



Gundagai Public School

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an absolutely awesome week was had at Gundagai Public School celebrating Education Week! Our celebrations started on Tuesday when our school captains joined me to be part of a 'Pop Up' venue in Sheridan Street. The event was a public education showcase, where student learning and achievements were on display. Visitors were treated to learning samples from our local public schools while also talking with our school leaders about what makes our public schools so great. Tuesday's event also saw some very special members of the community recognised for their devoted service to supporting schools and public education. Meredith Tait and Janette Agnew were recognised for their outstanding service to both Gundagai Public School and public education. We thank them both greatly for everything they do to support our students and school.



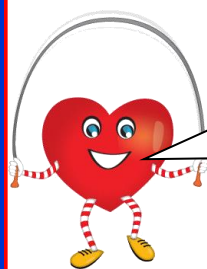
Wednesday was our Open Day at Gundagai Public School, where staff and students had a chance to show off their creative and academic talents via our Art Show and open classrooms. Parents and friends of Gundagai Public School were blown away by the quality of the art on display and how much learning has been taking place this year. The Book Fair was also opened on Wednesday with fantastic support. Mrs Craig and her helpers were overwhelmed with the response from students and parents and believe this year's Book Fair may have been the biggest ever. After all the art, work samples and shopping our students, staff and visitors enjoyed a pie or sausage roll from the bakery.

Finally, on Thursday our students were treated to the scientific greatness of Scienza Viva. Here, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were involved in interactive science demonstrations from our hosts Effie and Chris. Students enjoyed hands on experiments within the scientific strands of physics, chemistry and biology. This interactive show highlighted the changes being made in our school curriculum, with the emphasis in science moving from theory to hands on discovery. The film canister rockets were a real hit and we can't wait to have the Scienza Viva team back again.



Focus on... **Open Day**





Hi Kids!

Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It's fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is **Click, Flick and Skip!**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder	Cooper Parnaby	Year 4	Zoey Anderson
Year 1	Ryan Clark	Year 5	Joshua Smith
Year 2	Riley Elliott	Year 5/6	Damica Field
Year 3	Cooper Ballard	Year 6	Zali Feltham

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

From the beginning of Term 3 it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for any student payments, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. We believe this system of payment will be much more convenient for many of our families.

TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

The Trent Barrett Shield will be held this Thursday the 6th of August. Gundagai Public School has four teams representing the school, with two league tag teams and two tackle teams. Alex Smith, Edward Brooke, Riley McDonald, Daniel Monte, George Tait, Justin Elliott, Sidney Cotterill, Zac Lyall, Ryan Saltmarsh, Cooper Bethune, Shaun Smith, Joseph Polsen, Jaylen Bell, Jhett Stanford, Noely French, Sebastian Smith, Charlie Ballard and Cooper Ballard will represent the boys tackle teams. While, Ella Sevier, Loudy Bishop, Indiana Cooper, Laci Bower, Georgia Humphreys, Millie Triggs, Zoey Anderson, Laura Daley, Emily Clark, Jayelle Britt, Madison Smith, Brittany White, Mia Doughty, Charlise Longhurst, Jayda Field and Alarna Polsen will take the field for the girls league tag team. Good luck to everyone and we hope you have a successful day.

BOOK FAIR

Thankyou to everyone for your support at the book fair. We had a wonderful fair that resulted in the school being able to purchase \$1180 worth of new books for the library. Book fairs are a great way for us to refresh books in the library and provide children with new and interesting books to read.



Premier's Reading Challenge

There are only two more weeks until the conclusion of the Premier's Reading Challenge. If your child is participating in this please encourage them to bring their library bag on their library day and borrow the books they need to complete the challenge. Congratulations to Lochlan Bower, Cooper Bartlett, Sophie Lotz, Cohan Rowley, Chloe Britt, Abbey Polsen, Phoebe Lotz, Chloe Lloyd, Laci Bower, Edward Brooke and Sierra Anderson who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

HIGHLANDS ATHLETICS DATE CHANGE

Due to ground closures and booking issues the Highlands Athletics Carnival will now be held on **Friday 14th August**. It will still run at the Bull Paddock in Tumut.

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 Chanise Denning and Jared Elphick.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

Completed Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets can be dropped into the Collection Box at the Gundagai Woolworths store or handed into the school office.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 5th August

Bec Cotterill and Melissa Murray

Monday 10th August

Elise and Sharon Batt

Wednesday 12th August

Aileen Parker and Shannon Whiting

FRESH FRIDAY

This Friday at recess the following items will be available for students to purchase:



Pumpkin Soup	\$1.00
Mini Corn Cob	40 cents
Cheesy Muffin Toastie	60 cents
Yoghurt	80 cents

STAGE 3 MELBOURNE EXCURSION

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th September

The balance of \$250 must be paid to school by Friday 21st August.

A detailed information pack will be sent home closer to the time of this excursion.

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.

SMITH FAMILY FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A huge thanks and congratulations goes out to the families of Gundagai Public School for their support of a family in need. We have had a massive response to our fundraising efforts so far, with a great turnout of colour at the out of uniform day and some fantastic efforts in the colouring in competition. The winners of the \$15 Book Fair vouchers were: Stage 1 – Cooper Bartlett; Stage 2 – Laci Bower and Stage 3 – Abbey Polsen. The SRC is currently running a guess the pages competition and encourage everyone to get involved and have a guess or two at the number of pages in that mysterious book.



PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Gundagai Public School students' have jumped, run and danced into the NSW Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge this term. The challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. Gundagai Public School classes are aiming to accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

It's not hard! Any daily physical activity of moderate to vigorous intensity can be used to accrue time. Moderate activities could be as simple as brisk walking, bike riding with friends, skateboarding, lawn bowls, playground games, yoga and dancing. Vigorous activities are associated with such activities as Australian Football, rugby league, league tag, netball, aerobics, soccer, running, fitness circuits, dance, swimming laps and training for sport.

Opportunities for moderate to vigorous activity are also provided by:

- incidental activity
- playground games
- organised school sport competitions and physical education activities
- school based programs such as the School Swimming Scheme
- outdoor adventure and physical recreation programs
- school camps
- dance associated with the Performing Arts

Students are encouraged to contribute to the class activity targets and goals by engaging in activities that reflect their interests and abilities. It is recognised that not all team members are in a position to contribute the same amount of time to class activity goals.



