



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 2nd February 2015

Newsletter No. 1

Week 2 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

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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. Congratulations for making such a wonderful effort wearing our school uniform, including black shoes. Everyone looks so smart and part of the Gundagai Public School learning team, ready to embrace new opportunities as we strive to reach our full potential.

This year we see a number of new faces join our school and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new parents, students and staff. We have begun 2015 with ten new families becoming part of the Gundagai Public School learning community. Last week those beginning Kindergarten attended a final full day orientation program in small groups and today fifteen excited and happy Kindergarten students begin their education at Gundagai Public.

Also starting school at Gundagai Public this year are Sid Cotterill, Abe Cotterill, Ella Sevier, Ryan Anderson, Zoey Anderson, Elysha Anderson and Wade Foster. 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 we are able to form eight classes this year. This is most advantageous to our Stage 3 students, whose combined enrolment of 64, makes up over one third of our total enrolments. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Bull to the staff. Mrs Bull was a valuable member of our team throughout 2012, before accepting a two year teaching position at Walgett Community College Primary School and we are excited to see her return.

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 am also happy to meet with you and enjoy the opportunity to discuss any concerns, queries, ideas or suggestion you may have. You will have further opportunities to meet with your child's teacher during Week 6 when 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 am looking forward to catching up with everyone over the coming weeks and am very excited about beginning another exciting and productive year at Gundagai Public.



Kindergarten students are all happy and settled as they begin their learning journey at Gundagai Public.

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SCHOOL HOURS

Students arriving at school prior to 8.45 am must sit quietly on allocated seats as no teacher is on duty.

8.45 - 9:10 am Morning Play
9.10 am Morning Bell and Assembly
11.15 am Recess starts
11.45 am Recess ends
1.10 pm Lunch starts
1.30 pm Lunch second half
1.55 pm Lunch ends
3.12 pm Home bell

GUNDAGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM 2015



Congratulations to our newly elected student leaders, Lara, Jock, Phoebe and Lochlan. I look forward to their positive contribution and involvement in Gundagai Public School during 2015.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PAYMENT METHOD

Supercover is no longer being used as a payment method at Gundagai Public School.

As a result items such as textbooks, paper, folders, computer access and general supplies must be paid for by Week 8 Term 1. This payment will be \$50 for all students in Years 1 to 6 and \$25 for Kinder students.

All other costs such as transport to sporting events, performances, Footsteps Dance program will be paid for as the events arise.

For all students in Year 1 to 6 a minimum payment of \$30 per child is required by the end of Week 3 to cover the 2 Maths textbooks each child will use this year. **These will not be issued without payment.** Thank you for your support.

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/skorts are royal blue. 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.

Students will be expected to only wear the school uniform as listed below. (For example: Canterbury shorts, other football shorts and tracksuits will not be allowed.) Students will be expected to wear black shoes (not joggers) Monday to Thursday.

Girls Summer Uniform

Summer dress **OR** Navy shorts with light blue polo shirt

White visible socks with **black** shoes

Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

School cap/hat

Boys Summer Uniform

Light blue polo shirt and grey shorts

Grey visible socks with **black** shoes

Navy polo fleece jumper with school emblem

School cap/hat

Sports Uniforms

Blue/gold Polo shirt with royal blue football

shorts/micro fibre shorts/ sport skorts (girls only)

Royal blue and gold polo fleece jumper with school emblem

White socks and joggers; School cap/hat

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 13th February 2015. 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 10th February 2015.

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 \$5



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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Children are given the opportunity to borrow from the school library each week. Students who wish to borrow library books will need to bring a library bag. Borrowing will begin next week.

Class borrowing allocation days are:

Monday: Year 5, Year 4, Year 6 and Kinder
Tuesday: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday: Year 5/6

SCHOOL APP



Skoolbag
Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



P & C NEWS

CLOTHING POOL

The clothing pool is open every **WEDNESDAY** 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 Wednesdays 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 first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held at school on Tuesday 10th February 2015 commencing at 6.00 pm. Even if you do not regularly attend P&C meetings please consider coming along. Meetings are informative, friendly, allow you to express your ideas. You will not have to take on a role or responsibility. Immediately following this meeting the Annual General Meeting will be held. 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 2 February	Wednesday 4 February
	Angela Doughty and Kate Lenehan	Lauren Smart and Kristy Walshe
Week 3	Monday 9 February	Wednesday 11 February
	Meredith Tait and Hayley Monte	Rebecca Kingwill and Kristen Bartlett