



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 4 Term 2

Principal: Mrs Vicki Somerville

Learning

Responsibility

Safety

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope all our Mums had a wonderful day on Sunday. So many students excitedly shared with us what they did for Mum on her special day. We see and hear firsthand what a special place you hold in your children's hearts and value that you are their first teacher.

Last week every student in the school completed a colourful and cheerful artwork to nominate for entry into the prestigious Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW DEC. From all the Gundagai Public School artworks, Year 5 student Kasey-Jayne Bethune had her Picasso-inspired work nominated to be sent off to Sydney. Her artwork will be framed and exhibited at the Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park. A total of 10,000 visitors will view the exhibition. From that exhibition 150 works are selected for further exhibition opportunities, including 50 selected for a tour series and then given to the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Congratulations Kasey on being selected as our representative.

Congratulation to all students for reaching the third reward on our Steps of Success playground reward system. On Friday students enjoyed a free time session to recognise reaching **1500** tokens. An amazing effort! Students engaged in a variety of activities ranging from puzzles to art to puppets to boys verse girls sporting games! Students are now working towards our next whole school reward "Movie at school." Our target is 2000 tokens, so all students need to continue demonstrating our school values of Learning, Responsibility and Safety to quickly reach this goal.



ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE



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Student of the Week

Kinder	Jayden Anderson	Year 4	Aabhushan Shrestha
Year 1	Chloe Ryan	Year 5	Harry Nicholson
Year 2	James Bartlett	Year 5/6	Merridy Glazebrook
Year 3	Kayne Worldon	Year 6	Bridie Ingold

SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

Each Wednesday morning at 10.15 am tune into FM 94.3 for Gundagai Public School news and upcoming events.

Our hosts this week are Jamie Thomson and Wesley Murray.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the majority of parents who have paid their student contributions. This assists with paying for your children's everyday needs such as paper, pencils, etc.

All contributions are now due and payment would be appreciated. Kinder \$25, Years 1 to 6 \$20.

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

Students are really enjoying their weekly session with Alicia from Footsteps and are learning lots of dances for our end of term disco. **Please note that if you have only paid the first instalment full payment is now due.**

NAPLAN 2015

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy this week.

The timetable is:

- Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May – Reading
- Thursday 14 May – Numeracy
- Friday 15 May – catch up day

Whilst we encourage students to do their best it is important to reassure them that this is just another form of assessment and avoid placing undue pressure on the students.

LIBRARY NEWS

This term student library lessons are:

Kindergarten	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 5/6	Monday
Year 6	Thursday

Please remember to bring a bag to protect your borrowed library book. Returns are welcome any time, the sooner the better as this gives everyone more choice and lessens the possibility of misplacing a borrowed book.

Premiers Reading Challenge

K-2 students will be bringing home books with a blue dot sticker, these can be recorded once read onto their pink PRC card. If a book comes home without the blue dot it can still be recorded as students are permitted five free choice books during the challenge.

3-6 students will be recording their own books during library time onto their green PRC cards, they are also permitted five free choice books.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Walk Safely To School Day is always enthusiastically supported by Gundagai Public and we are all excited about being able to do it again this year. Walk Safely To School Day is a national annual event encouraging students to adhere to road safety rules when commuting to school.

We hope to see as many students as possible catch the "Gundagai Public Walking Bus" on Friday 22nd May, which departs Carberry Park at 8:30 am. The "bus" will pick up students along the way and arrive at school where breakfast can be purchased.

A detailed note providing more details will be sent home with each student today, so look out for it and keep the day free. As always, parents are most welcome to participate in this day.

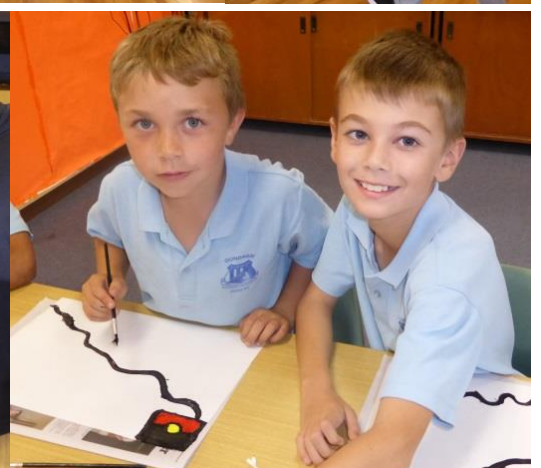


Gundagai Public School is committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child every day.

Aboriginal Cultural Day



Last Tuesday all students participated in an Aboriginal Culture Program which involved dance, storytelling and art. Mark Saddler, from Riverina/Western NSW Employment and Training ran the program and we are most grateful for his input and enthusiasm.



SPORTING ROUNDUP

SOCCER PSSA KNOCKOUT

Last Thursday our Boys Soccer team took on Tumut Public in the NSW PSSA Knockout competition. The stage was set for an exciting game with both teams consisting of players from the Highlands soccer team (Tumut 7, Gundagai 4). Kaidan Bell opened Gundagai's account in the first 3 minutes with a well-placed strike past the Tumut keeper. The minutes that followed proved to be an arm wrestle where both sides were struggling to retain possession though it seemed Tumut were always chasing Gundagai at least as far as scoring was concerned. Halftime score being 3-2 Gundagai had the advantage but were unable to secure the win in the 2nd half with Tumut equalising. Extra time was played out and once again Cody Bell showed his tenacity to score goals (giving himself a hat-trick for the day) but sure enough Tumut Public equalised for the 4th time.

With extra-time played out it now came down to corners, a bizarre rule which is stated in the **NSW PSSA Knockout Rules and Regulations** that the team with the most corners at the completion of full time and extra time would be awarded as the winner. Tumut Public winning 6-3 on corners and were granted to advance to the next round.

Understandably the Boys were shattered by the result considering how well they played as a team. Mr Mastellotto (as well as the ref) congratulated them on their efforts and was proud at how they continued to fight for the win. Best on ground was Toby Dasey (who made many important saves) and Cody Bell (the scoring machine). The next time the Boys have a crack at the round ball game will be next term at the Tumut Eagles Soccer Gala Day.

HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY

Students representing our school at this carnival, received information and permission notes today. Please return these by Thursday.

MORTIMER SHIELD

Students selected to play in the Mortimer Shield and League Tag next Thursday 21st May are reminded notes needs to be returned this Friday 15th May.

CANTEEN ROSTER ~ TERM 2

Week	Monday 11 May	Wednesday 13 May
4	Hayley Monte and Cathy Polsen	Grant Smith and Kristy Walshe
Week	Monday 18 May	Wednesday 20 May
5	Elise and Sharon Batt	Bec Cotterill and Melissa Murray

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, orders can be sent into school with payment.

HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN FUNDRAISER

Gundagai Public School is manning the Highlands Cross Country Canteen at the Race Course next Monday, 18th May 2015. Please remember many hands make light work and as many people as possible are encouraged to support this whole school fundraiser. You can help by:

- cooking cakes and slices for the canteen and dropping them to school on Monday morning or taking them directly to the venue
- working at the kiosk for an hour on the day

To assist with organisation please return the slip below.

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HIGHLANDS CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN FUNDRAISER RETURN SLIP

- ☐ I am able to assist for an hour on the day
- ☐ I can bake a cake or slice

Name:Mobile:.....