Australian Mobile Dental Care Van

Guyra Central School has been lucky to have the Australian Mobile Dental Care van visiting our school over the last week. In Australia, toothache is the number one reason children miss school. Australian Mobile Dental Care has been providing dental services since 2010. They offer free assessments and basic dental treatment to students covered under Medicare. Students that require ongoing dental treatment will be then be transferred to a dentist in the local area. Approximately 110 students were checked with less than 10% needing referrals to local dentists for follow up treatments. Students that were checked also received a pack including toothbrush, toothpaste, information on how to correctly brush and a sticker to encourage cleaning correctly.

Shave for a Cure

Five Year 9 boys turned up at school on Monday morning wearing various types of beanies and head warmers after coming off second best to the hair clippers on Friday as part of a fundraising effort for the Leukaemia Foundations World’s Greatest Shave. After a troublesome start to the shave Mr Miller had to race to the Agriculture farm and get the horse clippers to complete the shave after Adam Vickery’s do caused the clippers to run out of puff. Dakota Beechey, Zak Cannon and Todd Handebo also lined up for a buzz cut with Hunter Davidson who has raised nearly $900 alone, elected for a new style resembling a Mohawk. The entire Year 9 body has been involved with fundraising and most helped on the day with cutting/shaving and sweeping up the masses of hair. To date the students have raised almost $1600 for the foundation. We are very proud of the efforts of these students and know that the money raised will support a great cause.
Education Week Celebrations

Friday last week was a very busy day at Guyra Central School as we welcomed family, friends and community members along to help celebrate Education Week as well as how far we have come along on the Positive Behaviour for Learning journey. Every part of the day was wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by staff, students and our wider school community. There was such a positive feeling in the air.

Starting off with an Assembly to ‘celebrate local heroes’ for Education Week; this was a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff. We are very proud to recognise Austin Youman for outstanding student achievement , Ms Sam Hutton, for an outstanding contribution by a staff member, Mr Mike Birmingham for an outstanding contribution by a member of the school community and Mr & Mrs Kevin and Jan Harman for an outstanding contribution by a member of the community. Congratulations to all, very well deserved. The awardees are justifiably our “local heroes”.

Followed by the annual Snowball. This year we had a great display of performances showing Pride, Respect and Responsibility with a total of twenty performances including dance routines, singing from individuals and choirs and the much anticipated performances from the staff band ‘Alternate Merchants’ and staff vocalists ‘The Perfect Pitches’. First place went to Year 8, 9, 10 dance group consisting of Savannah Roberts, Kelsie Youman, Alice and Bronte Stanley. Second place went to the Uptown Funk performance by Kindergarten with music by Alternate Merchants and third place went to the Gifted and Talent Band, Sarah Walls, Kelsie Youman, Matthew McLean and Jaydon Gaddes who performed ‘Waiting on the World to Change’. It proved to be a great Snowball. A packed out audience were thoroughly entertained.

A BBQ lunch was then provided for all students, family, friends and community members to enjoy. Many thanks must go to all who assisted in the arranging of food for the BBQ and for running the BBQ. The fun day continued after lunch as we welcomed members of Guyra Community organisations who truly are the local heroes within our community. I extend my sincere thanks to the Guyra Police, Guyra Ambulance Service, Guyra CWA, Guyra Rural Bushfire Brigade, Guyra VRA, and Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to visit each service and find out more about their contribution to the Guyra community. Maybe in the future they might join one of these organisations. It was truly an amazing day at Guyra Central School for everybody, staff, students, parents, friends and local heroes.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Wednesday, 2 September 2015, students at Guyra Central School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. The theme for NAIDOC Week is ‘We all stand on sacred ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. The assembly will mark the beginning of our celebrations at 11.10 am. Parents and community members are invited to attend. Aboriginal Education awards will be presented during this assembly. Our Aboriginal dance group, The Jarjims will also be performing. Students will be partaking in a range of activities after the assembly, including cooking, Aboriginal art, jewellery making and Traditional Tabloid Games. Our Junior AECG will be co-ordinating these events. Following these activities, there will be a barbeque and celebration cake. Please join us to help celebrate NAIDOC Week and share in our culture, history and the pride we have here at Guyra Central School.
Library Report from Ms Kirsten Reim

This week sees us celebrating Book Week, this year the theme is ‘Books light up our world’.
Parents are invited to attend the book parade on Friday 21 August in the Gymnasium, from 9.30am. The book parade is an opportunity for students to come dressed as their favourite book character – and they are always great fun. Starting on Friday 21st we will also be holding our book fair. Students, families and friends are encouraged to come and visit the book fair and maybe find a great book to buy! EFTPOS will be available in the library for these purchases. We hope that you will come and join us in our celebrations and thank you for your support.

Spelling Bee

Monday 10th August saw most students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 participate in The Premier’s Spelling Bee at Guyra Central School. Students had received their words and studied them well. The competition was fierce and the audience was thrilled.
There were winners from each of the years as well as a stage winner!
Our winners were: Early Stage 1 – Hayley Williams, Year 1, Stage 1 Purple – Ella Vidler, Year 2, Stage 1 Fluro and Stage Champion – Sophie Mitchell Year 3, Stage 2 Coral – Oliver Flynn, Year 4, Stage 2 Yellow and Stage Champion – Kye Raper, Year 5, Stage 3 Red – Renae Vanderwolf Year 6, Stage 3 Red and Stage Champion – Claire Davidson
Our winners from Stage 2 and 3, will progress to Regional finals which will be held at Newling Public School on Wednesday, 9 September.

Father’s Day Raffle

Students from Year 7 - 10 studying Agriculture have been issued with raffle tickets to raise funds for the maintenance of fences on the school farm and potential purchase of some addition livestock for the farm, with 5 prizes up for grabs 1st prize is a whole lamb meat pack, 2nd – 5th prize are all half a lamb meat packs.
Tickets are $2 each and available from students or the Main Office at Guyra Central School. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 4 September in time for your Father’s Day BBQ.

New England’s Premier Beef Fest

Last Tuesday Blake O’Reilly from Ray White Rural Guyra/Armidale visited the Agricultural farm to inspect the Steers and Heifer that have been nominated for New England’s Premier Beef Fest.
Blake is a coordinator of the upcoming event which will be held at the Armidale Exhibition Centre on the 16 & 17 September 2015. He said ‘the industry event will showcase breeder, trade, supermarket and export cattle with a strong emphasis on encouraging school and youth involvement. This event promotes the regions cattle to producers, processors and retailers’. Whilst Blake visited the farm he briefed the students as to what the Judges will be looking for in regards to both the presentation and finishing of the animals as well as those parading.
The school will be exhibiting 2 steers and 1 heifer from the farm along with a steer that has been offered for showing from Mr Gary & Mrs Sandy Morgan. We would like to thank them for their kind offer and hope that we can parade it well and do the animal justice. If anyone else is interested in this event, please contact Blake O’Reilly on 0448 213 668 for more information.

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Bieanka travels to Tamworth

Bieanka Wadley travelled to Tamworth on Friday to participate in a Multi-Sport Day. The NSW Department of Education offered a sports day for students with disabilities which on the day allowed students the opportunity to participate in a range of individual and team sports.
Bieanka mentioned that she enjoyed playing indoor football, indoor cricket, volleyball, netball, badminton and indoor golf.

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Sports Report

Save the date for the P&C Fun Run

Sunday 11 October 2015 Guyra Central School P&C will be holding a Fun Run. This will be their major fundraising event for the year and are looking forward to the support from the local community. The Fun Run will consist of a 2km and 8km run. 8km is only open to 13 years and over. 2km is open to anyone. More details will follow.

However if you wish to sponsor or assist in anyway for this exciting event please do not hesitate to contact Aimee Hutton on 0423 766 629.

Boys take another win in the PSSA Knockout Touch Football Competition

After a postponed event last Friday due to slippery conditions at Walcha the boys travelled on Monday to play in the PSSA Knockout Touch Football comp. Walcha Central School were a friendly team whilst our boys showed great sportsmanship in the windy conditions coming up with a win 14-3. The boys will now progress into the next round against Ross Hill to be played at Guyra. We wish the boys all the best in their preparation for this match.

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

The results are in from the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival that was held in Armidale on 24 July and we couldn’t be prouder of our athletes. Eleven students from GCS have been confirmed to progress to the North West Carnival to be held later in Term 3.

Results are as follows; Oscar Atkin to compete in 200m and 100m, Archie Dowden for 100m, Kiarna and Tahmani Landsborough for 800m, Ellie Mitchell for 100m, 200m and Long Jump, Matthew Sisson for 800m and High Jump, Robert Sisson for Discus, Gus White for 200m, Bailey Wilson for Shot Put, Cooper Wilson for 100m and Jake Wilson for High Jump. The students were extremely well behaved whilst attending the carnival and Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Youman wish to thank the students for their behaviour.

Cricket Season is coming

Junior Cricket will commence in Term 4. Anyone interested in signing up for the season please contact Gwyneth Pearson on 6779 1562 or 0428 574 890 or Craig Lockyer on 0427 013 312. Registration details will follow.

The Guyra Gift

As part of our Education Week celebrations we had the running of the ‘Guyra Gift’, an annual event on the sporting calendar which consisted of 13 runners starting from various distances 56m through to 100m where the first four place getters from each heat then progressed into the final. Placegetters and winner of this annual race were 3rd place Isaiah King, 2nd place Hope McClure and 1st place Brodie Harman.

School Uniforms

School Caps are now available for purchase from the Main Office for $12.50. Donations of school uniform items to the clothing pool also would be very much appreciated, if you have anything that your child has grown out of we would appreciate if you could drop the items to the main office.

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.

| Thurs 20 Aug | Leanne Campbell & Nikki Looms | Fri 21 Aug | Louise Wadley |
| Mon 24 Aug | Joanne Presnell & Renata Ling | Tues 25 Aug | Tash Walls |
| Wed 26 Aug | Sally White | Thurs 27 Aug | Trish McIwain & Marie Jones |
| Fri 28 Aug | Shona Mulligan & Louise Wadley | Mon 31 Aug | Naree Heagney & Renata Ling |
| Tues 1 Sept | Sheree Ward & Lorna Sweeney | Wed 2 Sept | Bec Tibbs |

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 0400 017 809 or Heidi 0432 668 261

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