Dates for your Diary

AUGUST
Mon 3 - Fri 7  Great Aussie Bush Camp, Years 5-6
Mon 10       The Premier’s Spelling Bee
Fri 14        Education Week Assembly
              Guyra Gift & Snowball
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Book Week
Wed 19        7-12 Assembly

We need your help

Guyra Central School Canteen is desperate for volunteers and is in danger of not being able to operate 5 days per week.
Alysha, Heidi and the team at the canteen wish to remind all families to return the canteen survey that was issued last term. Your feedback is important to us and to the future of your school canteen.

Working 9-5, what a way to get experience

Many thanks to the businesses around the Guyra and Armidale area for accommodating our Year 9 students for their work placement. Without the support of these businesses our students simply would not have the opportunity to gain experience and skills in the work place.

Nicole is one of the lucky 15 recipients - 2015 FACS Youth Scholarship

A special presentation was made last Wednesday at our Senior Assembly to Nicole Dixon. Nicole was presented with a 2015 Family & Community Services Scholarship. The Youth Scholarship Program assists eligible young people living in social housing or on the NSW Housing Register to complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent. With only 15 scholarships awarded in NSW Nicole has done extremely well. The scholarships consist of a one off payment of $1,500 to be administered by the school or TAFE College on behalf of the student, the money can be used to buy items or services which help the student complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent and can include: private tuition, text books, study guides, stationery, specialist equipment (e.g. art, music or photographic materials), course costs (including materials), excursions, study camps, sport, computer software and printer. We are extremely proud of Nicole and look forward to seeing her achieve great results through her study.

Tony Salter from Family & Community Service with scholarship recipient Nicole Dixon
Outstanding contributions as we Celebrate Local Heroes

Whilst last week was officially Education Week - 2015’s theme is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’, students and staff at Guyra Central School will be celebrating over the week of 10th–14th August as Year 12 students were involved with Higher School Certificate trials and Year 9 were on Work Experience.

Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools. The Community of Schools awards ceremony was held Bald Blair Public School on Monday 27th July. This year GCS is pleased to have four awardees for the following awards:

Outstanding contribution by a teacher: Sam Hutton
Outstanding contribution from a student: Austin Youman
Outstanding contribution by a member of the school community: Michael Birmingham
Outstanding contribution by a member of the community: Kevin & Jan Harman.

Congratulations to all, very well deserved.

To sick for school?

We wish to inform our families that we have had a recent case of Scabies in our school.

Symptoms may include: Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.

School or home: Keep home from school until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

How can I help prevent spread: Wash linen, towels and clothing worn in the past 2 days in hot water and detergent. Tell the school. Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and managed if infested.

Secondary Student Awards

Sarah Rosten: Persistence, diligence and commitment to improvement in the class study of a novel
Libby Howey: Outstanding achievement in Year 11 Ancient History assessment
Zak Cannon: Enthusiasm and commitment in Year 9/10 Elective History
Luke Brazier: Persistence, diligence and commitment to English studies
Gerard Brazier: Persistence, diligence and commitment to English studies
Emily Knox: Outstanding diligence and commitment to achieving excellence in study of an English novel
Sarah Walls: Outstanding diligence and commitment to achieving excellence in study of an English novel
Bronte Stanley: Persistence, diligence and commitment to improvement in the class study of a novel
Madison Morgan: Persistence, diligence and commitment to improvement in the class study of a novel
Janaya Landsborough: Persistence, diligence and commitment to improvement in the class study of a novel
Kelsie Youman: Outstanding achievement in Year 10 History assessment
Hunter Davidson: Excellent application to work in Mathematics
Melissa Hawthorne: Consistent effort and application in Year 7 Science
Colleen Pearson: Consistent effort and application in Year 7 Science
Logan Stanley: Consistent effort and application in Year 10 Science

Dakota Field: Consistent effort and application in Year 7 Science
Kelsie Youman: Outstanding work in elective Agriculture
Taylah Martin: Outstanding work in elective Agriculture
Alice Stanley: Outstanding work in elective Agriculture
Libby Howey: Excellent application to work in class
Bronte Stanley: Excellent Mathematics Assessment
Huw Knox: Commitment to work in Mathematics
Sarah Walls: Application in Mathematics
Stephanie Cameron: Application in Mathematics
Austin Youman: Commitment to work in Mathematics
Logan Stanley: Commitment to learning
Vicente Abayan: Commitment to learning
Mason Harman: Outstanding English Extension 1 Assessment Task
Austin Youman: Outstanding English Extension 1 Assessment Task
Click goes his shears; click, click, click
Many thanks go to Mr Ian Pearson for his time on Tuesday 28th July over at the Guyra Central School farm completing the shearing along with sharing some tips and tricks on how to gather up and throw the fleeces for classing with the Year 10 elective Agriculture students. We are also busy preparing our two steers and one heifer for the New England’s Premier Beef Fest, show and sale to be held 16th & 17th September at the Armidale Exhibition Centre. Thanks also to The Merritts for the kind donation of a trailer load of hay to be used for feeding over the winter.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thirty eight very excited students departed Guyra on Monday morning to travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for an adventure filled week. We look forward to their reports and photos. We know that they will have a wonderful time.

P&C Report
The P&C met on the 28th July. Discussions are in place for possible fundraising options for later this year. The P&C has made the decision to fund half the cost of an upgrade to the Cricket Pitch.
We have received a generous donation from the New England Community Mutual through their Community Partnership Program. We are calling on the school community to consider opening a Community Partnership Account. The Community Partnership Program is a great way for the P&C to raise funds at no cost to members who support the program. Members of New England Mutual who have a Community Partnership Account can elect their preferred charity organisation such as the Guyra Central P&C. Each year the New England Community Mutual will calculate the average annual balance of supporters of the P&C and will donate 1% of this total to the P&C. Again this costs nothing to the member. To support the P&C in this program you can open a Community Partnership account or change your existing account to a Community Partnership account. Please contact or visit the Guyra Branch of Community Mutual for more information or phone on 6779 2630. Thank you to those in the community who have taken the time to nominate the P&C as their preferred community organisation. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 6pm at Rafters; new members always welcome to attend.

Primary Student Awards
Kindergarten Rose, Mrs Jenny Atkin
Riley White: Working well in reading groups
David Pickalla-Mongta: For being a kind friend
Nathan Sisson: Working well in class

Stage 1 - Purple, Mrs Justine Eddy
Bailey Yeomans: Great organisation and improvement in writing tasks
Elia Vidler: Excellent enthusiasm in Numeracy
Blake Raper: Excellent improvement in reading and class discussions

Stage 1 - Aqua, Miss Emma Burey
Shanaye Yeomans: For a fantastic acrostic poem
Toby Handebo: For tidy book work
Leroy Russell: For showing a positive attitude towards his learning

Stage 1 - Fluro, Miss Bianca Hamilton & Mrs Justine Watts
Jade Butler: Making great contributions in classroom discussion
Darcey Heagney: Being an enthusiastic learner
Kiearnna Wadley: Working hard to improve her additions in maths

Stage 2 - Coral, Mrs Meagan Vidler
Cooper Wilson, Jada Alefosio, Kiralee Mcllwain: Excellent work in class

Stage 2 - Yellow, Mrs Sjaan Mitchell
Rocco Brazier: Terrific recount writing
Shahkita Pixton: Always trying her best
Mary Paul: Always taking pride in her work

Stage 3 - Indigo, Mr Steve Alletsee
Matthew Sisson: An outstanding presentation on Thailand
Siana Sisson: Excellent contribution to class activities
Andrew Pearson: Improvement in presentation skills

Assistant Principals’ Award
Matilda Atkin: For showing Pride, Respect and Responsibility

Hayley Howarth

Soft, freezing snowflakes coming down.
Naughty children throwing snowballs at each other.
Our faces are cold outside and when we come inside the warm homes, our fingers and faces are numb.
Winter weather all slippery, cold snowy ground.

By Madisyn Turner, Stage 1 Fluro
Sports Report

Try and conversion in the last 30 sec before extra time

Reports have indicated that the U13s team had a wonderful time in Coonabarabran last Thursday. Special thanks to the parents who attended and also Mr Scott Miller for his time and patience in taking the team such a distance with an overnight stay and a big match to follow.

Although the conditions were wet and slippery as a result of the rain the night before, it was a great match with Guyra Central School being down at half time 18-6 and try in the last 30 seconds converted by BJ Cameron bringing the score level at 30 all. Guyra was the stronger team in the second half, however in extra time a lucky bounce assisted Nyngan to take the score to 34-30. Well done to the team on their efforts.

Five students progress to Combined High School State Carnival in September

Last Friday, 24th July twenty six Guyra Central School students attended the North West Secondary Athletics Carnival in Tamworth. Our athletes had to participate in very trying wet, windy and cold conditions but all displaying Pride, Respect and Responsibility. We are very excited to announce that five students will now progress to the Combined High School State Carnival in September with outstanding results being achieved including Huw Knox, Kelsie Youman and Eva Knox, North West Champions in both the 800m and 1500m, Brodie Harman 2nd in the 200m and Kasey Gaukroger placing 2nd in both the 200m and high jump events. We wish them well for their continued training. Thanks to Mrs Nadine Youman and Mrs Lynda Hopwood for travelling to Tamworth with our students.

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Whilst we are still waiting for confirmation of official results from the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival that was held in Armidale last Thursday, Guyra Central School had thirty five students from Year 2 to 6 attend with outstanding results for a small school. All students displayed Pride, Respect and Responsibility and we look forward to sharing with you the results for those students who make it on to the state carnival.

Girls bow out of the PSSA Knockout Touch Football Competition

Last Wednesday 29th July we welcomed two teams from Ben Venue Public School at Guyra Central School to play in the PSSA Knockout Touch Football Competition, for the girls unfortunately they bow out of the competition after going down to Ben Venue 3-4 in a close game. For the boys they won by two points 8-6 and will now move into the next round to play Walcha Central School in Walcha on a date to be advised. We wish the boys well for the next game.

Soccer Parking

I wish to make a request to the community to observe the parking requirements when attending sporting events such as weekend soccer. The area within the school grounds is a passive area and not a parking area. The only vehicles with access to the oval are emergency vehicles. There are many children within the zone around the sporting fields and cars coming in and out present a significant danger. There is adequate parking available in Marne, Manse and Prisk Streets. I extend my thanks to community members who observe this request and understand and accept the reason for the locked gate.

Canteen Roster

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

Please consider volunteering for half a day.

Thur 6 Aug Richard Stanley & Sally White
Mon 10 Aug Chris Gellies & Renata Ling
Wed 12 Aug Marie Jones & Sally White
Fri 14 Aug Bec Williams & Louise Wadley
Tues 18 Aug April Worley

Fri 4 Aug Amanda Campbell & Kylie Atkin
Tues 11 Aug Anita Hunter & Trish M
Thurs 13 Aug Judy Wark
Mon 17 Aug Renata Ling & Marie Jones
Wed 19 Aug Kristy Davis

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

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