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Guyra Shire Council excursion - Stage 3 by Michael Looker and Gus White

On Friday 28 August Stage 3 went to the Guyra Shire Council. When we got there we met Aimee who is the Librarian and Heather who works in the council office. We then split up into two groups, Stage Three Red in one group and Stage Three Indigo in the other. Stage Three Red then went to the old council chambers. Peter and John showed us lots of old farm equipment and photos of Guyra Central School from many years ago. Stage Three Indigo stayed at the Council and pretended to role-play a Council session. One student played the mayor and councillors while everyone else were community members. We had to decide between two issues that needed funding with advice from the Engineer, the Accountant, the Manager and the Environmental representative. Then the two classes swapped over. After that we had recess at the highway park and then walked back to school. Thank you Guyra Shire Council for having us, we had lots of fun.

Book Week and Book Fair from Ms Kirsten Reim

Friday 21 August saw students from K-6 dressed in an amazing array of costumes. The degree of creativity was outstanding – with a huge variety of outfits. Students were dressed as spies, ninjas, minions, pirates, clowns, Scooby doo and Shaggy there was even one of the 101 Dalmatians! The staff were resplendent as characters from the various Harry Potter books, and used their magic for good causes. It was a fantastic day and a great way to start Book Week celebrations. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts!

Also starting on Friday last week was the Book Fair. We invited students, families and friends to come along and visit the fair, we are sure you will have found a great book or two to buy. Thank you to those who came along and made purchases, we are ever so thankful.
Thanks to Guyra Touch Football
I wish to extend many thanks to the Guyra Touch Football club for their generous donation of $200, these funds are very much appreciated and will be put towards some new sporting equipment along with jerseys. Thanks again.

SASS Staff Recognition Week
Every year the Public Service Association of NSW encourages schools to celebrate the vital role played by School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) right across NSW and is celebrated from Monday 31 August through until Friday 4 September. The theme for this year is: “School Administrative & Support Staff. Our jobs, your children, their future”.
SASS Recognition Week is an opportunity to take the time to thank the fantastic office and support staff, including the School Administration Manager, School Administration Officers, School Learning Support Officers, Aboriginal Education Officer and General Assistant.
GCS could never function without the work of all these folk behind the scenes and I wish to extend my thanks to the fantastic School Administrative and Support Staff for all that they do.

Creative Arts Night
An invitation to attend the Guyra Central School Creative Arts Night is extended to family, friends and community members. The event will be held on Thursday 10 September starting at 6.30pm, in the Guyra Central School Gymnasium. The night promises to be filled with lots of entertainment including; musical items, plays by Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 students, Year 7 Puppet show, Gymnastics, Dance group performances and special appearances by the Teachers band ‘Alternate Merchants’ and ‘The Perfect Pitches’. Cost for the night will be $2 per person or $5 per family. There will be light refreshments available during intermission. Looking forward to seeing you all attend.

A transport excursion from Emily Adams
On Tuesday 25 August Stage One Aqua, Fluro and Purple went on an excursion. Firstly, we walked down to the Highway Park and split into two groups. One group went on the excursion and the other group completed a tally of types of transport. We went on a train ride and had a look at the transport museum. Next we all had a look at the old station masters office. Lastly, we finally took the train back to the park and walked back to school. We had a great day. Thank you Mrs Farmer!

A transport excursion from Ella Vidler
On Tuesday 25 August our Stage 1 classes went on a transport excursion. We left school and walked to Guyra where we met the Guyra Train. When we met the train they took us to the railway station. Then we had some recess. The train took us to the museum and on the way we saw sheep, horses and a sick cow that was lying down. I didn’t like the look of that. After the train got to the museum we had a look at the offices. There were typewriters, folders, books, toasters and a tv. The next room was full of police things. There were guns, hats, clothes, shoes, jackets; pictures of old police cars, boats, motorbikes and hand cuffs. Some people needed to go to the bathroom and luckily the lady that was showing us around said there were some girls and boys toilets! Then we went across the road and the train drivers Paul, Ashley, Wayne and Ron showed us around. We looked at all the old things that they used outside, many years ago. There were old tractors, ploughs and old shearing equipment. Then we had to go back to the park where the other group was having something to eat and play. I felt like I could stay on the train forever. On the way back the train driver lost his hat and I thought it was very funny. I sat with Miss Burey, Shanoaye Yeomans, Matilda Atkin, Polly Skipper and Lucy Ward. The man that drove us sang on the microphone ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’. When we got back to the park, we lined up. We walked back to school and when we got into our class rooms, we had to write about the excursion and that is what I’m writing about now. I want to say thank you to Mrs Farmer and all our teachers for taking us.

Secondary Student Awards
Rachel Coles: Excellent Trial HSC results
Emily Knox: Application to Geography
Sarah Walls: Application to Geography
Austin Youman: Outstanding HSC Trial Results
Ashleigh Richardson: Great commitment to her Student Research Project
Ty Patterson: Excellent applications to work in class
Sophie Gaukroger: Excellent work on Trigonometry
Luke Brazier: Application to work in General Mathematics
Melissa Hawthorne: Application and enthusiasm in Mathematics
Ben Hegney: Application and focus in Mathematics

Primary Student Awards
Kindergarten Rose, Mrs Jenny Atkin
Tommy Mitchell: Being a great reader
Rose Kliendienst: Fantastic work in reading groups
Summer Tibbs: Fantastic presentation of her work
Charlee Roberts: Excellent story writing skills
Savannah Lansley and Aidan Brown: Welcome to Guyra Central School
Stage 1 - Purple, Mrs Justine Eddy
Ryan Williams: Excellent independent work habits
Tino Afelasio: Excellent independent work skills
Hayliee Campbell: Great improvement in handwriting
Wyatt McGinty: A great start and welcome to Guyra Central School
Lincoln Brown: A wonderful start and welcome to Guyra Central School
Makayla Harper: Fantastic work habits
Stage 1 - Aqua, Miss Emma Burey
Rave Brazier: For fantastic problem solving in mathematics
Alannah Williams: For applying herself to classroom tasks
El Woods: For fantastic comprehension skills
Shearnna Wadley: For participating in classroom discussions
Ryan Saunders: For being a conscientious learner and respectful class member
Angus Dullaway: For applying a variety of reading strategies to improve his reading skills
Stage 1 - Fluro, Miss Bianca Hamilton & Mrs Justine Watts
Madison Turner: For a fantastic acrostic poem on SNOW
Charlie Burey: For being a kind and caring class member
Matilda Atkin: For being a kind, caring and considerate class member
Emma Looker: For being persistent in all her work
Lilliana Eddy: For excellent bookmarks and beautiful handwriting
Lachlan Hunter: For using his great thinking skills in science
Stage 2 - Coral, Mrs Meagan Vidler
Kiralee McIlvain: Being a great allrounder
Mitchell Seibel: Being able to identify visual literacy elements
Kye Yeomans: Excellent reflections in class
Charles Mitchell: Great connections in Literacy
Sam Atkin: Enthusiasm in Visual Literacy
Robert Sisson: Excellent focus and self-control this term
Stage 2 - Yellow, Mrs Sjanon Mitchell
Violet Tully: Being an enthusiastic learner
Aishasna Brazier: Great contributions to class discussions
Myah Wilson: Excellent effort in Maths
Riley Campbell: Great contributions to class discussions
Harris Dullaway: A great attitude towards learning
Caleb Spencer-Campbell: Being a responsible learner
Ashton Graham: Excellent work in visual literacy
Stage 3 - Indigo, Mr Steve Alletsee
Jarred Kenney: A great start at Guyra Central School
Bailey Wilson: Improvement in persuasive writing
Jake Wilson: Attempting the ‘flying fox’ at Great Aussie Bush Camp
Cooper Stanley: Excellent effort in extension mathematics
Tayla Mitchell: Excellent work in extension mathematics
Billy Youman: Being a supportive class member
Assistant Principals’ Award
Arohanu O’Brien

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Sports Report

Harry travels to Sydney representing our region

Early last week Harry Lockyer travelled to Sydney representing our region as he participated in the North West Rugby Union team. The State Rugby Union Carnival took place with teams from all over New South Wales playing at Ratt Park, Warriewood for three days. The North West team played two teams from Sydney on the first day of competition and unfortunately they lost both games. Bouncing back on the second day North West claimed a win and a draw in the two games they played; day three of the competition saw the team going down again in the final game. Harry said it was a great experience, meeting and making new friends and learning lots of skills.

NSW Combined High Schools Athletics

Today five of our secondary students begin competition at the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics carnival at Homebush. We wish our students; Kelsie Youman, Brodie Harman, Eva Knox, Huw Knox and Kasey Gaukroger all the best for this event. We know they will show Pride, Respect and Responsibility whilst they are representing our school.

PSSA Touch Football Knockout Competition

Tuesday last week saw our Year 6 boys Touch Football team travel to Inverell to play in the fourth round of the PSSA Touch Football Knockout Competition against Ross Hill Public School. Unfortunately the boys came away with a loss 7-5 but played a great game. The boys have showed Pride, Respect and Responsibility throughout the competition and we are very proud of their achievements.

North West Athletics Titles from Mrs Youman

On Friday 28 August, ten Guyra Central School primary students competed at Tamworth in the North West Athletics titles. All students performed to a high level in all of their events. Three students have made it through to the state level to compete in October at Olympic Park. Bailey Wilson for Shot Put, Ellie Mitchell for 200m and Oscar Atkin for 100m.

I am extremely proud of all these students and all the hard work they have put in with training after school at our Chicka Cheetahs Club.

Softball Armidale Inc. - Registration Day

Saturday 5 September, Sportspower: in store 9am – 12noon
New Home ground at Moran Oval (Cnr Kentucky and Taylor Street)
New 10 week season starts on Friday 9th October
Age 5-11 $60, Age 12-16 $75, Age 17+ $90
Payable on Registration Day
For further information or for anyone willing to help coach, umpire or play.
Please contact: Naomi Bassett on 0408 022 779 or Amy Kliendienst on 0434 610 795 or email: armidalesoftball@hotmail.com

Canteen Roster

New times: 8.30am-11.30am or 11.30am-2.30am, half day volunteer times now available.
Thurs 3 Sept  Nikki Looms & Marie Jones  Fri 4 Sept  Kylie Atkin & Louise Dowden
Mon 7 Sept  Renata Ling & Kirsty Sisson  Tues 8 Sept  Marie Jones
Wed 9 Sept  Tash Walls  Thurs 10 Sept  Mel Atkin & Leanne Campbell
Fri 11 Sept  Bec Williams & Shona Mulligan  Mon 14 Sept  Renata Ling
Tues 15 Sept  Ann Bull  Wed 16 Sept  Volunteers Needed
Thurs 17 Sept  Gina Lockyer & Louise Wadley  Fri 18 Sept  Marie Jones

Thank you for volunteering your time at the Canteen. We really appreciate it.
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.
Transition, 2015 - Year 12, 2028

Thursday 27 August saw twenty eight new faces at Guyra Central School. The first transition to kindergarten for 2015 was a fantastic success, with all students doing their best and working well with one another. There were not many tears from either students or parents, which was a great start to the day!

Having the familiar face of Amanda Campbell from Guyra Preschool and Long Daycare Centre join us for the first session helped immensely too. With the theme of bears for the first day, we explored counting bears, reading about bears and acting like bears, and we even danced like bears. The weather meant there was not an opportunity to run around on the oval, but we did make use of some breaks in the weather to kick balls and run around, follow the leader and play on the equipment.

Transition is an important program at Guyra Central School, and I am looking forward to seeing more smiling faces next Thursday.

A big thank you must be said to Eunice Blair for all the support as well as our three fantastic classroom helpers.
The Great Aussie Bush Camp

By Tayla Mitchell (Stage 3 Indigo) and Claire Davidson (Stage 3 Red)

On Monday afternoon, 3 August after a five and a half hour drive we arrived at the Great Aussie Bush Camp site in the Tea Gardens. We then unpacked our entire luggage into our cabins and we had delicious hamburgers for lunch. We then got ready for our first activity- the Lost Island. The Lost Island was a mini commando course which contained many obstacles in freezing cold water and mud. Throughout this course we had to show a lot of teamwork and cooperation. After we had showers and dinner we held a talent quest where everyone could show off their awesome moves!

After an early start we had canoeing. Canoeing involved a lot of teamwork and communication. We were in teams of three and we played some cool water activities. Our next activity was high ropes. We were in partners and we had to help each other get around the five metre high course with many obstacles. After lunch we went on a Middens rainforest walk and then the sand dunes. The sand dunes were AWESOME!

Our night activity was the county fair. We had to run our stalls and make money. The winning team was the bakery. After another early start we started with a staple climb. It was nine metres high. Our second activity was searching for fossils. It was really fun to find all the old fossils. After lunch we went to the fencing shed and learnt how to do fencing and how to wear the armour properly. One of the trainees was an Olympic fencer. Our next activity was our favourite (the GIANT swing). Everyone enjoyed this and many people got stuck up the top. It was fifteen metres high and very scary. Our night activity was trivia. This involved many challenges and difficult questions. The winning team was the Smarty Pants (Claire, Analiese, Millie, Macy and Renae).

After a 6.45 am wakeup we had archery. Again we were in teams of five and had goes shooting the bow and arrow. The next activity we did was raft building. This was super fun and some of us got soaking wet. Our next activity was bushcraft. We made a shelter out of sticks, damper and our own fires. The damper was really nice and we got to have it with maple syrup which was very sticky. After afternoon tea we went rock climbing. This was a challenge for most of us but it was a very enjoyable experience with some people making it to the top. That night we had a movie night and watched ‘Grown Ups 2’. On Friday morning we had to get up at 6.00am and pack our bags into the bus. Then we had our last activity the dual flying fox. On this we went in pairs and went on a twelve metre high wire that went across the river. This was another really fun activity for us all. That afternoon, Friday 7 August we departed camp and sat on the bus for five and a half hours. Everyone was really excited to see their families.

Thanks Mr Alletsee, Eunice and Mrs Paull for taking us on this fun excursion.