The primary athletics carnival was held on Friday, 15th May 2015 in very cold conditions, with a trademark Guyra wind. It was wonderful to see all our students from K-6 participate in many events, including novelty races and competitive sprints. Students from Bald Blair Public School, St Mary of the Angels and Black Mountain Public School also participated in many events and this added to the carnival atmosphere.

The level of sportsmanship displayed by all students was excellent and it was great to see students trying to earn points for their house. Congratulations to the winning house…Chandler! Congratulations also to the winning school on aggregate points … Black Mountain.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for their assistance on the day.

Thank you also to the canteen and BBQ team, including Mrs Gwyneth Pearson for assisting with catering.

Champions:

Junior Girl (8, 9 & 10 Years): Ellie Mitchell
Junior Boy (8, 9 & 10 Years): Archie Dowden
11 Years Girl: Kiarna Landsborough
11 Years Boy: Gus White
Senior Girl (12 & 13 Years): Alice Flynn
Senior Boy (12 & 13 Years): Matthew Sisson
We are in week 6 of a 10 week term and there are many wonderful activities still to come, including the Fun Run, Reconciliation Day and sporting events.

**Welcoming a new Assistant Principal**

We welcome Bronwyn Paull who will join the Guyra Central leadership team at the start of Term 3. Mrs Paull will take up the role as Assistant Principal, responsible for the primary section of the school. Mrs Paull brings a wealth of skills to Guyra Central, especially in music and orchestra.

**Positive Behaviour Learning program**

GCS is dedicated to building resilience in our primary and secondary students and we are very proud of our Positive Behaviour Learning program (PBL) that includes the "safe respectful behaviour program", Circle of Friends, Back Track, signage throughout the school and more. It is therefore helpful to understand the difference between "bullying" and a one off minor incident. We encourage all students to talk to someone if they are concerned about anything, either to a friend, teacher or staff and assure you that all events are dealt with. “Bullying” is a persistent behaviour and resources are put in place to prevent it from happening. Our goal is to build resilience in our students, so they can bounce back after an event big or small, overcome any adversity, have the capability to shrug off something and move on.

**Fantastic Fun Run**

The Guyra Central School students were provided with a little more time to prepare for the School Fun-Run superhero Olympics on Thursday, 28 May from 11.30am until 1pm. Students will dress up as their favourite superhero. They will compete in many events and it is great to have support from family, friends and the community.

The adidas School Fun-Run is an excellent opportunity for students to get excited about physical activity while raising funds for muscular dystrophy and some new sports equipment for the school.

**The Brothers Quibble Simultaneous Story time**

Students from K-2 participated in the National Simultaneous Story time, which is an annual nationwide reading event at the Guyra Library on Wednesday, 27th May 2015. The National Simultaneous Story time is a campaign to encourage more young children to read and enjoy books. The story that has been selected this year is “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey.

The library has organised a local police officer to read to the students.

**Reconciliation Day**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia and each year GCS takes the opportunity to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It is an important community event for us and one we all enjoy. The theme for NRW 2015 is “It’s time to change it up”. NRW is a chance to take a fresh approach to share culture, connect with community and celebrate Indigenous success at every opportunity. Guyra Central School will be celebrating Reconciliation Week on the 29th of May. We have invited Aboriginal parents, community members and Elders to a morning tea at 10:40am in the Staff common room and to stay for our Reconciliation assembly where our primary students will be performing a reconciliation song they have been practising.

**How is your TAFE, Work Placement or Apprenticeship going?** (Thank you to our local business people who have been outstanding with their support of our students at the beginning of their working life).

**Jake Ellis:** Apprenticeship with Guyra Country Butchery. I enjoy working with Ben Vidler, he is a great mentor. My apprenticeship is underway, with only a few years to go.

**Jacob Jackson:** TVET Auto. I enjoy working on engines with students from other schools. We are working towards achieving a Certificate II in Auto.

**Dallas Mulligan:** TVET Auto. TAFE is excellent. I am learning a lot and meeting new people.

**Laiton Hume:** TVET Auto. I am a 2nd year apprentice, but in my 3rd year at TAFE. I am doing perms, colour & cutting and really enjoying it. I am very happy with my career choice.

**Hannah Williams:** Hair dressing apprentice with Hairy Tales. I am working with local builder Philip Wade. I love it! Building is something I would like to do when I finish school. Last week we lined a room in a house and we do a lot of concreting.

**Luke Brazier:** Student based training with local builder Philip Wade. I love it! Building is something I would like to do when I finish school. Last week we lined a room in a house and we do a lot of concreting.
Guess Who?
The students selected for showing Pride Respect Responsibility

Emma Gray
Claire Flynn

P & C Report from Hayley Howarth
The P&C AGM was held on the 19th May. The P&C is very happy to see some new faces, welcome to all new members who attended. It is great to have fresh new ideas and perspectives at the meetings. Congratulations to the new P&C president Aimee Hutton and the new vice president Melinda Atkin, the P&C is very grateful to Aimee and Melinda for taking on these roles. Hayley Howarth and Christine Gellie will remain in their roles of secretary and treasurer.

The P&C has been involved in many important decisions within the school including giving opinions on the recently developed whole school plan and being a part of the panel for recruitment of new teachers. The P&C is a great avenue for parents to have a say in important decisions made within the school and we encourage new members to join so that you can have a say in your school. Over the past year the P&C has been able to contribute to many valuable projects in the school including replacing ipads, purchasing high jump mats, supporting students with travel cost and purchasing clothing items such as blazers, ties and sporting uniforms.

The next meeting will be held at 6PM at Rafters on the 16th June.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Great News!
Half day volunteer times now available.
New times: 8.30am - 11.30am or 11.30am - 2.30am
Please consider volunteering for half a day.

Wed 27 May .......... Marie Jones & Louise Wadley
Thur 28 May .......... Leanne Campbell & Renata Ling
Fri 29 May .......... Amanda Bell & Shona Mulligan
Mon 1 June .......... Renata Ling & Kirsty Sisson
Tue 2 June .......... Tash Walls & Marie Jones
Wed 3 June .......... Richard Stanley & Renata Ling
Thur 4 June .......... Mel Atkin & Louise Wadley
Fri 5 June .......... Amanda Campbell & Kylie Atkin
Mon 8 June .......... QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY
Tue 9 June .......... April Worley & Trish Martin

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

Sports Report
The 15 and under girls’ soccer team played in the 3rd round of the Bill Turner Cup against Tenterfield High School at GCS on Wednesday, 20th May. The game was nil all at full time, nil all after 20 minutes extra time. Sadly the girls lost the game in a penalty shoot-out 3 to 1. It was a fantastic game.

The girls played really well and deserved to win and were just unlucky not to get the ball in the net when they had the opportunity.
It was the first time GCS has made it through to round 3 in many years.
The central schools’ touch football competition was held in Inverell on Thursday, 21st May for the girls and Friday, 22nd for the boys.
The girls had a damp day in Inverell and played the first game in the rain. There were 2 pools and they played Barraba in the first game winning 5 – 0. They lost their second game to Woodenbong 3 – 1 and won their third game against Walcha 3 – 1. In the semi-finals they played Bundarra and lost 3 -1. At the end of the day, this was a great result for our girls.

Harry Lockyer played in the Northern Trials for Primary Rugby Union on Monday, 18th May at Moran Oval in Armidale and has been selected to play in the next level of North West development and final selection day on Friday, 29th May at Tamworth. Well done Harry and Good luck.
Primary Sports Award

Archie Dowden

Primary Boys Cricket

Living Safely with Dogs

Students from K-2 participated in The Living Safely with Dogs an interactive program focusing on teaching students, when dogs should be left alone, things we should not do to dogs, how can you tell if a dog is happy, scared or angry, a safe way to approach and greet a dog, what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

Farm News: It is that time of the year again where we begin our preparation for a number of cattle shows which we will be participating in later this year. Students have commenced working with the steers where there will be tireless hours spent quietening, leading, feeding and grooming the cattle in order to have them ready for competition. We have seen our cattle numbers increase by another two thanks to the generous donation of two excellent Simmental steers from the Morgan family. Thank you Madison, Sandy and Gary Morgan for your generosity. I would also like to thank Ruben Tully and Belinda for the kind donation of six silky chickens which will be a valuable addition to our coop which already consists of some award winning chooks and ducks.

Report by Mr Scott Miller, Science and Agriculture teacher.

MESSAGE BOARD

Hot food is still available for K-6 students to purchase at recess but they have to put in a recess order. This is the same that they do for lunch. Write name and recess order on a lunch bag and then put it in the canteen bags in the classrooms.

Parents and Drivers. Please be aware that the speed zone out the front of the school is 40km/h. We have a lot of little children crossing the roads of a morning and afternoon. Please be careful of the speed you are travelling.

Reminder for parents and visitors to school: It is very important for all parents and visitors to the school to go to the main office on arrival. Please make yourself known to our office team and inform them of why you are there, so they can assist you if need be. Please do not go round the classroom, without speaking to the office team first.

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

YOGA: Suitable for new and experienced students. 6 to 7.30pm, Monday 20th April to Monday 22nd June. Senior School Room 10. Bring a mat, blanket & cushion. $150 per Term or $105 for 6 wks $90 for 5wks or $20 casual. Shakti 0448 879 642 shakti.mudra@gmail.com

Please label all clothing: With the cold weather here it is good to see so many students wearing their warm jumpers. Please label all clothing and especially jumpers so if they get lost, we can return them to the right student!

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in medicine, dentistry, or optometry will need to sit the compulsory UMAT (examination) when applying for one of the above career choices. National Institute of Education will be conducting two final UMAT preparation workshops on the 6th of June and 11th of July. Places are strictly limited. If you think this applies to you, see Mrs Adams ASAP. All details are available via www.nie.edu.au

Thank You: Each newsletter is very much a team effort and the editor greatly appreciates the contribution of reports, photos and scores from teachers, parents and staff. THANK YOU!

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Website: it’s time to change it up!