



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 3rd February 2014

Newsletter No. 1

Week 2 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at Gundagai Public School. Already it is shaping up to be an exciting one with a wide range of activities and learning experiences planned. This year we see many new faces join our school and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new parents, students and staff.

We have begun 2014 with 11 new families becoming part of the Gundagai Public School learning community. Twenty one excited and happy Kindergarten students will begin their education at Gundagai Public today and have already shown what a great group they are. A lovely photo of them can be found later in the newsletter.

Also starting school at Gundagai Public this year is Claire McGregor in Year 1, Charlie Ballard, Cooper Ballard, Jaylen Bell and Jaylyn Smith in Year 2, Daniel Monte in Year 3, Clare Ballard and Cody Bell in Year 4, Alyssa Monte, Braydon Rolfe-Lanyon and Kaidan Bell in Year 5 and Leroy Smith-Petterson and Hannah Ballard in Year 6. It is wonderful having such friendly and motivated students join our school and we are excited to welcome you aboard. As a result of this influx of students projected numbers have increased and I thank you for your patience last week whilst class structures were finalised and support staff allocated.

This year we welcome new staff members Sally Wheaton, Keira French, Pru Francis and Kate Marley to our team. Ms Wheaton will be taking over the role of Librarian and Year 6 teacher each Friday. Miss French will be teaching Year 1/2 each Friday. Ms Francis will return to our school as the District Guidance Officer and is available to support students and parents. Miss Marley will join our SLSO team whilst Mrs Smith is on leave, after the safe arrival of her new son Declan in late December.

Please feel free to contact the school if you need any clarification to school programs or procedures as I appreciate new routines can be somewhat confusing. Your first port of call is with Ms Agnew, our very friendly Office Manager or your child's classroom teacher. I know staff are looking forward to getting to know you all so please feel free to introduce yourself if you see them on duty, after our whole school assemblies or at our school swimming carnival. You will have further opportunities to meet with your child's teacher during Week 7 when Term One Parent Teacher meetings will be conducted.

Gundagai Public School values your support and opinions and encourages you to stay in regular contact with your child's teacher. I also am also happy to meet with you and enjoy the opportunity to discuss any concerns, queries, ideas or suggestion you may have. As I am a teaching Principal I encourage you to make an appointment first. Friday is my office day and is the best time to catch me in school hours. I am looking forward to catching up with every one over the coming weeks and am very excited about beginning another exciting and productive year at Gundagai Public.

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COMING EVENTS:

**Monday 3rd to Friday 7th
February (excl. Wed)**

Intensive Swimming
Years 3 to 6

Thursday 13th February

School Assembly hosted by
School Captains

Friday 14th February

School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 25th February

(Note change of date)
Highlands Swimming
Carnival

Thursday 27th February

School Assembly hosted by
Year 5

Monday 10th March

Regional Swimming
Carnival

Thursday 13th March

Highlands Soccer Trials

School Assembly hosted by
Year 1/2

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF 2014



Vicki Somerville
Principal
Year 6 Teacher



Jesse Wheaton
Assistant Principal
Year 5 Teacher



Rebecca Fiddes
Kindergarten Teacher



Wendy Carpenter
Year 2/3 Teacher



Joanne McIntyre
Year 1/2 Teacher



Reece Mastellotto
Year 4 Teacher



Sharon Elphick
Learning and Support
Teacher/Reading
Recovery/Year 1



Brenda Argæt
Music Teacher



Sally Wheaton
Librarian/Principals Release



Jan Agnew
School Administrative
Manager



Terri Craig
School Administrative Officer



Margie Jamieson
School Learning Support
Officer



Lyn Lott
School Learning Support
Officer



Keira French
Year 1/2 Teacher



Kate Marley
School Learning Support
Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

Library lessons begin this week and students are encouraged to bring a library bag on their library day so they can borrow.

Wednesday: Kinder, Year 1/2 and Year 2/3

Thursday: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Books can be borrowed and returned on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes as well.

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014



School Captain
Ellen McMurray



School Captain
Joshua Elworth



School Vice-Captain
Lucy Doughty



School Vice-Captain
Clay Webb

Congratulations to our newly elected student leaders, Ellen, Joshua, Lucy and Clay. I look forward to their positive contribution and involvement in Gundagai Public School during 2014.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first whole school assembly for 2014 will be held Thursday 13th February in the school hall commencing at 12.40 pm. This assembly will be hosted by our new school captains. All welcome to attend.

UNIFORM

It was wonderful to see students in correct uniform last week. It is very important to continue wearing the appropriate school uniform each day as it reflects the school community standards and contributes to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities. This year the school uniform code will be strictly enforced and we seek your assistance in ensuring students come to school in acceptable school uniform.

Please remember that sport shorts are royal blue. Footy shorts and two toned shorts are not to be worn. All students not in uniform must bring a note explaining why they are not in correct uniform. The new school caps, selling for \$10.00 have become a very popular addition to the uniform and remember during Term One the NO SCHOOL HAT-NO PLAY policy is enforced.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The second week of the intensive swimming programme commenced last Friday and will continue this week (not Wednesday due to High School Carnival). All students in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be participating in this program.

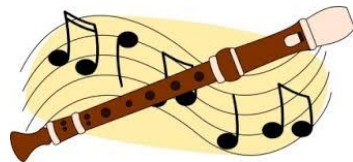
The Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 14th February 2014. The carnival will be an all day events for Year 3-6 students, while K-2 will participate in water play activities from midday.

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Information on the carnival and canteen facilities was sent home today. Permission notes and canteen lunch orders need to be returned to school by Tuesday 11th February 2014.

SUPERCOVER

Information about SuperCover has been sent home today. SuperCover is a great way to pay in advance for many of the extracurricular activities that come up throughout the year. Please read the information provided and consider it as an alternative method of payment.

SuperCover is optional and you may still choose to pay for activities as they arise however, last year most of parents chose to use the SuperCover method as an easy alternative.



CRUNCH AND SIP

Crunch and Sip is a way for the school to promote healthy eating. Each day children are asked to bring fresh fruit or a vegetable snack to school to eat during the morning session. Manufactured or processed fruit, eg Rollups, Fruit Bars or canned fruit are not encouraged. As Fruit Break is only a quick break it is a good idea to pre peel oranges and cut apple into pieces for the smaller children.



At this time children are also encouraged to rehydrate by drinking water and reminded of the importance of this. Many classes incorporate daily fitness into this session.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

For safety reasons students MUST use footpaths provided.

You are encouraged to use the designated car parks however if you drop off or collect your child from the top block area they must use the footpath and **never** walk directly up/down the hill and across the teachers car park.



MOBILE PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All devices brought to school by students MUST be handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

Students are not to use these devices at school. This includes in bus lines at the end of the day. Students using phones or other electronic devices at school will have them confiscated.

Students need to be aware the school takes no responsibility for these devices.

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- MONSTER Maths Books \$2
- Home Reader Bags \$5
- Recorders \$5
- SRC Badges \$4



FOUND

Found in a bag the end of last year: Pair Asics Size 4 Joggers, Blue polo shirt Size 10, Navy Shorts Size 8 and pink tank top. Owner may claim from office.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will commence next week. Banking is every Wednesday. New accounts for students can be opened by visiting the local Westpac branch.



KINDERGARTEN 2014

Kindergarten students are all happy and settled as they begin Term One.



P & C NEWS

CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is open every Thursday from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for the purchase of new and used uniforms. If you are unable to attend the clothing shop on Thursday mornings, orders can be sent into school. Please enclose payment. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child. *A price list is attached.*

P & C MEETING

The Annual P & C meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 12th February 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm. Even if you do not regularly attend P&C meetings you are encouraged to attend. Meetings are informative, friendly and you will not have to take on a role or responsibility. Everyone is most welcome.

CANTEEN

The canteen provides an important service to the students of this school serving nutritious lunches and snacks. Profits from the canteen go towards additional resources for children and classrooms. The canteen is open two days each week, Monday and Wednesday, and is staffed on a roster system. If you can help at the canteen it would be greatly appreciated. Please see attached note. *A price list is attached to today's newsletter.*

CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 1

Week 2	Monday 3 February	Wednesday 5 February
	Nicole Wescombe	Nikki Miller
Week 3	Monday 10 February	Wednesday 12 February
	Nicole Marshall and Michelle Stevens	Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold