



# NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021



## TERM 4 WEEK 10

**Ho Ho Ho**  
**School's**  
**(almost)**  
**Out!**



### Important Dates

As the year draws to a close we have important dates for you.....

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Staff and Student Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Edition Newsletter**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December last Day of school for students.**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 first day of school for students.**



During Term 4 we have presented one class in each newsletter where that class has a special feature to showcase some of their work of 2021. This week please enjoy work from the Emu Class.

This week we present an interview Mrs Wyllie had with her student Max Edmunds from the Emu Class.



## The 2021 Gunnedah Flood

Mrs Wyllie: "What do you remember about the flood?"

Max: "Watching the water get deeper in my backyard".

Mrs Wyllie: "What did you do?"

Max: "I helped dad move the sheep and the dog into the shed".

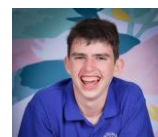
Mrs Wyllie: "Did your house flood?"

Max: "Yes. We packed our clothes into bags and moved to the Red Chief Motel".

Mrs Wyllie: "What's it like staying in a motel?"

Max: "Good. We get to watch movies in bed and eat chocolate".

By  
Max Edmunds



# FROM THE *Principal*



As the 2021 school year draws to a close, we have been celebrating the achievements of our students.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at last weeks assembly and to all students who will next week take home their Semester two portfolios highlighting their successes this semester.

Twenty-two students reached PBL Gold Level celebrating last week with a lunch. It's positive to see students striving to reach gold and platinum levels. Next week students who reach Platinum level will be participating in a Pool Party.

## **Year 12:**

Last Friday we held a farewell for the four year 12 students. Thank you to the P&C for purchasing the gifts and cupcakes. We wish Year 12 the very best for their post school transition and will miss them. Congratulations!

Thank you to the families of GS Kidd Memorial School for your efforts this year. It has been a challenging one due to COVID and we acknowledge your efforts and support.

## **Retirement:**

Next week Mrs Deb Holmes will retire from her SLSO role. Deb has been a dedicated member of the school staff and has contributed greatly to supporting the students of GS Kidd Memorial School. Deb's sense of humour and positive approach will be greatly missed by the students and staff. Thank you, Deb, we wish you well in your retirement and look forward to you visiting in 2022.

Thank you to the staff of GS Kidd Memorial School for your efforts this year in ensuring that our students access a holistic educational opportunity.

Wishing the extended GS Kidd community, a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful holiday season.

Bec Maybury.

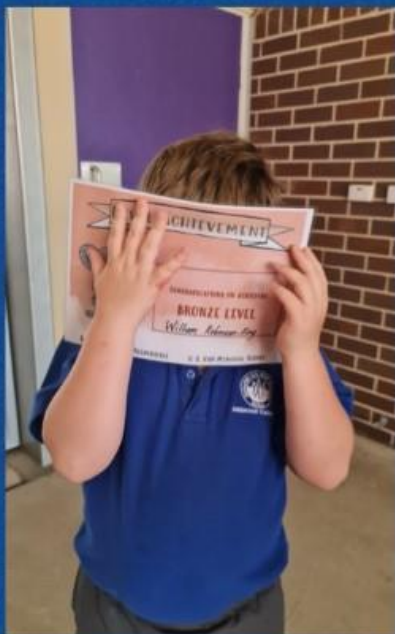


*Merry Christmas*





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# *Emu* *Class 2021*

Did You  
Know?...

The Emu is  
Australia's  
tallest native  
bird, reaching  
between 1.6 m  
and 1.9 m when  
standing.



Did You  
Know?...  
Emus can  
dash away at  
nearly 50 km  
(30 miles) per  
hour; if  
cornered,  
they kick  
with their big  
three-toed  
feet.

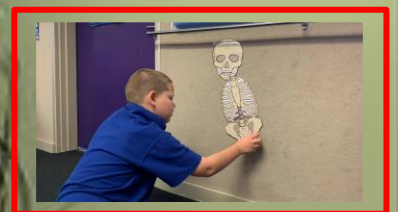


# *Emu Class 2021*

## *Science*

This Term the Emu class have learnt about "The Human Body" through participation in Science lessons. They have viewed videos, engaged with interactive activities and completed experiments focused on the various systems of the body that work together to keep us healthy and alive!

Students were excited to create a human heart and to demonstrate how blood is pumped around the body. They participated in a squishy, messy sensory experiment and enjoyed mixing foods to recreate the journey of food through the body. Students enjoyed experimenting with a variety of resources and using their fine motor skills to create artworks that were depictive of the digestive, skeletal and muscular systems.

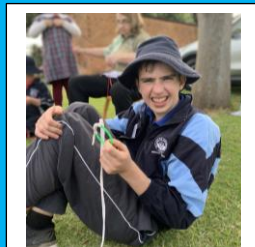


# Emu Class 2021



**Boggabri NAIDOC Day:**  
During Term 3 Max and Owen were invited to attend the Boggabri NAIDOC Day where they enjoyed participating in a variety of cultural and social activities.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2021 was Heal Country, heal our nation! Country is inherent to our identity. It sustains our lives in every aspect - spiritually, socially, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally. It is more than a place.



# Emu Class 2021



## Creative Arts:

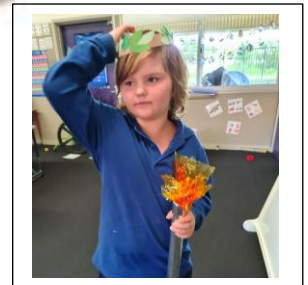
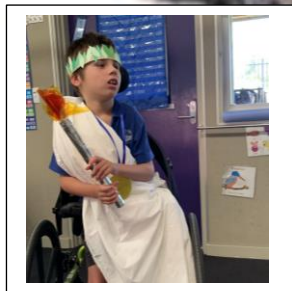
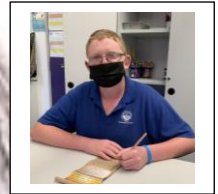
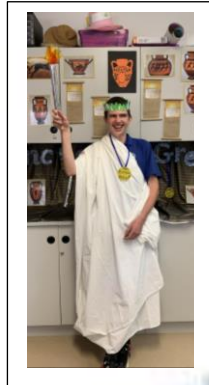
During Dance lessons this semester students were excited to learn a variety of dance styles and sequences. Owen enjoyed creating a dance sequence to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling", Damian and Max were excited to practice the moon walk to Michael Jackson's "Thriller", Tanikka and Ayden enjoyed moving to Tina Turner's "Nutbush" and Hugo was a BIG fan of "The Beatles".

## Christmas Activities:

During the last week the students in the Emu Class have been getting into the Christmas spirit! They have welcomed the arrival of the class elf 'Buddy' and have enjoyed wrapping up what has proven to be a busy and successful year! Students and staff have enjoyed participating in a variety of Christmas craft activities, decorating the classroom for Christmas and Christmas cooking. The staff and students in the Emu Class would like to wish all of our 'Merry Christmas', a 'Happy New Year' and a safe holiday! We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



# Emu Class 2021



## History:

**This Semester the Emu class have enjoyed learning about ancient civilisations including Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece! They have viewed videos, engaged with interactive activities, participated in art and craft activities and enjoyed role plays. Students were fascinated to learn about Greek Gods and Goddesses and how they influenced Ancient Greek society. Students particularly enjoyed our mini project on the Greek Olympics which involved creating props and participating in role play. They used their creative and fine motor skills to create Olympic medals, torches, and head pieces and their drama skills to re-enact Olympic events and standing on the podium to receive their Olympic medals.**



## **Gunnedah RSL Sub- Branch**

Principal Bec Maybury presented Shayne Williams with a special award from the Gunnedah RSL sub-Branch. Shayne was awarded the prestigious award for displaying the ANZAC Spirit of empathy, mateship, camaraderie and encouragement. Congratulations to Shayne on this wonderful achievement. Shayne received a certificate and a \$50 cheque. We would like to thank the Gunnedah RSL sub-Branch for their generous contribution and support of G.S. Kidd Memorial School.



### **GUNNEDAH HOSPITAL PFIZER VACCINATION CLINIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND OVER**

Gunnedah Hospital will be providing a Pfizer vaccination clinic on

**Tuesday 14th December 2021 between 1pm and 5pm**

At Gunnedah Community Health in the Rural Health Centre

Marquis Street, Gunnedah

This is a targeted clinic for school students only

Aged 12 years and over.

(Parents/carers MUST accompany the child to the appointment)

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling Gunnedah Hospital on 6741 8000

between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

2nd doses will only be offered to individuals attending this clinic on Tuesday 11th January (times to be advised)

#### **ATTENTION**

**PARENTS  
CARERS  
VISITORS  
TO SCHOOL  
OFFICE**



**PROOF OF  
COVID-19  
VACCINATION  
REQUIRED  
TO ENTER**

**School  
Visitor  
Check-in**



All visitors **MUST** use the QR Code to sign in if you are entering the front office, even if only for a few minutes.

## *End Of Year Presentation 2021*

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated our End Of Year Presentation, acknowledging students' achievements.

Unfortunately we were unable to have guests due to Covid restrictions, however it was a lovely presentation and it was wonderful to see all the students cheering on their peers as they received awards. Well done to all our students. You all achieve so much all through the year. We are so proud of every one of you, and a big congratulations to all the award recipients.



Jayden Rose Music



Rebekah Thomson Most Consistent Worker



Angus Hare Quiet Achiever



Aidan Ellery Leadership



Ava Mizzi Reading



Cameron Tighe Community Based Learning



Lilly Jeffrey Care and Compassion



Braith Mirow Craft

## *End Of Year Presentation 2021*

We would like to thank our wonderful local sponsors who generously donate to G.S. Kidd Memorial School. Gunnedah Lions Club, Gunnedah Rotary Club, Gunnedah Rotary West, Upper Namoi Cotton Growers Association, Gunnedah Christian Bookshop, Gunnedah Evening View, Gunnedah CWA, the Hannaford Family, Gunnedah RSL sub-Branch, Hartley's Electrical Repairs, Mrs Olwyn Jones, Lizzie and Tony Blake. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.



Danielle (Wall-E)  
Richardson Art



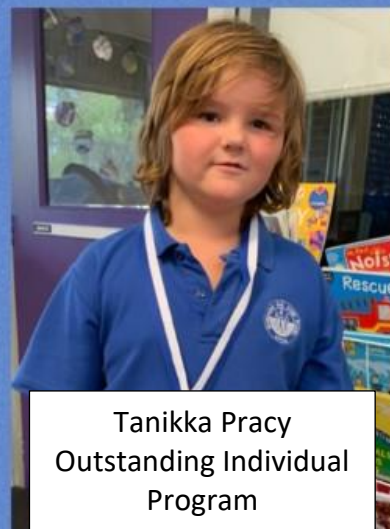
Shayne Williams Sports  
Person of the Year



Lochlan Head  
School Spirit



Jackie Gordon  
Quiet Achiever



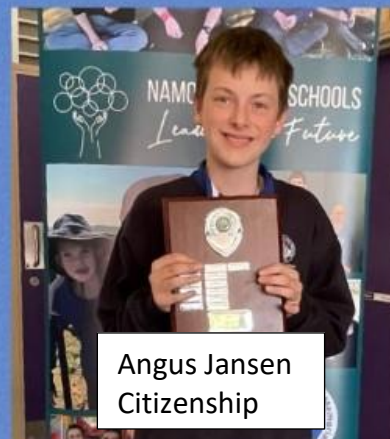
Tanikka Pracy  
Outstanding Individual  
Program



Hugo Young Application to  
schoolwork and working  
towards goals



Max Edmunds Literacy



Angus Jansen  
Citizenship

# Year 12 Graduation 2021



Last Friday we held a very special graduation ceremony for our four Year 12 students. It was a wonderful day to celebrate the years of schooling for Shayne Williams, Danielle Richardson, Rebekah Thomson and Jayden Rose.



# Year 12 Graduation 2021

A big thank you to the P & C for the beautiful cupcake bouquets for the Graduation cake and also for the lovely gifts for our graduates. We'd also like to thank the families of our graduates for your support of G.S Kidd over the years and for the wonderful gifts you have donated for our students. Congratulations to Shayne, Danielle, Rebekah and Jayden. We wish you every success as you embark on the next stage of your life and remember *"Share your sparkle wherever you go."*





*Congratulations on Your Graduation 2021*





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# *Learn To Sail*

## *Lake Keepit Sailing Club Inc* **Summer Camp**

Starting from Tuesday 4/1/2022 to Thursday 6/1/2022

- The primary focus would be on learning skills and building confidence with tailored programmes to fit new and continuing students
- This course provides both theory and practical sailing sessions
- Attend as many days as you have available or come every day
- All participants to be self-catering with fridge space and cooking facilities available
- COVID-19 restrictions to be always adhered to. All over the age of 12 years to be double vaccinated.
- Pre-booking is essential to provide the correct level of training for you
- Low cost course with family rates available. \$50 per family per day. \$25 per day for individual adults
- Payment via direct deposit BSB 032625 Account 560151(ref surname+camp) (Preferred) or in cash on the day
- Contact Kevin 67 663642 (Preferred) or 0419 178817 or email lakekeepitsailing@gmail.com
- Website for more details [www.lakekeepitsailing.com.au](http://www.lakekeepitsailing.com.au)
- Club boats and safety jackets available for use or bring your own
- Qualified instructors with working with children clearance to conduct the course
- Open to all ages and skill level, great for all the family to learn together
- Camping and cabins available at Reflections Holidays Park. Phone 02 67697605
- Come and check out Lake Keepit Sailing Club and have fun
- Children need to be accompanied by an adult, and we encourage the adults to participate in the activities

## **Attention**

We ask can all overdue school fees please be paid in full by Wednesday 15th December. We have a minimal fee that is charged each year which goes towards covering the cost of our Living Skills program. This wonderful program includes our gardening, shopping and cooking program. Without fees being paid our program could be jeopardised which would be very unfortunate, as our students enjoy their gardening, shopping and cooking very much and look forward to their time spent participating.

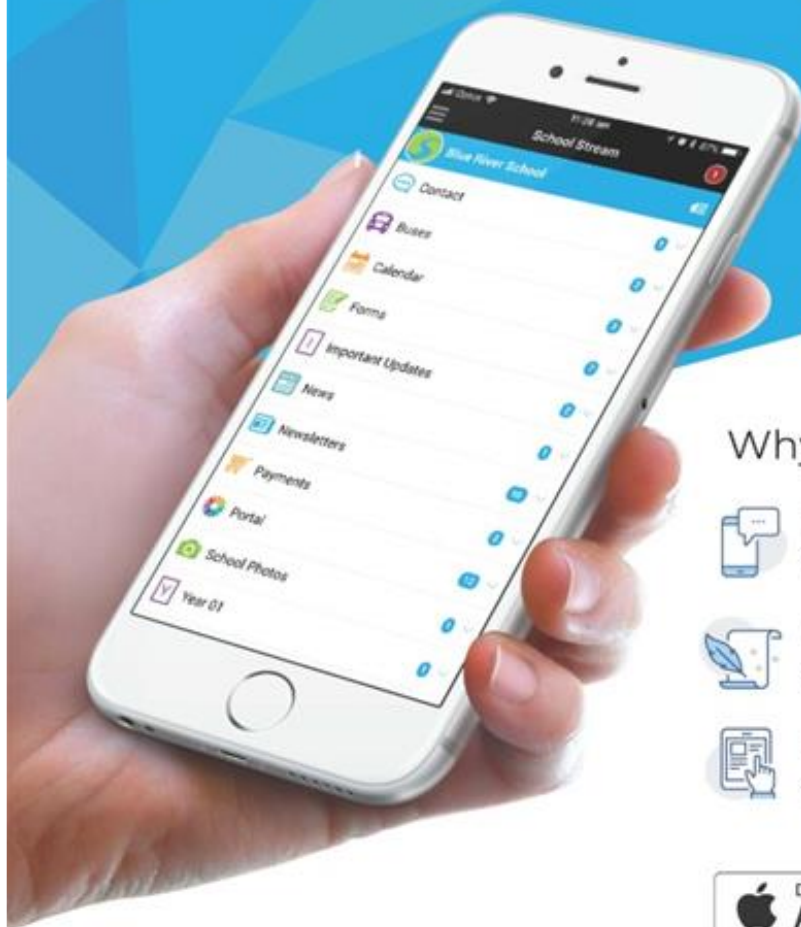
As you would be aware, this year's fees were reduced to just \$40 for the year due to many interruptions with Covid restrictions and lockdowns.

Fees for 2022 will be set at \$80 for the year which is 50% less than the regular fee that was charged in previous years.

Thank you to those who have paid their fees.

We encourage all families to take the time to have a look at the Schoolstream App and please download. We are moving towards this being our first port of call for communication from school to you. Messages are instant and you will be kept up to date with the latest news as it happens.

# Download our school app for free!



Never miss important school information again!

Important alerts, events, canteen, newsletters, class information, sports updates, school news, absentee & excursions notes and more! You can even pay for school photos, uniforms or fees if your school takes advantage of our payments feature. Finally, everything you need in one place. Managing school life has never been easier.

## Why download the app?



Receive instant notifications for important news.



Easily register absentees and excursions.



Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download on the  
**App Store**



GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

## Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

## Here Are Just A Few Reviews From Schools Already Using Schoolstream

- School Stream allows us to communicate directly with parents in seconds and this immediate communication is essential in today's world.
- Immediate notification. Convenient for important communication
- Less paper used – better for the environment.
- Fewer missed notes – better communication for school families.

Our whole school Assembly takes place every Monday. During this time we present our weekly PBL awards and Sports awards. For all regular updates, highlights and photos please follow us on Facebook or download the School Stream app.

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## QR Codes for Schools

The Service NSW COVID safe check-in is required for visitors to the school, complimenting existing school visitor sign-in processes, including the external visitors to the school site form. Visitors signing in at the front desk should self-serve using the COVID safe check-in tool as displayed in the poster.

**Parents and carers who enter the School Office, even if only dropping off and picking up students MUST check in using the Service NSW QR code and also MUST show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.**



**Please use hand sanitiser**

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*Thought  
For  
The Day*

## Positive Behaviour For Learning

