26 November 2015 - Week 8 - Term 4

**Dates for your Diary**

**DECEMBER**
- Thurs 10: 7-12 Presentation Day
- Presentation Night, 6.30pm
- Fri 11: K-6 Celebration Day
- Mon 14 - Wed 16: 7-12 Term 5 celebrations
- Tues 15: Year 6 Formal - Guyra Bowling Club
- Wed 16: K-6 PBL Rewards Pool Party

**Year 12 Formal**
The Year 12 formal was held at Rafters Restaurant on Friday 13th November marking the end of 13 years of schooling for the GCS year 12, class of 2015. Sixteen students attended the occasion with their partners, family, friends and staff of GCS to help celebrate and mark the end of their school education. The night was full of fun, laughter, speeches and good food; a fun night was had by all. The departing Year 12 students have thanked the Guyra Community for supporting their work experiences, fundraisers, and providing venues for functions over the years. Secondly to their family and friends who have been a huge support and to the teachers and staff of Guyra Central School who have paved their education pathway. All of these students have recently completed their Higher School Certificate examinations are now looking forward to new adventures in their lives; whether it be going to University next year to study sciences or nursing, seeking paid employment, joining the army, enrolling into TAFE or embarking on a journey of travels, discovery and adventures. Their graduation and completion of school signifies the end of an era and a start of a new and exciting chapter in their lives. Congratulations year 12 who have completed school, experienced success in so many forms and good luck to your future. They have been such a great group and did the school proud on Friday night.

**Special thanks to Year 8**
Tuesday morning saw our Year 8 students presented with a thank you gesture from Anne Bull and family for the outstanding efforts students put in organising the afternoon of activities to celebrate the late Andrew Bull’s birthday on Friday 23rd October. The event marked his first birthday since passing in December 2014. Andrew’s mother, Anne and brother, Dylan, grandparents and extended family were very grateful for the gesture from Year 8, who should be commended on the way in which they displayed our school core values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility.

**Reminders**
- Included in our Newsletter is a fact sheet regarding common illnesses amongst children. Please take the time to read this information.
- Guyra Central School P&C Guessing Competition, Raffle Tickets available from the Main Office for $1 each. Prize – Gasmate Vega 4 Burner BBQ with Cabinet, donated by ELGAS. Competition will be drawn at Presentation Night, 10 December 2015.

**Young Debaters**
Students from Stage 3 provided a very entertaining debate in front of fellow students on a topic, living in the country is better than living in the city! This was the first debate that students have participated in and they all did very well. The students showed etiquette in the way they presented themselves and debated amongst each other. All students were excited with their results with only one point separating the score. Another debate is set down for week 10.
Transition 2015 comes to an end

Thursday last week saw the final day of the Transition to Kindergarten program for 2015. Thank you to all the families for their support throughout our transition to school program, I know it has been a very valuable experience for everyone involved.

All students for Kindergarten 2016 have been issued with a date and time for their Best Start Assessment.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills that each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten. Children come to school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognise some letters, even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills. Best Start gives our teachers, and those teaching Kindergarten across New South Wales, a common set of high quality assessment tools and professional training. It is very important to emphasise that the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. The teacher will observe each child and use tasks, such as talking about a book that has been read, and record what their students know and can do. The teaching of your child will be based on the information gathered in these ways.

You will be given feedback about what your child’s teacher has learned about your child, which you are welcome to discuss if you wish, in keeping with our usual practice.

Many thanks to Ms Kirsten Reim and Miss Eunice Blair for ensuring that this program was a success, also a special thanks to our helpers Mrs Jo Dullaway, Mrs June Gaddes and Mrs Debbie Walls. We look forward to seeing our new Kindergarten students in the New Year, students will not start as a whole Kindergarten group until Week 2, Tuesday 2nd February, 2016.

Northern Steer Competition

Last week from Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th November a selection of students from Year 8 to 10 travelled to Narrabri to compete in the Northern School Steer Competition. Over the three days we participated in a variety of activities to extend our knowledge in the beef industry. We are extremely proud of what we achieved for Guyra Central School throughout the competition. We came away with a well earned third place with our beautiful steer ‘Charlie’. In the Junior Paraders class Madi Morgan received a solid second place, Sarah Rosten, Savannah Roberts and Taylah Martin also made it through to the Junior Parading finals. In the Herdsman competition which is judged on overall participation, enthusiasm and presentation, Savannah Roberts received a second overall and Madi Morgan received a second also. It was a very hot, eventful few days filled with fun!

Report from Madi Morgan and Sarah Rosten
Primary Student Awards
Kindergarten Rose, Mrs Jenny Atkin
Tommy Mitchell: Excellent work Habits
David Pickalla Monga: Working hard in reading groups
Keegan Coleman: Kind and friendly to others
Stage 1 - Purple, Mrs Justine Eddy
Eleanor Ross: Fantastic written procedure for making Nachos
Santino Collins: Continued progress in reading and independent work in class
Wyatt McGinty: Great improvement in independent class activities
Stage 1 - Aqua, Miss Emma Burey
Neville Stanley: Welcome to our school,
Caitlin Montague: For writing fantastic procedures
Hayden Bezzant: For improved comprehension skills
Stage 1 - Fluro, Miss Bianca Hamilton & Mrs Justine Watts
Jack Soraghan: Making contributions in class
Rebecca Evans: Making a great effort in mathematics
Archie Howarth: Terrific contributions in mathematics
Stage 2 - Coral, Mrs Meagan Vidler
Kiralee McIlwain: Correctly identifying film techniques in Charlie and the chocolate Factory
Freja Meeks: Welcome to Guyra Central School
Robert Sisson: Showing pride in his bookwork
Stage 2 - Yellow, Mrs Sjaan Mitchell
Jaymie Donnelly: Improvement in Spelling and in Mathematics
Kyiesha Lansborough: Lovely handwriting and improvement in Spelling
Claire Flynn: Excellent story map in Science
Stage 3 - Red, Mrs Bronwyn Paull
Fletcher Richardson: Making excellent progress in QuickSmart
Renae Vanderwolf: Enthusiastic involvement in Sport lessons, particularly T-Ball
Alistair Connors: Working hard to improve his results in spelling
Stage 3 - Indigo, Mr Steve Alletsee
Kiarna Landsborough: Excellent work on the 'Bushrangers' Project
Malekai Landsborough: Improvement in spelling
Jarred Kenney: Commitment to his learning
Assistant Principals’ Award
Emily Adams: Showing Pride, Respect and Responsibility
Jaymie Donnelly: Taking pride in all that she does
Secondary Student Awards
Brodie Harman: First place in Year 10 English exam.
Logan Stanley and Kelsie Youman: Very good results in Year 10 English exam.
Sophie Gaukroger: Outstanding results in Year 10 English assignment.
Kelsie Youman and Brodie Harman: Very good results in Year 10 English assignment.
Alice Stanley, Emily Knox, Ben Heagney, Sarah Walls: Outstanding effort in writing an essay on ‘Macbeth’.
Hunter Davidson: Outstanding class presentation on ‘Macbeth’.

Guess Who
The students selected for showing Pride, Respect, Responsibility

Gold Award
Good Sport Award
Year 10 Excursion
Monday 9th - Friday 13th November. Year 10 students along with Miss Nielsen, Mr. Miller, Donna Mayled and Gwyn Pearson, departed Armidale via train to travel to Sydney for their annual excursion. It was a long day travelling but they were all very excited to be there. During the week students visited The Opera House, Circular Quay, Darling Harbour, Taronga Zoo, the Sea Life Aquarium, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum where they saw many of our favourite celebrities, caught waves at Bondi Beach thanks to the surfing lessons and looked over Sydney from The Sydney Tower (Centre Point Tower).

Also experiencing Sushi Train for dinner and checking out the movie “The Martian” at the gold class cinema. Students also visited Paddy’s markets and discovered all the weird and wonderful items that are available for purchase.

Surfing lessons at Bondi Beach with the ‘Let’s go Surfing’ surf school. Then enjoyed dinner at Pancakes on the Rocks. A visit to the Sea Life Aquarium and then onto Pitt Street mall and the Westfield shopping centre where they experienced The Sydney Tower, a view which was quiet literally breathtaking. A visit to Max Brenner for dessert was the final stop in the city before returning to Guyra. It was eye opening to experience Sydney. For many of the students this was the first time in the big smoke. On more than one occasion students gave money to homeless people and even passed up some of their chocolate pizza for a homeless man. It was very humbling to experience the city and the hectic, multicultural atmosphere it offers.

Students take a splash
Students from Year 2-6 this week have commenced a two week intensive school swimming program. The aim of this program is to improve each student’s confidence and skills when in and around water by providing basic swimming instruction and rescue and survival techniques. Students also had the opportunity to practise some basic first aid with the assistance of our local Ambulance officers. The program will conclude on Friday 4th December. Special thanks to the teachers who have organised this program.

Canteen Roster
New times: 8.30am-11.30am or 11.30am-2.30am, half day volunteer times now available.

Fri 27 Nov Louise Wadley & Tash Walls
Mon 30 Nov Naree Heagney & Renata Ling
Tues 1 Dec Leonie Hawkins & Marie Jones
Wed 2 Dec Sally White & Renata Ling
Thurs 3 Dec Tash Walls & Alison Marshall
Fri 4 Dec Louise Dowden & Kylie Atkin
Mon 7 Dec Jo Presnell & Renata Ling
Tues 8 Dec Marie Jones & Leonie Tierney
Wed 9 Dec Kristy Davis & Louise Wadley
Thurs 10 Dec Tash Walls & Trish Martin

Thank you for volunteering your time at the Canteen. If you need to change a day you are rostered on or wish to consider volunteering please contact the Canteen: 6779 1689. Alysha 0400 017 809 or Heidi 0432 668 261.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive Sessions
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family. Sport and Recreation runs Swim ad Survive classes in the pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.