



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 8 Term 3

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At Gundagai Public School our goal is to continually improve student outcomes and maximise learning. To do this well we are guided by a school plan that has a clear justified vision of where our school must head. Currently all NSW public schools are evaluating their last plan and are in the initial stages of formulating their next three year plan. These plans will drive initiatives over the next three years and help us focus on our overall goal of supporting students reach their full potential. Currently staff at our school **is** looking at our results and achievements from the past three years and are identifying our goals and aspirations for the future to help formulate our new plan. This Thursday and Friday Mr Wheaton and I will be attending a two day work shop in Wagga to further support this implementation.

At Gundagai Public School we believe parents are key stakeholders in their children's education and as part of the Annual School Reporting process and to help give direction to our new plan we are seeking your thoughts and opinions. Your ideas and opinions are valued and will be used to make Gundagai Public an even better school. I encourage you to complete the survey being sent home today and provide us with honest and open feedback. If there are any areas you are really passionate about I urge you to attend this Wednesday's P&C meeting where input from this body will be sought.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPS PROGRESS REPORT



We the Enviro Champs recently started our iRecycle program. We purchased composting buckets and tumbler bins and placed our buckets in all classrooms, the canteen and teachers staffroom. So far we have filled one whole compost bin to the top! Starting next week we will have composting buckets in our playground so students can recycle their food scraps at recess and lunch too. Remember to keep an eye out for more iRecycle news.



KINDERGARTEN 2015

Gundagai Public School is enrolling now for 2015. An Information Evening and BBQ is being held in the school grounds on Thursday 16th October 2014 from 5.00 to 6.30 pm.

The school Kindergarten Orientation Program will be held on: Thursday 30th October, 6th November and 13th November 2014. For further information or enrolment forms please phone 6944 1811 or call into the school office.

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BACKYARD LEAGUE

All students were introduced to Backyard League last Friday. This program is an exciting initiative introducing students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment. NRL Development Officer Tarron Makeham, will be working with our students over the next three Fridays. The program equips students to play a version of league in any environment while delivering important education, health and welfare messages. All activities are modified to encourage maximum involvement and enjoyment for all participants and gauging from our students reactions, all enjoyed taking part in the first session.



SPELLING BEE

The school spelling bee will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd September. Stage 2 will be held at 9.30 am and Stage 3 will be held at 11.45 am in the School Hall. Congratulations to the following students for making it into our school final.

Year 3: Stevie Murray, George Tait, Justin Elliott, Aabhushan Shrestha, Riley McDonald and Laci Bower.

Year 4: Kasey Bethune, Ashley Smith, Ava Doughty, Thomas Smart, Toby Dasey and Annika Smith.

Year 5: Sophie Lotz, Phoebe Lotz, Lara Tait, Zali Feltham, Taleika Worldon and Bridie Ingold.

Year 6: Annika Stevens, Jazmine Carberry, Drew Elliott, Emily Smith, Georgia Loukissas and Harriette Britt.

SOUNDS of the MOUNTAINS

each Wednesday at 10.30 am on FM 94.3. Our hosts this week are Jordan Cooper and Joshua Elworthy.

LIBRARY NEWS ~ PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HAS FINISHED

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge: Millie Triggs, Jorja Lenehan, Xavier Kingwill, Matilda Carberry, Laci Bower, Amity Robb, Lucy Doughty, Annie Triggs, Nick Tait and Mia Doughty. Well done everyone that participated. Challenge certificates will be issued in December.

Lesley Kingwill (Librarian)

P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held this Wednesday night, 3rd September commencing at 6.00 pm. All welcome to attend.

Focus on: **ABORIGINAL DAY**



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Logan Parnaby	Year 3	Justin Elliott	Year 6	Braithen Ray
Year 1	Holly Deckers	Year 4	Kasey Bethune	<i>Congratulations!</i>	
Year 2	Sebastian Smith	Year 5	Zali Feltham		






Get ready for next week...It is challenge time

How healthy are you? How active are you? Are you hydrated?

- Stage One: Can you eat a rainbow of fruit and vegetables?
- Stage Two: Do you drink enough H₂O?
- Stage Three: Can you live outside the Box?

This term as part of our PDHPE Curriculum our students from K-6 have participated in various learning activities addressing the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle. Students have made valuable contributions to discussions on this topic and have learnt many facts that will assist them in making positive choices to live a healthy and active lifestyle.

Next week our whole school will be participating in a Health Challenge.

Kinder Year 1 Year 2	Fruit and Veg Challenge 	The aim of fruit and veg challenge is to encourage our students to eat more fruit and vegetables and to develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.	Challenge: How many stickers can you get? Every piece of fruit and veg eaten will receive a sticker. Can we complete the fruit and vegetable rainbow?
Year 3 Year 4	The Water Challenge H ₂ O 	Students are encouraged to choose water and reduced fat milk to meet their daily fluid requirements.	Challenge: Do you drink enough each day? Complete your chart! How many bonus points can you get?
Year 5 Year 6	Live outside the Box Challenge 	Students are encouraged to Live outside the box. This means, turn off the TV and computer games, get outside, move, play and be more active. It also involves monitoring your food choices!	Challenge: Go outside and be active and make healthy food choices! How many points can you score?

CLOTHING POOL

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

Roster: Thursday 4th September ~ Melinda Elliott; Thursday 11th September Michelle Stevens

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 8	Monday 1 September Kristy Murdoch and Sisie Murdoch	Wednesday 3 September Kristen Bartlett and Melissa Murray
Week 9	Monday 8 September Toni Jones and Stacey Smith	Wednesday 10 September Tracey Ingold and Lin Murray