Welcome to 2016
I wish to offer a warm welcome to the school community as we commence the new school year. I especially welcome new families to Guyra Central School. The year has started very smoothly with Kindergarten students undertaking their Best Start assessment prior to their first day of school on Tuesday 2nd February. It has been pleasing that students from Year 1 to 12 have settled back into routine and responsibly applied themselves to their learning. Principals have been assured that there will be no new reforms in 2016 so this year will be a year to consolidate the great progress that we made at Guyra Central in 2015. The school is still celebrating the excellent 2015 HSC results and offer our congratulations to all students as they prepare for university entrance, TAFE courses or taking up employment options. I am certain that these young people have been well prepared for all post school options. Guyra Central will be hosting the Central Schools Carnival in March which will bring many schools together for two days of sports and fun. It is a wonderful way to showcase our school. We anticipate yet another very successful year at Guyra Central.

Mrs Jo Burgess

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY
- Wed 10 7-12 Assembly
- Fri 12 Primary Swimming Carnival
- Fri 19 K-6 Assembly 2.15pm - 3.15pm
- Fri 19 - Sat 20 Guyra Show
- Mon 22 - Thurs 25 Learning Goals Meetings
- Tues 23 School Photos

MARCH
- Wed 2 7-12 Assembly
- Thurs 3 Secondary Cross Country
- Fri 4 K-6 Assembly 2.15pm - 3.15pm
- Primary Clean up Australia Day
- Thurs 17 - Fri 18 Central Schools Carnival
- Wed 23 7-12 Assembly
- Thurs 24 Primary Cross Country
- Fri 25 Good Friday

Easter Monday

APRIL
- Fri 1 K-6 Assembly
- Mon 4 - Fri 8 Year 10 Work Experience
- Year 11-12 Exams
- Fri 8 Last day of Term 1
**Guess Who**

Students selected for showing Pride, Respect, Responsibility

- **Primary Student Awards**
  - **Early Stage 1 - Orange, Miss Emma Burey**
    - Peyton Heagney: Settling in well to ES1 Orange
    - Makayla Galindo: Fantastic sounds work
  - **Early Stage 1/Stage 1 - Teal, Mrs Jenny Atkin**
    - Kyara Alefosio: Excellent start to school
    - David Pickalla Mongta: Excellent attitude
    - Karl James - Russell: Mature attitude
  - **Stage 1 - Purple, Mrs Justine Eddy**
    - Kishaya Gibbs-Eulo: A wonderful start to Stage 1 Purple at GCS
    - Kaiden Hunt: An amazing start to Stage 1 Purple at GCS
    - Bree Wilson: Always being organised and showing great pride in her work
  - **Stage 1 - Yellow, Mrs Sarah Farmer**
    - Sophie Roberts, Aidan Brown and Charlee Roberts
  - **Stage 2 - Silver, Mrs Sjaan Mitchell**
    - Oscar Atkin: Excellent start to 2016
    - Ava Campbell: Terrific predictions of the book ‘The Iron Man’
    - Charlie Mitchell: Being a responsible learner
  - **Stage 3 - Lime, Mrs Meagan Vidler**
    - Marty Ryan: Welcome to GCS
    - Kye Baker: Welcome back to GCS
    - Dylan Bull: Overall improvement in writing tasks
  - **Stage 3 - Red, Mrs Rebecca Bourke**
    - Brendon Williams, Gane Harbutt and Shanae Bull

**Assistant Principals’ Award**

- Sam Surawski: Helping others

**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 & 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 visiting. Please do not go around to any of the classrooms without speaking to the office team first.

**Please label all clothing**

Please label all clothing and especially jumpers so if they get lost, we can return them to the right student!

**Website**

For more photos and the school calendar, please visit the GCS website at http://www.guyra-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Thank You**

Each newsletter is very much a team effort and the editor greatly appreciates the contribution of reports, photos and stories from teachers, parents and staff.
Fun way to fill in a week of the holidays

Five students from Guyra Central School were among almost 50 other children who attended the annual Guyra Pony Club camp from Sunday 27th December to Saturday 2nd January. Whilst most participants were made up mostly from the Guyra area some attendees had travelled from Narrabri and Toowoomba to attend the event and participate in the various activities throughout the week.

GCS students who attended were Gemma, Matthew and Robert Sisson along with Ashley and Jaymie Donnelly. The students took part and competed in campdrafting, polocrosse, sporting events, bare back riding, ring events, Jumping and Dressage which was a lot of fun.

On Gymkhana day they were all successful bringing home lots of ribbons. Matthew and Robert both won highest point score in their age groups and Gemma and Jaymie both got reserve in their age groups. Mid-way through the week at camp there was some entertainment provided by the children with a calf ride and mutton busting for the junior attendees, all of the five students from GCS participated in the calf riding and only came away with minimal injuries.

All of these students then went the following weekend to the Zone 13 Jamboree held at Bundarra Friday 8th January through to Sunday 10th January and competed against some of the best riders from the clubs in our Zone. Horse riding is a fantastic sport and if you wish to get involved please do not hesitate to contact Guyra Pony Club via email: guyraponsyclub@gmail.com or pop in or phone Tania Sisson at Cross Country Taxation, 6779 2550.

Junior Merino Ram and Fleece Judging Competition

On Tuesday 2nd February students from Guyra Central School attended the Junior Merino Ram and Fleece Judging Competition held in Armidale as part of the 71st NAB Agribusiness Armidale Merino Ram Show and Sale. The students were split into two age groups; under 15s and over 15s. They were then briefed on how to select an ideal merino ram for wool production purposes and also how to judge a wool fleece based on characteristics such as colour, uniformity of length, soundness and density.

Students then were required to judge 4 Merino rams and also 4 fleeces placing them in order of 1st-4th. Approximately 100 students from various schools around the region attended with our school being a dominant feature in the placing of the junior division. In the live ram competition Taylor Brennan made the finals and was rewarded with a 2nd place. While in the junior fleece section; Gemma Williams placed 1st, Ben Lennon 3rd, Taylor Brennan 4th and Savannah Roberts 5th. Gemma also received the prize of overall reserve champion for the fleece competition.

An outstanding achievement for all of the place getters, students performed extremely well and gained a valuable insight into the Merino wool industry.

A special thank you must go to Deb Merritt, Sandy Morgan, Gina Lockyer and Sandra Gordon for transporting students to and from the event.

WANTED - WANTED - WANTED

- Do you have a freezer that you no longer use? We are searching for a freezer in working order that could be used to store our Breakfast Club supplies in, if you have one or know someone who does, please contact the Main Office on 6779 0844.

- Any items of school uniform that your children might of grown out of for our Clothing Pool. If you have anything suitable please feel free to drop the items into the Main Office.
Swimming Carnival
Under threatening skies on Wednesday last week, the Guyra Swimming Pool was awash of blue, green and red as our secondary students participated in their annual school swimming carnival. The excellent school spirit came through with the house chants being a highlight again this year. The great participation in swimming events and support from students of all ages was tremendous to see. The rivalry between the sports houses was very strong, however there could only be one winner. Nincoola was the winning house. Students participated in their age groups for a variety of events including 25, 50 and 100 metre freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly along with 4x50m individual medleys and a 4x50m freestyle relays in both junior and senior divisions.

Age Champions Girls

12 years: Taylor Mitchell
13 years: Kasey Gaukroger
14 years: Eva Knox
15 years: Bronte Stanley
16 years: Sophie Gaukroger
17 plus: Briana Merritt

Age Champions Boys

13 years: Miles Williams
14 years: Taylor Brennan
15 years: Zac Roff
16 years: Hunter Davidson
17 years: Brodie Harman

Testing out the swimming skills of a selection of students was the SKINS race. This was a feature event with the fastest in each age group having a race off in 50 metre freestyle. Starting with the fastest six students Taylor Mitchell, Brodie Harman, Sophie Gaukroger, Eva Knox, Bronte Stanley and Kasey Gaukroger, the racing started, the slowest to complete each race was eliminated race by race until three remained. The winner and placegetters of this event was first place Kasey Gaukroger, second was Bronte Stanley and third place was Eva Knox.

An entertaining event for the completion of the day was the Teacher/Parents versus Students 25m freestyle relay. After a girls’ team was organised they then challenged the boys to organise a team to compete against the teacher/parents team also which consisted of Mr Scott Miller, Mrs Lynda Hopwood, Mrs Linley Ryan and ex-student Austin Youman who came up winners! Thank you to Mrs Linley Ryan for organising the carnival and the secondary staff team for fulfilling the important roles of starter, announcer, recorder, time keepers, chief ribbon writer and photographer.

Canteen Roster

Wed 10 Feb  Louise Wadley & Tash Walls
Thurs 11 Feb  Alison Marshall & Louise Wadley
Fri 12 Feb  Marie Jones
Mon 15 Feb  Renata Ling, Michelle Skinner & Jo Presnell
Tues 16 Feb  Anne Bull
Wed 17 Feb  Lorna Sweeney, Sheree Ward & Marie Jones
Thurs 18 Feb  Nikki Looms & Kirsty Davis
Fri 19 Feb  Louise Wadley & Tash Walls
Mon 22 Feb  Renata Ling
Tues 23 Feb  Leonie Tierney & Tash Walls
Wed 24 Feb  Bec Tibbs & Sally White
Thurs 25 Feb  Louise Wadley & Marie Jones
Fri 26 Feb  Shona Mulligan & Renata Ling

School Uniform Policy
Students have all been issued with the appropriate requirements for 2016. If you have not received one of these please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office for a copy of this.

Guyra Central School’s mission is to empower students to develop and use their individual talents with confidence, creativity and generosity. The school, with parents and the community, will achieve this by offering a quality education from Kindergarten to Year 12 in a happy and safe environment.

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