



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 5 Term 1

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Learning

Responsibility

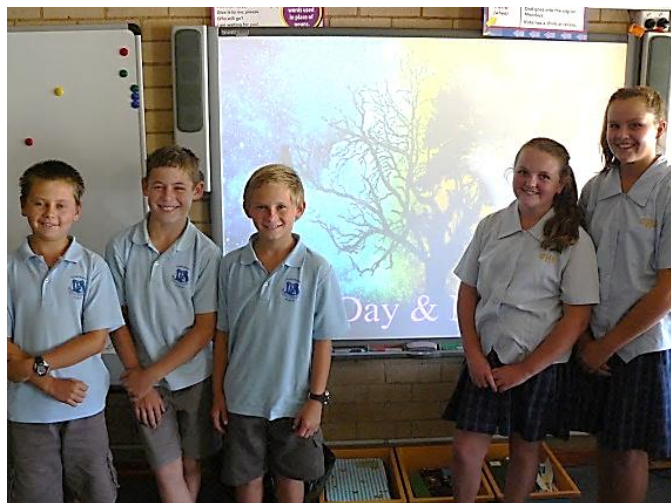
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week's newsletter is a true indication of life at Gundagai Public School. Students are continually being exposed to a broad range of learning experiences and extra curricula activities and I hope the snippets of some of last week's happenings provide you with an overview of what an exciting and stimulating educational environment your children are engaged in.

I invite all parents to attend our Term One Parent Teacher Evening, being held next Tuesday from 3:45 to 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for you to touch base with your child's teacher and exchange information, gain a clearer understanding of class routines and discuss specific strengths and weaknesses either you or the teacher may have identified.

Congratulations to all students for displaying the values of Learning, Responsibility and Safety and reaching the first step of our Positive Behaviour for Learning rewards. This Wednesday will be an **Out Of Uniform Day**. We are all very proud of you for reaching this goal so quickly.



Eighteen students from Year 7 at Gundagai High School - including many of last year's Year 6 - displayed their scientific knowhow when they visited Gundagai Public School on Thursday. The students took on the role of teacher and shared PowerPoint presentations with Year 5 on various lunar topics, including the phases of the moon, eclipses and the moon's tidal influence.

The visit forms

part of an ongoing program between the two schools. The visits give the primary school students a taste of education at a high school level, while giving the high school students the chance to display their knowledge in a non-traditional form of assessment. We look forward to their next visit.

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. Each year Gundagai Public School takes the opportunity to thoroughly clean up our playground and surrounding streets and park. The students do a fantastic job but the best news is that this year there was very little rubbish to pick up. This means we are all doing a great job keeping our environment clean and ensuring that we Clean Up Australia every day.



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COMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 5th March
PBL Out of Uniform Day

Friday 7th March
Swimming for Sport
Years 3 to 6

Monday 10th March
Regional Swimming
Carnival at Albury

Thursday 13th March
School Assembly hosted by
Year 2/3

SPORTING ROUND UP

HIGHLANDS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

On Tuesday 22nd February, the Highlands District Swimming Carnival was held in Tumut with Gundagai PS well represented with 33 enthusiastic swimmers. Once again the Gundagai PS students demonstrated positive sportsmanship with a competitive attitude ending the day coming third within the district. Tumut Public proved victorious overall with Nangus Public once again taking out the Handicap trophy.

The following students will be heading off to the Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury on Monday 10th March. Great work and good luck!

Student Name	Swimming Event
Drew Elliott	12, 19
Clay Webb	19, 34, 41
Campbell Smith	19
Lochlan Bower	19, 32
Wesley Murray	25
Matilda Carberry	36



A special congratulations to Clay Webb who was named Senior Boy champion on the day. A huge thank you has to go out for the parents and guardians who were able to transport students to and from Tumut, they were also a fantastic support base for the students on the day. Best of luck to those who are heading to Albury!

RIVERINA CRICKET

Emily Smith returned to school after embracing the experience gained from being a member of the PSSA Riverina Girls cricket team last week. Emily travelled to Barooga and enjoyed the opportunity to play at such a high level on top class grounds. Emily displayed great determination and sportsmanship whilst away, took a number of wickets and had the honour of top scoring in her last game.



TENNIS TRIALS

Last Friday Joshua Elworthy, Leroy Smith-Patterson, Kaidan Bell and Keiran Coleman travelled to Wagga for PSSA pre selection tennis trials. All boys had a great day with Joshua Elworthy advancing to the next round.



All students enjoyed participating in a skills based program run by the NRL Development officer on Friday.

Please remember that all Primary students are expected to attend swimming for sport each Friday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP

Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga on the 16th/17th and 23rd/24th April 2014. The camps are a valuable opportunity for children of all skill levels to receive top quality coaching. Flyer available from the office or download the form from our website (www.ssa-nsw.org.au).

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Gundagai Public School students will have the opportunity to participate in the 2014 Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Information on how students can participate and permission notes will be sent home in the near future.

PBL OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Positive Behaviour for Learning at Gundagai Public School rewards children displaying our school values. As a whole school students are working together to reach our 'Steps of Success'.

Our first step reward, 'Out of uniform day' will be held this Wednesday. This week Students are focusing on ensuring they are safe by walking in our walkways. Students will be rewarded with our tokens and will help reach our second step of success, 'Ice cream treat.'

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Each Wednesday morning at 10.30 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news and upcoming events. Our hosts this week are Georgia Loukissa and George Gradon.

PBL DRAW WINNER:

Laura Daley



HONOUR BOARD

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Kinder	Rhianna Polsen, Logan Jones, Archie Wheaton, Luke White, Dana Rolfe-Lanyon and PLB Award Sam Britt
Year 1/2	Douglas Miller, Bailey Clark, Walt Bishop, Amity Robb, Charlie Cooper, Holly Deckers and PBL Award Kayne Worldon
Year 2/3	Alex Smith, Jayelle Britt, Mia Doughty, Laura Daley, Rusty Ward, Riley McDonald and PBL Award Tiarna Carberry
Year 4	Thomas Smart, Clayton Smith, Annika Smith, Ava Doughty, Ashley Smith, Blair Pollack and PBL Award Toby Dasey
Year 5	Lara Tait, Bella Brain, Jared Elphick, Wesley Murray, Amelia Miller, Phoebe Lotz, Max Eccleston, Hayley Luff and PBL Award Matilda Carberry
Year 6	Jazmine Carberry, Clay Webb, Hannah Ballard, Joshua Elworthy, Samantha Tout, Leroy Smith-Petterson and PBL Award Braith Crane

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Jazmyn Deckers	Year 2/3	Laura Daley	Year 5	Brianna Smith
Year 1/2	Cayden Wescombe	Year 4	James Stevens	Year 6	Kieran Coleman

DON'T FORGET...

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Wednesday. New accounts for students can be opened by visiting the local Westpac branch.

SUPERCOVER

Supercover payments are now due.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly will be held in the School Hall Thursday, 13th March commencing at 12.40 pm. Year 2/3 will be hosting the assembly. All welcome to attend.

STAFF TRAINING

Staff have recently updated the school Physical Education/ Health/ Personal development (PDHPE) scope and sequence and are using the LIVE LIFE WELL program to support our teaching of exercise and nutrition.

Mr Mastellotto and Mrs Fiddes spent last Wednesday and Thursday at an intensive two day Live Life Well workshop at Temora, gaining information and resources to support staff further implement this program at school.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the 5 food groups:



Breads and cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.

Vegies: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.

Low Fat Dairy: Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

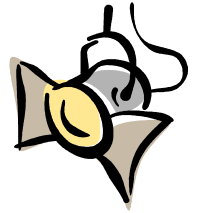
Lean Protein: Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Classroom Capers

Spotlight on: Year 2/3



Chatter Box Poetry

Year 2/3 have been writing Chatter Box poems on Summer. We made a Chatter Box and wrote our poems by spelling out S U M M E R!

Summer
I go to Stony's Creek
The sun is always out.

Summer
I play outdoor games
It's very dry.

Stevie Murray

Summer
Swimming in the pool
Sweaty.

Summer
Going camping at the
river
Hot.

Mia Doughty

Summer
Going to the pool
Sunny.

Summer
Going to the beach
Sweaty.
Jayelle Britt

Summer
Slippery Slide
Sweating.

Summer
Go to the pool
Hot.

Indiana Cooper

Summer
I like to relax under the sun
Hot.

Summer
It's awesome to have a water
balloon fight
Relaxing.

George Tait

Summer
Go on a holiday to the beach
Hot.

Summer
Sit under the tree at the
pool
Sweating.

Madison Smith

Summer
Go for a motorbike ride
Really hot

Summer
Go for a cool swim
Burning.

Daniel Monte

Summer
Have a holiday in the sun
Sweaty

Brittany White



THE RIGHT WAY: This week the focus is on school attendance

The Education Reform Act requires students to attend school every day that the school is open. Try and arrange appointments, tuition and family business outside school hours.

If your child is absent they must provide a reason for their absence.

FULL DAY ~ provide the class teacher with a written explanation upon his/her return to school OR phone/email Ms Agnew with the details.

LATE ARRIVAL ~ should your child arrive after 9.15 am call at the office and collect a LATE NOTE. Child hands late note to their class teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE ~ should you need to collect your child at anytime during the school day, call at the office and collect a PERMISSION TO LEAVE slip. Hand this note to your child's teacher or the teacher on playground duty.

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.

Thursday 6th March ~ Melinda Elliott; Thursday 13th March ~ Lin Murray

CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 1

Week 6	Monday 3 March	Wednesday 5 March
	Stacey Smith and Toni Jones	Cathy Polsen and Meredith Tait
Week 7	Monday 10 March	Wednesday 12 March
	Kristie Murdoch and Sisie Murdoch	Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold

FRESH FRIDAY IS BACK!

The canteen will be open at recess this Friday selling healthy treats.

- Watermelon 50 cents
- Fresh cut pineapple 20 cents
- Popcorn 60 cents
- Fruit salad with yoghurt \$1



BACON AND CHEESE ROLLS ARE BACK!

From today bacon and cheese rolls can be purchased as a recess snack or as a lunch order for \$1 each.



PARENT ROSTER FOR FRESH FRIDAY'S

Thank you for the fantastic response offering help with Fresh Friday this term.

Date	9.30 am to 12.00 pm	11.00 to 12.00 pm
7 th March	Miriam Crane	Kim Pollack
14 th March		Annissa O'Neill
21 st March	Melinda Elliott	Aileen Parker
28 th March		Annissa O'Neill and Aileen Parker
4 th April	Miriam Crane	



PARENT TEACHER EVENING - please return to school by this Thursday.

Name:

I would like interviews arranged for the following time slot:

- ☐ 3.45 to 5.30 pm
- ☐ 6.00 to 7.00 pm

I would like to meet with the following teachers:

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