NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC Week was celebrated in style on Wednesday, 2 September. The theme this year was ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground’. The theme highlighted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea, it was also an opportunity to pay respects to country: honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places within the nation. Our students this year conducted our school assembly, which also included a performance by The Jarjums, our Aboriginal Dance Group, and the presentation of Aboriginal Education awards. Congratulations to our award recipients. Badges were also presented to our newly inducted Junior AECG executive. We’d like to also thank our outgoing Junior AECG executive for their brilliant efforts over the past year.

This year our committee decided to organise a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. Following our formal assembly, the senior students helped co-ordinate the activities which included: cooking, jewellery making, Aboriginal art and Tabloid Games. Senior students also cooked a barbeque lunch for all K-6 students and family members. Our Committee would like to thank all K-6 teachers for their support with the activities. Senior students and students in Years 4-6 exemplified our school values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility with how they coordinated events and activities, ensuring a fantastic day had by all students.

Special Thanks to Caltex Truck Stop

We would like to extend a special thanks to David and Jeanette Reeves at Caltex Truck Stop for their kind donation of two iTunes gift cards that were given as prizes for our Snow Ball Talent Quest place getters.

First place was the Secondary dance group who were presented with certificates earlier this week, along with an invitation to dine at Caffiends with our Principal. Second place Kindergarten, will be rewarded with a Disco and Popcorn afternoon and the Gifted and Talented Band who placed third each received an iTunes gift card.

Spring into Spring Fun Run

Eighteen days to register for the Spring into Spring Fun Run which will be held on Sunday, 11 October, commencing at Guyra Central School. Registration is now open at www.guyrapandc.wix.com/funrun if you need help registering you can see Aimee at the Guyra Shire Library or the office staff at the GCS.
Trade Skills Centre
The plan to establish a Metals & Engineering Trades Skills Centre at Guyra Central School is finally becoming reality. The building site adjacent to the Science building was cordoned off on Wednesday, 9 September by the builders, O’Donnell and Hanlon.
There will be some alteration to student and staff parking areas as well as restricted and No Entry areas around the site. These areas will be well signposted. I urge the community who access the school grounds for weekend sport to be aware of the restricted areas in the interests of safety.
Once completed, this centre will be a state of the art teaching facility to further prepare students for post school training and employment in the metals and engineering fields.

Secondary Student Awards
Stephanie Cameron: Commitment to Year 7 Science
Kolby Kennedy: Commitment to Year 8 Science
Emma Vallance: Commitment to Biology
Hope McClure: Commitment to Biology
Adam Vickery: Hard work in Geography
Ryan Field: Hard work in Geography
Colleen Pearson: Hard work in History
Alexis Ross: Hard work in History
Liam Surawski: Effort and commitment in VET Metals and Engineering
  Excellent application and work ethic in Photography
  Excellent Major project – Industrial Technology – Graphics
Brock Laybutt: Excellent Major project in Industrial Technology
Samantha Cox: Excellent results in trial examination Graphics
Miles Archibald: Excellent results in trial examination Graphics
  Excellent Major project – Industrial Technology – Graphics
Max Hammond: Excellent results in trial examination Graphics
Austin Youman: Excellent results in trial examination Graphics
  Excellent Major project in Industrial Technology
  Diligence and application towards his Mathematics
Jake Ellis: Excellent PDHPE trial examination results
  Outstanding commitment to study
Abby Walls: On going commitment to PDHPE
  Outstanding commitment to study
Tyren Butler: Excellent application to work in Mathematics
Hunter Davidson: Excellent application to work in Mathematics
Matthew McLean: Excellent application to work in Mathematics
Emma Vallance: Diligence and application towards her Mathematics
Gemma Williams: Outstanding dedication and enthusiasm towards Science
Leela Gosper: Outstanding dedication and enthusiasm towards Science
Isaiah King: Improved commitment towards Agriculture
Savannah Roberts: Excellent enthusiasm towards Agriculture
Ryan Field: Excellent application and improvement in Mathematics
  For showing positive contribution and work ethic in LOTE
Jack Lockyer: Excellent application to his Mathematics homework
  Kasey Gaukroger: Excellent application to her Mathematics homework
  A fantastic practical assessment in PE incorporating fundamental movement skills
Luke Brazier, Hannah Williams, Nicole Dixon: Outstanding Design and Performance in Cert 3 Fitness of a Group Fitness class
Colleen Pearson, Eva Knox: A fantastic practical assessment in PE incorporating fundamental movement skills
Kryszaiah Andrews: Commitment to Music classes
Ryan Field: Contribution to Music class and assessment task
Melissa Hawthorne: Positive student in Music Class
Casey Lennon: Outstanding and consistent effort and application in Food Technology
Melissa Hawthorne: Outstanding talent and dedication towards Visual Arts
Jake Mayled: Excellent application and work ethic in Design and Technology
Shaylah Cannon: Excellent application and work ethic in Design and Technology
Alex Gosper: Outstanding work ethic and improvement in LOTE
Nicole Dixon: Excellent and consistent approach to a successful well planned out body of work
P&C Report from Hayley Howarth

A big thank you to all the local businesses who have offered their support for our major fundraiser for the year. The Spring into Spring Fun Run will be held on the Sunday, 11 October, commencing from Guyra Central School. Cash prizes are on offer for winners of each age group and the first 100 participants to cross the finish line in each event will receive a goodie bag. There will be a jumping castle, music, stalls, food & drinks and a BBQ at the event. The run will be timed which is great for all the serious runners out there. Registration is now open at www.guyrapandc.wix.com/funrun. If you need help registering you can see Aimee at the Guyra Shire Library or the office staff at the school. Volunteers will be needed on the day. Please let Aimee Hutton or Melinda Atkin know if you are able to volunteer.

Unfortunately this month, Hayley Mulligan and Chris Gellie have resigned from their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. This is a great loss for the P&C, and the remaining P&C members would like to thank them both for their hard work and their fantastic contribution. Melinda Atkin has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer, however the P&C is still in need of a new Secretary. If any parents think they may have the time to contribute to the P&C or are interested in taking on the role of Secretary please let us know. As our major fundraiser for the year has been organised the secretarial role will involve attending meetings, taking minutes and writing a short report for the newsletter. If you are new to the school this is a great way to meet new people from our wonderful school community and get involved in important decisions made for the school. All new members are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 6 October at Rafters starting at 6pm.

Primary Student Awards

Kindergarten Rose, Mrs Jenny Atkin
Logan Mendes: Conscientious worker
Hannah Evers: Great Story writing skills
Jemima Atkin: Pride in presenting her work

Stage 1 - Purple, Mrs Justine Eddy
Bree Wilson: For fantastic focused work in class
Bailey Yeomans: For fantastic improvement in written tasks
James Duncan: For showing great maturity in dealing with difficult situations

Stage 1 - Aqua, Miss Emma Burey
Riley McLeod: Applying fantastic reading strategies
Shanae Wark: For a fantastic orientation to her fractured fairy tale
Sophie Roberts: Showing a positive attitude towards her learning

Stage 1 - Fluro, Miss Bianca Hamilton & Mrs Justine Watts
Elizabeth Evers: Taking pride in all her school work
Jackson Blackwell: Trying hard with his fairytale writing
Pacie Mulligan: Working hard in class

Stage 2 - Coral, Mrs Meagan Vidler
Jada Alefosio: Fantastic spelling skills and improvisation
Dylan McGinty: Great measuring skills in Maths
Jessy Baines: Improved focus in Maths - Number
Shanae Bull: Persistent learner

Stage 2 - Yellow, Mrs Sjaan Mitchell
Oscar Atkin: A great attitude towards his learning
Cooper Brennan: Great biography writing
Selina Surawski: Trying hard to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing

Stage 3 - Indigo, Mr Steve Alletsee
Braydon Wadley: Improvement in Spelling
Malekai Landsborough: Improved reading and writing

Assistant Principals’ Award
Hayden Bezzant: Showing Pride, Respect and Responsibility

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Sports Report
Show Your COLOURS for the Chopper

Close to twenty students from GCS participated in a run that saves lives, a fun run that supports the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The five kilometre fun run was open to everyone, to run, walk, and skip or in GCS students’ case cartwheel as you passed through four colour zones throughout the course, blue, orange, pink and yellow.

Two of the students when asked why they participated in the event both agreed that it appeared to be a fun looking event, Austin Youman said that is looked like an enjoyable event to participate in whilst supporting a good cause. Miles Archibald said that whilst none of his immediate family had required the services of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter it was a good chance to have a bonding session with fellow students prior to the Higher School Certificate exams starting.

Success at NSW Combined High Schools Athletics from Mrs Nadine Youman

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday four of our secondary students competed at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush in the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics carnival.

Kasey Gaukroger competed in two events, 200m and High jump. Fellow athlete Brodie Harman also competed in the 200m heat but didn’t advance to the finals. Huw Knox placed seventh in the 800m final after coming back from an Achilles injury. Kelsie Youman had a great three days coming away with a gold medal for the 1500m and bronze in the 800m.

Congratulations to our students for making it this far. We are extremely proud of each of you and commend you on all the training you have undertaken to get to this level.

Hockey NSW

is pleased to announce the return of its highly successful Centre of Development for Under 13s and 15s Program in late 2015.

Following positive feedback from 2014, the COD will once again offer 21 hours of high-level coaching in your home region and is still suitable for the development of all players, regardless of skill level.

This year, players will also benefit from a renewed focus on preparing athletes for all levels of hockey - from Club teams through to State teams - as well as registration into the Basil Sellers Country v City Regional Challenge and new Individual Player Plans to aid in athlete development.

For more details of session times and to register for COD, click onto the Hockey NSW website http://hockeynsw.com.au/. There is a “Centre of development U13’ & U15’s Registrations Now Open” tile towards the bottom of the home page. An additional feature for the COD program this year will be more exposure to other Hockey NSW coaching staff at the weekend sessions. This will add further variety, enjoyment and engagement for all participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Blair Chalmers on 0447 186 477.

Canteen News

Please be advised of a price rise on all items at the Canteen beginning Term 4

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

Mon 5 Oct Pupil Free Day
Wed 7 Oct Louise Wadley
Fri 9 Oct Louise Wadley & Renata Ling
Tues 13 Oct Leonie Tierney & Ann Bull
Thurs 15 Oct Tash Walls & Marie Jones

Tues 6 Oct Marie Jones & Renata Ling
Thurs 8 Oct Tash Walls & Marie Jones
Mon 12 Oct Renata Ling & Jo Presnell
Wed 14 Oct Kristy Davis & Bec Tibbs
Fri 15 Oct Louise Wadley & Renata Ling

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.

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.