



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

Monday 23rd March 2015

Newsletter No. 8

Week 9 Term 1

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

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Safety

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students and staff enjoyed a harmonious day at school last Friday when they engaged in a variety of activities focusing around Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying. It was great to see everyone get involved in the spirit of the day by wearing orange and making class groups of paper dolls symbolising our united stance on this day.

Tomorrow our focus moves to supporting others as we come out of uniform and wear weird and whacky hairdos as we support Funky Hair Day. Money raised from each student's gold coin donation goes to supporting the leukaemia foundation.

On Thursday we ask again for your support, this time the P&C will be holding their Easter egg drive. All students who bring in an Easter egg or bunny for the giant Easter raffle next Thursday will earn an extra 30 minute play after recess on Friday. Staff will set up activities around the playground which students can enjoy. This always proves very popular with staff and students alike.

Bridie Ingold has returned from Sydney after being recognised with a highly commended award at the Powerhouse Museum for her say no to bullying poster. Bridie enjoyed the opportunity immensely.



Our staff has begun the year with intensive professional learning including L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy), Reading Recovery, Behaviour Management, Literacy and Numeracy programs, implementation of the new Science and Mathematics curriculum and Technology. Next week Mr Wheaton, Mrs Carpenter and I will be involved in Phase One of the Riverina initiative How2Learn with three days of training in Wagga. All this professional learning is specifically aligned with our School Strategic Plan, designed to build teacher capacity as statistics show the more capable the classroom teacher is the better students can learn.

Last week we welcomed Clayton Elliott to our school. Clayton is in Kindergarten. We look forward to making Clayton part of the Gundagai Public School learning community.



Gundagai Public School will be hosting a parent/caregiver technology information evening on the 25th of March. The evening will focus on the integration of Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Eggspres in the home as well as how to get the most out of each program's tablet/iPad application. Information on other suitable educational applications will also be provided. A question and answer session will conclude the evening, so feel free to bring any technological issues/questions you have.

Gundagai Public School Library.....Wednesday 25th March 2015.....5.00 to 6.00 pm



Infants Eggstravaganza

Thursday 2nd April

School Hall

10.45 am

Be entertained by our students with a hat parade, dance show and games with goodies.

Conclude our eggstravaganza with a cuppa and hot cross bun.



SRC FUNKY HAIR DAY TOMORROW - We look forward to everyone at Gundagai Public School becoming involved. So don't forget – dress crazy, get funky, and bring a gold coin!

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SCRIPTURE: Gundagai Public School provides religious education, otherwise known as scripture in a week block each term. In this week children attend one hour religious education instruction by an approved provider, under the supervision of a Gundagai Public School staff member. This term religious instruction will be provided by Mr Graeme Leirsch from the Anglian Church.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in religious education lesson (Scripture) this term, you will need to contact the Principal by phone and discuss this. Please note handwritten notes will not be accepted.

Student of the Week

Kinder	Cain Turner	Year 4	Seth Jones
Year 1	Logan Parnaby	Year 5	Clayton Smith
Year 2	Riley Elliott	Year 5/6	Cody Bell
Year 3	Bindi Crane	Year 6	Bella Brain

TREE THANK YOU

A big thank you is extended to Kylie and Matthew Lindley who kindly donated four large trees to initiate our replanting program around the school. The Evergreen Alder, Manchurian Pear and two Chinese Elms will be planted this week in the first steps to provide more shade in the playground. Thanks heaps Kylie and Matthew.

P&C EASTER EGG DRIVE

Bring an Easter egg, Easter bunny or cane basket to school this Thursday for the massive Easter raffle. All students who support this drive will have 30 minutes outdoor activities after recess on Friday.

SOUNDS of the MOUNTAINS each Wednesday at 10.15 am on FM 94.3. Our hosts this week are Sophie Lotz and Brayden Tutty.

SPORTING ROUNDUP

Sport, sport, SPORT! As Term 1 comes to a close, the number of sporting opportunities just keeps on increasing. Last week was the Highlands Soccer Trials and our school was well represented. Kasey Bethune, Abbey Polsen, Lara Tait, Alyssa Monte and Taleika Worldon were selected and will trial in Albury on April 1st for the Riverina Girls Soccer Team. Best of luck girls! Also congratulations to Jack Lloyd, Jock Triggs, Riley Bethune and Kaidan Bell who have been selected in the Highlands Soccer team to compete at the Riverina trials at Mitchell Park in Cootamundra on Friday 8th May. Best of luck boys!

Congratulations go to Jock Triggs, Jack Lloyd and Kaidan Bell who were selected in the Eastern Riverina AFL team; these boys will now face-off against Western Riverina at Jerilderie on Thursday 2 April to trial for the Riverina side. Jared Elphick (who was unfortunate not to be selected) was named Players' Player in the Cootamundra District and receive a backpack and football. Caleb Piper and Riley Bethune put in tireless efforts as well.

The next stage in the Inter-House Competition will be 7-a-side soccer. Nominations will be taken all this week so students get your team organised. Remember that your team must consist of people from the same Sport House and Stage (Year 3 and 4 = Stage 2, Year 5 and 6 = Stage 3) as well as at least two girls. Teams will be finalised next week so that the competition is ready to begin in Term 2.

NSW PSSA KNOCKOUT COMPETITION: This year our school is taking part in three different sporting knockout competitions. These include Rugby League, Netball and now Soccer as well. Netball is first on the calendar with the Netball Cup taking place on March 31st in Tumut.

Rugby League Mortimer Shield is set for Term 2 (May 21st) with what is set to be a blockbuster with our Boys hungry for redemption against Franklin Public. Our Boys Rugby League and Girl League Tag teams will be selected prior to the conclusion of Term 1.

As far as the Soccer is concerned, we are currently waiting on who is victorious between Tumut Public and Tumbarumba Public (playing this Friday). We are fortunate enough to receive a home game against the winner of the two said schools. Watch this space for more information.

The Sports calendar for the final 2 weeks of Term 1:

Week 9:

Monday: Nominations for the Inter-House 7-a-side Soccer

Tuesday: Boys Touch Trials

Wednesday: Girls Touch Trials

Thursday: Boys Soccer Trials

Friday: Rugby League/Netball training

Week 10:

Monday: 7-a-side Soccer teams finalised

Tuesday: Highlands Rugby League/Netball Trials (Tumut)

Wednesday: Riverina Girls Soccer Trials (Albury)

Thursday: Riverina Boys AFL Final Selections

Classroom Capers



Year 6 students have been studying micro-organisms and the importance of yeast in bread making.



While also
rehearsing
profusely
and
preparing
props for
the
assembly
item this
Thursday!



As well as squeezing in some
Backyard League



RIGHT WAY: This week the focus is on Asthma Medication.

STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA. If your child suffers with asthma it is very important to contact the school and make them aware of your child's condition and how it is best managed. If you have not already done so please do.

Students with asthma need ready access to their reliever medication when an attack occurs. In most cases formal arrangements are made between the school and parents for **students to carry reliever medications with them while at school and on all school related excursions.**



From July 2012 Asthma Australia has implemented a national policy of **single person use spacers.** Spacers are medical devices and categorised for single person use only. This means that for infection control all spacers are to be used by one person only, and should not be washed or in any way cleaned and reused by another person.

It is therefore important that your child always has their spacer and puffer available to use at school. **If students need to use a spacer at school and do not have one, they will be able to use the spacer from first aid, which will then be given to them and they will be asked to pay for a replacement spacer.**

NB: With the change of weather and most classes involved in daily aerobic exercise in preparation for the upcoming Cross Country early next term an increased number of students are reporting asthma symptoms. Please ensure:

- The school is aware of your child's asthma diagnosis
- That your child's asthma plan is current
- That your child brings their puffer to school each day.

UPCOMING DATES

24th March
SRC Crazy Hair Day

26th March
School Assembly Hosted by Year 6

31st March
Netball and Rugby League Trials

2nd April
Infants Easter Eggstravaganza
Welfare Assembly
Easter raffle draw

Last day of Term 1

Term 2
20th April
Staff Development Day

21st April
Students return to School

22nd April
Stage 3 ANZAC Excursion around Gundagai



SCHOOL BANKING

OPEN AN ACCOUNT, RECEIVE MONEY AND HELP OUR P & C

- Open up a new bank account through Gundagai Real Estate quoting our unique school code: NORGUN. \$10 will be donated to our P & C
- Deposit money into your account each Wednesday through school banking. Simply bring your deposit book and money to school and for each deposit \$1 will be donated to our P & C.
- Deposit money into your account at any time at Gundagai Real Estate Westpac Instore and for each deposit \$1 will be donated to our P & C.

DO BANKING THROUGH SCHOOL BANKING OR GUNDAGAI REAL ESTATE AND HELP OUR SCHOOL

FRESH FRIDAY

Gundagai Public School students, parents and staff wish to send a big THANK YOU to Woolworths Gundagai for continually supporting Fresh Friday. Your donation of fresh fruit, vegetables and yogurt allows us to run this great program. Students get the opportunity to purchase great tasting healthy food options at recess each Friday at minimal cost. This is a great way to promote healthy eating and supports the Live Life Well at School initiative.



EASTER RAFFLE

All students are asked to donate an Easter egg or bunny for the raffle this Thursday 26th March.



Students who support this drive will be rewarded with 30 minutes extra play at recess. More tickets are available from the office. One more volunteer (Kindergarten parents) is required to help wrap Easter baskets next Monday 30th March.

Please contact Meredith Tait if you can help 0438 835 658.

CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 1

Week 9	Monday 23 March	Wednesday 25 March	Fresh Friday 27 March
	Melinda Elliott	Shannon White and Aileen Parker	
Week 10	Monday 30 March	Wednesday 1 April	
	Lin Murray and Tracey Ingold	Kristy Walshe and Grant Smith	

NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY: Tuesday 24th March 3.30 to 5.30 at Hopes Place. All primary students are asked to submit their individual registration and they will be placed into a team. Forms can be picked up from Hopes Place or downloaded from our website www.gundagainetball.wordpress.com More information contact Tracey on 0412 806 400.