**Dates For Your Diary**

**MARCH**

Wednesday, 18th...... Grandparents’ Day

Friday, 20th........... Primary School Odd Sock Day

Friday, 20th........... Primary Assembly (Rose & Indigo)

Wednesday, 25th...... Combined Easter Church Service K-6

Monday 30th........... Year 10 Work Experience (all week)

**APRIL**

Thursday, 2nd........... Last Day of Term 1

Friday, 3rd............. Good Friday

**TERM 2**

Monday, 20th........... Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 21st.......... First Day of Term 2

Wednesday, 29th....... Secondary Athletics Carnival

Thursday, 30th........ Primary Athletics Carnival

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**Primary Cricket Win!**

Congratulations to the primary boys’ cricket team who won against Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School in the knockout competition. This is the second time in five years that GCS has made it into the next round of the competition. The team consisted of Joey Ryan, Matthew Sisson, Harrison Dowden, Fletcher Richardson, Gus White, Andrew Pearson, Brendon Williams, Jake Wilson, Michael Looker, Myles Williams, Harry Lockyer & Beau Casey. The boys were good sports and the team atmosphere was great. There was some excellent batting (117 runs from GCS), catching and run outs. Matthew Sisson nearly achieved a hat trick! Thank you to James Stewart for umpiring, Gwyneth Pearson and Michael Birmingham for scoring, Natasha Roberts for organising the school gazebo and Derrick Craigie for making himself available for umpiring if needed.

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**PBL Celebration Day**

Students from Years 7 & 8 travelled by bus to Malpas Dam to participate in dragon boating. Thank you to Brian Barrett & Chris Hietbrink from the Armidale Dragon Boat Club for giving up their time to enable GCS students to enjoy this great sport. The students rowed in teams of Year 8 boys, Year 8 girls and Year 7 combined boys and girls. Once each team had a practice run, they raced against the clock doing a circuit on the dam. The Year 8 boys blitzed it! The students worked hard on their communication skills, team building skills, had a great time in the mud and skipping stones. More photos on the website at [www.guyra-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.guyra-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)
Tell Them From Me Student Survey
This week, Guyra Central School is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide GCS with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with our school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The information will help GCS continue to expand our teaching and student welfare services. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and confidential. More information about the survey and the research is available on the CESE website at https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents. Please contact Mr Dale Smith, Relieving Deputy Principal on 6779 0844 or email guyra-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any further questions or would like an exemption for your child.

CHS Lawn Bowls Competition
On Monday 19th March, Logan Stanley, Hunter Davidson and Vinnie Abayan travelled to Armidale to play Duval High School in the first round of the CHS lawn bowls competition. We got out to a great lead, but unfortunately we could not keep up the pace and we went down to the opposing team. The Duval team were the bronze medallists in this state wide competition last year and proved to be a formidable opposition. The game was played in an excellent spirit and all players applauded the success of individual performances on both teams. We would like to thank Mr Smith for taking us to Armidale and helping us throughout the day. Report by the players.

World Down Syndrome Day
The Primary SRC is holding a fund raising day for World Down Syndrome Day on the 20th March. As it is Down Syndrome NSW’s 10th Anniversary, the SRC have decided to nominate a special award to one of our past students Olivia Dullaway for her contributions to our school. The award will be given to Olivia at our assembly on Friday, 20th March. All students have been asked to wear their sports uniform and dress in odd socks and lots of silly socks and bring in a gold coin donation. Let’s make a giant gold sock of coins to show our support. We are also selling cup cakes at a cost of $1.00. Order forms have been sent out to help us cater for the supply and demand for cup cakes. The money raised will be donated to the state-wide library service for Down Syndrome NSW which supplies resources to students to help them at school and at home.

2016 Year 7 Open Night
On Tuesday, 24th March 2015 we will host a Year 7 2016 Open Night at 5.30pm in the Year 7 home room (Room 10) to outline the broad curriculum options available in the High School. There will be an opportunity to view the latest in interactive web connect technology which Year 7 students presently use, our state of the art Science facility, listen to current Year 7 students, the School Captains and the Year Advisor for 2016 Mr Scott Miller. Information will be provided about the many innovative programs at GCS, including our academic, vocational education, positive behaviour learning, sport and transition to High School. Invitations have been sent home with current Year 6 students and we welcome parents of year 6 students from all local schools to also attend. Please contact the main office on 6779 0844 or email guyra-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like more information or to rsvp.

Games Donations: The primary school would be grateful for any donations of old games that are intact that you no longer want. Please consider donating them to our games room. The games room is available for students in lunch time.

Positive Behaviour Learning Focus
Pride Respect Responsibility
Right Place, Right Time
Right Thing, ASK
NO EXCUSES
Be Safe at School & Follow Instructions.

What did you enjoy about dragon boating?

Jack Radford: “Winning the time trials”. Cormack Hume: “Racing the other classes”. Jack Lockyer: “Trying to beat the other teams’ times”.

Nicholas Morse: “Enjoyed rowing”. Jack Vallance: “New and fun activity & I enjoyed sitting next to my mates in the boat”.


Savannah Roberts: “Good day out in the open environment”. Bronnie Stanley: “Team work with the Year 8 girls”.

Hannah Gordon: “Teamwork and a good day out”. Sarah Rosten: “Paddling and great day out”.

Melissa Hawthorne: “Team work was really important because we had to work with our partner”. Alexis Ross & Dakota Patton: “Team work, with your partner next to you”.

Senior Constable Steve Bennett visiting GCS.
Well Done!

Secondary Student Awards

Miles Mongta: Excellent effort in Practical Food Technology.
Kye Nitschke: Outstanding achievement in LOTE.
Alex Gosper: Excellent approach & enthusiasm to LOTE & positive approach to learning in Music.
Alice Stanley: Outstanding effort in Visual Arts.
Kelsie Youman: Outstanding effort in Visual Arts.
Grace Butler: Positive transition to elective Music.
Matthew McLean: Positive contribution to PDHPE.
Kelsie Youman: Positive contribution to PDHPE.
Ben Turner: Positive contribution to PDHPE.
Laiton Hume: Positive contribution to PDHPE.
Tristan Jackson: Excellent application to work in Mathematics.
Emma Vallance: Excellent application to work in Mathematics.
Austin Youman: Excellent work in Mathematics.
Tyren Butler: Excellent application in Mathematics.
Mason Harman: Application to IPT Assessment Tasks.
Alice Stanley: Application to homework in Mathematics.
Abby Walls: Consistent application to class work.
Zak Cannon: Excellent application to persuasive writing tasks.
Dakota Beechy: Excellent application to persuasive writing tasks.
Rachel Coles: Excellent result at Guyra Show for Junior Judging.
Savannah Roberts: Excellent result at Guyra Show for Junior Judging.
Braydon Cameron: Excellent result at Guyra Show for Junior Judging.
Madison Morgan: Excellent result at Guyra Show for Junior Judging.

Congratulations!

Primary Student Awards

Mrs Jenny Atkin: Kindergarten Rose
Levi Vanderwolf: Working well in all activities.
Hannah Evers: Kind and friendly to others.
Liam Hutton: Working hard in reading groups.

Mrs Justine Eddy: Stage 1, Purple
Adaiah Galindo: Finishing his work on time and of a high standard.
Kate Ward: Excellent work in addition problems.
Linda Pickalla-Monga: Completing all her work in class independently.
Miss Emma Burey: Stage 1, Aqua
Sophie Roberts: For fantastic reading skills.

Toby Handebo: For applying himself and trying his best when completing writing tasks.
Emily Adams: For always being a conscientious learner.

Miss Bianca Hamilton & Mrs Justine Watts: Stage 1, Fluro
Elizabeth Evers: Great narrative writing.
Jackson Blackwell: Trying hard with his reading and writing.
Matilda Atkin: Trying hard with her writing.

Mrs Meagan Vidler: Stage 2, Coral
Isabel Small: Excellent matching skills using eye gaze.
Jonathan Wilson: Improved addition using jump strategy.
Patrick Wadley: Improvement in maths - addition.

Mrs Sjaan Mitchell: Stage 2, Yellow
Gane Harbutt: Terrific effort in English.
Takoda Gray: Always trying her best.
Ashton Graham: Settling into Stage 2 Yellow extremely well.
Miss Sarah McRae, Stage 3, Red
Carter Atkin: Going above and beyond in your information report.
Kade Stanley: Going above and beyond in your information report.
Millie Roberts: Going above and beyond in your information report.

Mr Steve Alletsee, Stage 3, Indigo
Siana Sisson: Great class discussions.
Ailee Flynn: Excellent report writing.

Assistant Principals’ Award
Will Hutton: Showing Pride, Respect and Responsibility.

Grandparents’ Day: 18 March 2015

On Wednesday 18th March, Guyra Central School will be holding our annual Grandparents’ Day celebrations at 10.30am. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be holding open classroom sessions where parents and grandparents are welcome to come into class to see the great work our students are doing. Morning tea will be held at 11.00am in the Bill Wicks Gymnasium. At 11.45am our assembly will commence with students performing musical and class items. It is a great morning with entertainment, a fantastic morning tea provided by our dedicated and amazing canteen staff with great community spirit. We hope to see you there. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be performing at the Seniors’ Day concert at 10.30am on Friday, 20th March at the Bowling Club.

Volunteers Needed

The school canteen would greatly appreciate more volunteers to assist with providing recess and lunch to students. The school canteen is a great facility. It is very popular with the students. Alysha Clark and Heidi Wilson are doing an outstanding job preparing meals and are happy to speak to you anytime about your availability to volunteer. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome to volunteer. I have no doubt you will enjoy the experience and the students will certainly appreciate seeing you there. The canteen phone number is 6779 1689.

Thank you for volunteering your time at the Canteen.
We really appreciate it.

If you need to change a day you are rostered on please contact the Canteen: 6779 1689
Alysha Clark: 0400 017 809 or Heidi: 0432 668 261

Canteen Roster

Wed 18 March........Renata Ling
Thur 19 March........Treasa Campbell & Nicola Looms
Fri 20 March..........Amanda Bell & Louise Wadley
Mon 23 March........Naree Heagney & Renata Ling
Tue 24 March........Marie Jones & Trish Martin
Wed 25 March.........Richard Stanley
Thur 26 March.........Gina Lockyer & Renata Ling
Fri 27 March..........Bec Williams & Louise Wadley
Mon 30 March.........Renata Ling
Tue 31 March.........Anne Bull
Wed 1 April ..........Tash Walls
Thur 2 April ...........Marie Jones

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Guyra United Soccer Registration

Registrations are now being taken.
Register now with Guyra United for the 2015 Soccer Season by using the online registration process by following the link:
www.myfootballclub.com.au

All players whether you are a returning player or new to the game are welcome to register.
Players 5 - 7 $85 (4 turning 5 in 2015 can register), Players 8 - 11 $99, 12 - 17 $110, High school playing srn only $140, Senior player $220

Registrations close Tuesday 31st March
Further information can be obtained by calling our 2015 Registrar/ Junior Organiser Tyrone Clough on 0407049098 (A/Hours only)

Shamrocks Guyra Hockey Club

Junior hockey registrations are now open.
Under 9 (Saturday morning), Under 11 boys (Friday afternoon) Under 11 girls (Sat morning), Under 13 boys (Friday afternoon)
Under 13 girls (Saturday morning), Under 16 girls.

If you would like to play but are not in the above age groups please register your interest and we will place you in a team.

To register please contact Leanne Savage: 0428 750 042
email: leannesavage@bigpond.com

Registration is now open until 30 March.

Sara Brazier, former student and volunteer at GCS participated in a tenpin bowling competition with the Special Olympics over the weekend. Sara played in the singles tenpin bowling and competed in two games, where she won a silver medal. Sara is also continuing with her swimming and will be competing in an event next month at Kurri Kurri. Good Luck Sara.

Primary Sports Awards
Beau Casey & Charles Mitchell

Guyra Community Garden Opening: If you enter in the “Build a Scarecrow” competition you win a prize! Prizes will be presented at the Grand Opening on Sunday, 22nd March at 10.30am. Everyone of all ages welcome to enter.
Contact: youthcoordinator@the-hub.cc or 67791635.

April School Holidays Program at Guyra Preschool: Book now by calling Amanda on 67791715 or email preschool@guyra.nsw.gov.au.

Guyra Little Chats Supported Playgroup: When: Every Tuesday 10-12 noon Where: Old School Hall, St Mary of the Angels School Cost: FREE Contact: Michelle 0488 371 742 Note: Bring a piece of fruit to share.

Soccer Trials: Registrations are now being taken. Tom Lockyer for being selected to take part in the 2015 Northern Zone Rugby League Trials on Monday 16th March from 9.30am sharp to 3.00pm at UNE Sports Union, University of New England – Armidale. From the trials, those selected will attend the North West Trials on Monday 23rd March 2015 at Minor League Park, Tamworth.

Soccer Trials: Congratulations to Kiarna Lansborough & Harrison Dowden on their selection for North West soccer trials.

Volleyball: Guyra Central participated in the boys and girls CHS Volleyball knockout carnival which was held in Armidale on the 6th March for the boys and 13th March for the girls. Both teams had plenty of enthusiasm and were eager to play after having plenty of practice sessions at lunch times and after school during the weeks leading up to the carnival. In the round robin styled competition, the boys were handed a tough draw being asked to play defending champions Farrer first up, then followed by Glen Innes. Our third match against Tamworth High School was much more competitive; however we were unlucky to walk away without a win.

The girls were definitely outmatched on the day for height, but this did not dampen their spirits. Similar to the boys, the girls had a very tough draw having to play Armidale High first up who dominated throughout the day. Secondly, we had to play Tamworth High then followed by Oxley High which were both very close matches, but a win was not to come our way. Abby Walls was successfully selected into the possible and probable side but narrowly missed a spot in the North West team.

UNIFORM UPDATE
Blazers Guyra Central School will be introducing a school blazer as an option for our secondary uniform. The school blazers are available in sizes 4-26, we do have some sizes available in the secondary office to fit before placing an order. Order forms are available at the main office.

New Secondary School Shorts are available from Terry's Menswear, Bradley Street, Guyra for $45 each in ladies sizes 10, 12, 14 & 16.
Winter Jackets: The following jackets are available for sale for $34 each from the front office: Size 8 Flying Jacket (elastic waist), Size 10 x 2 Flying Jacket (elastic waist), Size 10 1/2 Straight Jacket, Size M Flying Jacket (elastic waist). If you would like to order a jacket please contact the front office.

Website: For more photos and the school calendar, please visit the GCS website at http://www.guyra-c-schools.nsw.edu.au
Newsletter: Please call the school office on 6779 0844, or email: guyra-c.admin@det.nsw.edu.au to update your email address or provide contact details to receive the newsletter.

Sports Report

North West Swimming Carnivals: Congratulations to all the swimmers from Guyra Central School who participated in the North West Swimming Carnivals last week. Thank you to all the parents, family and friends for supporting our students. There were some great “Personal Best” results from the last carnival, Taylor Brennan did a PB in his 100m breaststroke, Bronte Stanley swam well in her 100m freestyle. Cormack Hume experienced a challenging 100m freestyle and Eva Knox swam well in the 100m freestyle. Well done! Kasey Gaukroger qualified for the NW team in: 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 200m Individual Medley. Sophie Gaukroger, Emily Knox, Bronte Stanley and Kasey Gaukroger qualified for the 15 years 200m freestyle relay. They will compete at Homebush on 26-28 March. Good luck girls. Cooper Wilson competed in the 8 years freestyle and improved his time significantly since the Guyra carnival (105 to 55.95 sec). Gane Harbutt swam in the 9 years 50m freestyle and beat his previous time by 2.5 seconds. Sarah Skipper swam in the 10 years 50m backstroke and also did a PB. Well done to all swimmers.

Touch Football Trials in Inverell: A number of students travelled to Inverell on Wednesday, 4th March for Touch Football under 15’s and opens. Sophie Gaukroger and Tanieka Lansborough were selected in the Zone 15 girls touch team. They compete at the regional trials in Inverell on Tuesday 10th March. Miles Mongta and Zakiya Blair made it to possibles and probably but unfortunately missed out. Well done to all students. Sophie has been selected in the North West Team to play in Mudgee on 2nd & 3rd May.

Winter Trials: for rugby league, soccer and netball are coming up on the 17th March. Update in the next newsletter.....

Rugby League Trials: Congratulations to Alistair Connors, Harry Lockyer, Myles Williams, Malekai Lansborough, Tahmani Lansborough, Billy Youman, Tom Lockyer for being selected to take part in the 2015 Northern Zone Rugby League Trials on Monday 16th March from 9.30am sharp to 3.00pm at UNE Sports Union, University of New England – Armidale. From the trials, those selected will attend the North West Trials on Monday 23rd March 2015 at Minor League Park, Tamworth.

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