***Miss Dando's class is Turtles (Waraba)***

***Miss Small's class is Goannas (Yurrandaali)***

***Miss Urquhart's class is Kangaroos (Bandaarr)***

***Mrs Hobson's/Mrs Gibson's class is Emus (Dhinawan)***



With the process now complete, we would like to congratulate Bianca Small on being successful through merit selection for the classroom teacher position at GSK. Bianca brings a wealth of expertise across both primary and secondary special education settings and is a welcome addition to our school. Bianca is the classroom teacher for Goannas.  
Congratulations Bianca and welcome to the GSK Team!



**The students are really enjoying the new sports program every Friday morning. They participate in 3 different activities made up of rotations of 20 minutes each. The activities include swimming, fundamental movement skills and Wii Sports. Sporting groups will be slightly adjusted to cater for RDA every second Friday.**



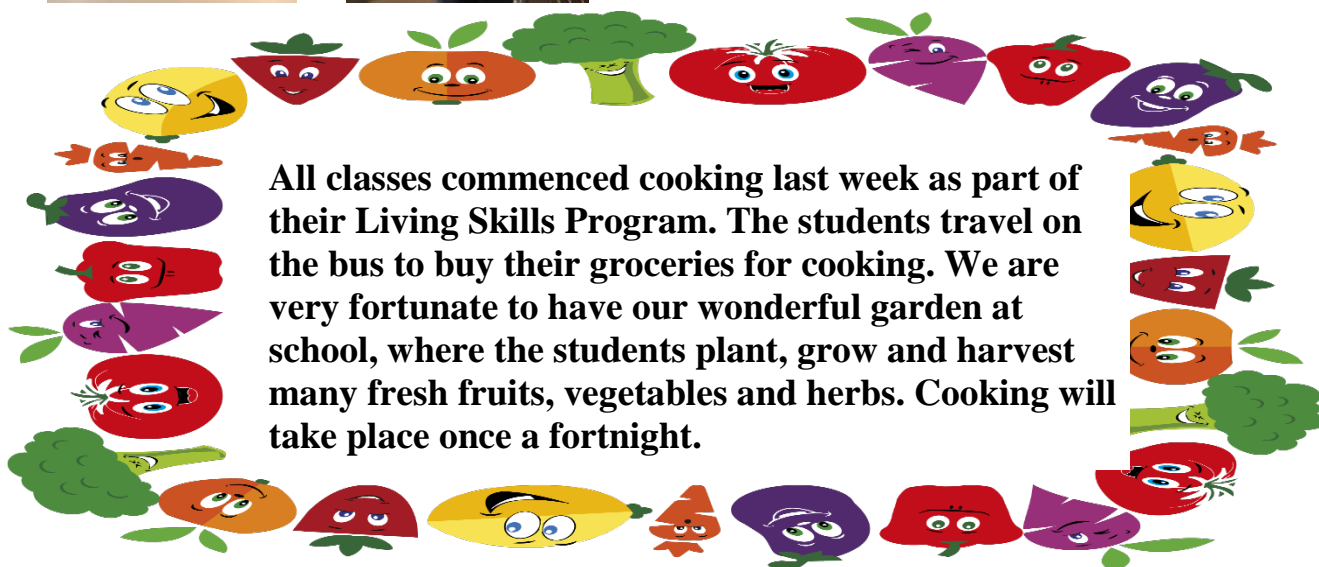


## FROM THE PALACE.....

Our very own artist, Shayne Williams from the Emus Room received a wonderful surprise in the mail last week.

Shayne is one of our students who travelled to the Invictus Games, and was so inspired by His Royal Highness The Duke Of Sussex and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Sussex, she decided to draw a picture of the happy couple on their wedding day. Once completed, Shayne sent her artwork to Kensington Palace.

You can imagine the excitement at school when there was a special delivery of Royal Mail from The Palace!



All classes commenced cooking last week as part of their Living Skills Program. The students travel on the bus to buy their groceries for cooking. We are very fortunate to have our wonderful garden at school, where the students plant, grow and harvest many fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. Cooking will take place once a fortnight.

Over the next few newsletters we will introduce each class. Please enjoy.....



## Meet The Goannas



The students have enjoyed:

- Playing tennis for sport
- Cooking Spaghetti Bolognese
- Reading online as part of Literacy rotations
- Looking after our class mascot "Greg the goanna".



### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

We have had a positive start to term 1 with all programs now underway. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have embraced the changes at G. S Kidd School this year as we focus on ensuring we are providing high quality opportunities to our students.

The annual fee for G.S Kidd School is \$160 this includes the cooking and gardening program which forms part of the GSK School Living Skills program. Also included in this is the general contribution fee that is a Department of Education school arrangement.

If you haven't already done so please make a time to meet with your student's class teacher to develop an Individual Education Plan.

The first P&C Meeting for 2019 will take place this Thursday at 5pm in the Library everyone is welcome to attend.

*Bec Maybury.*

### CALENDAR:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
21/02/2019	Thursday	P & C Meeting	GS Kidd Library
22/02/2019	Friday	RDA	Showground
01/03/2019	Friday	GS Kidd Swimming Carnival	Town Pool/GS Kidd School
06/03/2019	Wednesday	Newsletter	
07/03/2019	Thursday	Challenge Swimming Carnival	Town Pool
08/03/2019	Friday	RDA	Showground
08/03/2019	Friday	GSK Clean Up Australia Day	GS Kidd during sport
15/03/2019	Friday	Bullying No Way Day	GS Kidd
21/03/2019	Thursday	Harmony Day	GS Kidd
21/03/2019	Thursday	P & C Meeting	GS Kidd Library
12/04/2019	Friday	Last day of Term 1	

### TODAY'S THOUGHT:

*"Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles.  
Notice them."* David Vox

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

For all updates on PBL please visit our Website  
[gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au](http://gskiddmem-s.school.gov.au)  
 or follow us on Facebook.




## ARE YOU DOING IT TOUGH DUE TO THE DROUGHT?


**Government agencies will be visiting town to assess individual situations and provide assistance accessing drought support.**

Even if you are in doubt, please come along to talk to agencies about your situation.


**Gunnedah**  
 9am-12pm | Tuesday 19 February 2019  
 Gunnedah PCYC  
 View Street Gunnedah






Australian Government  
 Australian Taxation Office  
 Department of Agriculture and Water Resources  
 Department of Human Services  
 Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities  
 Department of Jobs and Small Business



Department of Primary Industries



Local Land Services

### Good for Kids good for life



#### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

The program runs year round, so kids can get active at any time!  
 Visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids) to apply



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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 wheelchair 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>

